SPORTS

UNC tight end Mike Truitt fumbles after he is hit late in the second quarter by Memphis State linebacker Johnny Walker. MSU recovered two of the Tar Heels' five fumbles.

Black's runback gives Heels a lift

By MICHAEL PERSINGER Staff Writer

North Carolina found itself mired in an unexpectedly tough football game with Memphis State late in the third quarter Saturday. The Tar Heels had dominated the game, but the score was tied 10-10, and North Carolina needed a big play. Senior cornerback Walter Black came through.

Black's 73-yard return of a 52-yard Stan Weaver punt put the Tar Heels ahead to stay, and it gave UNC the incentive it needed to put the Tigers away.

Black said he was looking for the big play, but added that the Tar Heels always do.

"We look for the big play at any time," Black said. "That's what makes winning football. Good, consistent play so that when the big play needs to be made, hopefully we will be in the position to make it."

UNC coach Dick Crum said the Tar Heels spend a lot of time each week working on the kicking game.

"In a close game the kicking game can be the difference," Crum said. "I think that was the case today. We work on all of our kicking game a lot each week, and it paid off."

Black said all that practice has helped him to develop a philosophy of punt returning.

"The first priority always is to catch the ball," he said. "Then you try to get upfield as fast as you can. The first few steps are where you cover the most ground, so you can't dance around too much or it allows the defense to get on you."

Black had some trouble catching the football in the first half. He bobbled a pair of Weaver punts, but recovered his own fumble each time. Black said he took his eye off the ball once, and the other error came when he tried to field a bouncing ball.

On his touchdown run, Black concentrated more on catching the ball because of the miscues in the first half.

"The kick I returned was really high and deep, so I just tried to settle back under it as well as I could," Black said. "(Weaver) outkicked his coverage, and it seemed like the coverage team ran into the blocks.

"We set up a wall in the center, and I just accelerated to the wall. The seam opened up on the left, and after I crossed the wall, I looked to the right and I didn't see anyone coming. Then I looked downfield and I saw the kicker was the only one left, and I had Bobby Ratliff out in front.

"After a while, the kicker had backpedaled so much that I knew he would never get me," Black said. "Once I saw the goal line, nothing was going to keep me from getting in, and Ratliff threw a good block."

Black said nobody touched him on the run, and added that it took a while for the touchdown to sink in.

"It really didn't hit me until I got to the sidelines that the score would count," Black said. "I expected to see a flag. It's happened before."

It's been a long time since a North Carolina player returned a punt for a touchdown. The last Tar Heel to do it was Mel Collins, who returned one 42 yards to score against Wake Forest in

Black said he returned several punts for touchdowns while in high school at East Forsyth in Winston-Salem. "I returned one 89 yards once that I remember," Black said, "and there were several like that."

MSU coach Rex Dockery said the punt return was the most important play of the game.

"We were scared of their return game coming in," Dockery said. When asked what happened on that particular play, Dockery said: "It went all the way is what it looked like to me. We just got blocked. And we didn't keep our poise well after that. It had to be the turning point."

Black finished the day with six punt returns for 98 yards, including the touchdown.

At halftime, Black ran over in his mind what he had to do in the second half.

"I concentrated on what I had to do at the half," he said. "I just thought about having confidence in myself, having confidence in my blocking, and I went out and did what I had to



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Graduate Students: A workshop on transition/adjustments to the academic pressures and new social setting will be held at

nembers at 4 p.m. in the Carolina Union. Check at the Union

AIESEC will hold a general member's meeting for all old

There will be a Di-Phi meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of New West. Everyone is welcome. The UNC Dungeons and Dragons Club will meet at 7:30

p.m. in the Carolina Union. Come and find out about the

The UNC Model United Nations Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Hamilton Hall. All are welcome. For more information call Patricia Wallace at 968-1552.

The UNC Waterpolo Club will have an organizational meeting at 4 p.m. in the Carolina Union. All members and anyone interested please attend. Call 968-9062 and ask for

Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament will hold an organizational meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Campus Y. Check information desk for room number.

Circle K will have its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the

Carolina Union. Check sheet at Union desk for room number

There will be a meeting for all students interested in applying for Rhodes Scholarships at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in Hamilton 569. Application forms and explanatory material are available from Linda Stephenson in Hamilton 559. The Mu Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. invites all interested young men to their fall smoker at 7:30 p.m.

interested in joining are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday in the Carolina Union. The Association of Business Students will be having its first general meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Carroll 106. All interested students are encouraged to attend. The Carolina Indian Circle will hold its first meeting of the year at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Campus Y building. All those

An organizational meeting for the volunteer program at

John Umstead Hospital will be held at 7 p.m. in the Carolina

Union. Check Union desk for room number. All those in-

terested are invited to attend. This is a great experience for

The Performing Arts Committee is meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Delta Sigma Pi will held fall rush meetings at 7 p.m. in 02

COMING EVENTS

psychology majors and those interested in psychology.

Check roster in the Carolina Union for room number.

Old Carroll. Anyone interested is asked to attend.

The Carolina Union Special Projects Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Please check the Carolina Union desk for The UNC Sailing Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 111

should meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the CGA office in the

The UNC 4-H Collegiate Club invites you to its first meeting of the year at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Carolina Union. Old 4-H members and those interested in 4-H are welcome. Check

Union desk for room number. Than Average at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Carolina Union. Please

The UNC Riding Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Be Former U.S. Congressman Richardson Preyer, a UNC poli-

tical science professor, will speak to the UNC Young Democrats at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 226 Carolina Union. The Yackety Yack will have an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Carolina Union auditorium. We need

photographers, writers, organizers and anyone else willing to The Campus Governing Council will attempt to hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 226 Carolina Union. There will be an ECU Medical School recruiting visit at 7

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Friday in the Pit.

Diamond Gals: Anyone interested in becoming a UNC Varsity Baseball Diamond Gal please call Judy (967-0263), Ann

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Carolina Union for applications and information. Graduate and Professional Student Federation is accepting applications for office secretary. Approximately six hours per week. Hourly pay rate, time negotiable. Call 962-5675 or stop by Suite D in the Carolina Union for information

DAT (Dental Admission Test) Oct. 8: Last test date for 1984 idmissions. Applications must be received by Monday and are available in 01 Brauer Hall, 201-D Steele Building and Nash

GRE (Graduate Record Exam) Oct. 15: Applications mus be postmarked by Sept. 15 and are available at Nash Hall and in 200 Bynum Hall.

College Bowl, the Varsity Sport of the Mind, is returning for the 1983-84 season. Applications for moderator, scorer, timer and checker will be accepted through noon, Sept. 16. Forms vailable at the Union Desk. Watch for further information The Campus Y Volunteer Action Center is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help you find an appropriate volunteer position Call 962-2333 or stop by the Y.

Contraceptive Health Education Clinic is now meeting every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Health Education Section of the Stu sponsible partners in sexual matters. CHEC provides an informative, informal discussion of contraception. Individual nsultations also available by appointment. Call 966-2281,

volunteer experience to work two hours weekly as volunteer counselors. Call 962-2333 or stop by the Campus Y. The final application deadline for students planning to apply

for admission to the junior physical therapy class, fall 1984 is

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