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UNC, Pitt clash tonight in pseudo 'bowl game'

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It's here, 113 days early. Tonight Carolina will be playing in what amounts to a major bowl game when the Tar Heels meet the top-ranked Pittsburgh Panthers in the Steel City.

Just close your eyes and imagine both of these teams in Miami, New Orleans or Dallas. The scenario is just right — both are ranked in the top five pre-season; both have a candidate for the Heisman Trophy; and both have aspirations for a national title.

"Yes, Pitt has our attention," said UNC coach Dick Crum. "Pitt is going to make us a good football team later on down the season."

"But both clubs have to consider there are 10 opponents still down the line."

A quick look at the schedule reveals that indeed both teams have 10 more games on the slate. But the significance of tonight's contest is not lost on some of the participants.

"If we lose a game, I guess everyone's going to consider the season a failure," said Pitt tackle Bill Fralic. "We're just looking forward to the first game, and we're working our butts off."

"Our whole season doesn't depend on Pitt," said UNC guard Dave Drechsler, "but obviously it is important."

A UNC win could give the Tar Heels much needed impetus, especially in the national polls where championships are won.

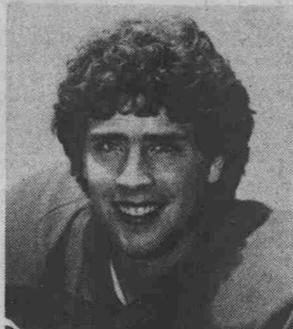
Yet Pittsburgh may be the best team UNC has ever faced. Better than the Oklahoma team that ran all over Carolina two years ago, 41-7.

Eighteen starters return from last year's Panther squad that finished 11-1 and claimed the Sugar Bowl crown.

First and foremost among the returnees



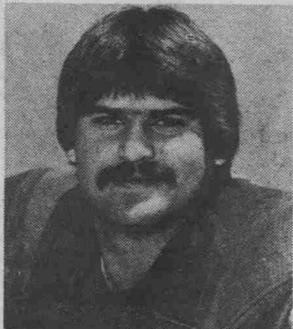
Fazio



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is quarterback Dan Marino, who passed for 37 touchdowns in 1981. NFL scouts drool every time Marino puts his arm to work.

Pitt first-year coach Foge Fazio is liberal in his praise for his star quarterback, who will surely want to impress Heisman balloters with a strong performance against UNC. But Fazio can count 10 other quality players on offense.

"We have a lot of fine athletes," Fazio said. "Naturally, we don't have two Dan Marinos, but we do have receivers who can catch the ball, and our running backs proved themselves last year."

Fazio failed to mention an offensive line that features two All-American candidates in Fralic and fellow tackle Jimbo Covert.

"They have a very good offensive line that is hard to get through," Crum said. Opposing teams sacked Marino only eight times in 12 games last season.

As explosive as the Panther offense is, the real strength of this team may lie in its defense. The Pitt defense led the nation in total defense and rushing defense in '81.

"Now the defense, I think, will be able to take care of itself with a few lucky breaks here and there," said Fazio. "If we can stay free of injury and some of the younger kids come on, we should be pretty good on defense."

Just ask Herschel Walker about the Pitt defense. Georgia's top 'Dawg could only muster 84 yards on 25 carries against the Panthers in the Sugar Bowl.

"I don't think that since they shut down Herschel, they can necessarily shut down Kelvin Bryant," said UNC's Drechsler.

That statement typifies the "yes, but we've got Kelvin" attitude that gives Tar Heel fans hope. Fazio is impressed by Bryant, but even more concerned by Carolina's team as a whole.

"I think North Carolina is an outstanding football team," said Fazio. "This will be one of the toughest opponents that Pitt has had in many years. They're a veteran team."

"Last year a few injuries knocked them right out of an undefeated season. They're probably one of the best coached teams that we'll play all year and they really, really scare me."

The game may not hinge on Marino's arm or Bryant's fleetness. It could boil down to something as mundane as the kicking game, where Pitt would appear to have an advantage.

Or it could boil down to the nerves of Fazio, who will make his first start as head coach. Whatever the cause, the result is sure to have long range implications in college football this season.

ACC Preview

Can Tech do it again?

From Staff reports

Alabama (0-0) at Georgia Tech (0-0), 1:30 p.m. (EDT) at Atlanta, Ga.

Coach Bill Curry unveils his 1982 Yellow Jacket outfit Saturday at Grant Field in what has to be considered one of the toughest openers for any team in the country. Veteran Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant brings his third-ranked Crimson Tide to Atlanta. Curry has to replace graduated quarterback Mike Kelley, Tech's all-time leading passer. SMU transfer Jim Bob Taylor impressed Tech coaches in pre-season and will get the starting nod, and he will be protected by an experienced offensive line, led by All-American candidate tackle David Lutz. 'Bama will return 17 starters from last season's 9-2-1 team.

Maryland (0-0) at Penn State (1-0), 1:30 p.m. (EDT) at University Park, Pa.

New Terrapin coach Bobby Ross will get experience the hard way as his '82 Maryland squad ventures into expanded Beaver Stadium to face the highly-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions. Ross will start a veteran defensive unit, led by tackle Gurnest Brown and guard Mike Corvino, and an inexperienced offense, led by pre-season All-ACC tight end John Tice and junior quarterback Boomer Esiason. Veteran Lion coach Joe Paterno lost 11 players to the NFL, including 10 draft choices, but his defense will be strong again, and the offense, though not as experienced, will be formidable with tailback Curt Warner and quarterback Todd Blackledge.

Virginia (0-0) at Navy (0-0), 3:50 p.m. (EDT) at Annapolis, Md.

New Virginia coach George Welsh is returning to Navy after coaching at the

Academy for eight seasons and leading the Middies to three bowl games in the last four seasons, including the '81 Liberty Bowl 7-4-1 squad. Welsh faces an extensive rebuilding task at UVa., which is coming off an injury-riddled 1-10 season. Back for the '82 Wahoos are All-American candidate free safety Pat Chester, defensive end Ed Reynolds, quarterback Gordie Whitehead, who passed for 1,116 yards and nine touchdowns in '81, and 46 lettermen.

East Carolina (0-0) at N.C. State (1-0), 7 p.m. (EDT) at Raleigh, N.C.

Coach Monte Kiffin is looking for his second win of the '82 season as his Wolfpack hosts neighboring independent East Carolina. Senior Tbl Avery directed the Pack to a 26-0 thrashing of Furman last week, passing for 174 yards and two touchdowns. Last year's ACC Rookie-of-the-Year Joe McIntosh is continuing his form as he raced for 130 yards and two touchdowns against Furman. ECU, under third-year head coach Ed Emory, sports an All-American candidate at defensive end in Jody Schul and a new 1-formation offense that replaces eight years and three coaches of the wishbone.

Wake Forest (1-0) at Auburn (0-0), 7 p.m. (EDT) at Auburn, Ala.

Coach Al Groh and his 1-0 Demon Deacons will be hard pressed to duplicate last year's come-from-behind 24-21 victory over Auburn in Auburn. Once again, Groh takes his young team to one of the hotbeds of Southeastern Conference football, but the '82 Deacs are more mature and, judging from last week's 31-10 win over Western Carolina, much improved.

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