



Defensive end Gene Brown strips State QB Dave Buckley of the ball, forcing the third quarter fumble that led to Carolina's third touchdown. Sophomore tackle Ronnie Robinson received the bobble for UNC. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson.)

## Robinson, Ken all smiles

# It's hard not to grin

by David Zucchini  
Sports Editor

Ken Taylor stood straight up in the Carolina blue dressing room Saturday afternoon and grinned the biggest grin ever to come out of Concord, N.C.

"I feel great, just great," he said in one of those big draws that makes you wait for more. "I'm always real happy when we win, but today is something else. Boy, I've never felt better."

It makes sense. All last season Ken Taylor caught exactly three passes, two of them for touchdowns. When Carolina raced neck-and-neck with State to a 34-33 decision Saturday, Taylor caught three passes in less than three hours. Two went for touchdowns.

The first one was on the ordinary side, the kind of pass the head cheerleader could've handled with boxing gloves on. It went one whole yard and Taylor was all by himself when he caught it.

On the second one, though, Taylor had some company. State's Mike Stultz was on him like a suit of clothes when he rambled 17 yards for the red flag in the

Wolfpack end zone late in the third quarter. He was expecting a pass from quarterback Nick Vidovic and when he reached the flag, sure enough, the ball was in the air.

So were Taylor and Stultz. Both players leaped, the ball sailed just over Stultz' hands and into Taylor's as he flipped backwards across the right sideline.

"I wasn't even sure where I was," he said. "I just leaned back and tried to drag my feet in bounds. I looked up and saw the referee signal that I caught it, so that's the last I worried about being in bounds. Nick threw a perfect pass — just over Stultz' hands."

Across the dressing room, another good ole Southern boy was feeling pretty good, too. Sophomore Jimmy DeRatt, who hails from a place called Stantonburg, N.C., intercepted a pass and recovered the fumble that set up the winning score. What's more, he almost scored himself.

"Yeah, I thought I'd scored," he said, "but the referee said my knees hit. I should've played a better game. From a personal standpoint, there was a lot more that could've been done."

Why? Did State catch Carolina by surprise?

"No," said DeRatt, "they were about what we had expected. They didn't do anything that caught us off guard. But it was senseless for us to let them score with only 17 seconds left. We should've been able to stop them."

Carolina also had trouble stopping State's twin veer offense, especially in the

second quarter, when the Wolfpack scored twice for a 19-10 halftime lead.

"Well, we could've just cussed and moped around," DeRatt said. "But Coach Dooley told us to keep our poise and play like he knew we could. Things like Stultz' punt return (80 yards) just happen. We knew it was way too early to give up."

Another sophomore, defensive tackle Ronnie Robinson, (Burlington, N.C.) didn't give up on his man or the game. Robinson, who alternated with Pete Talty, recovered a State fumble and sacked quarterback Bruce Shaw for a ten-yard loss on a key first and ten situation late in the final period.

"Their guard opened up inside," Robinson explained, "so I gave him one of my head fakes. He took it and I grabbed his shoulder pads and pushed him away. After that, it was no problem in getting to Shaw."

"No, I wasn't worried at all. It's just a feeling, you know? I knew we'd come out on top."

When Robinson gobbled up quarterback Dave Buckley's third quarter fumble, he didn't stop there. A move here, a move there (mostly straight ahead) and he was headed for paydirt until the referee whistled him back.

"In high school, you could pick up a fumble and run with it," he said, "but not in college. I knew that. I was just hoping the ref would slip up and let me keep running."

With that, Ronnie Robinson let out a little laugh. When you're from the South, and you've just whipped the South, it's hard not to grin at least a little.

## Frosh take on State JV's tonight

by Winston Cavin  
Sports Writer

For UNC Tar Baby coach Charlie Carr, there will be no Richmond waiting when his team takes the field for its first game of the season.

Instead, Carr and the Carolina Freshmen will meet a frightening N.C. State team Monday night in Raleigh's Carter Stadium. And that's no laughing matter.

The Carolina junior varsity team, composed entirely of 36 freshmen, will try to compensate for lacking depth and experience with enthusiasm, according to Carr.

"We've got good players, but they just don't have any experience," Carr says.

State will probably play juniors and seniors against the Tar Babies. In addition, the Wolflets have already played two games this season, defeating Chowan 35-2 and Wake Forest 24-22.

Bill Paschall of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Denny Griffin of Brevard, North Carolina, will alternate at quarterback for the Tar Babies. Griffin has been hampered by an injury lately, but Carr hopes he'll be ready by Monday.

Tommy Woodard of Sanford and James Betterson of High Point will both see action at tailback. The other backfield starters will be Mike Duffy of

Massapequa, New York, at fullback and Brian Smith of Merrick, New York, at wingback.

Other probable offensive starters are center Mark G. ones of Hatboro, Pennsylvania; guards Craig Funk of Fairfax, Virginia, and Jimmy Holland of Westminster, California.

Heading the defense will be tackle John O'Neal of Salisbury; linebacker Barry Jarvis of Easton, Pennsylvania; end Tim Baily of Akron, Ohio; and halfback Mark Dixon of Danville, Virginia.

Other starters should be end Pete Zoulis of Charlottesville, Virginia; tackle Dyke Thompson of Roanoke, Virginia; backs Craig Chapman of Myrtle Beach,

South Carolina and Rich Kelly of Fort Lee, New Jersey; and linebackers Bruce Piefke of Atlanta, Georgia, Ronny Johnson of High Point and Ricky Joyce of Elon College.

"We expect a tough game," Carr says. "They'll dress about 55 men."

The chief Tar Baby feels Carolina will make it a good ball game. "It'll be a good game for the spectator."

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