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FOR ALL OF YOU that left Saturday's game at the end of the first half and didn't stick around to see the final quarter we would like to tell you that you missed some fine football. It is especially unfortunate that Carolina didn't win because then you would have really missed it; as it turned out you can say that you knew the Tar Heels were going to get beat all the time and missed absolutely nothing.

It is this point that we take exception with, for without seeing the final period you would be forced to say that the '59 Tar Heels are way below expectation. To be sure there is definitely something the matter with a team that can only make four first downs in forty-five minutes of play. Likewise, however, there is a lot to be said for a team that can rack up ten first downs in a single quarter.

This is all to say that we hope you have not given up on your football team simply because they lost their opening game. After all, there are few of us around here who have seen Carolina win a season opener. The last time this happened was back in 1954 when George Barclay's squad licked State 20-6. Since that time the Heels have gone down on the first to Oklahoma once, Clemson once, and State three times.

NOW, SINCE ALL of you have just recently joined the Kick-the-extra-point-after-every-touchdown club we propose the following problem. As I am sure you know, if Carolina had place kicked successfully after each of its three Clemson touchdowns would have lost 21-20. Here is the problem, however. Suppose one of the place kicks was blocked and after that final TD, with eighty seconds left in the game, you were behind 20-19.

Instead of the situation that faced Hickey, you have one that is even harder to decide. Should you go for the two points and try to win the game or do you place kick again and hope to settle for a tie? You will agree that it makes quite a dilemma. How would you like to have to answer for a two-point try which failed? Coach Hickey is probably plenty glad he did not have to make a decision on that one.

LOOKING AHEAD to next Saturday and Notre Dame we see even a greater challenge than the Clemson contest. For Carolina has never been able to beat the Irish at their game. When it comes to football Notre Dame is the king. This game means everything to them, if you don't believe us just ask Terry Brennan. Coach Joe Kuharich would lead you to believe that he has absolutely no material and will be lucky to win anything. Personally we don't subscribe to that bologna service.

Kuharich needs Saturday's game to get off on the right foot with those demanding Irish alumni. It is true that the Irish have only fifteen lettermen returning from last year's squad, but it is also true that they had over one hundred people out for spring drills. From the Carolina standpoint it is too bad that Notre Dame did not play on Saturday so our coaches could get an idea of what to expect. Undoubtedly, Kuharich will have more than a few surprises for Hickey.

We have received some mail from the Miami Airlines in Greensboro which can be passed along here. If you have lots of money you can continue reading, otherwise stop, you're wasting your time. We quote, "Miami Airlines is again making the trip to South Bend, and this is the year for Carolina to bring back victory over Notre Dame." For just \$81.40 you can fly from Raleigh-Durham on Friday afternoon at 1 and return Saturday after the game. Anyone interested can get in touch with the airlines for further details.

Fifth Straight Opening Lost; Should Not Darken Entire Year

By C. J. UNDERWOOD

"Close only counts in horse shoes" is a phrase popularly used to indicate the futility in being happy over losing by a mere whisker.

A weary, never-say-die Carolina football team learned well the meaning of the phrase on a very recent Saturday afternoon, which most of us had rather look back on as a very bad dream.

Kenan Stadium was the spacious classroom and a very well-trained group of young men collectively called the Clemson Tigers enjoyed the role of teachers.

Now the disappointment in losing is naturally a bitter pill, yet it can be swallowed when mixed with a few of the brighter elements that most fail to realize really did emerge from the game.

Best Since '54

Okay, first of all it can't be denied that, though playing dead for three quarters, Carolina did play its best opening football game since 1954, that being the year before the now famous jinx began.

And too, how many recall that this was the same Clemson team, almost to the man, that, save a heart-breaking goal-line fumble, could easily have beaten National Champion LSU in last New Year's Sugar Bowl.

Saturday it was the Tigers' turn to be the fortunate ones and Carolina had to be the victim.

Sure, the Tar Heels could literally wear out the word "if" in describing how things might have been, but the other approach is much more noble and certainly much more sportsmanlike.

Let's not say "if" Carolina had not fumbled the opening kickoff . . . Carolina did fumble the open-

ing kickoff and Clemson did not fumble the second half kickoff, which is equally as important.

A Tar Heel player was involved in illegal procedure in strategic plays that stalled two early drives. The Clemson players remained within the rules on each of the Tigers' big drives.

So back to the good points and let's forget the "what might have been."

Cummings Great In Defeat

Anyone viewing the contest must know that Jack Cummings is definitely on his way to another great year. When Carolina was in the position to pass, Jack almost pitched the Heels to victory. And he did it in the most trying situation: with the chips down and time running out.

Clemson had Al Goldstein pegged from the outset, yet found the Tar Heel All-American will somehow grab nearly all of them as long as the ball comes in his vicinity of the gridiron.

Goldstein and John Schroeder, when teaming with Cummings, almost make one wonder why Carolina bothers to run the ball.

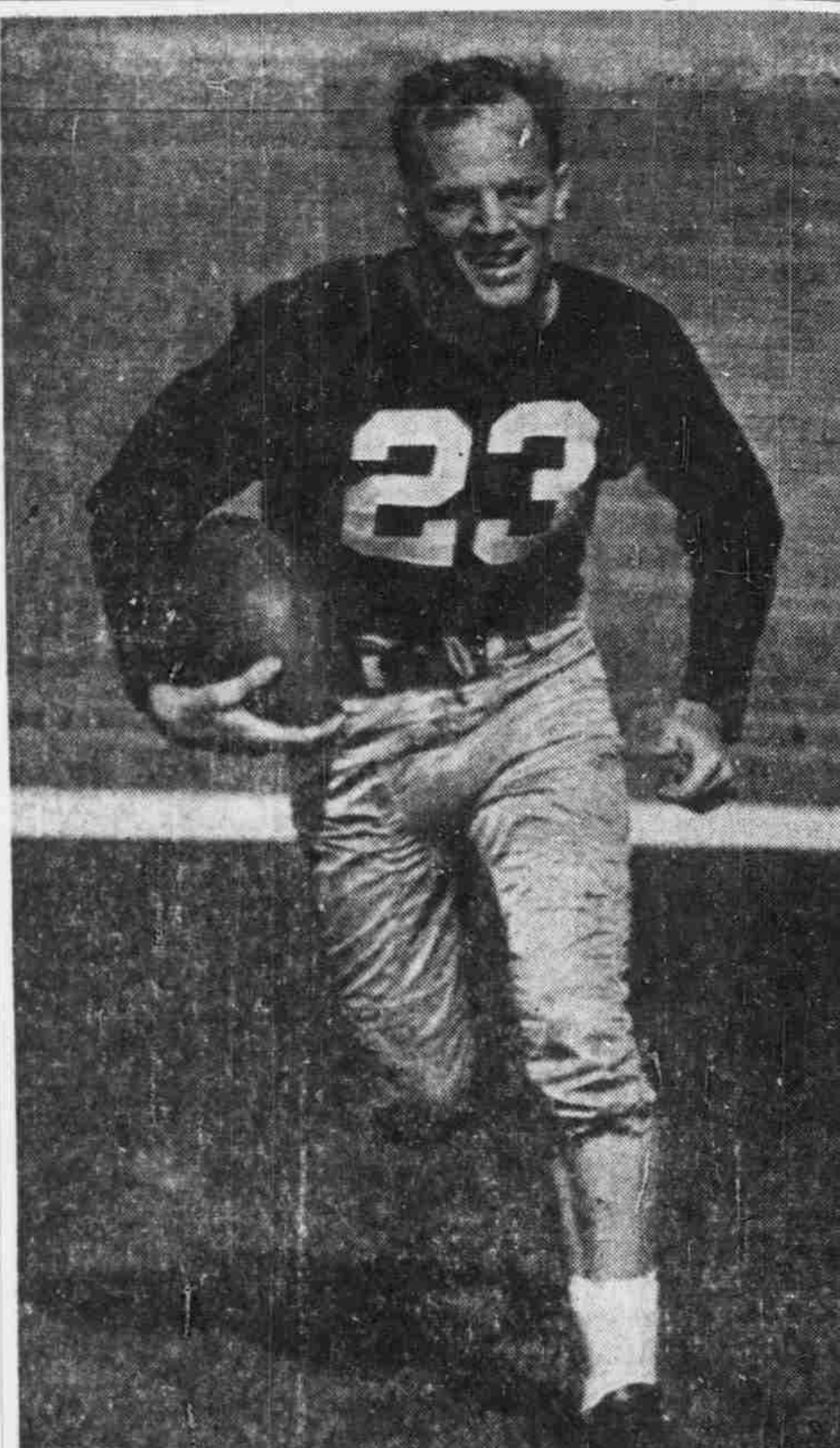
Don Kiochak, though watched closely by the formidable Tiger line, still reeled off his customary four-yard gains. He was, however, the only Tar Heel able to penetrate the tough Clemson forward wall which certainly must be tabbed one of the best in college football.

Even while playing in his usual intensely rugged style, Wade Smith was nevertheless held in check most of the afternoon. Wade, though, is a breakaway runner who has already evinced resemblance to another formally popular star who once scampered up and down the field under the handle of Charles

Justice.

All in all, it's quite possible, even probable, that Clemson is the only team Carolina will face that can hold the Tar Heel backs.

Under a big, white cloud of optimism, it can safely be said that with Stallings, Butler, and the rest working hard up front this might just be a team that has seen its last and only defeat occur in its first game.



COMING ATTRACTION—When the Tar Heels travel to Notre Dame Saturday to tangle with the Irish one of the opponents they are sure to see will be halfback Red Mack. A junior this year, Mack was one of the stars of last spring's "Old Timers" contest.

LSU Still Number One

Louisiana State started the 1959 college football season where it left off last year—No. 1 in the Associated Press poll.

While most of the pre-season favorites waited at the gate to open this week, LSU's colorful Go-Go Guys and Chinese Bandits shook off a first half lethargy and rolled to a 26-3 victory over Rice.

This was enough to convince the nation's sports writers and broadcasters that the Bayou Tigers, unbeaten and untied champions of 1958, deserved to stay at the head of the parade.

The Tigers received 64 of the 96 first-place votes cast Monday in the first regular season balloting for 1,105 points, more than double that of runner-up Oklahoma.

Oklahoma, which makes its debut against Northwestern Saturday, got 12 first-place votes and 506 points. Then came Auburn, also idle, and Mississippi, 16-0 victor over Houston, in third and fourth places, respectively.

Other top 10 teams in order were: Clemson, Southern Metho-

dist, Army, Wisconsin, Texas Christian and Northwestern.

Clemson beat North Carolina 20-18, in their crucial Atlantic Coast Conference clash Texas Christian edged Kansas 14-7. The other teams were idle and apparently held their positions on pre-season prestige.

Only other first-place votes were given to Southern California, 4; Penn State and Michigan State, 2 each. Southern Cal gained 11th place in the rankings and Penn State, 19-8 winner over Missouri, won 18th. Michigan State failed to get in the first 20.

The top 10 with total points based on 10 for a first place vote, 9 for second, etc., first-place votes in parentheses:

- 1. LSU (64) 1,105
- 2. Oklahoma (12) 506
- 3. Auburn (6) 474
- 4. Mississippi (6) 463
- 5. Clemson 370
- 6. SMU 262
- 7. Army 248
- 8. Wisconsin 218
- 9. TCU 185
- 10. Northwestern 164

Mark Becomes New Freshman Football Boss

By RICHARD SOLES

A vacancy created by the death of North Carolina football coach Jim Tatum and the ascension of Jim Hickey in his place was filled by 27-year-old Joe Mark, a 1951 graduate of William and Mary College. Mark was appointed as freshman coach, succeeding Bud Carson who moved up to assist Hickey with the varsity.

Mark was a former guard with the Indian eleven and was co-captain of the 1950 team. After completing his undergraduate work, he went into the army where he played service ball for two years with Fort Eustis, Va. In 1953, with his service obligations behind him, he enrolled at William and Mary to work on his M. A. degree.

After receiving his Master's, Mark spent the following two years coaching the Vero Beach High School football team. In 1955, he accepted a position at his alma mater as assistant line coach and remained there until 1958.

Commenting on his new surroundings in Chapel Hill, Mark said, "It's quite an honor to be associated with the University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill is a wonderful place."

Mark is married to the former Faith Ann DeBolt from Hampden, Va., where they both were born. They have two children, a three-year old boy and a four-month old daughter.

Moe Placed On Probation

ace, has been readmitted to the University of North Carolina, but will be on probation for the fall semester and ineligible for athletics.

The Brooklyn, N. Y., native who as a sophomore last season won a starting berth, was dropped from school in the spring for scholastic deficiencies—mostly for excessive class cutting. He attended both summer sessions.

A spokesman said Moe could be removed from probation at the end of the semester if his class work was acceptable. If removed from probation he would be eligible to rejoin the basketball team after Christmas. But he would miss two pre-holiday games and the Kentucky Invitational and Dixie Classic tournaments.

GIESE ON FURMAN

COLUMBIA—(AP)—South Carolina football coach Warren Giese said Monday "Furman will be as well coached a football team as we'll meet this year."

State Workouts
 RALEIGH—(AP)—North Carolina State's football varsity, 15-13 victor over Virginia Tech Saturday, took it easy Monday working on conditioning drills and pass defense.

The Wolfpack, which has an open date this Saturday, has two weeks to prepare for its next encounter against arch-rival North Carolina.



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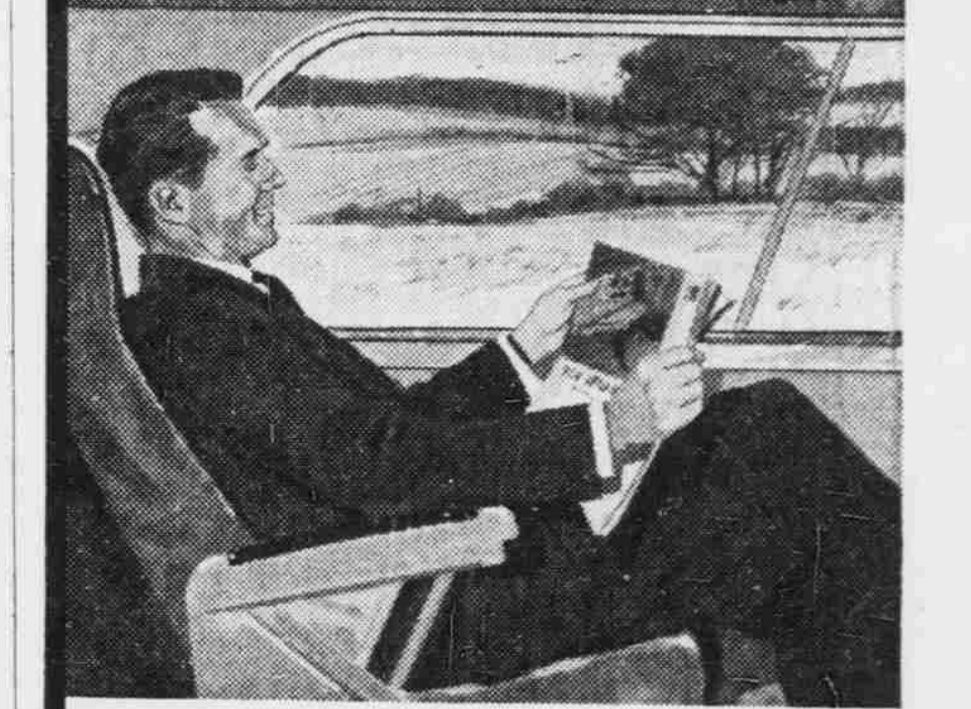
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