

# Kenan Stadium, no place for a launching pad, folks

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A lot of good things came out of Saturday's 51-7 football win over VMI. Unfortunately, none of those good things were going on in the Kenan Stadium stands.

While the football team was having a great game in every sense of the word, a few fans in Section 17 were not.

The idiots in question proudly displayed their lack of gray matter during the halftime card section show, a weekly feature at UNC home games and a perennial attraction for those who like to showcase their stupidity and insensitivity.

After the last card stunt — the traditional "Go To Hell State" one — was completed, some of these card-bearers pulled a stunt of their own.

They flung the colored laminated plastic cards in the air, watching them careen down and knock the heads of the people below them.

The only problem with this (aside from the fact that everyone was kindly asked not to throw the cards) is that those cards are heavy, and when you wing one of them it can really hurt whoever is unfortunate enough to be in its path.

I saw a girl who couldn't have been more than 10 years old get clocked with one of those things in the side of the neck.

What's the rationale for the idiots that seem to get a thrill out of watching these cards fly through the air? Heck, Biff, let's go out to the stadium, drink some George Dickel, and watch little girls bleed from the ear.

If these people get such deep inner

## press box club

satisfaction out of watching things fly why don't they go out to the airport and sit on the runway?

Let's get it together, people. This is college. Why don't we try something new on a Saturday afternoon? It's called thinking.

**OTHER TEDIOUS TIDBITS:** The women's soccer team, after its 6-0 rout of N.C. State Wednesday, has not lost for 54 consecutive matches, dating back to a 3-1 season-opening loss to Connecticut in 1983. Wow . . . James Worthy, former UNC basketball star and now with the World Champion L.A. Lakers, completed his bachelor of arts degree when he completed Philosophy 21 last week. "I know some people probably felt I wouldn't bother to come back and get it (a degree), but a college degree has been a goal of mine since I was a kid," said Worthy, who left UNC after his junior year, 1982, when he led the Tar Heels to the national championship . . . right winger Tim Kerr, one of the best players in the NHL and a major reason the Philadelphia Flyers had so much success last year, has been hospitalized with aseptic meningitis, a viral infection of the lining of the brain . . . Don Mattingly, with his second straight 200-hit season, is the first Yankee player to do that since 1936-37, when Joe DiMaggio did it. Mattingly's got the inside track on A.L. MVP honors . . . the Mets' Gary Carter hit 13 home runs in September.

# Seniors lead field hockey into ODU rematch

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Throughout collegiate sports history, the most successful and memorable teams have been those with a strong core of senior leadership. Last April, Villanova's stunning NCAA basketball championship upset of powerful Georgetown provided a perfect illustration of the force of "senior power."

For Villanova, it was Ed Pinckney, Gary McLain and Dwayne McClain who supplied the senior spark. For UNC coach Karen Shelton's third-ranked women's field hockey team, it's Louise Hines, Beth Logan and Jan Miles who hope to carry North Carolina to a national title.

As UNC, which sports a 5-1 record, prepares for Sunday's 1 p.m. home rematch with top-ranked and 8-0 Old Dominion, a profile of Shelton's group of upset-minded seniors is in order. Each of these three upperclassmen contribute to the team's success in distinct, yet interwoven roles.

We'll begin with high-scoring co-captain Louise Hines. Firmly entrenched as UNC's second-leading career scorer with 59 goals (22 behind leader Bashi Buba, a 1979 graduate), the 5-6 forward from Westport, Ct. is a good bet to duplicate last season's All-America selection in 1985.

Hines' value to the team goes far beyond mere shots and goals. Termed a "natural leader" by Shelton, she has a special knack for providing that much-needed lift for her teammates at just the right time. This penchant for sparking the Tar Heels has already been evidenced this season in home victories over Penn State and Virginia Commonwealth.

Hines' capacity for field generalship is enhanced by her outstanding ability and hard-working attitude. "Louise has world-class ability," Shelton pointed out. "But she has expanded her knowledge of the game and it has made her a much better all-around player."

Joining Hines as a co-captain is midfielder Beth Logan. The 5-5 native of Tuckerton, N.J., possesses an impressive combination of offensive and defensive skills, justifying her role as the Tar Heels' sweeper.

"Beth has really come into her own as a player," Shelton said. "She has emerged as a team leader."

Although, as Shelton asserted, Logan is an "unsung hero" due to her lack of eye-popping statistics, her importance to the Tar Heels' fortunes is great. In accordance with her reputation as a hard worker, Logan fought off a pre-season foot stress fracture; thus keeping her consecutive games started streak in



Louise Hines

tact and inspiring her teammates.

Shelton especially likes the current co-captain situation insofar as the Tar Heels have an appointed leader at both the offensive and defensive ends of the field. With Hines and Logan filling the roles of co-captains, UNC certainly is in good hands.

Home crowds and opponents alike have been impressed with the often-dazzling play of North Carolina goalkeeper Jan Miles. The 5-2 art major from Salisbury, Md. has fashioned

numerous masterpieces of her own on the hockey field throughout her four years as the Tar Heels' starting keeper. While the thoughts of lesser players would sometimes wander in the course of a 70 minute contest, Miles prides herself on concentration. "Jan has a great ability to concentrate," Shelton said. "The mental aspect of goalkeeping is very important."

Now this group of senior Tar Heels turns their attention toward Old Dominion, which brings a 40-game win streak into Sunday's contest, and reversing a disturbing trend of Monarch domination. Since winning the first two meetings between the schools, UNC has gone 0-for-the-eighties. In fact, the Tar Heels have been unable to score so much as one goal against ODU in their last five meetings.

Nonetheless, hope springs eternal in North Carolina. "We know we're just as good as they are," Shelton said. "Now it's just a matter of proving it."

Having dropped a 2-0 decision in Norfolk, Va., earlier this season, the Tar Heels undoubtedly will be hungry for a win. With Hines, Logan and Miles leading the way, North Carolina hopes to duplicate Villanova's hardwood feat with an upset victory of their own on the Astroturf of Chapel Hill this Sunday.

# Where have all the pro football powers gone?

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Slowly, but surely, mediocrity has spread throughout the NFL, sparing few and sparing many. The most sobering fact of all is this: after just four weeks of play, 26 of the 28 teams have already been proven to be ordinary. Once the Greatest Show on Earth, Rozelle's NFL has degenerated into "Pete's Potpourri of Parity." If you don't agree, too bad; because I have a few points to make.

It sure seems as though commissioner Pete Rozelle has finally realized his longtime dream of league-wide parity.

After last season's performance in which the San Francisco 49ers rolled to an 18-1 record and their second world championship in four years, coach Bill Walsh was tagged a genius and his squad tagged unbeatable. Oh, how the mighty have fallen!

1985 has seen the Niners stumble to a 2-2 start, with losses against the mediocre Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints. Either Bill Walsh got awful dumb, awful quick; or the pale cast of parity has overtaken the NFL. I am compelled to opt for the latter theory.

You remember the Washington Redskins? Super Bowl champion, divisional kingpin, Dallas Cowboy

destructor. Don't look now, but our burgundy and gold clad heroes are 1-3 and threatening to give back all those wins they stockpiled over the past three years. Rumor has it they'll soon change their nickname to the Deadskins.

The perennially hated, and respected, L.A. Raiders aren't even good enough this year to waste hatred on. With Jim Plunkett and his faithful sidekick Marc Wilson both nursing injuries, the task of quarterbacking the silver and black has fallen to Oklahoma State grad Rusty Hilger. How can anyone hate a guy with the same name as the neighbor's dog? The 2-2 Raiders are, simply put, boring.

Finally, and most painfully for this writer, we must turn our attention to Don Shula's defending AFC champion Miami Dolphins. Forget the 3-1 record, it's a fraud. The heretofore awesome Dolphins lost to Houston; the team with the powder-blue uniforms and anemic offense.

The world of professional football hasn't seen a trio who could ignite excitement like Dan Marino, Mark

Duper and Mark Clayton since some dudes named Bradshaw, Swann and Stallworth teamed up in Pittsburgh to the tune of four world championships in six seasons. Duper and Clayton are both sidelined with injuries.

All of these factors have combined to leave a definite impact on a football institution: television. As Parity tightens its evil grip on the outcome of NFL games, some fans have lost interest.

Television ratings for NFL games have taken a pounding over the past several years. Possibly, this drop is attributable to the fact that there are no longer any true upsets in the NFL, only semi-unexpected outcomes.

Because of parity, heated rivalries like those of the mid-seventies (Steelers-Cowboys, Steelers-Raiders, Steelers-anybody) are slow to develop. The NFL desperately needs a team to step from the faceless pool of mediocre organizations, to assume the role of power-house, and to bring genuine excitement back to pro football.

Are you listening, Chuck Noll?

## football picks of the week

| Teams                         | Lee Roberts<br>23-16-1<br>.590 | Tim Crothers<br>23-16-1<br>.590 | Scott Fowler<br>23-16-1<br>.590 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| UNC at Georgia Tech           | UNC                            | UNC                             | UNC                             |
| Duke at Virginia              | Duke                           | UVa.                            | UVa.                            |
| Maryland at N.C. State        | Md.                            | Md.                             | Md.                             |
| Clemson at Kentucky           | Clem.                          | Clem.                           | Ken.                            |
| Wake Forest at Tennessee      | Tenn.                          | Tenn.                           | Tenn.                           |
| Ohio State at Illinois        | OSU                            | OSU                             | Ill.                            |
| Notre Dame at Air Force       | AF                             | ND                              | AF                              |
| Baylor at Houston             | BU                             | BU                              | Hous.                           |
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