# SPORTS

# Heels open home season Saturday

# Tigers have no Trojan horse

### **By FRANK KENNEDY** Assistant Sports Editor

When Coach Rex Dockery brings his Memphis State Tigers into Kenan Stadium Saturday afternoon before some 50,000 Carolina blue fanatics, he won't be bringing in any secret weapons. No Trojan horse, no redshirt ringer.

It's all very simple. Most of Dockery's starters - 11 sophomores - have had little more than four quarters of experience. The Tigers traditionally don't score many points but have been all too willing to let the other guys choose how many digits the opposition wants on the scoreboard. Moreover, MSU is 2-20 over the last two years. UNC has MSU totally outmanned, outcoached and outplayed in every conceivable position on the field.

So why, with the odds so ridiculously against the Tigers, are UNC coaches actually concerned and Memphis State troops bubbling over with confidence? The answer - Saturday, Sept. 3: Final score - MSU 37, Ole Miss 17. The figures: 435 yards total offense, the highest point outpoint in six years, no turnovers, three running backs with solid games (over 60 yards each), field goals from 45 and 50 yards out, 25 first downs, 108 yards given up on the ground. Not bad for a team that had a 16-game losing

streak going into the finale last year.

After two excruciating seasons, Dockery says his crew is looking at things in a new light. "The enthusiasm of my players is the best thing we have going for us," he said in an interview Wednesday. "But we're still a young team, and I don't know how they'll react Saturday."

Frankly, UNC coach Dick Crum is glad MSU came away with such a decisive victory last

weekend. "It'll help us get ready for them," Crum said at his weekly press conference.

"It wasn't like Memphis State built a big lead, took all the momentum and then gave up a couple of late touchdowns," Crum said of the Ole Miss game. "Ole Miss tied it 10-10 at the halftime and then took the lead in the second half. Then Memphis State scored 21 points to win going away."

Crum, never one to belittle the opposition, added, "Rex Dockery has done a good rebuilding job. They run a wide-tackle-6 defense and an I-formation offense, and they do a good job on both."

But even that cannot take away from the fact that Ole Miss is not, after all, a football powerhouse.

The key to keeping things close, says Dockery, lies in ball control. "I hope they don't keep the ball all along," he said. "And we can't turn the ball over once, or we'll be in trouble."

Somehow, one gets the idea it may take more than merely holding onto the ball for MSU to pull this one out.

The real key may lie in how often Tiger quarterback Danny Sparkman can connect with his receivers. The Tigers like to throw the ball; that's no secret. But, as Dockery points out, the much-more-restrained Tar Heel passing attack is usually more accurate.

"Last week, Danny threw 29 times for as many yards as (UNC quarterback) Scott Stankavage, who only threw 14 times," Dockery noted.

He said that Sparkman will probably throw the ball a good 30 to 40 times Saturday.

"But I'm still very worried offensively because of (UNC's) ranking defensively," he added. (The Tar Heels were No. 2 in the land in total defense last year.)

Against South Carolina, the Tar Heels' defense allowed only 201 yards, and most of that came in the fourth quarter with the game out of reach and second-stringers filling in.

Aside from the consistently solid performances of such names as William Fuller, Micah Moon, Willie Harris and company, Crum found that what was thought to be a question mark in the defensive backfield was actually no question at all.

Butch Griffin, the outside linebacker replacing the graduated Mike Wilcher, graded higher at the position in his first start than either Wilcher or All-American Lawrence Taylor. "Butch played a disciplined game - he was there when he was supposed to be there," Crum said.

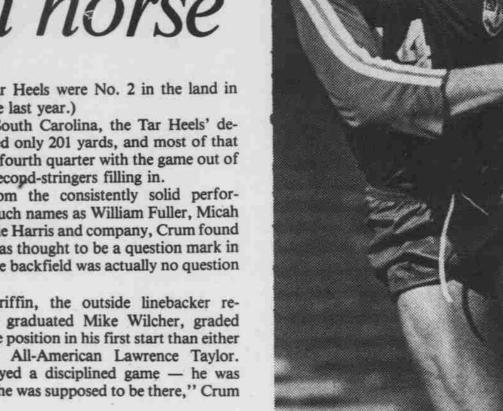
Sorry, Rex, but there's another hole that can't be exploited.

The Tar Heel offense shouldn't have a particularly difficult time moving downfield. If the backfield tandom of Ethan Horton, Tyrone Anthony and Eddie Colson can't penetrate the Tigers' small defensive line, then Stankavage should be able to call out the Air Force. In fact, don't be surprised if Crum goes to the air more than usual anyway.

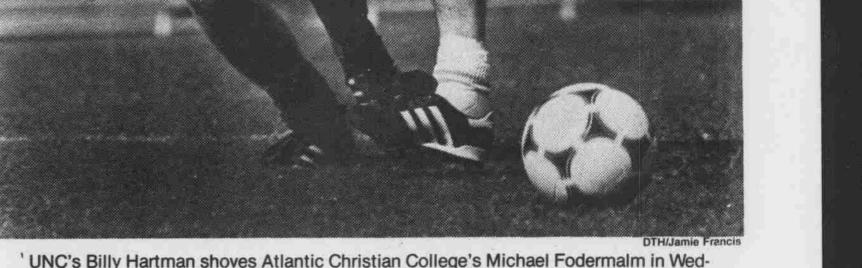
Dockery openly admits that his secondary is the most easily exploitable part of the team. "That is our least experienced area by far."

Dockery said he will try to keep players fresh, even if it means substituting players with little or no experience.

"This will be quite a test," Dockery concluded.



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UNC's Billy Hartman shoves Atlantic Christian College's Michael Fodermalm in Wednesday's win. The Tar Heels play this weekend in the Wolfpack Classic in Raleigh.

# Helms given sentence

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### The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM - Former Wake Forest basketball player Mike Helms was sentenced in Forsyth County Superior Court Wednesday to two years in prison on a felony conviction involving marijuana and cocaine.

Judge Edward K. Washington of Greensboro suspended an additional five-year sentence on the condition that Helms make \$1,080 restitution to the Winston-Salem Police Department for money an undercover agent paid him for drugs.

Washington recommended that Helms, 24, be made eligible immediately for a work-release program and ordered that he be assigned to the program by Oct. 1.

Helms, of Bassett, Va., and a starting guard for Wake Forest from 1978-82, pleaded guilty last month to 10 felony drug charges involving marijuana and cocaine.

Helms, who was accused of selling marijuana and cocaine to police undercover agent Sam Slater several times in January and February, told the court he was just trying to do Slater a favor when he sold drugs to him.

"Mr. Helms is a dope dealer just as sure as anybody who's ever been in this courtroom," said prosecutor Charlie C. Walker. "The truth is, he was selling marijuana and cocaine, and it was widely known."

Helms made an unsuccessful bid last year with the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association.

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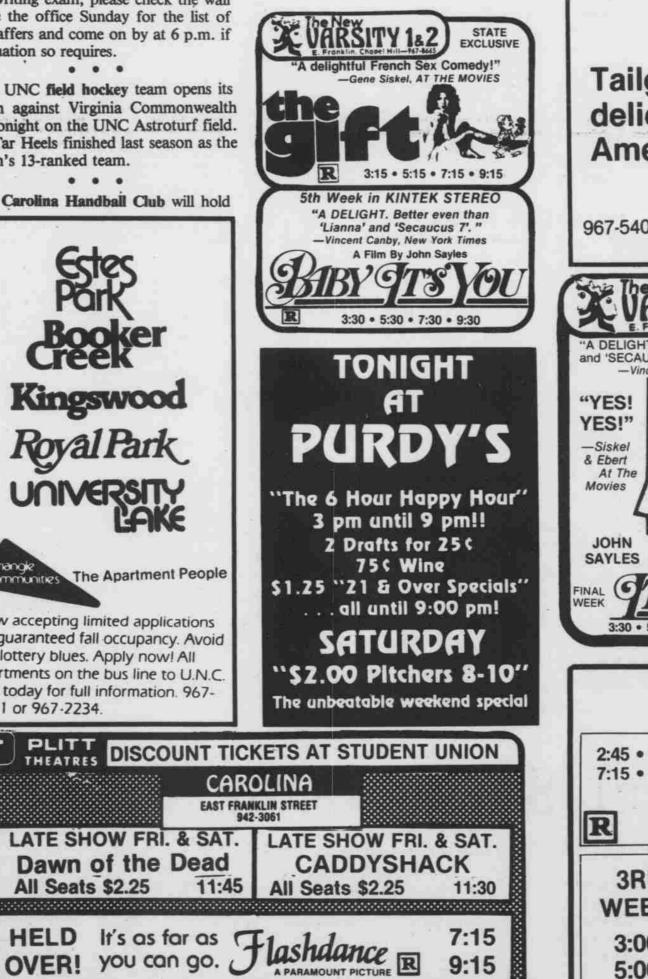
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