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Football Chris Gardocki booted a 43-yard punt

to Eric Blount. The junior fielded the ball at the 29 and returned it 7 yards to the 36. It was UNC's best field position of the day, but a holding penalty brought the ball back 10 yards.

Throwing on first down, UNC quarterback Todd Burnett looked to split end Julius Reese to start a pivotal drive. Burnett dropped back at the left hashmark and threw across the field for Reese on the right sideline. But instead of moving toward the ball, Reese waited for its arrival.

He could still be there now.

didn't wait, cutting in front of the receiver for an interception and a 30-yard touchdown jaunt that gave the Tigers a 14-3 lead.

The snag was Davis' sixth interception of the season, and it gave his team a school-record six non-offensive TDs, including three on interception returns. "It was more my fault than (Burnett's)," Brown said. "I shouldn't have called it. I shouldn't ask a kid to throw across the field against a great defensive player like that."

After Gardocki's second field goal of the game - a 31-yard chip shot with 2:48 left in the first half - another Tiger defensive effort saved them from the desperate clutches of a North Carolina team playing well above its head.

Throughout the first stanza, UNC's ground game had been ineffective. On the half, in fact, it had generated only 31 yards on 17 carries, whereas the Tigers had already rambled for 124 yards on

only 24 attempts. Brown, logically, opted for the same yards. attack he used in last week's 34-10 victory over Maryland: the pass, which Burnett used to gain 312 yards versus the Terps, the second-highest total in

In the half's waning minutes, six straight completions and a 7-yard run from Burnett moved UNC 54 yards, giving it a first-and-10 on the Clemson 24, close enough for a field goal at worst and a crucial TD at best.

After two incomplete passes, though, the Tar Heels faced a third-and-10 Clemson cornerback Dexter Davis situation. Burnett cocked to throw, but he was hit from behind by outside linebacker Levon Kirkland, who had run over Donnalley. The ball popped loose, falling conveniently into the hands of Tiger middle guard Rob Bodine on the Clemson 40.

Though Clemson took a 17-3 lead into the break, without both of its critical defensive efforts the score probably would have been 10-6.

Clemson's main problem in the game had been Burnett, who had completed 14 of 22 passes for 126 yards. And, yes, once again, the Tiger defense stifled that problem, too.

In the beginning of the third quarter, a Mike Faulkerson two-yard run gave the Tar Heels a first-and-10 on their own 31-yard line, and they appeared to be moving again. But on the next play, Burnett dropped to pass and was sandwiched between Kirkland and tackle Chester McGlockton, who knocked him silly for a 5-yard loss .

Burnett eventually left the field under his own power, but the junior was done for the day. In fact, he was still too dazed and confused after the final bell

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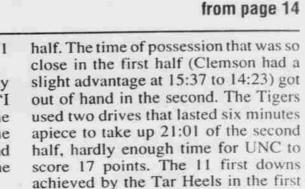
pace, completing 4 of 10 passes for 31

"I was very pleased with the way Todd Burnett started," Brown said. "I thought he started back today the same way he came out of the Maryland game last week. He had a lot of poise and showed a lot of leadership out on the field."

After Burnett's injury, UNC never recovered. Its 157 yards of offense in the first half - eight more, that is, than Clemson had - fell to 38 in the second

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Rushing: UNC - Means 13-37; Runyon 1-5; Faulkerson 4-4; Williams 1-4; Marshall 1-1; Burnette 1-(-3), Blount 1-(-5); Burnett 1-(-5). CU - Williams 19-56; Harris 15-66; Blunt 10-44; Cameron 10-41; Hall 3-13; Ryans 1-8; Moncrief 1-7. Passing: UNC — Burnett 14-22-1 126; Burnette 4-10-0 31. CU — Cameron 8-15 1 68; McLees 1-1-0 1; Moncrief 0-1-0 0. Receiving: UNC - Means 5-35; Holliday 2-25; Blount 3-25; May 2-20; Reese 3-33; Jauch 1-9; Faulkerson 1-3; Felton 1-7. CU — Fields 3-21; Hall 2-10; Witherspoon 1-5; Thomas 2-18; Smith 1-



fell to two in the second. In the fourth quarter, time restraints forced Burnette to go to the air more than usual. The Tar Heels' final gasp came with 3:29 left in the game, but a 40-yard Gardocki punt left UNC stranded at its own 5-yard line. Burnette fumbled on first down, losing three more yards; Faulkerson was tripped up for no gain on second down; and an incomplete pass fell through the hands of Corey Holliday on third down.

"I think we came into the game as a team with too much pressure on ourselves," freshman tailback Natrone Means said. "We weren't relaxed out there today, and it showed. I don't think we were intimidated. I just think that we wanted to do well so badly that it was affecting us overall."

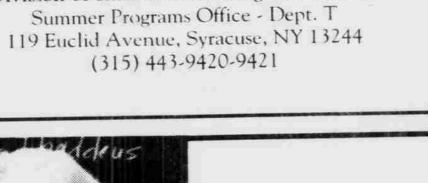
Another aspect of the game that may have stunted the Tar Heels' performance was the presence of representatives from several bowls, watching not only to check out Clemson but also the upstart Tar Heels. Most of them probably left Death Valley with a favorable impression, but with games remaining against Virginia and Duke, impressions can change quickly.

"They see a very young football team that plays hard and gets excited," Brown said. "They saw us throw the ball and move it some against the number one defensive team in the country. We still have two very emotional games to go, and we need to win one and possibly two of them to have a chance at a bowl." Until then, though, it's business as

"It's back to work tomorrow," Means said. "It's just like a win. You have to put it behind you."

As they say.

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Richards (200 IM), Nottingham (100 breast), and Cleevely (one-meter diving), as well as freshmen Cathy Burgess (200 free) and Trish McHardy (500 free). Amey Boesseler's victories in the 100 and 200 backstroke led the Terra-

The men's and women's squads swim next in a Nov. 15 home meet against perennial powerhouse Florida.

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with 28:19 to go. Hershey added a goal and an assist in UNC's four-goal second stanza. Taterosian opened up the scoring for UNC on a penalty corner with 14:44 left in the first half on assists from Anthon and Cox. Buente tied the game at one for the Terrapins 2:02 later

UNC's next step will be the NCAA Tournament, which starts Wednesday. The top four teams in the tourney receive first-round byes and will play Sunday. Pairings will be announced today.

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