

A starter prepares to return...

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"It's hard for people to grasp the fact that right now I'm actually slow—slower than the normal person," UNC tailback Ike Oglesby says.

"And I'm not a good running back without my speed. That's my whole style."

It appears that Oglesby, who gained 491 yards in 14 periods of play before suffering severe leg cramps at State and missing the four games since then, will play some against Clemson in Kenan Stadium Saturday.

And for those who cannot understand why leg cramps can cause a runner to miss four games—well, they're right.

Doctors gave Oglesby the right treatment for cramps. He jogged and worked out. It was the wrong thing to do. The cramps had caused muscle damage

to three muscles in his right leg. He should have been resting throughout those periods, and the new prognosis was given after Oglesby stayed in North Carolina Memorial Hospital three days before the Notre Dame game for tests to find out if there was a metabolic reason for his injury, or kidney trouble.

"It was my fault I had the cramps in the first place," Oglesby says. "I forgot to take salt tablets before the State game, and it was hot and humid that day."

He was not ready to play against Tulane the next week, and as a result Carolina could not control the ball in the first half. Tulane scored four touchdowns in the air and won 37-29.

At Notre Dame, the coaches made an effort to get Oglesby ready, but just before kickoff the decision was made to hold him out again.

In the third quarter, the Tar Heels had a first down on the Notre Dame two.

Behind only 9-0, a touchdown might have made a real difference in a game Carolina eventually lost 16-0.

"What we needed was a back with some outside speed to get around the corners," Oglesby says, recalling the Tar Heels' three futile attempts at running up the middle and finally Ken Craven's blocked field goal try. "At the time, I was not the man to supply it."

In a 7-3 win over Wake Forest and last week's 36-35 victory over William & Mary, Oglesby was in better shape to play. He approached Coach Bill Dooley on two occasions for permission to enter the game, but was turned down.

"I thought maybe I could do a little something, you know," Oglesby says. "I didn't have my full speed or anything, but I thought I could help."

"On a couple of occasions during warmups, I could tell I just didn't have it.

I didn't have the spring I needed. I would extend my leg and then come down, and my foot that I ended on would just start trembling."

There is one good side effect of Oglesby's absence, however. Tailbacks Billy Hite and Ted LeVenz have gained some much-needed game experience.

"Billy ran with much more confidence Saturday against William & Mary," Ike estimates. Hite gained 146 yards, and his previous high had been 30.

This week, Oglesby has noticed a considerable day-to-day improvement.

"I figure by Saturday I'll be at 80 per cent speed," Oglesby says. "I feel better today than I did yesterday, and the doctors said that if I keep feeling improved then everything's all right."

"I'm completely healed, but I probably won't start. My strength isn't completely back yet."

Oglesby says the team is hungry for an ACC championship right now, more so than a bowl game. "We never have won an undisputed conference title before."

A big step toward the goal would be a victory over the Tigers, who are also unbeaten in the conference. UNC could then clinch a tie with a win over Virginia Nov. 13. Duke is in a bad position because the Devils play one less league game than either UNC or Clemson.

After three and a half games this year (Oglesby's leg cramps came on just before halftime) Ike had gained 491 yards. In the same period last year, Don McCauley had gained 529 yards or his way to a 1,720 yard season.

"I think I would have had 1,000 yards by now," Oglesby estimates, although he is still the leading rusher on the squad. "But we'll have the same line back next year."

"I guess I'll just have to start all over."



Ike Oglesby

...while a replacement gains 146 yards

By Howie Carr
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Billy Hite was as surprised as anyone else to see himself in the starting lineup last Saturday against William & Mary.

"We have a team meeting every Saturday morning at 9:15 before a game," Hite explains. "There's always a list of the starters, and Geoff (Hamlin) was on it. But then about ten minutes before the game started, Coach (Bobby) Collins nodded to me, and I was starting."

"I'd been alternating with Geoff during practice the week before Wake Forest, but I only got in for three plays, and I didn't carry the ball once," he

continued. "So I really didn't know how much I was going to play."

The surprise, however, didn't stop Hite from leading all Tar Heel rushers for the afternoon with 146 yards on 28 carries. The 146 yards were more than the total Hite had gained in the Tar Heels' first seven games, and his performance catapulted him into fourth place in the team rushing statistics, with 263 yards on 70 carries for a 3.8 average.

Hite, a 5-10, 185 pound sophomore from Hyattsville, Md., was a three-sport letterman at DeMatha High outside Washington, D.C., a Catholic school best known for fielding the only basketball team that ever defeated Lew Alcindor's Power Memorial squad.

"I never did too much schoolwork on anything there," Hite admits.

After being picked as an All-Metropolitan and All-Catholic tailback during his senior year at DeMatha in 1968, Hite was approached by a number of schools, including Colorado, West Virginia, Cincinnati and Louisville.

"I really liked it down here," Hite says. "The people were so friendly—not at all like in Washington—and there wasn't as much recruiting pressure."

"When I got my board scores back—and they were good enough—I just wanted to sign here that same day," he remembers. "There were some other schools I was supposed to visit, but I didn't even bother."

(Hite was apparently sold enough on the school to talk his brother Ray into coming to Chapel Hill on a basketball scholarship in 1970. A starter on last year's freshman team, Ray will be playing Saturday in the Blue-White game.)

After starting for Coach Moyer Smith's undefeated 1969 freshman team, Hite was redshirted last year. There wasn't much room for tailbacks behind Don McCauley and Ike Oglesby, but that didn't make it any easier for Hite to take.

"I guess you've got to have a redshirt program to win," he says. "But I just didn't like it at all. Practicing all week and never playing..."

Did he ever think of quitting? "Yeah, sometimes after a hard practice you say, 'What am I doing here?' or

when you're going to spring practice and everybody else is lying in the sun," Hite answers.

One of the other redshirts from the 1969 freshman team was Bill Arnold, a close friend of Hite's.

"Nobody will ever really get over it," Hite says. "I don't think I've fully realized it yet. He lived right across the hall from me, and sometimes I still expect him to come walking into the suite."

Hite is more or less resigned to returning to a reserve role when Hamlin and Oglesby return to top form.

"As long as we win, it's not that important who plays," he says. "Besides, Coach Collins already told me I'll be playing some this week."



Billy Hite

Ehringhaus wins again

Ehringhaus A Blue won the Residence Hall Championship Tuesday night with a convincing 27-6 win over Avery Blue. Weisner, Lenderman, Hollowell and Bass scored for the winners and Dunn added 3 extra points.

In the semifinals of the Fraternity Blue Division the Phi Deltas pulled out a close win over Beta Blue 14-13. Ehringhaus and Lucas scored for the Phi Deltas and Sitterson kicked the two important extra points. Kappa Psi will be their opponents in the finals as they topped Pike Blue 31-13 with Spears

leading the way with 2 TDs and Hardy, Baucom and Hipp adding the others.

In the Grad Volleyball playoffs the following teams will meet in the quarterfinals. Phac-In meets Peacocks I, Stat Blues meet the BB Rackers, MBA II meets Phac-Out and the Super Dorcs meet the Lab Retrievers.

The All Campus Tag Football playoffs will start next week with a little help from the weather and Grail Mural Basketball starts the week after. Entries for Co-Rec Volleyball are due on November 15.

Guthridge's revenge?

Blue-White tix still available

Tickets are still available for the Blue-White basketball game in Carmichael Auditorium Saturday.

Students can pick up a Blue-White ticket free with a student ID. Guest and date tickets cost \$2 each.

The game will start approximately 30 minutes after the football game between Carolina and Clemson, or 4:30.

Freshman coach Bill Guthridge will be trying to break a personal five-game losing streak against assistant coach John Lotz. Guthridge, coaching the Whites, will direct a team led by returning starters Bill Chamberlain and Steve Previs.

Three other seniors will start—Kim Huband, Craig Corson and Bill Chambers.

Other White team members are Donn Johnston, John Austin, transfer Roger Jamison and freshmen Don Washington and Brad Hoffman. Lotz, coaching the Blues, picked up two All-ACC players, Dennis Wuycik and George Karl, and 6-10 transfer Robert McAdoo.

Other starters will be rising soph Bobby Jones and either Ray Hite or Darrel Eiston.

Rounding out the Blue roster are John

O'Donnell and freshmen Ray Harrison, Ed Stahl and Craig Swanson.

Head coach Dean Smith will watch the battle from the sideline.

Hefner leads Clemson defense

Clemson Coach Hootie Ingram has already made up his mind about the linebacker positions on the all-ACC team.

After watching the Tigers beat Wake Forest 10-9 last Saturday in Clemson, Ingram said "two of the best linebackers in the conference were on that field today."

He was referring to Wake middle linebacker Ed Stetz and Clemson LB Larry Hefner.

"If you want to go ahead and complete the lineup," concluded Ingram, "you'd better put down John Bunting of Carolina."

Bunting and Hefner will have a chance to show their stuff in Kenan Stadium Saturday afternoon as Carolina meets Clemson. Both teams are unbeaten in the conference.

Hefner, who went to North Mecklenburg High in Charlotte, made 10 individual tackles and contributed nine assists Saturday.

With 4:30 left in their first half, and Wake leading 6-0 and on the Clemson one with fourth down, Hefner blasted through to nail Larry Hopkins, tenth leading rusher in the nation, for a two-yard loss.

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