

Weekend scrimmage displeases Dooley

by Mark Whicker
Sports Writer

"I'm just glad we weren't playing anybody else," said a disappointed Bill Dooley of Saturday's game-condition scrimmage.

"There were poor tackling, poor technique and busted assignments. We weren't pleased at all."

The workout was Carolina's last team contact work before Saturday night's opener at Richmond, and for the coaches it wasn't the best omen.

On top of that, junior tight end Ken Taylor suffered a sprained ankle. "He should be all right for Saturday, however," Dooley said.

His tight end colleague, Johnny Cowell, was one of the few bright spots in Saturday's scrimmage, catching the ball competently.

The Tar Heels' punter Saturday will be sophomore quarterback Nick Vicnovic. His kicking in practice has moved him ahead of fellow sophs Ted Levrenz and Charlie Sink.

In addition, Dooley praised the punt returning of sophomore Phil Lamm, who won a place in the defensive backfield with a good spring.

At the outside linebacker position vacated by the injury to Jim Webster,

Dooley will start converted quarterback Mike Mansfield.

"He's got a lot of catching up to do at that position," the coach said, "but we have confidence in his ability."

Mansfield, at 5-11 and 209 pounds, completed 30 of 56 passes in limited action last season. He received his baptism of fire in the Peach Bowl loss against Arizona State, when starter Paul Miller was injured.

Miller, incidentally, is in good physical condition. His running and passing will augment a Tar Heel attack spearheaded by the running of backs Ike Oglesby, Lew Jolley and Geof Hamlin.

Behind him, junior Charlie Turco finally appears to have made it through a long maze of injuries. Turco, you may recall, has played only one game in two varsity years — and led Carolina over Wake Forest 23-3 in 1969.

Vicnovic and Johnny Klise are the reserves behind Miller and Turco.

Dooley is counting on yet another sophomore, Sammy Johnson, as Mansfield's backup at outside linebacker.

The other three LB's, John Bunting, Ricky Packard and John Anderson, are among the South's best.

Carolina has a tough trip to Illinois coming up Sept. 18 before Maryland arrives the next week for the first Kenan Stadium game of the year.



Practice and patience are what it takes. These men of the blue and white are practicing a fake handoff and the UNC coaching staff is practicing patience. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolosov)

Junior college help improves cross country

by Dan Collins
Staff Writer

"It's going to be tough. Very tough." In capsule form this is how Carolina coach Joe Hilton previewed the upcoming ACC cross country schedule.

"I like to be optimistic, and I think it's going to be between Maryland, Duke and ourselves. I do think we have the edge."

Last season an extremely young Carolina squad did an outstanding job on the way to a 5-2 season. Their victory over powerful Maryland in the conference standings was marred by a strong season by Duke and the Tar Heels had to settle for second place.

This season, however, with the return of nine lettermen and appearance of two top-ranked junior college transfers the team will be gunning for the conference crown.

The Heels were extremely fortunate to pick up the services of Reggie McAfee, winner of the National Cross Country Championship last fall. McAfee, who spent his first two seasons running for Brevard Junior College, also became the first American black in history to run a 4:00 mile.

The performance came was at Philadelphia last May in the "dream mile" which featured Marty Liquori's victory over Jim Ryan.

Also joining the squad from Brevard is national half-mile champion Lennox Stewart. Stewart, a native of Trinidad, ran for his home country in this summer's Pan-Am games and finished fourth in the 880.

The top returnees from last season are sophomore Tony Waldrop and senior co-captain Larry Widgeon. Waldrop was superb during his freshman season and ended the season fourth in the conference.

Widgeon also added power to last year's team and ended the season fifth in the very strong conference.

"Both McAfee and Stewart, as well as Waldrop and Widgeon, ran in competition all summer," said Hilton. "They all seem to be in good shape but they will have to get used to the long distances again."

Zack Osborne will once again be a top runner for the squad and will share the co-captain duties with Widgeon.

Added depth will come from the return of junior Jim Hotelling. The Chapel Hill native held the freshman record from 1967 until last season, but he has been in the service since 1968.

The runner who broke Hotelling's

record, Mike Caldwell, should also add depth to Hilton's team.

Although many coaches would shy away from such a tough schedule, Coach Hilton is enthusiastic.

"Frankly, I'm very happy over the strength of our conference. With all the top caliber runners around I would think we have one of the toughest conferences in the nation."

Hilton added that practically every team had top runners in the first three or four positions. "The top three runners are going to be close. I think it will probably come down to our pushers, the sixth and seventh runners."

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Local writers pick Tar Heels

by Al Thomas
Sports Writer

There's a split in opinion over Carolina's chances to wrest the Atlantic Coast Conference football title from the Demon Deacons.

ACC sportswriters, returning from a 10-day grind kindly named "Operation Football," gave the first-place nod to the Tar Heels.

Carolina compiled 122 of a possible 126 points, while Wake Forest followed closely with 104½. The Blue Devils collected 76 points for a strong third place position, with Clemson, State, Virginia and Maryland trailing.

Of 18 possible first-place votes, the generous sports writers gave Carolina 15 while allowing the Deacons only three.

ACC coaches and national publication haven't been as kind to the Tar Heels, however. The coaches conducted their own poll recently, with Wake Forest a 4-3 choice to capture the title.

Street and Smith's College Football Yearbook favored the Deacons, not only picking them first in the conference but also sixth in the country. The Sporting News provided even more head-swelling news for Wake coach Cal Stoll, saying his squad would finish 16th in the country.

While the Deacons failed to make the Associated Press's top twenty, Wake was the only ACC team to be even mentioned by the wire service.

The reluctance of many pollsters to give the Tar Heels a more favorable pre-season rating appeared to center mainly on the depletion of the starting

offensive line and the kicking game, both vital for a championship team.

Because of graduation, the Tar Heels lost their starting offensive line, as well as Don McCauley who starred as one of the best runners in ACC history and the team's punter. McCauley averaged 38.4 yards a punt his senior year.

Carolina has only three of last season's offensive starters returning: quarterback Paul Miller, wingback Lewis Jolley and fullback Geof Hamlin.

The Tar Heels were rated sound defensively, with eight starters returning from the ACC's top defensive unit, but that apparently wasn't enough to soothe the pollsters' doubts.

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