

Duke wins 1st in Kenan since '66

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It's very hard to lose an 18-point lead with 19 minutes remaining. You really have to work at it.

Saturday, the UNC football team succeeded in that monumental task, pulling together and playing some absolutely awful football in the latter third of the game to enable Duke to squeeze out a 23-21 victory and mercifully close the books on another frustrating year for the Tar Heels.

Shortly after the game was over, most of the Duke team came whooping out of its locker room, chanting "Ring that bell!" They clustered around the Victory Bell and listened to its glorious chime, a sound that 100 yards away in the UNC locker room may have sounded like a death toll.

"You lost to Duke," the bell mocked. "To Duke!"

Senior linebacker Carl Carr, cutting tape off his ankles for the last time at UNC, couldn't believe it. "I love these guys to death," he said softly, gesturing at the team. "I don't understand how we came so close so many times and let them slip away like that."

Although William Humes' fumble in the final minute was the worst of this tragicomedy of errors, the mistake-prone game was a team and coaching effort. It's hard to pinpoint the worst of the worst, but among the more brilliant mistakes:

- The coaching staff allowing Humes to run the ball in the first place in the last minute of the game. Three falls on the ball, a couple of delay of game penalties and a Tommy Barnhardt boomer would have given Duke the ball on about its own 20 with 30 seconds left and no timeouts. Coach Dick Crum said the Tar Heels thought they needed at least one first down, and Derrick Fenner had gotten hurt, so they relied on the unreliable Humes.

- The fumble itself. "I was going in the hole and spinning out and as I spun I left the ball open and someone (Duke's Pete Stubbs) got a hit on it," Humes said. "I wish I hadn't tried to get that extra yard."

- Eric Starr missing a golden chance to fall on Doug Green's fumble at the UNC 10 on Duke's last drive.

Of course there were a multitude more: 14 penalties for 117 yards marked off against UNC, Kevin Anthony fumbling a field goal snap causing Lee Gilarmis' attempt of 30 yards to be blocked by a Duke player's ankle, Larry Griffin's two pass interference penalties on the Duke drive that cut the score to 21-16, etc.

Sarcasm aside, there was brilliance in this game, most of it provided by the sophomore Green. On the final touchdown pass, Duke coach Steve Sloan called "100," meaning for Slayden to throw the ball out of bounds. But instead, "I tried to virtually throw it away, but give Doug a chance," Slayden said. "I threw it as hard as I could." Green dove in the left corner and made the grab that

sealed the Tar Heels' fate.

If you were like many fortunate UNC fans, you never saw that catch, which was Green's third touchdown of the game. The play climaxed a 56-yard drive and put Duke ahead 22-21. The Blue Devils made a major mistake of their own, not going for two and thus enabling UNC to have a chance to win the game with a field goal, but the Tar Heels made that (extra) point moot by their final exercise in futility in which Hall moved UNC backwards five yards in three plays before throwing an interception.

In a season that has had many bitter failures, UNC's loss to Duke was undoubtedly the harshest. The Tar Heels lost four of their last five games to finish the season at 5-6, the first losing season since 1978, Crum's first season here. The Tar Heels are now 11-15-1 in their last 27 games.

Duke pulled its record to 4-7 and established itself as the best team in the Triangle after last week's victory over N.C. State with its first win at Kenan since 1966.

The game was mired in mediocrity from the opening kickoff, which Kenny Miller shanked out of bounds, and many of the fans left with UNC still comfortably atop the Blue Devils, 21-3, early in the third quarter.

They missed Duke's drive of 74 yards that was keyed by the first of several Green miracles, a fourth-and-five diving grab at the UNC 20. "I've never seen a wide receiver have a better game," said Duke coach Steve Sloan afterwards. Two plays later, Green slanted across the middle and caught his first TD pass to make the score 21-10.

No problem, right? UNC was still covering the point spread, up by 11, and drove down to Duke's nine on its next possession. But Hall's pass on third-and-goal was tipped and intercepted by Howard Woods. After an exchange of punts, Duke ground out another long drive, this one going 82 yards in six minutes, with Slayden pitching the final yard to Green. Howard Figgins sacked Slayden on a two-point conversion try to keep the score at 21-16.

Andy Andreasik's onside kick was pounced on by Tim Morrison, and the game should have been over. However, that recovery only set the stage for Humes, who has lost five fumbles in the last three games.

The Tar Heels did play a good first half. Earl Winfield caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from Hall the second time UNC had the ball. Later in the game Winfield set the career record for pass receptions with his 107th, breaking Art Weiner's mark of 106.

After a 20-yard field goal by the Blue Devils' Ken Harper, Hall rolled left for five yards into the end zone to climax a 27-yard drive set up by a Duke personal foul. The score stayed at 14-3 until the third quarter, when Arnold Franklin took a pass from Hall and bowled over two Duke defenders on his way to a 25-yard touchdown pass that made it 21-3. Then came the infamous final 19 minutes.

Loss to Duke a 4-part story of blown chances

By MIKE BERARDINO
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Duke's 23-21 win on Saturday was either a miracle or a debacle, depending on who you ask. More accurately, it was a combination of both.

Anytime an 11-point underdog like Duke wins in a place they hadn't won for nearly two decades, numerous themes are available for analysis. What follows is a sampling of the more apparent ones:

The Record

One of the few bright spots in an otherwise distressful loss for North Carolina was wide receiver Earl Winfield. The senior from Petersburg, Va. (a.k.a. the town that Moses Malone built) caught four passes, lifting his career total to 107 and breaking the UNC record of 106 set by Art Weiner (1946-1949).

It bears repeating that while many of Winfield's fellow seniors were left with feelings of emptiness and inner turmoil, Winfield maintained a level-headed perspective. "You could sit around and mope for the rest of your life, but that's not going to accomplish anything," he said. "Actually, I'm pretty happy because I've been a part of such a great organization." The talented Winfield's ability to cope with a 5-6 season may be aided by his bright prospects for an NFL career.

The Green Machine

It was an unheralded sophomore wideout from Graham, N.C. named Doug Green who turned in the undisputable performance-of-the-day. The 6-1 Green played like a "pass-catching machine" on Saturday, snagging 10 passes and scoring all three Duke touchdowns.

"Nobody could play any better than that," Duke coach Steve Sloan said later. "(Green) made some plays I just can't believe." Indeed, by repeatedly

finding the open area in the UNC zone coverage, Green was a painful thorn in the side of the Tar Heel defense; a thorn that eventually ripped the very life from a usually vibrant unit.

The Fumble

One couldn't blame William Humes if he'd rather forget his junior season. From an early-season knee injury suffered in practice to a late-season fumble spree; 1985 hasn't exactly been a fun-o-rama of joy for Humes. "I can't understand (the fumbling)," the Asheville native pensively said. "It really hurts me to go out there and have that happen. I feel sick."

Humes' fumble with 1:52 left gave Duke the ball on its 44 with plenty of time to score and helped finalize the Tar Heels' self-destruction. "I feel sorry for William that it had to come down to his fumble," quarterback Jonathan Hall said. "But today was a collective effort. We just killed ourselves."

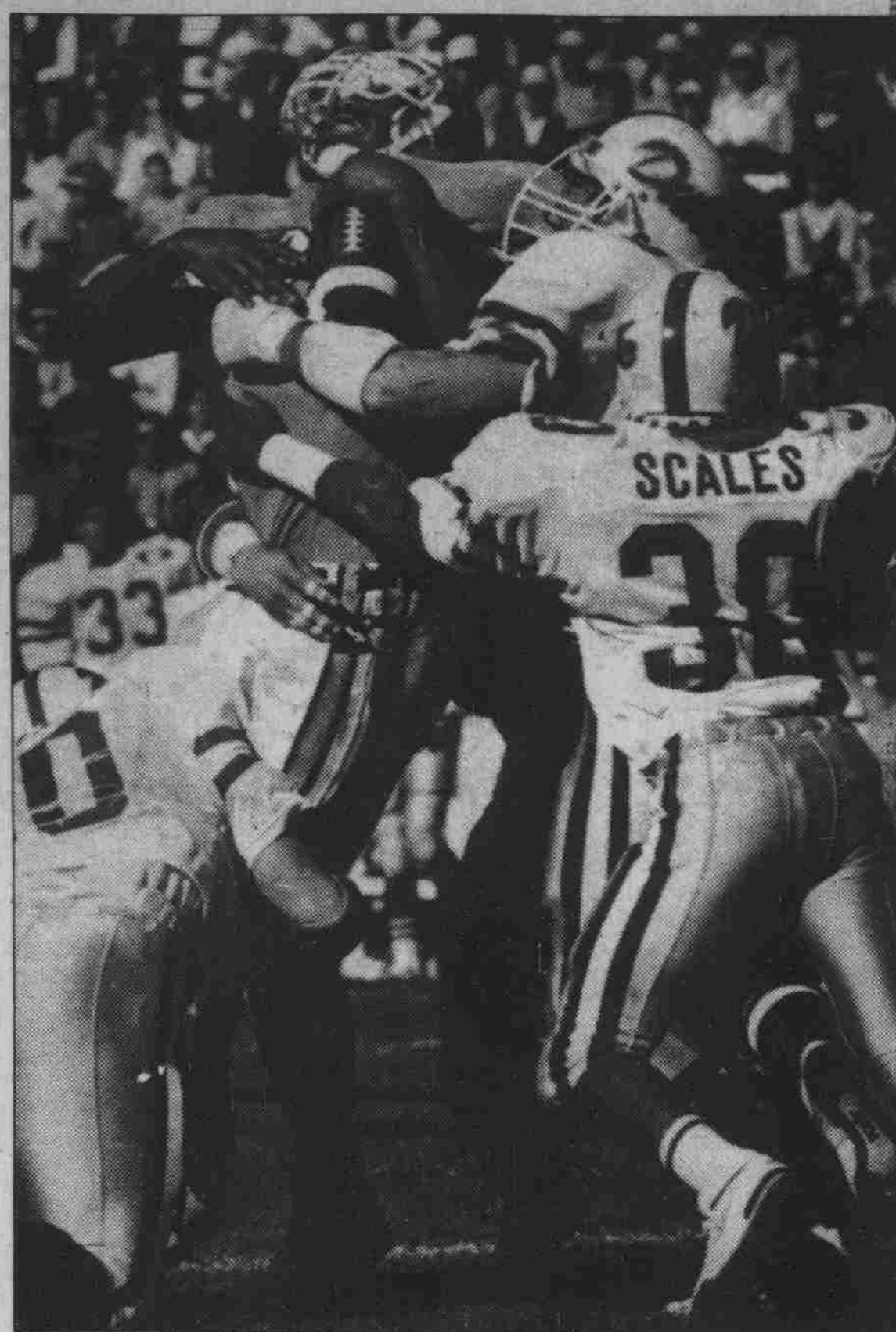
A possible theme song for the UNC football squad could be a slight variation of The Kinks' oldie in which they sing "Paranoia, self-destroyer." In Chapel Hill, it would be "Carolina, self-destroyer."

Randomness

A whole slew of added observations on Saturday's game come to mind. Here's a few:

How ironic it is that in the same year the Tar Heels ended a winless string against Clemson with their first victory over the Tigers in Kenan since 1971 they would blow a home win streak against Duke which dated back to 1966.

... Hall's scrambling ability is reminiscent of Doug Flutie. His quarterback draw on UNC's first possession gained 18 yards and set the stage for more scampers later in the contest, including a second-quarter touchdown run. "I like to run the ball," Hall said later. "It keeps the defense honest."



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Arnold Franklin getting tied up by a horde of Blue Devils

UNC loses to Duke in ACC volleyball finals

By PARIS GOODNIGHT
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Duke University did a double on UNC this weekend, beating not only the football team, but also the volleyball team in the ACC tournament championship game Sunday in Carmichael Auditorium. Duke now has a two-year reign as ACC champion.

The Blue Devils won in three straight games, making this their fourth victory over the Tar Heels this year. Duke, the top seed in the tournament, is now 23-8 after finishing the regular season 20-8, 6-1 in the ACC.

North Carolina ended the year with a 30-14 record, winning two games in the tournament and finishing as they were seeded, second.

"I was pleased with the way we played," said UNC coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes. "We're just a little bit young and still a little bit green."

UNC did not play as badly as the

scores (15-6, 15-6, 15-7) seem to indicate. Duke simply played better when they had the serve and could score, and they controlled the momentum of the match.

"Everyone was up. They just outplayed us today," said Jill Berkebile. "They had the momentum and we just couldn't get the points."

Duke controlled the lead for most of the match but UNC stayed close early in the first and third games. In the first game, Duke went ahead first but the Tar Heels brought the score to 4-3 on strong play by senior co-captain Krissy Ibach and Berkebile, who was named to the first team all-ACC team along with freshman Sherri Vogel.

Both teams fought with each other

for control of the game but it was soon evident that Duke was taking control. They had the lead at 11-6, behind the powerful spikes of 6-3 senior Diane Brown, but the scoring stopped there as both teams changed serves. Finally, Duke's Linda Craft spiked over the 12th point and they went on to win 15-6.

The second game started with a 10-0 run by Duke, mainly from the powerful kills of Denise Yamada. After a few Duke mistakes, UNC scored but never got close as the Blue Devils gained momentum and won 15-6.

The final game seemed much closer but was nearly another 15-6 loss as the score hung at 14-6. The Tar Heels fought hard to hold off the inevitable and scored once more, only to lose 15-

7. Duke's Susan Wilson, the tournament MVP, was a constant problem for UNC as she gave perfect set-ups to the spikers Brown and Yamada and vocal leadership to the team.

North Carolina breezed by Wake Forest in three games Friday but had to play a five-game marathon match that lasted three hours with N.C. State Saturday night.

Coach Bradley-Doppes said of that game, "Last night we had to fight emotionally and psychologically to win."

After the victory, Duke coach Jon Wilson said: "I feel great going into the (NCAA) tournament. They did everything I told them to do today."

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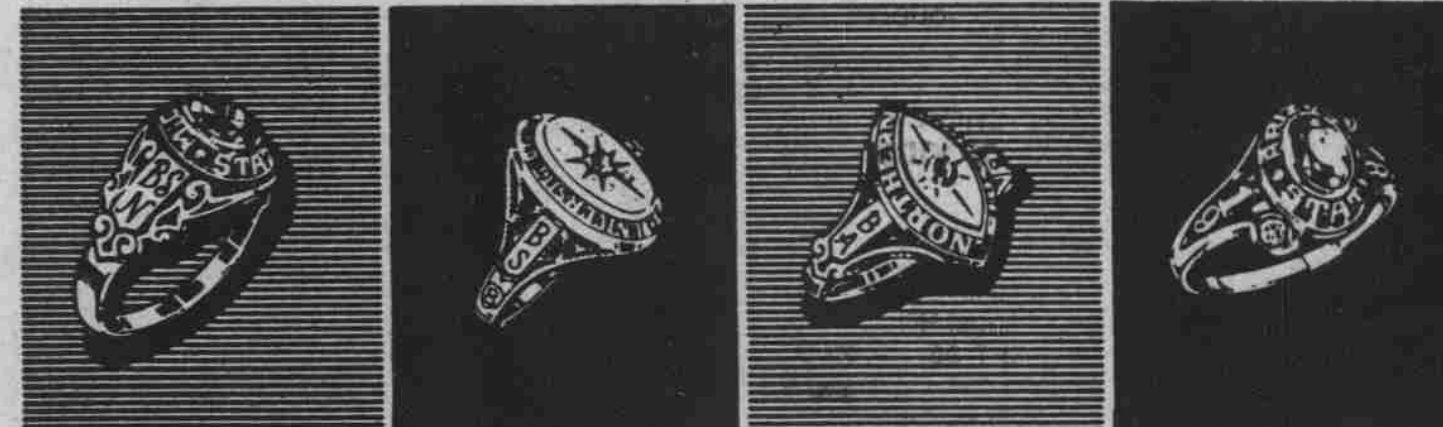
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