

# Blue Devil dreams: the great awakening

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As the reporters filed into the Duke locker room, the mood of the place might make one wonder where to go to sign the guest register and pay their respects to the bereaved. The narrow hallway was lined with grim faces of friends of the Duke players. The players milled silently inside, some shaking their heads in disbelief, others showering quickly, eager to leave. One freshman, still in full uniform, sat dazed on some steps as the reporters went by. He looked painfully at the silver and blue helmet he held in his hands as tears filled his eyes.

No one had died — not really. But the dreams of a whole college football season had just given way to reality; dreams that included a conference championship and a winning season. Now, with only UNC left on its schedule, the Blue Devils must win to have an even record (5-5-1) and hope for a Maryland loss against Virginia. That is the only possible way that Duke can take the Atlantic Coast Conference crown. And since Virginia has won only one of ten games this season, the odds are great that Duke's dreams are, indeed, dead.

As far as Blue Devil students, fans and players are concerned, N.C. State could be held for murder. And if the final Wolfpack offensive drive was any indication, the crime was first degree and premeditated.

After taking possession with 2:12 left in the game, Duke ran out half the time before State defensive back Ralph Stringer fumbled a Blue Devil punt out of bounds at his own 35. All the while, Duke fans chanted, "One, two, three, four, five; Duke don't take no jive. Six, seven, eight, nine, ten; You know we're gonna win."

Then enter Wolfpack quarterback Dave Buckley, who must rank right up there with Jack the Ripper, the Boston Strangler and Mrs. O'Leary's cow as who you would most like to have on your side when damage must be done.

Buckley completed three of five passes to move State to the Duke three. After a Jimmy Johnson touchdown plunge, Buckley threw complete for two points and a 21-21 tie with 12 seconds remaining. Slowly, rigor mortis descended on the spirited home fans at Wallace Wade Stadium.

In the locker room, a weary Mike McGee entered the semicircle of reporters, looking like a father who had just waited up all night for his teenaged son to return home. He vigorously puffed on a chain of cigarettes, loosened his limp necktie and ran his hands through his already disheveled hair.

"Gentlemen, I don't have a lot to say. I was very proud of the way our squad approached the game and played it. We feel like we lost it."

It was apparent the Duke coach wanted the post-game session over quickly. He answered each question deliberately, careful to say just what was needed, nothing more, nothing less. He expressed anger at the officiating, focusing attention on two controversial calls that could have given Duke 12 more points. One was a punt return that went for a touchdown but was called back and the other was a mix-up on the last play of the first half as the referee let time run out after apparently stopping the clock with the ball on State's two yard line.

McGee was asked how the disappointed Blue Devils would fare in getting up for next Saturday's season finale with arch-rival Carolina.

He stared blankly at the cement floor as he shook his head, then mechanically muttered, "Our squad will be emotionally and mentally ready to play next week." The 1 he rubbed his hands over his weathered face, indicating his exhaustion and frustration.

By this time, most of the Duke players had left the locker room. But those who remained talked to the reporters about the Duke-Carolina game.

"Carolina is Carolina," said wide receiver and return specialist Troy Slade. "That will never change, but this time we'll have to keep our heads in order to give a maximum effort against them. It is special because it is the last game of the season and for me, the last game of my college career."

"I guess it will be the responsibility of the seniors and some of the juniors to provide the leadership we need to keep us from taking a nosedive here at the end of the season," he said.

"I guarantee that we will bounce back against Carolina," one player said from across the room. "I guarantee it."



Betterson back...

Senior UNC tailback James Betterson, shown here from earlier in the season, returned to action Saturday night against Tulane, after missing five straight games because of a leg injury. Betterson, though still not 100 per cent, picked up 66 yards in 14 carries in the Heels' 17-15 win over the Green Wave.

# UNC edges Wave, 17-15

## Biddle's clutch field goal brings victory

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — Tulane didn't fill the Superdome Saturday night. Many students boycotted the game. While their Green Wave football washed away a three-quarter University of North Carolina lead, most heard it — and their disappointing finish — by radio.

Carolina got its winning points for a 17-15 victory with 0:07 left in the game, after Tulane had gone ahead at the two-minute point, 15-14. Carolina, led by quarterback Bill Paschall and tailback James Betterson, moved 56 yards from its own 20-yard line to the Tulane 24.

Sophomore placekicker Tom Biddle, who had hit on only four of nine attempts so far this season, came in with a field goal try on fourth-down-and-one in front of the almost 29,000 at the dome.

"I wasn't nervous," Biddle said of his 42-yard field goal, "but after I kicked it and saw it go through, I was." Biddle's kick was the final play of the game. The win gives Carolina a 3-7 record going into next week's game at Duke. Tulane drops to 4-6.

Both schools had a string of losses going into the contest. Carolina had fallen in its last five games on the field, while Tulane had lost five straight in the "home" territory of the Louisiana Superdome, which is the largest indoor arena in the world.

Students from Tulane, no doubt partly disillusioned by the team's season mark, boycotted the game because of a dislike for playing in the dome. They prefer the more intimate atmosphere of their own Tulane Stadium. In fact, to dramatize the boycott, they gathered at the old stadium, which is on campus and listened to the game. Organizers of the protest stressed that the students

were'n't against football or their team — only the Superdome.

Carolina, whose small crowd was more noticeable because of the few hometown spectators, jumped out to a 14-3 first half lead on two, first quarter touchdowns by 1,000-yard tailback Mike Voight. Tulane already had the first three points of the game. Placekicker David Walters kicked a 42-yard field goal with less than half of the first period gone by (8:37).

For UNC, a 48-yard kickoff return by Alan Caldwell set up its first touchdown. The second touchdown, which came with 1:08 left in the first quarter, followed a Tulane fumble by halfback Don Lemon. UNC defensive back Bobby Cale recovered the ball at the Tulane 39 and eight plays later the Tar Heels were in the end zone, making the score 14-3.

Neither team put points on the scoreboard in the second and third quarters, and the roles of the teams from the first quarter virtually reversed in the fourth, except that Carolina did ultimately maintain its edge over the Wave.

UNC fullback Bob Loomis fumbled early in the fourth quarter, and Tulane's strong safety Robert Brown recovered on his own 27-yard line. The Wave then penetrated the Carolina pass defense with tosses from quarterback Buddy Gilbert of eight, 19, 22, nine and nine yards. The last nine-yarder came on fourth down and eight to Bill Kramer at the UNC 10-yard line. Two plays later, tailback Steve Treuting scored with 7:11 left in the game.

The two-point conversion was no good, but the Wave defense then stopped UNC, forcing the visiting Tar Heels to punt after only four downs with about 5½ minutes still remaining. So few downs gave the UNC defense little rest, as it soon encountered the hard running of Gary Rudick, who ran all but two of the eight plays in the drive from the Tulane 33.

Tulane led 15-14 with two minutes remaining, and UNC initiated the march toward the Biddle field goal, which was aided by a 15-yard defensive pushing call on Tulane at the Tulane 48. That penalty gave UNC first and 10 at the 33.

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DOWN: 2 Malay canoe, 3 Conjunction, 4 Passageway, 5 Essence, 6 Aromatic herb, 7 Conjunction, 8 A state, 9 More certain, 10 Greek letter, 12 Note of scale, 14 Spanish article, 17 Prepare for print, 20 Greek letter, 24 Weight of India, 25 Guido's high note, 27 Roman date, 28 Small amount, 29 Briel conversation, 30 Tardy, 32 Imitated, 36 Away!, 37 Goals, 42 Unit of Iranian currency, 44 Inquire, 46 Depressions, 48 Choice part, 49 Lowest point, 51 Post, 54 Paradise, 55 Time long since past, 56 Note of scale, 57 Silkworm, 59 Man's nickname, 62 Compass point, 64 Maiden loved by Zeus.

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