

Dooley expects another close Wake game

by Al Thomas
Sports Writer

As far as Carolina's football team is concerned, it could well be 1970 all over again. This time last year, the Tar Heels were sporting a 4-2 record, winning the first four games of the season then losing two in a row.

The Tar Heels took their 4-2 record into a battle with Wake Forest last year, and they are doing it again this year.

The Deacons rallied during that game in Winston Salem, scoring a touchdown in the last few seconds for a 14-13 victory.

This year in Chapel Hill, according to Carolina head coach Bill Dooley, the outcome may be just as close.

"There will probably be just a few points between winning or losing Saturday," Dooley said during his weekly press luncheon at the Pines Restaurant Tuesday. "I feel the game will be very similar to the one last year, it'll be very close."

Wake Forest and Carolina were considered the strongest teams in the

Atlantic Coast Conference before the season began, with Carolina being favored by the sports writers and Wake Forest by the coaches.

Wake Forest was upset two weeks ago by State, however, and are saddled with a 1-1 conference mark while the Tar Heels are 2-0.

"If they are going to have any hopes

of retaining the ACC title," Dooley said, "they must win here Saturday. At the same time, if we expect to win the title we've got to win Saturday."

"It's a big game for us," he added, "a real big game."

UNC Athletic Director Homer Rice noted the game here has been a sell-out for several weeks, with no tickets available at the gate.

Carolina Sports Publicist Jack Williams added that the game will be on ABC regional television and will be broadcast on armed services radio "to approximately 65 million people around the world."

"This is the ultimate game right now," Carolina's coach said. "This is really going to be a good one. It looks like Wake Forest is jelling better each week, and they've got just an overall fine football team."

"Wake Forest has two outstanding runners in Ken Garrett and Larry Hopkins," Dooley continued, "and one

fine quarterback in Larry Russell. Russell is the kind of young man who can make a quick decision and is always thinking of ways to beat you."

Dooley said the best way to describe Russell is "he's a winner, just like our quarterback Paul Miller."

Dooley also discussed Carolina's injury situation, saying tailback Ike Oglesby won't play Saturday "if he's less than full speed."

"Ike couldn't run full speed at Notre Dame so we didn't play him," Dooley said. "He's had muscle cramps or leg cramps since the State game and we aren't going to use him if he's unable to go full speed. He wants to play and wants to play badly, though."

Dooley also discussed Carolina's injury Anderson, injured during the Tulane game, is also "doubtful" for Saturday.

Dooley then added, "Like I said before and I want to emphasize this—it's a big game, a real big game."

Garrett is key to Wake's veer

by Mark Whicker
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How do you stop Wake Forest's veer offense, the one directed by Larry Russell, the one that has amassed almost 1,000 yards in the last two games alone?

"I thought we stopped it pretty well last year until the last drive," says freshman coach Moyer Smith, who has scouted the Deacons in their 21-14 loss to State and their 51-21 route of Tulsa. Last drive, our defense executed pretty well."

The Deacons gained over 250 yards rushing against the UNC defense last year in Wake's 14-13 victory that knocked the Tar Heels out of the conference race and enabled the Deacs, picked for last place before the season, to win it.

However, Wake Forest's renowned veer sputtered earlier in the year without running back Ken Garrett.

The Deacs had trouble with Davidson, of all people, before winning 27-7, subdued VPI 20-9, lost to Miami 29-10.

beat Maryland 18-14 in the second half, and then lost to State.

With Garrett back, the offense has been rolling. Wake picked up 400 yards on the ground against the Pack and 528 yardstotal offense versus Tulsa, breaking an ACC record.

"Garrett's the guy with the speed to kill you," Smith says. "He's got real good moves and adds a fast dimension to their veer."

Larry Hopkins, at 200 pounds, is a proven fullback. With Garrett's threat to the outside to distract Tulsa, Hopkins simply rumbled for 230 yards.

Garrett gained 153 himself. Quarterback Larry Russell, according to head coach Bill Dooley, has the rare ability "to make quick decisions."

He called his own number earlier in the year, making the veer much more predictable, but with Garrett back is using a more ultimate weapon.

Russell may seem to miss last year's wide receiver, Gary Winrow, but Smith

says "they don't need a passing game anyway."

The unsung heroes for Wake Forest are the offensive linemen. Guards Bill Bobbora (225 and quick); and Ted Waite (223) and center Nick Vrohack (233) are experienced. The tackles are new but big.

On defense, most of the publicity goes to linebackers Ed Stetz, Ed Bradley and Larry Causey, but Smith brings back news of a good Wake defensive line.

Dick Chulada, at 265 pounds, will be the assignment of Carolina offensive linemen Ron Rusnak and Jerry Sain.

Another tackle, Steve Komondorea, weighs 240. The ends are Randy Cox and John Hardin.

"Stetz makes a lot of really big plays for them, but then he's in the position to make a lot of big plays in the first place," says Smith of Wake's middle linebacker. Bradley weighs 230, Causey a quick 202 on the outside.

Much has been made of Wake's linebacker talent. Coach Cal Stoll called

them "the best in the conference" and Southern Living magazine said that Bradley was probably the best linebacker prospect in the country.

"In my own personal opinion, I think our John Bunting and Ricky Packard are better," Smith says.

In the defensive backfield, converted flanker Steve Bowden has been coming up with the big plays. Frank Fussell and Pat McHenry are experienced, although McHenry has not been having a particularly good year and Sammy Rothrock has spelled him with occasional success.

And Chuck Ramsey has apparently supplanted last year's ACC kicker of the year, Tracy Lounsbury. Ramsey averages 43 yards a punt.

"They're better this year because they have more experience," comments Smith. "They have more confidence in what they're doing."

"And then there's Garrett—he's more experienced, too."

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Isherwood new hero in Heel soccer win

by David Zucchini
Sports Writer

Up until last week, Bill Isherwood's girl friend wasn't too happy.

She complained that Isherwood, who plays for the Carolina soccer team, just wasn't getting the attention he deserved in terms of his play on the field.

Isherwood's position didn't help. A soccer halfback can be compared to a defensive-minded guard in basketball—he gets the job done, but hardly anybody hears about it.

So it was with Isherwood until last Friday, when soccer coach Marvin Allen moved him up to the front line, where the headlines are made.

Carolina's forwards had been stopped cold in a 2-0 loss to N.C. State a week earlier, so Allen wanted some new life and just maybe a few more goals from the forward line. He got both.

Playing forward for the first time since his junior year in high school, Isherwood, a junior from Springfield, Pa., surprised everybody by scoring two goals in the Tar Heel's 4-0 whitewashing of East Carolina last Friday.

Isherwood was excited, his girl friend was pleased and the Tar Heels made preparations for Monday's ACC showdown with Virginia, last year's conference champions.

Carolina travelled to Charlottesville and fought the Cavaliers to a scoreless tie for three and a half quarters. Then, with less than four minutes remaining in the game and the Tar Heels in desperate need of a goal to keep from falling out of the ACC race, Isherwood got his name in the scoring column.

"I was just about 25 yards in front of the goal," he explains, "and managed to get around my man. Anson (Dorrance) got the ball to me almost perfectly and all I had to do was put it in."


Isherwood kicked, the ball sailed into the net, and Carolina made a shambles of the ACC race with a 1-0 win. The victory sent the Tar Heels to a 5-1 over-all record, but more importantly, it evened UNC's conference mark at 1-1.

The ACC title chase gets more tangled with every game. Maryland, which has failed to win the conference crown only once, was the pre-season favorite along with Virginia, but both have already dropped at least one game.

Clemson, whom the Tar Heels play at 10:00 this Saturday, jumped into the picture with a 5-1 win over Virginia but turned around and lost to Maryland. The Terrapins, however, were whipped earlier by Virginia.

All of this makes Saturday's game with Clemson the most important the Tar Heels have played so far this season. A loss by either team would be near disaster.

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