

Howie Carr ABC losing shirt

On the back page of the Carolina football program is an article by Look magazine sportswriter Tim Cohane entitled "Why College Football Surpasses the Pro Imitation."

Among Cohane's arguments for the college game are its "imagination" and "diversification." "Diversifications," apparently, like abandoning the single wing because of the inability of colleges like UCLA and Tennessee to recruit good prospects to play it. Or the "diversifications" that cause quarterbacks who played in pro-set offenses like Jim Plunkett to be drafted ahead of quarterbacks who didn't like Archie Manning.

But those points aren't really important. What does matter, though, is that even though college football may be better than "the pro imitation," it is costing the American Broadcasting Company its shirt to broadcast it.

While ABC's Monday night NFL games cleaned up for the network both monetarily and ratings-wise last year, its NCAA football series was \$4.5 million in the red for 1970. It was the third straight deficit year for ABC.

A new two-year contract between ABC and the NCAA is in the process of being negotiated, however, and it could cut the network's losses down to a more respectable figure.

Among other clauses the new contract would allow ABC to televise games on both Labor Day (a Monday) and Veterans' Day (a Tuesday) in addition to a doubleheader on Thanksgiving. The network would also have the right, starting in the seventh week of the season, to pick its games only ten days before the playing date (under the expiring contract, all games have to be picked during the spring preceding the season).

Perhaps the most interesting new ABC proposal calls for an additional Saturday game to be played at an unspecified warm-weather stadium the second weekend of December. This game could possibly be used as an "unofficial" national championship game between the two top-ranked teams in the wire service polls. The teams would still be eligible for bowl bids.

All of these proposals are designed to put better teams and games on the tube. The current rule limiting a college to only three television appearances every two years (although a team could appear as many as five times if it's selected to play two "wild card" games) has resulted in a lot of boring television games.

Meanwhile, on the pro football-television scene, "TV Guide" reports this week that home game blackouts are about to become a thing of the past.

Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis.) introduced a bill in the Senate last April that would ban blackouts for any sports events already sold out. In addition, Senator Adlai Stevenson (D-Ill.) has sponsored a bill that would prohibit closed circuit and pay tv telecasts of games "unless the Federal Communications Commission decides it is not commercially feasible on free tv."

Needless to say, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle is fighting hard against the blackout ban, citing such figures as the 13,000 empty seats in Baltimore when its playoff games against Cincinnati and Oakland were broadcast from Washington. Ostensibly, his motives would seem to be the protection of the NFL's gate attendance, which runs at a phenomenal 90% of capacity, but TV Guide quotes from a network executive who says Rozelle has a different reason.

"He knows blackouts are doomed," the unidentified executive said. "I think he'll drop them voluntarily in two years, even if Congress doesn't knock them out. Why two years? His contracts with the three networks expire then and he'll use the move as a wedge for more money. He's getting 45 million a year now and another 10 million or so will compensate for losses at the gate."

If the blackouts are lifted, no one would be happier than the networks. "Sure, we'd like to see blackouts lifted," director of CBS sports Bill MacPhail told TV Guide. "We haven't gotten any heat yet from sponsors because outside games draw almost as well as home-team games, but they obviously would prefer to have local teams every week."

So it's beginning to look like Super Spectator is going to be able to watch better football in the years ahead. Now, if they could just do something about the announcers.

Tar Heel offense gets big test

The Carolina offense, which has been here one week and gone the next, gets a supreme test in Kenan Stadium Saturday when the Tar Heels battle Clemson in an Atlantic Coast Conference showdown.

The Tar Heel offensive team flashed brilliance early in the season and then ran into a period of inconsistency. Going into last week's game against William and Mary, Carolina had scored only one touchdown in eight quarters.

Carolina came alive for 36 points against William and Mary and needed everyone of them to score a 36-35 victory in one of the wildest shows ever seen in Kenan Stadium.

"Our entire football team has been inconsistent," says Tar Heel Head Coach Bill Dooley. "One week the offense does well and the next week the defense does a good job. In order to beat Clemson, we've got to put them both together."

Kupec and Stanford

by Dan Collins
Sports Writer

One year ago Ray Stanford was a 5'9" quarterback on mediocre Rockingham, N.C., high school team that was destined to have its first losing season in twenty-five years. He was considered an able quarterback, but he was known only to surrounding counties.

He did have a good enough season to attract a few offers from some of the small schools in the area, but he chose instead to come to Carolina on a

Morehead Scholarship.

At the same time, 600 miles north, Chris Kupec was having his fourth outstanding season for a Syosset, N.Y. High School team that would end the season 7-1 and win the county championship. He was destined for All-American honors and to draw lucrative offers from numerous colleges throughout the nation.

How the two's paths would cross is a story in itself, but in football, so it seems, anything can happen.

Kupec took his All-American honors,

packed them in a suitcase with the rest of his belongings and headed south to play for Carolina. He is currently enjoying a great year for the freshman team and his pinpoint passing has led many to consider him the best passing quarterback at Carolina since Danny Talbott.

Records speak for themselves and in the Tar Heels' first three games Kupec has completed 26 passes in 35 attempts (a .743 completion percentage) for 505 yards and seven touchdowns. Not bad stats, even for a highly-touted All American.

The big story, however, is that Kupec's main target has been the same Ray Stanford that a year ago was playing quarterback for Rockingham.

The spunky Stanford, deciding to give football another chance, tried out for the freshman team, impressed the coaches, and ended up with a first string split-end position.

In the first three games he has led all receivers with 11 catches for 280 yards and a 25.5 yards per completion average. He is also second in team scoring with four touchdowns.

Stanford said that the first time he had ever played end was his first day as a walk-on. "The first day I went out," he said, "I found there were two All-American quarterbacks (Kupec and Charles Baggett) and it seemed everyone was all-something."

"I'm just lucky I got a chance to play."

Kupec said that despite Stanford's small size the split-end's value lies in his ability to allude the defensive secondary. "He's always open," Kupec said. "What more can I say from a quarterback's standpoint?"

One would think that Kupec would be tired of throwing to short receivers with the number two receiver Bobby Myrick standing only 5'10". But this is not the case.

"It's just that they're both always open," he said. "That's the main thing."

Stanford modestly contributes much of his success to the quarterbacking of Kupec and Baggett. "Chris is really a fine person," he said. "Both he and (Charles) Baggett are great quarterbacks."

"For a receiver I'm really lucky to have two such fine quarterbacks on the team."

Although every season the college players seem to get a little bigger and a little faster, Stanford feels there will always be a place for a walk-on on the college teams.

"I think in the future," he said, "there'll remain about the same percentage of walk-ons. There's just so many players that college scouts can spot. They're bound to miss a few."

Kupec is quick to point to the fine offensive line when talking about the Tar Heels' success this season. "I've had plenty of time to throw," he said. "We've also rushed for as much yardage as we've thrown, which shows balance."

Kupec also said that as long as the Tar Heels are winning he won't be one to complain about sharing playing time with Charles Baggett.

"Everyone likes to play," he said, "but I don't mind as long as it's working."

Booters host S. Florida

by David Zucchini
Sports Writer

Baseball started it years ago when Sunday play was authorized. Football did it with television on Sunday afternoons.

Now even Carolina soccer is getting caught by the doubleheader syndrome. Yes, there's a real live soccer doubleheader scheduled for 1:00 this afternoon on Fetzer Field. Best of all, it's absolutely free.

The action starts at 1:00, when Coach Frank Nelson sends his undefeated freshmen up against Wilmington's New Hanover High School in the Tar Heels final game of the season.

Then at 3:00 Coach Marvin Allen's varsity squad tackles traditional powerhouse South Florida in a non-conference clash that should produce plenty of intersectional flavor and delight.

"We tried a doubleheader similar to this last season," says Allen, "and it was quite successful. I think it's a very good idea."

Freshmen away

Hot Tar Babies take their show to Richmond

In today's performance of "Moyer Got His Guns," which has become a hit for Carolina freshman football fans, the Tar Babies and Coach Moyer Smith take their repertory company to Richmond.

It's expected to be a knockout show. The Tar Babies, who have beaten State 42-21, Wake Forest 45-6, and Virginia 61-0, are heavy favorites to beat the Spider freshmen, Richmond is 0-3.

However, Richmond gave Carolina's yearlings a tough time last year in Kenan Stadium, putting on a bravura passing act and making the final score 39-36, Tar Babies.

The troupe has been weakened by a virus this week, which eliminated Tuesday's practice. The Tar Babies probably caught cold from their headlong streaks into Virginia's end zone last Friday.

Chris Kupec threw for four touchdowns, Charles Baggett ran for two and passed for two, and 5-9 split end Ray Stanford caught three of Kupec's bombs.

However, Smith enjoyed watching his defense even more. "Our defense gave us the ball inside their 40-yard-line six times," Smith said, "and five of those times we scored. The offense was good, but the defense gave us the field position."

"The play of Andy Chacos and Dan Swain at ends was especially effective,

and our yackles, Ronnie Robinson and Pete Marchetti, was again devastating."

Smith also praised the play of Eddie Sadler and Kip Arnall in the defensive backfield.

Tar Baby statistics defy comprehension. The freshmen have 1,420 yards total offense in three games, with 60 first downs. This stands in spite of Carolina's 465 yards in penalties.

Kupec has a 74 percent completion average for seven touchdowns in the air. Baggett has rushed for 97 yards and passed for 187.

Halfback Jimmy DeRatt has a five-yard average and 190 yards; Mark DiCarlo has 169 yards and a seven-yard average. In short, the Tar Babies are averaging almost five yards with every running play.

The leading scorer is Ellis Alexander, probably Carolina's best kicking prospect since Don Hartig. He has hit 14 of 16 extra points and six of eight field goals for 32 points.

Stanford has 24 points and Bobby Myrick, a dangerous kick-off returner (would you believe a 44.8 average?) has 18 points.

Stanford has also caught 11 passes for a 25.5 average. Myrick has a 25.6 reception average, and big tight end Charles Waddell, who caught the other Kupec TD pass at Virginia, averages 18.5 yards a catch.

Louis finished at the top of the national polls last year.

The Tar Heels will not be at full strength for today's contest, which marks the last game that UNC will play this season against non-conference competition. Goalie Win Bennett was kicked in the face during last Friday's 4-3 loss to Trenton State and will be out for the rest of the season.

Bennett underwent surgery earlier this week in Memorial Hospital for a broken nose and facial lacerations. Freshman Nick Jones, whose injured hand has apparently healed, will start in the goal today.

Junior forward Bill Isherwood may not play because of mononucleosis, while fullback co-captain Tim Morse has also showed signs of the virus.

If Morse is unable to play, freshman Mark Berson will start in his place. Another freshman, forward Rick Culberson, should see action after his impressive play on the front line in the Trenton State loss.

Phi Delt Blue wins football

The Phi Delt Blue team joined the White team in making a clean sweep of the Fraternity Tag Football League as they stopped the Kappa Psi Blues 21-0 in the finals on Wednesday night. Dorrall, Badham and Sitterson scored for the Phi Delt and Sitterson also kicked the three PATs.

There will be a Basketball Officials Clinic for all interested on Wednesday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. You will be paid for attending and it is a must to help in preparing for Grail-Mural Basketball.

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