

Backfield A Question Mark

Hickey In Process Of Molding Inexperienced Team

By PETE GAMMONS

Asst. Sports Editor After losing more than 29 players by graduation, football coach Jim Hickey has his work cut out for him to organize an inexperienced team in the short spring practice session.

"Although we haven't gone into too much detail thus far," said Hickey, "I think things are going very well. Right now we are trying to get people lined up as to where they'll play."

When practice started a week ago there were 88 candidates, but the number has now dwindled to 81.

It appears that his biggest job will be to replace the four backfield starters, all of whom graduate in June.

Since Danny Talbot is out for baseball he is using Jeff Beaver, Tim Karris and Jimmy Byrd at quarterback. They should, as should Bud Phillips, Bill Edwards and Alan McArthur at wingback, have no problem filling the shoes of the seniors.

However replacing Ken Willard

and fullback Eddie Kesler will not be as easy. Max Chapman appears to have the inside track on Willard's job, but Hickey hopes to get a good look at sophomore red-shirts Tom Lampman and Jim Fortune. Unfortunately both have been slowed by injuries. Lampman was hurt the first day and re-joined the team yesterday, while Fortune, who has been crippled by a knee injury ever since he came here, pulled a hamstring muscle.

Hank Barden, Leon Fonvielle and Melvin Estes are being tried at fullback. "We tried Charlie Davis there, but we think he'll contribute more to the offense at guard," said Hickey.

Injuries have also complicated work with the tight ends. Both John Atherton and Jim Harrington have been reduced to working out in sweat clothes, although they should be ready next fall. Bob Hume, a defensive end, is playing baseball, but Bo Weed and Steve Lister are back aided by freshman Jim Sheehan. The offensive split end spot is strong

with returning starter Bill Darnall and sensational freshman Charlie Carr. Darnall is also trying at defensive back.

"We are undecided as yet about offensive tackle," continued Hickey. "Sophomores Chuck Alexander and Lee Davis played some last year, but we have three or four big strong freshman with excellent potential like Marc Greenberg, Ev Cowan and a couple others."

The defensive tackle situation shows a little more experience with Joe Churchill, Henry Sadler, Ray Meador and Pat Shea.

Despite the loss of Richie Zarro and Clint Eudy the guards should be "pretty good," John Harmon and Dave Erimias, both of whom played tackle last year, will return to their natural positions, and Charlie Davis and Pat Jessup will join them. Defensive middle guard will be strong, with Joe Frangello, Ronnie Kaplan and Duncan Fisher.

"We think we'll move Jay Malobicky to linebacker and

keep Ed Stringer at center. With Malobicky there are three freshmen, Mike Horvat, Bill Spain and Louis Pukal, all of whom should be good."

When asked about the defensive backfield, he just shrugged. "We haven't really been able to get to it. It presents a major problem."

The situation this season is different from last year's be-

cause of the lack of experience. "Sure there's a slightly different attitude," said Hickey. "But we're not awed by the schedule. We just make ready for the season and try to conquer what problems we have." Right now there are many questions marks which may not be answered until the Alumni, the Michigan or even the Duke game. Only time will tell.

State's Wolfpack Defeated 66-48

Bill Jarman Leads Kenny B's To Win

By BILL LEE

DTH Sports Writer The Med School II Kenny B's, led by Bill Jarman's shooting and rebounding, eliminated the NROTC Admirals from graduate play-offs Thursday by a score of 52-40.

Jarman led the scoring for the doctors with seventeen points, but it was his rebounding which broke the backs of Navy's fast break. The Admirals, rated as the best outside shooting team, had to resort to the fast game when their shooting failed them in the first half.

Their cold spell enabled the Med School to build up a 23-12 half-time lead, and the Navy couldn't narrow the margin to any less than four in the second half.

Tom Koontz added 11 points for the Kenny B's who earned a finals position against the Peacocks. Leading the losers was Sam Archer with 12 points.

The Winston Duds came from behind to whip the Teague Trojans 46-35 on a 19 point effort by Brad Munday. Teague built up a 22-14 half-time lead, but went completely cold in the second.

The Duds slumped over when the Trojans slumped, and outscored Teague 32-14 in the second half. Aiding in the comeback was Bill Davis with 12 points. The victory earned Winston the right to meet the Craige Mavericks for the White Dorm championship. ATO earned a finals spot in

the Fraternity White division as they easily beat DKE 36-19. Stu Ellington led ATO with 13, as they jumped off to an early lead and held it all the way.

The half-time score was 11-4, but a rash of fifteen fouls by the Dekes and fifteen foul shots by ATO ended in the run-away. The winners will meet Phi Delta 2 for the championship.

Women's Intramurals In Women's intramural basketball action, Kenan defeated Whitehead I 50-32. Linda Brown paced the grads with 16 points while Carlton Cann was the leader for Whitehead with 10.

Joyce West scored 22 points and Millie Hightower had 17 as East Cobb defeated Kappa Delta, 47-11.

On Tuesday, Whitehead I atoned for its earlier defeat by romping over Spencer 31-19. Betty Kirchdorfer had 11 points and Christy Early added 10 to lead the win. Sherry Clark's 11 points was high for the losers.

In a real rout, Mary Cherry and Rosa Young led AD Pi to a 49-5 slaughter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Miss Cherry was high for the game with 26 while Young scored 16.

This afternoon at three, the UNC Girls Basketball Club meets the U-N-G team in Women's Gymnasium.

Preparations are now under way for the badminton and tennis tournaments. Entries are due for the badminton tourney on March 30 while tennis entries are due April 2.

Chuck Erickson — Nice Guy With A Tough Job

By ED VICK

DTH Sports Writer UNC Athletic Director Chuck Erickson is a nice guy with a tough job. Across the toughest jobs around.

All he has to do is please everyone—students, alumni and fans. He worries more about the success of Carolina's athletic teams than anyone.

His office reflects the nature of his job. On one wall is the layout of the Finley Golf Course. On a table are plans for the new addition to the gymnasium. Across the room are two samples of the pale blue seats which will fill that gym. His desk is cluttered with papers and notebooks.

'70 right now." He said the present gymnasium is too small to hold enough people to bring a profit. "Every time we put those stands up and take them down it costs us about \$500," he said. "That's why I've got to schedule maybe three games here close together, then several away."

Referring to the "big time" sports label that some think UNC should have, Erickson said "big time" means only how many people are interested. You could have the Baltimore Colts play the New York Giants in Kenan Stadium without any advance publicity and that wouldn't be big time."

He knows that Carolina cannot become as athletically developed as some schools because of the scholastic requirements. "Here the boys have to be smarter to get in," he said.

"Other schools with fewer restrictions might have a more militant athletic program. Schools with lower academic standards don't make it so hard to get in."

Although he realizes that the high academic requirements at Carolina cost him some fine athletics, he is far from bitter about the situation. "We may lose a good boy because he can't make the grade on the boards," he said. "But I wouldn't want the scholastic standards here dropped for anything."

He does feel, however, that this intelligence among athletes may psychologically hinder them in preparing for a game. "The boys are smart," he said. "They are hard to fool. They read the papers."

"You can tell them 'this will be the toughest game you'll ever play,' but inside they don't believe it. You have to have something to back it up with. It's tougher to play Virginia than Duke."

"Getting a team up for an unimportant game is inspiration at a lower level," he said. He added that Carolina is not the only school to experience letdowns. "Michigan State had one this year when they played us."

Many people, especially the

students, blame Carolina's poor showing in football and basketball this year on the coaches. "I know a lot of people say that Hickey and Smith are poor coaches, but that's not true," Erickson said. "The coaches will always try their best to get a team ready, but we're not dealing with robots. It's a combination of things that get a team up for a game. Basically, a coach can't beat his boys down."



ERICKSON

Erickson is short and stocky, looking perhaps like a tackle of the 1930's. He is a personable, sincere man who likes to ramble on about the past and the future of Carolina athletics.

"We're having growing pains," he said, referring to the speed with which the University is building and expanding. "We've lost a lot of our tennis courts and this will be the last season for the baseball field." He said he is working to have both the courts and the diamond replaced as soon as possible.

"Receipts from the football games," he said, "will have to pay for the athletic advancements. We've got to schedule these big teams to produce the revenue needed for the program."

"We'll get about \$94,000 from playing Ohio State. It would take about seven South Carolina games to make that much money. These games are scheduled years in advance. We scheduling 1969 and

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UNC's 400-YARD MEDLEY relay team qualified for the finals in the Eastern Intercollegiate to be run this afternoon. They are (l to r) Rick Forum, Davis Roberts, Fred Lipp, and Jack Hagan. Yale led the first round qualifying by placing seven men in the finals, while

the Blue Dolphins were second. Harrison Merrill, the defending champion and meet record-holder qualified for the 500-yard freestyle finals with a 5:03.6 time. His record is 5:02.2. Photo by Jock Lauterer

Baseball Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Team, Place. Lists games from March to May across various locations like Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem, Columbia, etc.

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