

SPORTS

Crum says Tar Heels have chance at LSU

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North Carolina football coach Dick Crum downplayed the penalty that led to North Carolina's opening-game victory over Navy and said UNC has a great chance to win Saturday's home opener against No. 10 LSU.

Speaking at his weekly press conference at Slug's, Crum said he thought there were two Navy linemen in the end zone by the time quarterback Bill Byrne had released the ball. "They had that same penalty called earlier in the game, just at not such a crucial time," Crum said.

For the ineligible receiver downfield penalty to be called, a lineman must be three yards beyond the line of scrimmage. Navy's two-point conversion try came from the three-yard line. Byrne sprinted out to his right and held the ball for several seconds before throwing for an apparent conversion.

"It was an easy call for the referees to make because the end zone was navy blue and as soon as a lineman stepped into it he's ineligible," Crum said. "We've had that called on us before. The linemen tend to hang around for awhile and then drift downfield, especially if they think the ball has already been released."

Crum was liberal in dishing out praise for Saturday's performances, but was especially complimentary of the defensive effort. "The defense is probably moving as well as we've ever moved," he said. "With the interceptions and tips, we probably got our hands on more balls than we did all of last year."

"Larry Griffin (who was named ACC defensive back of the week) had a super

interception that saved a touchdown, and Carl Carr played a great game (in on 24 tackles, one interception)."

Offensively, Crum said he wasn't surprised. "We had some typical first-game errors, some balls dropped in the end zone, but we also made some good plays," he said.

Crum said Saturday's game would be a challenge for the Tar Heels, who will face one of the nation's top backfields in LSU's Jeff Wickersham, Dalton Hilliard and Garry James. "This kind of ballgame will help us get better," he said. "When you play good competition you tend to improve."

Crum refused to concede anything as far as the game's outcome. "I think we've got a great chance to win it," he said. "Either way it will make us a better football team."

Most of the team would probably agree that they will be a bit better football team if they win.

F. hockey cancelled

The women's field hockey game scheduled for tonight at 7:00 against High Point College on the Astroturf Field has been cancelled, the UNC Sports Information Department announced Tuesday.

Evidently, the High Point team had too many injuries to field a team, so the UNC team will have an intrasquad practice.

It was also announced that the women's soccer games Saturday against Brevard and Emory have been cancelled as well.

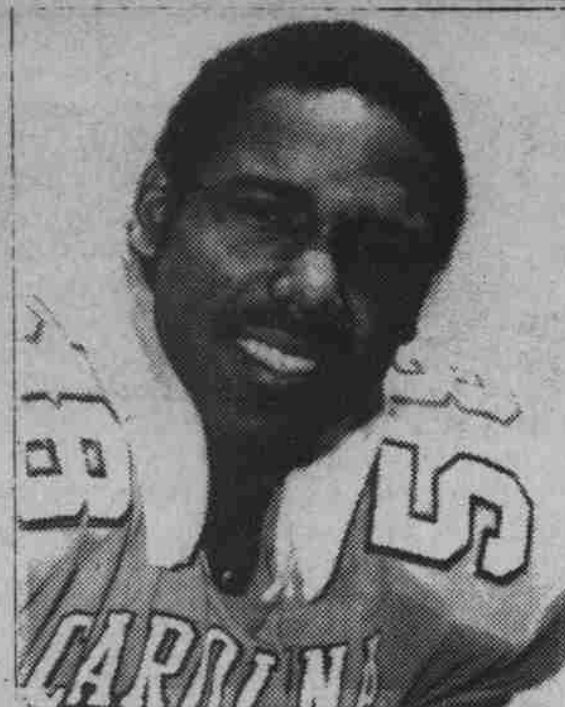
unc athlete of the week

"He played a great football game," Dick Crum said of Carl Carr's performance in North Carolina's 21-19 victory last Saturday at Navy.

Carr, the senior linebacker from Alexandria, Va., did indeed spearhead a strong North Carolina defensive effort against the Midshipmen and for his hard work, he has been awarded the coveted Athlete of the Week.

Carr led the Tar Heel defense with an imposing 24 tackles — 4 unassisted and 20 assisted — and also stifled a Navy drive with an interception. Carr broke up a pass as well.

We witnessed plenty of other outstanding performances this week, including Jo Boobas and Marcia McDermott scoring three goals each in two women's soccer matches and Claire Dougherty and Louise Hines registering two goals each in field hockey. But we would be remiss if we were not to award this week's honorable mention to Mark Miller. Who is Mark Miller, you ask? Miller is Navy's offensive right guard, who wandered a little too far



Carl Carr

downfield during the infamous two-point conversion attempt, allowing UNC to hold on to its 21-19 victory.

Thanks to all for your extraordinary efforts this week.

LSU football tix go out today

Tickets for UNC students to Saturday's football game with Louisiana State will be distributed today at the Carmichael Auditorium ticket office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will continue on Thursday and Friday if there are any tickets left.

Each student can get up to six tickets, as long as he or she has valid student IDs and athletic passes for each ticket.

The Carolina Athletic Association announced Tuesday that 400 season guest passes are still available for

North Carolina football this year. They are on sale at the Carmichael Ticket Office until Sept. 14.

Season passes sell for \$42, which is half the price of buying passes individually.

There are also some individual guest passes left for the LSU game for \$14.

Both season and individual guest passes must be picked up before regular LSU tickets, if you wish to use the LSU guest pass.

Men's soccer on roll, seeks revenge today

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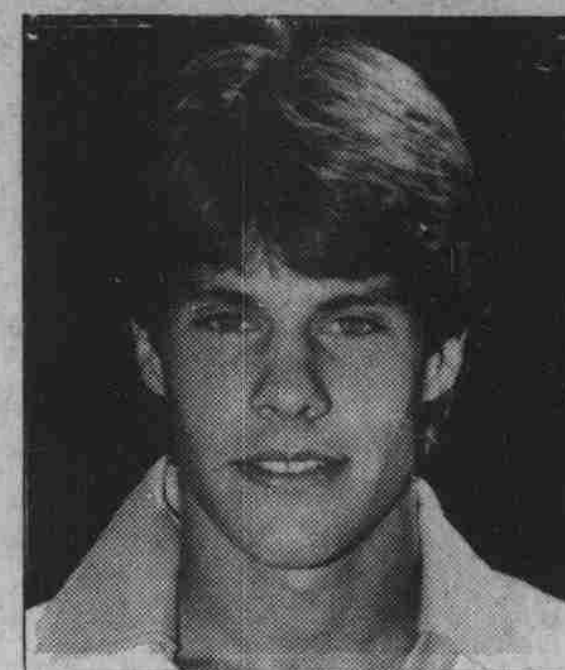
When last year began, the men's soccer team was looking forward to the season ahead with anticipation. An NCAA bid did not seem out of reach. But any dreams the Tar Heels might have had for tournament glory were quickly dispelled by a heartbreaking 3-5 start. Included in those five defeats was a disappointing loss to small Atlantic Christian, a loss which came on, of all things, a free kick.

This year, the season has begun differently for UNC. The Tar Heels firing out of the gates in their first three matches. They crushed Southern Indiana 5-0 and followed that up with a 3-1 victory over Furman and a 4-1 devastation of Erskine. They are 3-0 and have outscored their opponents 12-2.

And so today, when at 3:00 p.m. on Fetzer Field the men once more face off against Atlantic Christian, the stakes will be much higher. It goes without saying that victory will be similarly much sweeter.

Last year's loss still gnaws at the team's memory. "Losing to them was a big disappointment," assistant coach John Richards said. "We were definitely better than them and they won it on a free kick which our goalkeeper just missed." Revenge will be a big motivator for UNC and should take care of any ideas of looking ahead to Sunday's match with Clemson.

But more than just revenge will be motivating the Tar Heels when they step on to the field today. Since that horrendous start a year ago, coach Anson Dorrance's players have been as



Tommy Nicholson

hot as any team in the nation. They were 9-2-1 in their last twelve games last season and with their 3-0 record this year have now won 12 of their last 15. The Dorrance machine is rolling inexorably toward Clemson, and pity the team (read Atlantic Christian) which stands in its way.

The Tar Heels' main offensive spark this season has come from the duo of sophomore striker Tommy Nicholson and freshman midfielder Dino Megaloudis. Nicholson has played Phil Esposito to Megaloudis' Bobby Orr by scoring five goals while his partner has three assists and has chipped in with two goals.

Defensively, UNC has received unexpected help in goal from freshman Brad Davis. When the season began, Dorrance pointed to goalkeeping as an area of obvious concern, but Davis emerged during practice as the choice to start, and his scintillating play in the nets has alleviated many of the coaching staff's worries. Indeed, two statistics suffice to say all that needs to be said about Davis. His goals-against average is an infinitesimal 0.66, and the Tar Heels have yet to fall behind in the three games he has started.

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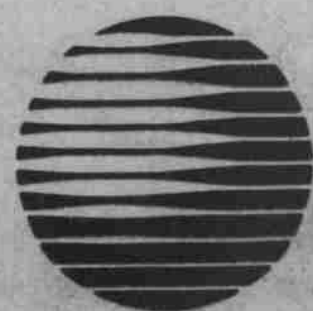
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