

Spots

A-Maye-zing show captivates Kenan

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"Annicipaaaaation, you're making me wait," went the Carly Simon song turned Heinz commercial. That condiment jingle might have been the theme song for legions of North Carolina football fans who for nigh on four years sought in vain for their savior to appear and deliver them from the wasteland of run left, run right, run up the middle and punt.

There will no more of that in Chapel Hill. The wait is over. The wasteland has become Canaan. Mark Maye arrived Saturday, and he was good as promised. And as Prometheus brought fire to mankind to liberate it from darkness, so Maye brought a top-notch passing game to the Tar Heels, played catch-up (no doubt Heinz flavored) ball to perfection and came a tripped tight end away from the promised land of victory over N.C. State.

Begin with the stats. Maye completed 25 of 33 passes for a school-record 311 yards and three touchdowns. More impressively, the heart of those numbers came in the latter part of the second half, with the game on the line.

On UNC's last four possessions, the quarterback who finally showed he was more than a myth hit an incredible 17 of 19 passes for 220 yards and the three scores. It was quite a good show, as Maye's throws achieved the previously impossible. They kept the Tar Heel fans in their seats and away from their waiting Mercedes and LeBarons.

"Mark is awesome," wide receiver Eric Lewis said. "He's been waiting for his chance and this week he got it. He's back, he's back to the status where everyone feels Mark Maye should be."

There are those expectations again. They floated around the Hill all week and finally came to roost Saturday, perching all over Kenan Stadium. The air was thick with them when Maye took his first snap of the day. And their presence made his performance more Homeric than it might otherwise have been.

"I'm really proud of him, because he showed a lot of heart to respond to the pressure like that," offensive coordinator Randy Walker said.

"The anticipation just kept building and building. Man, it was intense. You could cut it with a knife. I can't even imagine what he was feeling."

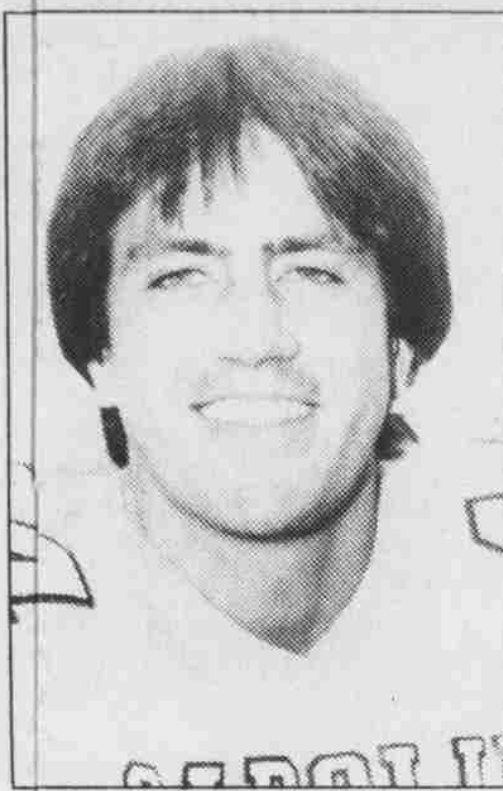
What Maye felt during the game wasn't what he felt when it was all over and the scoreboard read State 35, UNC 34. The loss grated on him. The failed conversion broke his heart as surely as it ended UNC's unbeaten season. But there was still pleasure at having finally played as he always knew he could.

"I'm not feeling real good right now," Maye said. "But I enjoyed it until the last play. As the game went along, I seemed to get more confident, to get in the flow. I was just trying to take the approach to just go out there and have fun."

Along the way, Maye also did a fine job of making sure all his receivers had fun. When he finally settled into his rhythm, a relentlessly pounding beat which battered the State defense, all the throws were where they were supposed to be. One might even say the tosses were where they should have been for the last three years.

"It wasn't that after he made a certain throw I knew he was back," Walker said. "It was more like if he made some throws, I would've known he wasn't back. But I never doubted him, and he never quit. I knew he could make the plays."

Maye made the plays all game long, including the final drive. He trotted on the field with 53 seconds left in the game and 68 yards of chewed-up turf to cover. No problem. After all, he'd had four years



Mark Maye

to get ready for this.

Four plays later, after two passes to tight end Dave Truitt and two to Ed Streater, the ball lay on the 13-yard line of State. Maye dropped back, saw Quint Smith on that goal line. Smith was covered. Maye put the ball right on the numbers. Touchdown. Pandemonium.

"It's called a shake, toward the sideline," Maye said. "Quint had some room and I just tried to throw it as hard as I could."

Walker wasn't so sure that Smith had any room to spare. "He had to throw the football well on that play," Walker said. "I knew State knew it was coming. It was covered. Mark just made a big-league throw."

Since that was Maye's best toss of the day, let that be his epitaph for the game. Big-league throw, big-league performance, and, finally, big-league quarterback. There's no one waiting any more.

State

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to Nasrallah Worthen, who jumped high for the catch, left two defenders sprawled in his wake and sprinted in for the score that gave State a 35-28 lead.

But Maye came right back. He completed five straight passes, the last one a 15-yard TD strike to a usual fourth-quarter hero, Quint Smith, to work the capacity crowd of 51,550 into a frenzy before the unsuccessful two-point conversion. "We're elated to win the ball game," said State coach Dick Sheridan, who won his first UNC-State battle as his

team moved to second place in the conference with a 3-1 ACC record and a 4-1-1 overall slate. UNC fell to 2-1 and 4-1-1.

UNC coach Dick Crum gambled a number of times Saturday, with a mixed payoff. Early in the first quarter on fourth-and-one from State's 5, the coach decided to go for it. But Derrick Fenner was pushed out of bounds short of the first down, a play that resulted in Crum benching his starting tailback for the rest of the game. Crum's only regret about putting Fenner on the sidelines in the first quarter? "We should have gone to Starr even earlier," he said.

Starr ran for 102 yards for his career-best total, breaking several dizzying runs and scoring once but also losing the two fumbles. Smith caught nine passes for 126 yards and ran his routes with a Steve Largent-like precision. Another wide receiver, Eric Lewis, ripped off an 84-yard punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter and also caught a 16-yard TD pass from Maye.

State also had several brilliant individual performances. Worthen caught eight passes for 160 yards and was generally unstoppable. Running back Frank Harris ran 10 times for 99 yards, including a 50-yard sprint that set up the game's first touchdown, and linebacker Pat Teague won in on 19 tackles.

Bowl scouts a breed apart

By BOB YOUNG
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There were some very welcome strangers who showed up in the press box at the North Carolina-N.C. State game Saturday. Men who acted as if they were born with an extended, open right hand. Men with fruit on their lapels. Men who remind you of a Steve Martin monologue. ("Hey, It's really great to be here!") Bowl representatives.

Scouts from six post-season bowls — Liberty, Hall of Fame, All-American, New Peach, Sun and Florida Citrus — looked on as the Wolfpack and the Tar Heels duked it out below.

They came loaded down with pamphlets (often beseeching in nature) explaining why their bowls were great and only getting better.

But for the most part, they just watched. They talked to their fellow scouts and watched some more, pondering whether the Tar Heels or the Wolfpack might earn a shot at post-season play.

"What I've seen today is a couple of pretty potent offenses and a couple of pretty suspect defenses," said Wayne Bennett, a representative of the Florida Citrus (formerly Tangerine) Bowl. "But as far as we're concerned, the champion of the ACC will definitely be our picture. It may end up being one of these teams out there's still a lot of time to go."

A lot of time. Most bowls won't ask for the honor of a certain team's presence until the end of November. In the meantime, the scouts canvas the country, looking for that team with just the right combination of exciting

play (i.e. a lot of offense), alumni support (i.e. sell out the stadium) and media attention (i.e. top 20 ranking).

Probably, neither State or UNC gained enough status in Bennett's eyes to have him recommend either team for his bowl. After all, the Florida Citrus Bowl is being played on New Year's Day this season and has a network contract with ABC. Its sights are set a little higher.

"Ultimately, we're looking for the two highest-ranked teams available," he said. And quite a few highly ranked teams should be interested in playing in Orlando, Fla., on national television on Jan. 1.

A more realistic aspiration for both teams could be the New Peach Bowl (and New is actually a part of the bowl's official name).

"I liked both clubs I saw today," said Frank Crump of the Atlanta-based game. "Both quarterbacks are playing very effectively and each team looks like it could be a bowl-caliber team."

Ironically, UNC played in the Peach Bowl in 1983 — the last time the Tar Heels competed in post-season play — and looked anything like a bowl-caliber team, losing to Florida State 28-3. Obviously, bowl selection is a bit like a crap shoot.

But bowl outcomes are beyond the responsibility of these scouts. They are the Willie Lomans of the sports world. Travelling from city to city on a shoeshine and a smile, trying to convince various athletic departments that they represent the best there is in bowl-dom. Nothing like them ever was.

"Hey, it's really great to be here!"

Worthy and Jordan heart of action

By WENDY STRINGFELLOW
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Amid a majestic purple mountain range with a peak of 7 feet 2 inches, and a valley of 5 feet 11 inches, James Worthy walked calmly onto the court with his teammates. While Worthy's team, the Los Angeles Lakers, commanded the most majestic, Michael Jordan commanded the most majestic individual performance for the Chicago Bulls. In these two pre-eminent basketball players came home for homecoming to play against each other in an exhibition basketball game.

As each team's lineup was called, numbers 42 in purple and gold, and 33 in white and red, sat waiting. And now two very special players... James Worthy and Michael Jordan." After jogging to center court, Worthy and Jordan shook hands, and Worthy rubbed Jordan's head.

"Have a good game, but don't have too good a game," Worthy said. The Chapel Hill crowd saw Jordan score 36 of the Bulls' 101 points, while Worthy helped his team by scoring 18 of its 123 points.

"I knew the crowd would be looking for something exciting, so just left that up to Michael," Worthy said with a laugh. Since both players signed to play professionally after their junior years at UNC, they said coming home was special.

"I can't have both," Jordan said. "Every time I play here it comes close to being like playing his senior game. I want to keep up with Carolina. I just have to cheerlead and hrow things at the TV."

Of the special introduction, Worthy said, "I got chill bumps. A lot of guys can't go back."

Looking toward Jordan's feet, the popular red-and-black Air Jordan II-top shoes are gone. "These are AJs," Jordan said of the new white

shoes with a red Air Jordan emblem on the tongue.

Despite the Bulls' loss, the AJs got plenty of hang time in the match, as Jordan stuffed the ball three times for the action-loving crowd.

"He's by far the most talented one-on-one player in the league," Worthy said. "A lot of people confuse his confidence with arrogance. We don't have to depend on any one player, whereas, they have to depend on Michael."

As the crowd started thinning after halftime, Worthy said, "I think they would have been a lot more excited had we won the (football) game."

Worthy didn't get to see the

football game, but Jordan was there. "I was pretty upset," Jordan said. "It was the first time I saw Carolina as a passing team instead of as a running team. I think Mark Maye played really well."

Getting back to basketball, Jordan and Worthy both agreed on the status of the Tar Heels this year.

"I think they'll have a good season with the addition of the new freshman (J.R. Reid)," Worthy said. "He doesn't play like a freshman."

"I pick them to win it all," said Jordan. "We're going to have a great bench. I say 'we' because I consider myself a part of the team always. When they win, I win."

Boston rips Mets for 2-0 lead

From staff reports

NEW YORK — Dwight Evans and Dave Henderson homered off New York's Dwight Gooden Sunday night to lead a balanced 18-hit Boston attack and carry the Red Sox to an 9-3 win over the Mets and a 2-0 lead in games in the World Series.

After Henderson's fourth-inning solo shot put the Red Sox ahead 4-2, Evans cranked a two-run drive in the fifth that landed on the pavilion roof in left field and made it 6-2. The Series now moves to Boston

where Game Three will be played Tuesday night. Bob Ojeda and Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd will be the starting pitchers for the Mets and Red Sox respectively.

Steve Crawford, who relieved Boston starter Roger Clemens in the fifth inning, was the winner. Bob Stanley pitched a scoreless final three frames for the American League champions to earn the save.

Only one team, the 1985 Kansas City Royals, has won the Series after losing the first two games at home.

ACC Football Standings

Team	ACC	Overall
Clemson	3-0-0	5-1-0
N.C. State	3-1-0	4-1-1
North Carolina	2-1-0	4-1-1
Duke	1-1-0	3-3-0
Georgia Tech	2-2-0	2-3-1
Wake Forest	1-3-0	4-3-0
Virginia	1-3-0	2-4-0
Maryland	0-2-0	3-3-0

Men's Soccer	
Maryland 3, UNC 2 (OT)	
UNC	1 1-0-2
Maryland	0 2 1-3
Goals: UNC — Devey, Nicholson; UM — Furlong, Ferrin, Kolodziej; Assists: Bruney 2, Falcone, Megaloudis; UM — Casper, Coppett	
Field Hockey	
UNC 3, Maine 2	
UNC	3 0-3
William & Mary	1 1-2
Goals: UNC — Blaisse 2; Falcone; Maine — Morrison, Gerard	
Assists: Bruney 2, Falcone, Gillespie	
UNC 2, Connecticut 0	
UNC	1 1-2
Connecticut	0 0-0
Goals: Falcone, Blaisse	
Assists: Daugherty, Bruney	
College Football	
ACC	
N.C. State 35, UNC 34	
Clemson 35, Duke 3	
Wake Forest 27, Maryland 21	
Auburn 31, Georgia Tech 10	
National	
Miami 45, Cincinnati 13	
Alabama 56, Tennessee 28	
Nebraska 48, Missouri 17	
Michigan 20, Iowa 17	
Oklahoma 19, Oklahoma State 0	
Penn State 42, Syracuse 3	
East Carolina 35, Ga Southern 33	
Texas A&M 31, Baylor 30	
Arkansas 21, Texas 14	
LSU 25, Kentucky 16	
Arizona State 29, USC 20	
SMU 10, Houston 3	
Georgia 38, Vanderbilt 16	
Glasboro St 28, Ramapo 0	
Women's Soccer	
UNC 9, Maryland 0	
UNC	5 4-9
Maryland	0 0-0
Goals: Hegstad 2, Boobas, Serwethny, Heinrichs, Gebauer, Bernardi, Hyatt, Henry	
Assists: Marcia McDermott 3, Higgins 2, Serwethny, Castellon, Guarnotta, Heinrichs	
NOTE: McDermott's three assists tied her and Heinrichs for the all-time assist lead with 43	
Women's Tennis	
UNC 5, Boston College 4	
Goblirsch (UNC) d. Molunphy 6-0, 6-4; Barnes (UNC) d. Richardson 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Wood (BC) d. Stephenson 6-4, 6-4; Rosamilia (BC) d. Lambert 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; Haima (BC) d. Cox 6-3, 6-4; Farmer (UNC) d. Walsh 7-6 (18-16) 6-3	
Doubles: Goblirsch-Barnes (NC) d. Molunphy-Wood 6-2, 7-5; Richardson-H. Kunichika (BC) d. Balentine-Lambert 6-4, 6-0; Cox-Wessels (UNC) d. Callahan-Rosamilia 7-6 (7-4), 6-4	
Records: UNC 3-0, Boston College 6-2	
UNC 9, Virginia Tech 0	
Goblirsch d. Lochiatto 6-2, 6-0; Barnes d. Howard 6-2, 6-4; Stephenson d. Gutch 6-0, 6-1; Balentine d. Chambers 6-0, 2-6, 6-3; Cox d. Moss 6-1, 6-2; Farmer d. Kramer 6-0, 6-4	
Doubles: Barnes-Goblirsch d. Gutch-Howard 6-2, 6-1; Balentine-Lambert d. Lochiatto-Moss 6-1, 6-0; Cox-Wessels d. Leonard-Chambers 6-1, 6-1	
Records: UNC 4-0	
Women's Golf	
The women's golf team finished sixth out of 17 teams at the Lady Kat Invitational at the University of Kentucky. Donna Andrews led UNC with a 76-72-75-223, good for second place individually in the tournament. Kentucky won the team title.	
Volleyball	
UNC d. Clemson 15-13, 15-9, 6-15, 15-12	

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	State	UNC
First downs	26	28
Rushes-yards	46-264	48-191
Passing yards	279	311
Return yards	8	103
Passes	17-27-0	25-33-0
Punts	5-170	3-131
Fumbles-lost	4-3	3-3
Penalties-yards	7-71	7-67
Time of possession	31:41	28:19
North Carolina State	0 14 7 14-35	
North Carolina	0 14 0 20-34	

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