

Dooley: 'Best defense I've seen'

'Magic question' irritates Ara

by Mark Whicker
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Ara Parseghian is getting a little irritated when someone asks him the magic question.

Like, are you disappointed that Notre Dame's offense didn't roll up, say, 80 points against North Carolina, instead of 16?

"Look, I said before the season our offense might have some problems," said Parseghian after the game, with a combative gleam in his eye. It was as if someone had said "Chevrolet" in his presence.

"There is no prerequisite for winning a game that says you have to score five touchdowns. We played a real good football game today."

"There are many different ways to win. We are winning with our defense. Carolina is averaging over 400 yards total offense, and we held them to something like 150 (149, actually)."

In the Carolina locker room, Bill Dooley reflected on being shut out for the first time in four years.

"Notre Dame is the best defensive team I've ever seen," Dooley said. "At times, they made us look very bad offensively, and the truth is we are a very good offensive team."

The coach mentioned two illegal motion penalties on UNC's first drive, which was going well, and quarterback Paul Miller's inaccuracy in the first half as obstacles to success.

"Paul was missing his receivers at first, and when he began to throw well the receivers began to drop the football."

One receiver, Earle Bethes, took a Miller pass at the four in the third quarter, but Notre Dame's defense stiffened and Mike Kadish blocked a Ken Craven field goal.

But Bethes caused Notre Dame another headache in the first half, when he stationed himself behind four blockers at the sideline on a kickoff, took Lew Jolley's lateral, and ran to the Irish 45.

The Notre Dame culprit there was Clarence Ellis, who broke up the play by himself.

"That was one of the greatest plays I've ever seen in Notre Dame Stadium," Parseghian said. "Clarence was fantastic."

Ellis said later he just "backpedaled" until he found the opportunity to make the play.

"I knew I had to back up, and I also knew I had about 70 yards to work with," said the All-American defensive back. "I didn't know how many blockers there were, but I just saw a big wall of white."

Ellis was defending Bethes on the four-yard line catch, and he indirectly complimented Dooley's strategy of "decoying" the split end until the right time came along.

"I really wasn't expecting them to throw to him on that play," Clarence remarked. "I was playing it real close and when he cut in, I hesitated. But it was a great catch."

Near Ellis, defensive end Walt Patulski talked about the goal-line stand that followed.

"We always go for the shutout," said Patulski of the defense that has now shut opponents off without a touchdown for 14 quarters.

"We're very close to each other off the field, and always hang around together. Mike Kadish made a great play on the blocked kick."

Walt was impressed with the Tar Heels, however.

"Carolina's blocking was crisper than we expected, and their quarterback, Miller, is cool. He didn't get flustered under the pressure."

Although Parseghian said he doesn't compare teams, calling Carolina "well-coached, disciplined and very good defensively," Ellis said the Tar Heels reminded him of Miami, "but bigger."

Frosh host Wake today

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offense patterned after the Wake Forest varsity.

The Deacons got so involved in grinding out yardage, however, that they forgot to hang onto the football. Wake fumbled four times in the first half, losing out on at least three sure touchdowns in the process.

Things really got out of hand last week against the Duke freshmen. Wake Forest ball-carriers committed an incredible total of 18 fumbles versus the Blue Imps, resulting in an embarrassing 54-0 rout.

It seems that Wake Forest, who upset the Tar Babies last year, was also trounced badly in its first two games last

season, while UNC won its opener over State.

Nothing has changed since then. Carolina opened up this year with a convincing 42-21 triumph over the State frosh, so Smith is a little wary.

"Wake Forest always saves their best games for us, just as their varsity does," laughs Smith. "So they probably won't fumble or make any mistakes against us."

Accordingly, Smith will have his Tar Babies primed for Wake's wide-open offense. "We'll have to shut off their veer," he warns. "Both State and Duke beat Wake Forest, but neither of them was able to stop the veer. Wake just beat itself with fumbles."

The Tar Babies have enough muscle and skill of defense to control the veer. Smith describes the UNC rushing defense as "pretty good" and likes the looks of his defensive secondary, especially defensive back Frank Townsend.

Townsend, from Fayetteville, N.C., was recruited as a quarterback, but was switched to defensive back because of a sore shoulder.

"Townsend looks very good on defense," Smith says. "He's a good athlete and plays a smart, tough game — a very intelligent football player."

The Tar Babies will play today without one of their top offensive men. Ken Huff, a 6-4, 240-lb. tackle, was Carolina's most effective blocker in the State win, but will miss today's game because of a lung infection.

Several other Tar Babies are suffering from shoulder problems and assorted minor ailments, but otherwise Smith is optimistic.

"We've looked more polished lately in practice against the varsity," he claims. "The blocking has been much better and the pass defense looks strong."

Still, passing is the UNC strong point. Quarterback Chris Kupec completed 15 of 17 passes for over 200 yards versus State, while QB Charles Baggett rushed for 69 yards on just six carries.

Soccer team at Virginia

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When Coach Marvin Allen's Carolina soccer team started off the 1971 season with three impressive victories, Allen stuck with his starting lineup and things clicked smoothly for a while.

Then the Tar Heels ran into a well-drilled N.C. State team and fell to their first defeat of the season. Carolina's forward line was lethargic and erratic in the loss, so Allen decided to do something about it.

He liked the way that halfback Bill Isherwood was kicking the ball and brought him in to play on the front line in Carolina's match against East Carolina last Friday.

Isherwood, a junior from Springfield, Pennsylvania, made Allen look like a strategic genius. Playing forward for the first time, Isherwood waited only a minute and a half before ramming in UNC's first score and added a second goal in the fourth quarter.

Allen is not about to give up on a good thing. He's sticking with the same lineup that won Friday's game in today's ACC encounter with Virginia at Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers, who last season became the only team other than Maryland to capture the ACC soccer title, are back again this year with just as much talent.

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That Irish spirit

"Bring down the thunder from the sky"

The scene is Stephan Center, a small activities center with a geodesic dome on the Notre Dame campus.

People are wearing sweatshirts with "Notre Dame Meat Squad" on the front.

The Irish band is playing that song, the one they stole from Franklin High School. And here we are. Two writers from North Carolina, feeling like we just tunneled under the wall and are caught between Checkpoint Charlie and the Autobahn.

It is a Notre Dame pep rally. Stephan Center is full, probably holding about 2,000 students. There is a small stage where the Irish players are sitting, looking at each other with smiles and anticipation.

Stephan Center is very good acoustically, at least in the realization that it didn't cave in from the roars and cheers.

It's called "school spirit," and it's an awesome experience.

Linebacker Rick Thomann is introduced, and immediately there's the song, "Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame! Wake up the echoes cheering her name," etc.

That song could get a little old, but Notre Dame people love it.

Assistant sports publicist Dave Kempton says he's heard all the complaints that people are sick of it. "Maybe they are, but when we were in the Cotton Bowl I heard that damn 'Eyes of Texas' so much I thought I'd go crazy," he said.

Speaking of going crazy, the students seem to hold an impromptu asylum everytime Thomann speaks.

"We're going to win number five tomorrow," he says. Bedlam.

"But we know Carolina has a good team." Boooooo.

"They're good defensively and they've got the tenth best rushing attack in the nation." Boooooo.

"But we'll do something about that tomorrow!" Thomann concludes. Bedlam again. "Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame, Wake up the echoes," etc.

Center Dan Novakov is so widely admired they won't even let him speak. He introduces his fellow linemen, people like shaven-headed Frank Pomarico and long-haired John Kondrak, then sits down. "Cheer, Cheer," etc.

The basketball coach, Digger Phelps, gets up and receives one of the biggest ovations of the night.

Digger, who came to Notre Dame from Fordham, doesn't have much to exult about. His top seven players, including Austin Carr, graduated and a returning co-captain hurt his leg in a motorcycle accident, putting him out for the year.

But the students have instilled with him rare braggadocio.

"Someday we'll be No. 1 in the nation, too," cries Phelps. More bedlam. More "Cheer, Cheer."

This crowd can do something to people. When Coach Ara Parseghian made his first address at a pep rally in 1964, the students' cheers kept him from speaking. He turned to an associate and said, "Now I know how Hitler felt."

Defensive line coach Joe Yonto gets up to introduce the linemen: Walt Patulski, Fred Swendsen, Greg Marx and Mike Kadish.

"Now their best runner, Ike Oglesby, will probably play tomorrow," Yonto says. "So you know what we're going to do? We're going to: Get Ike."

Immediately, 2,000 people start screaming, "Get Ike, Get Ike, Get Ike, Get Ike." It sounds like the Democratic Convention in 1956.

Sports publicist Roger Valdiserri would like people to be a little realistic about Notre Dame football.

"It's not a feeding ground for the pros," he says. "Name the last great Notre Dame quarterback who made it big in the pros and you have to go back to Daryle Lamonica, who was here before Parseghian.

"Name the last great Notre Dame running back, and you have to go back to Nick Pietrosantex, in the late 50s."

"And we're not a football factory," says Valdiserri in a spacious office where one wall is covered by Academic-All-America plaques.

"We don't have a physical education major offered here, and most of our guys are good students. Neither do we have an athletic dormitory."

But the myth of Notre Dame devotion to football is beyond denial. Look in the LaFortune student center and see the bulletin board plastered with notebook papers that read, "I need two tickets for USC," or "Willing to pay big for UNC ticket."

See the marquee on Don's Liquor Oasis in South Bend that reads, "Irish 38 Tarheels 7." (It was changed to 16-0 right after the game.)

Look at a jukebox in an Elkhart, Ind. motel. There it is right between Tammy Wynette and the Carpenters, the Notre Dame fight song.

And then ask someone, preferably Terri Buck, the comely cheerleader who beautifies the back cover of the Fighting Irish Football Guide, if Friday's extravaganza was the typical Notre Dame pep rally.

"Oh, no. Not at all. You should be here next week for Southern Cal and see what it's REALLY like."

Harriers lose to Duke, beat Clemson Saturday

by Dan Collins
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For the Carolina cross country team, Saturday was just one of those days when nothing went right. It happens to every team, good or bad; a meet they would rather forget about.

The team suffered its first conference setback to hands of rival Duke, 20-39. The only bright spot of the morning was the team's 18-44 blitz over Clemson.

With two of Carolina's best runners, Tony Waldrop and Mike Caldwell running at only half-strength, the Blue Devils completely outmatched the Heels.

Running on their familiar but hilly course in Durham the Duke team took the first, third, fourth, fifth and seventh positions.

Duke's winning score over Clemson was a lopsided 15-48.

The number one runner for Duke, Bob Wheeler, watched Carolina's Reggie McAfee take the lead and hold it for the first three-quarters of the race. After about three-and-a-half miles into the five-and-a-half mile race, Wheeler took the lead and easily held it to the finish. The winning time was 26:56, only twelve seconds off the course record.

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left at the end. To complicate matters he developed stomach cramps late in the race and finished a distant and unaccustomed sixth with at 27:45 time.

After falling down twice on the slippery turf early in the race Carolina's Larry Widgeon ran an outstanding and courageous race. He finished second to Wheeler with a 27:13 mark.

Duke's number two man Scott Eden was third with 27:31, followed by teammates Larry Forrester and Roger Beardmore with 27:38 and 27:40 marks.

Waldrop ran, but held back intentionally in order to get back into shape before going full speed. As it turned out he was Carolina's number five man with a 29:15 time.

"Some of our times could have been better," said Carolina Coach Joe Hilton, "if we had been more accustomed to the course. I'm not making excuses, though, because Duke definitely outran us."

"I think Widgeon ran a really good race. He had to run a little harder after he fell down to get himself back into contention."

"I'm really pleased with the way Waldrop came back and ran the race even though he wasn't in top condition. I think by the conference meet we'll be ready."

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