

Tar Heels Look to Stop Virginia's Running Attack

The North Carolina football squad has not won a game at Scott Stadium since 1981, a span of nine contests.

Game and time: North Carolina at Virginia. Kickoff is at noon.
Site: Scott Stadium.

TV/radio: The game will be televised by Jefferson Pilot Sports. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide live radio coverage; its flagship station is WCHL 1360-AM.

Records: UNC is 3-4, 1-4 in the ACC. Virginia is 4-3, 3-2.

Series: UNC leads 55-45-4.

Personnel: UNC - RB Rufus Brown (shoulder), P John Lafferty (mononucleosis) and LB Merceda Perry (broken right ankle) are out. CB Anthony Anderson (shoulder) and WR Chesley Borders (hamstring) are questionable. LB Robert Harris (hip contusion), CB Errol Hood (right thigh) and LB Brandon Spoon (strained quad) are probable.

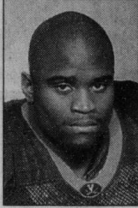
Virginia - OT Brad Barnes (back) is out.

The key matchup: George Welsh-coached teams have always relied on running the ball behind a strong offensive line. Seven former Virginia linemen currently play in the NFL, and 21 have since 1980.

This year's group is no exception and might even be better. Even without Barnes starting at right tackle, the behemoths heading the Cavalier charge average 302 pounds a man and stand nearly 6-foot-6.

"Their offensive line is a typical Virginia line in the fact that they're big, strong and athletic, and several of them will be in pro ball," UNC coach Carl Torbush said. "I've never been around a Virginia football team that didn't have a good offensive line."

That kind of muscle has put six Virginia tailbacks on current NFL rosters, including 2000 first-round pick Thomas Jones, who rushed for 180 and



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The Lowdown on Saturday's Game



North Carolina Tar Heels at Virginia Cavaliers



(3-4, 1-4 in the ACC)

Scott Stadium, noon

(4-3, 3-2 in the ACC)

Head to Head

Virginia's Rush vs. UNC's Front Seven: Antwoine Womack is the ACC's second-leading rusher, and UVa. has a huge offensive line. If UNC puts eight men in the box to stop him, it could leave its corners vulnerable. **Edge: UVa.**

Virginia's Pass vs. UNC's Secondary: Who hasn't lit up the UNC secondary this year? Virginia QB Dan Ellis will use his two 6-foot-4 wideouts, Kevin Coffey and Billy McMullen, to burn UNC's smaller corners. **Edge: UVa.**

UNC's Rush vs. Virginia's Front Seven: UVa. allows 4.5 yards per carry. This could be the week Brandon Russell finally tops the 100-yard mark. Plus, you've got to factor in a few long scrambles for QB Ronald Curry. **Edge: UNC.**

UNC's Pass vs. Virginia's Secondary: Curry has 13 completions of more than 40 yards; he's hit four wideouts and TE Alge Crumpler with such a pass. UVa.'s corners are inexperienced; Ahmad Hawkins was a WR last year. **Edge: UNC.**

Special Teams: Special teams mistakes hurt the Tar Heels again last week, and now they've lost punter John Lafferty to mononucleosis. UVa.'s Mike Abrams averages 43 yards per punt. **Edge: UVa.**

The Bottom Line — UNC 30, Virginia 27

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149 yards in his last two meetings with North Carolina.

Antwoine Womack replaces Jones in the backfield. He leads all ACC running backs with 101.3 yards rushing per game and ranks second in the conference behind Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler.

Like Jones, Womack runs well against UNC. Womack, who sat out last season, racked up 108 yards against the Tar Heels as a true freshman in 1997.

"He's one of the premier backs in the league," UNC defensive tackle Ryan Sims said. "We've got to come in like we did last week and stop the run first. He's

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RONALD CURRY
UNC Quarterback

a great back, we can't give him much because if we give them the run, it sets them up for the pass."

If Womack has a big day, North Carolina will be forced to put more men at the line of scrimmage to slow

him down. That would leave the defensive backs in one-on-one coverage like they were against Clemson when back-

DTH Picks of the Week

The DTH and GoHeels.com's Evan Markfield pick the winners of this weekend's best college football games. We'll see if Evan, a former DTH assistant sports editor and picker, remembers how he did it in the good ol' days.

	T. Nolan Hayes	Will Kimmey	Rachel Carter	Mike Ogle	Bret Strelow	James Giza	Matt Terry	Evan Markfield
Last Week	10-2	9-3	12-0	8-4	2-10	11-1	9-3	8-4
2000 Record	(69-27),719	(62-34),646	(69-27),719	(69-27),719	(49-47),510	(69-27),719	(58-38),604	(66-30),688
UNC at Virginia	UNC	UNC	UNC	Virginia	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
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Ga. Tech at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Maryland at Duke	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Duke	Maryland	Maryland	Duke
Nebraska at Oklahoma	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Nebraska	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Tenn. at S. Carolina	Tennessee	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	Tennessee	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	Tennessee	S. Carolina
Georgia at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Georgia	Florida	Florida	Florida
Ohio State at Purdue	Ohio State	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Ohio State
Kan. St. at Tex. A&M	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Tex. A&M	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.
UCLA at Arizona	UCLA	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	UCLA	UCLA	Arizona	Arizona
N'Western at Minn.	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.	N'Western	N'Western	Minn.	Minn.	N'Western
Oregon at Ariz. St.	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Arizona St.	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon

up quarterback Willie Simmons threw four touchdowns in three quarters.

Virginia quarterback Dan Ellis, who hasn't played since he pulled a hamstring Oct. 7 against Maryland, is not as mobile as Simmons. The injury should slow him down even more.

A strong pass rush from the Tar Heels, who lead the ACC in sacks with 34 (almost five per game), should take some pressure off a secondary that ranks seventh in the league against the pass.

Final analysis/prediction: While Virginia has one more win than UNC, that's largely because of the Cavaliers'

schedule. The Cavaliers have beaten up on ACC also-rans Duke, Wake Forest and Maryland, as well as Division I-AA Richmond.

North Carolina has collected all of its victories against similarly weak opponents but has been competitive in losses to No. 21 N.C. State and fifth-ranked Clemson.

"Each week with at least nine minutes to go, we have a chance to make a play and don't make it," Torbush said. "Because of that we get beat."

Expect that to change this week. North Carolina has learned from those

close losses, and Virginia isn't as good as those teams.

Ronald Curry should have a big game through the air against a secondary that boasts just one player with more than two years of college experience. He'll lead the Tar Heels to their first win in Charlottesville since 1981.

"N.C. State hasn't beat us in seven years but ended up beating us this year," Curry said. "Streaks are meant to be broken, and hopefully Saturday it'll be broken."

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