

Seven home games, Oklahoma top '80 schedule

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If Dorothy of Oz fame was correct in believing there is no place like home, North Carolina's 1980 football team should like this year's schedule.

For the first time in history, Carolina will play seven games in Kenan Stadium. Of these, four will be Atlantic Coast Conference games. The Heels will face ACC foes Maryland, N.C. State, Virginia and Duke in Kenan, with East Carolina, Furman and Georgia Tech—the new ACC member not yet eligible for the league's football crown—as the other home opponents.

Carolina visits Clemson and Wake Forest for conference games and plays road games against Texas Tech and powerhouse Oklahoma in non-conference play.

Here is a look at Tar Heel opponents for 1980:

FURMAN—Carolina opens with Furman Sept. 6 in Kenan Stadium. The Paladins were 5-6 in 1979, but all 11 starters return on defense and the Paladins look solid there.

Under third-year coach Dick Sheridan, Furman runs from the I-formation and will be led by tailback Mike Glenn, who led the team in rushing with 857 yards last season. Quarterback Tim Sorrells, who threw seven TD passes last year, also returns.

The weak spot probably will be the offensive line, where the Paladins lost four starters. The defensive line, anchored by tackle Kevin Morgan, is a strong one.

TEXAS TECH—The Tar Heels travel to Lubbock, Texas, for a night game on the Jones Stadium AstroTurf Sept. 13. The Red Raiders were 3-6-2 in the Southwest Conference in 1979.

Like Furman, Texas Tech's strength is defense. The Raiders have six starters returning there, including All-SWC candidate Ted Watts at free safety and nose guard Gabriel Rivera.

Coach Rex Dockery will have quarterback Ron Reeves for the season, but star fullback James Hadnot was among the five offensive starters who graduated. The offense will be inexperienced, so Carolina may be fortunate to have the Red Raiders on the schedule early in the season.

MARYLAND—The Terrapins come to Kenan Stadium Sept. 27 for what many feel will be the game that decides the ACC title.

Maryland, 7-4 last season, was hit by a rash of injuries, and the return of healthy Lloyd Burruss and



UNC's Dick Crum

has made several preseason All-America teams.

GEORGIA TECH—New coach Bill Curry will bring his young Yellow Jackets to Chapel Hill Oct. 4. Tech was 4-6-1 against one of college football's most difficult and demanding schedules in 1979.

Experience is in on the Georgia Tech team, with six sophomores expected to start on offense. End Rick Olive and linebacker Lance Skelton top the list of seven returning starters on defense.

WAKE FOREST—The 1979 Deacons, who finished 8-4, were the Cinderella team in college football. Carolina will play them in Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem Oct. 11.

The major reason for Wake's success under coach John Mackovic last season was the play of All-ACC quarterback and Player of the Year Jay Venuto. He returns, as does All-ACC receiver Wayne Baumgardner. But missing from the explosive offense of 1979 are halfback James McDougald and fullback Albert Kirby.

The Deacons have eight starters returning on defense; but nose guard James Parker was among the graduating class.

N.C. STATE—The Wolfpack will come to Kenan Stadium October 18 for the 70th renewal of the rivalry with the Tar Heels.

State has undergone sweeping changes since winning the ACC title and finishing with a 7-4 record in 1979. The new coach is Monte Kiffin, and Kiffin alone will

a mended Marlin Van Horn will help an already strong defense.

Maryland's wide-tackle six defense can cause fits for opponents.

The entire offensive line from 1979 has graduated, so that has to be the major concern for Coach Jerry Claiborne.

The Maryland attack will be paced by running back Charlie Wysocki and place-kicker Dale Castro, who

bring a lot of excitement to the State program.

Losses were severe from 1979. Gone are Outland Trophy winner Jim Ritzer, quarterback Scott Smith and fullback Billy Ray Vickers. In fact, the Pack will have only nine of 22 starters back. Among the best will be cornerback Donnie LeGrande and tight end Lin Dawson.

EAST CAROLINA—East Carolina almost beat Carolina last season in Kenan Stadium, and the Pirates would love nothing more than to win in Kenan on Oct. 25.

The Pirates are a lot like N.C. State in that they have a new coach and a lot of new faces in the starting lineup. New coach Ed Emory will have halfback Anthony Collins and fullback Theodore Sutton returning, but star quarterback Leander Green has graduated.

The Pirates were 7-3-1 last year, and a quick young defense might be a major factor in a similarly successful 1980.

OKLAHOMA—It is enough to say that although Oklahoma lost Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims, the Sooners will again be a powerhouse. The Tar Heels travel to Norman, Okla., on Nov. 1.

Coach Barry Switzer will have nine starters back from the 11-1 Sooners, who won the 1979 Orange Bowl 24-7 over Florida State. Among those are quarterback J.C. Watts and halfback David Overstreet.

Only three starters come back on defense, but the Sooners are so deep that last year's second stringers will step in and give Oklahoma one of the country's most formidable defenses.

CLEMSON—Carolina travels to Death Valley for a big ACC game Nov. 8. Clemson was 11-4 and won a spot in the Peach Bowl in 1979.

Danny Ford lost quarterback Billy Lott and running backs Marvin Sims and Lester Brown, but Chuck

McSwain is around to bolster the running game. Seven starters are back on defense.

Coming just a week after the big game at Oklahoma, this game comes at a very crucial time of the year as far as bowl consideration and the ACC standings are concerned.

VIRGINIA—The Cavaliers were 6-5 last year and Wahoo fans feel their team should be improved in many areas this year. Virginia will visit Kenan Stadium Nov. 15.

Running back Tommy Vigorito is the top returnee on offense, with quarterback Todd Kirtley back to run the show. Greg Taylor, fullback last year, has been moved to fill a hole at wide receiver. The Cavaliers also moved the entire starting offensive line from 1979.

Six starters return on a defensive unit that held every opponent except one under 20 points last season.

DUKE—The Blue Devils of coach Red Wilson were 2-8-1 last year and the coaching staff has decided to install a multiple offensive set to open up the Duke attack a little in 1980. Duke comes to Kenan Stadium in the final regular season game for both teams Nov. 22.

Duke will welcome back Cedric Jones and Ron Frederick as receivers on offense and six of the starting front seven on defense from 1979.

Buckeyes favored in preseason polls

Ohio State is considered by most of the leading football publications as the favorite to be No. 1 in college football this season.

The Buckeyes are ranked first in the polls by *Football News*, *Street & Smith*, *Athalon*, *Playboy* and *Football Illustrated*. *Game Plan* and *Goal Post* rank the Pittsburgh Panthers at the top of their preseason polls.

North Carolina, picked as the favorite to win the Atlantic Coast Conference title in a preseason poll of the league's coaches, is ranked as high as seventh in the nation.

Playboy picks Carolina No. 7, while *Street & Smith* and *Football Illustrated* have the Tar Heels ranked 10th. *Game Plan* and *Football News* have Carolina at No. 14 and *Goal Post* has the Tar Heels at No. 17. Carolina is not ranked in the *Athalon* poll.

Mix-up in grades

Young not at Carolina

From staff and wire reports

HICKORY—"A mixup in high school grades" will prevent Hickory High school star Al Young from attending UNC this fall.

Young, a star in both football and basketball, will instead enroll at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy. The decision came after Young learned he had not met high school grade requirements and therefore could not play any sport at the University.

Considered among the nation's top high school football players in 1979, Young signed a football grant-in-aid with Carolina last spring. He had also reportedly received assurances from basketball coach Dean Smith he would be welcome to try basketball, also. Young had played in both the 1979 Shrine Bowl football and the 1980 N.C. Coaches East-West basketball all-star games.

UNC Athletic Director John Swofford would not comment directly on Young's case, but said, "In general terms, in order for an athlete to receive a grant-in-aid, that athlete had to perform at a certain level in high school. Whether he does or not is determined totally by the high school."

"I was stunned," Young said. "At first, I didn't hardly understand when my high school said I didn't have a 2.0 I didn't know. I thought I had a 2.3 average."

Young said the mixup involved two courses which he passed but which weren't computed as part of his high school grade average.

Young said he thought the courses—child development and weight training—would have counted. "Nobody ever told me they wouldn't count," Young said. "I wouldn't have taken them if I had known."

ACC teams face tough opposition

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DATE	CLEMSON	DUKE	GA. TECH	MARYLAND	N. CAROLINA	N.C. STATE	VIRGINIA	WAKE FOREST
Sept. 6		E. CAROLINA HOME	ALABAMA (BIRMINGHAM)	VILLANOVA HOME	FURMAN HOME	WIL. & MARY HOME (N)		VA. TECH HOME (TV)
Sept. 13	RICE HOME			VANDERBILT HOME	TEXAS TECH AWAY (N)		NAVY HOME	
Sept. 20	GEORGIA AWAY	AUBURN AWAY	FLORIDA HOME	WEST VIRGINIA AWAY		VIRGINIA AWAY	S.C. CAROLINA HOME	THE CITADEL HOME (N)
Sept. 27	N. CAROLINA HOME	MISSISSIPPI HOME	MEMPHIS STATE HOME	N. CAROLINA AWAY	MARYLAND HOME	TEXAS TECH HOME	WAKE FOREST AWAY	N.C. STATE AWAY
Oct. 4	VA. TECH HOME	INDIANA AWAY (N)	N. CAROLINA AWAY (N)	PITTSBURGH AWAY (N)	GEORGIA TECH HOME	S. CAROLINA AWAY (N)	WEST VIRGINIA AWAY	WIL. & MARY AWAY
Oct. 11	VIRGINIA AWAY	S. CAROLINA AWAY (N)	TENNESSEE HOME	PENN STATE HOME	WAKE FOREST AWAY	APPALACHIAN HOME (N)	VIRGINIA HOME	N. CAROLINA HOME
Oct. 18	DUKE HOME	CLEMSON AWAY	AUBURN AWAY	WAKE FOREST HOME	N.C. STATE HOME	N. CAROLINA HOME	VA. TECH AWAY	WAKE FOREST AWAY
Oct. 25	N.C. STATE AWAY	MARYLAND HOME	TULANE HOME	DUKE AWAY	E. CAROLINA HOME	CLEMSON HOME	WAKE FOREST HOME	VIRGINIA HOME
Nov. 1	WAKE FOREST AWAY	GEORGIA TECH HOME	DUKE AWAY	N.C. STATE HOME	OKLAHOMA AWAY	MARYLAND AWAY	TENNESSEE AWAY	GEORGIA HOME
Nov. 8	N. CAROLINA HOME	WAKE FOREST HOME	NOTRE DAME HOME		CLEMSON AWAY	PENN STATE AWAY	RUTGERS HOME	DUKE AWAY
Nov. 15	MARYLAND AWAY	N.C. STATE AWAY	NAVY HOME	CLEMSON HOME	VIRGINIA HOME	DUKE HOME	N. CAROLINA AWAY	S. CAROLINA AWAY
Nov. 22	S. CAROLINA HOME	N. CAROLINA AWAY		VIRGINIA AWAY	DUKE HOME	E. CAROLINA HOME	MARYLAND HOME	APPALACHIAN HOME
Nov. 29			GEORGIA AWAY					

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