Peppers' Eye Leads to INT

Julius Peppers said when an OU lineman tried to cut-block him, he knew what play the Sooners were running.

By JAMES GIZA SportSaturday Editor

NORMAN, Okla. - There are many things you can try to do in life. Cut blocking Julius Peppers should not be one of them.

But that's exactly what Oklahoma offensive lineman Frank Romero attempted near the end of the first quar ter of the Sooners' 41-27 win against North Carolina on Saturday night.

Peppers, the Tar Heels' All-American defensive end, danced around the 6-foot-4, 290-pound Romero's block and snatched OU quarterback Nate Hybl's screen pass, which was headed for wideout Damian Mackey on the left flat.

With no one between him and the end zone, Peppers coasted 29 yards for a touchdown, putting UNC on the board for the first time and cutting Oklahoma's lead to 24-7 with 1:48 left in the quarter.

"If somebody keeps doing the same play over and over, pretty soon you're going to get hip to it," said Peppers, who finished with five tackles, including two for loss. "As soon as the tackle tried to cut me, I knew what they were trying to do. Actually, I was just going to try to get a hand on it and bat it down, but once I saw that I could catch it, I just pawed it and took off."

It was Peppers' touchdown and second in two games. He returned a pick 27 yards for a score in last year's season finale, a 59-21 win at Duke.

Julius Peppers picked off Sooners QB Nate Hybl and ran 29 yards for a touchdown Saturday against Oklahoma.

Waddell Breaks Loose

Michael Waddell had one of the worst gaffes of the game, fumbling the ball after being hit by OU kicker Tim Duncan on a first-quarter kickoff return.

The UNC cornerback made up for it in the second quarter, though, fielding a punt at UNC's 11-yard line and racing 89 yards for a touchdown. Waddell broke along the right side-

line and then cut toward the middle in recording the second-longest punt return in school history (Johnny Branch returned one 96 yards in 1930). "I thought my team needed a little lift-up," Waddell said, "not knowing that

I was going to take it back, but I pressed my luck and what happened happened."
The junior said he nearly called for

a fair catch until UNC safety Dexter Reid, on the field with the coverage unit, yelled at him to take off.

"So it's Dexter Reid's fault that I ran that touchdown back," Waddell said.

Thornton Makes Most of Debut

Starting for the first time in his UNC

Starting for the first time in his UNC career, senior linebacker David Thornton proved he's up to the challenge Saturday, tying a game-high with 13 tackles.

The former walk-on, who played primarily on special teams the past two seasons, also had a game-high four tackles for loss totaling 12 wards.

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Not a bad showing for a guy who had
16 tackles all of last season as a backup.

"I just wanted to go out and perform to the best of my abilities," Thornton said. "My coach told me to play hard every play, every snap because you never get it back. So I just wanted to go out every play I got and gave 100 per-cent – just ran around to the ball, make plays and make things happen.'

Junior punter John Lafferty, handed the starting job after last season's starter, Blake Ferguson, left UNC two weeks

ago, averaged 44 yards on nine punts.

Kicker Chris Bender, filling in for injured starter Jeff Reed, took five kickoffs, the first of which was returned 88 yards for a touchdown. He sent one kick into the end zone for a touchback, but the other four traveled no deeper than OU's 11-yard line. Bender also missed an point after UNC's last touchdown. ssed an extra

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Oklahoma 41, UNC 27

Scoring Summary

age 88 kickoff return (Duncan kick), 13:28 d Quarter
Strait 47 interception return (Duncan kick), 5:56
Duncan 22 field goal, 8:50
— Waddell 89 punt return (Bender kick) 11:43

ourth Quarter
NC — Borders 26 pass from Durant (Bender kick)

UNC — Russell 2 pass from Durant (PAT failed), 8:00

	UNC	OU
First Downs	20	12
Rushes-Yards	35-64	33-108
Passing Yards	226	178
Comp-Att-Int	17-41-1	21-31-1
Total Yards	290	286
Punts-Avg.	9-44.0	11-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	6-4	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-34	10-104
Time of Possession	28:39	31:21

Individual Statistics
Rushing: UNC — Durant 4-39, A. Williams 8-24,
Parker 11-14, Team 2-minus 5, Curry 10-minus 8.
Oklahoma — Griffin 16-68, Works 5-28, White 3-6,
Fagan 1-4, Hybl 8.2

Passing: UNC — Durant 12-26-0 152, Curry 5-14-1 74
Team 0-1-0 0. Oklahoma — Hybl 20-29-1 152, White
1-2-0 26.

Receiving: UNC — Allen 6-74, Borders 4-54, Bailey 3-59, Aiken 2-22, Russell 2-17. Oklahoma — Griffin 7-48, Fagan 4-54, Works 4-20, Savage 3-30, Clayton 1-13, Mackey 1-7, Toney 1-6.

Little League Officials Investigate Almonte

A Sports Illustrated writer showed Little League Inc., an affidavit that said Danny Almonte is 14 years old.

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. -Little League is investigating pitcher Danny Almonte after being shown a document that indicated the ace from the Bronx might be two years older than

Little League World Series officials were shown an affidavit Monday by a Sports Illustrated writer that indicated a Danny Almonte was born April 7, 1987, in Moca, Dominican Republic, said league spokesman Lance Van Auken.

Documents submitted to Little

League by the Rolando Paulino team to prove Almonte's eligibility showed him being born to the same parents in the same town, but on April 7, 1989.

Little League rules prohibit any play-er born before Aug. 1, 1988, from com-

peting this year.

"If this is the same Danny Almonte who played for Rolando Paulino Little League, then we have been deceived, and a fraud has been perpetrated on Little League and the millions of youngsters for whom Little League is so important," said Little League Inc. President Stephen Keener.

In a statement released Monday, offi-

cials said they contacted the Rolando Paulino league in the Bronx, N.Y., which insisted all of its players were eli-

Rick McCabe, a Sports Illustrated spokesman, said the magazine was "working on a Little League story" but would not comment further until the

story was ready for publication.

An official with the Rolando Paulino

ague questioned the new document.
"Rolando, before he lets the kids into the league, he gets the original birth certificate and a passport, because he doesn't want these kinds of problems. This is a surprise to us," spokeswoman Joann Dalmau said.

Dalmau said.

"What more can we provide, if we have provided an original birth certificate and a passport? Anything else is irrelevant. I don't know what document they have, but they're wrong," she said.

Van Auken said if Almonte was found to be ineligible, the Bronx team

could be forced to forfeit its last win, the consolation game against Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. Little League could even revoke the Rolando Paulino league's charter.

Almonte was the most dominating pitcher at the World Series this year, throwing a perfect game in the opener

against Apopka, Fla.

Almonte struck out the first 15 Apopka batters in the first perfect game in 44 years at the tournament.

He finished the tournament with 46 strikeouts, giving up only three hits in three starts. A run scored in last inning of his final game was the only run scored on Almonte all summer.

Behind his pitching and a solid defense, the Bronx team went 4-1 at the World Series and finished third. The team's only loss was a rematch against Apopka in which Almonte couldn't pitch ecause of a rule that prohibits pitchers from starting consecutive games.

Almonte became a sensation after throwing 16 strikeouts in the Mid-Atlantic Regional championship against State College, Pa. His perfect game only added

But rumors about Almonte's age plagued the team throughout the tournament, and Little League coaches in Staten Island, N.Y., and Pequannock, N.J., said they had hired private investigators to find proof that Bronx players were ineligible, but to no avail.

Little League officials said throughout that the Bronx team was the most scrutinized team in the country and that they had seen documents proving the players' ages and residency met Little League requirements.

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Help Wanted

NEW YORK - Barry Bonds put

away his earring, not his power stroke.

Bonds hit his major league-leading

56th home run Monday, becoming the

fastest player to reach the mark in major

league history as the San Francisco Giants beat the New York Mets 6-5.

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J.T. Snow hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning as San Francisco averted a four-game sweep at Shea Stadium and moved a half-game ahead of idle Chicago in the wild card race.

Bonds also doubled, singled and

walked. Needing a triple for the cycle, he grounded out in the ninth.

The Giants' slugger recently removed the diamond stud he wears in his left ear. He did it because of an infection, not this weekend's flap involving Seattle reliever Arthur Rhodes' irritation over

being ordered to remove his earrings. With the Little League champions from Japan in the ballpark and the U.S. Open tennis tournament starting right

across the street, Bonds was the biggest star of the afternoon.

After Rich Aurilia homered to lead off the fifth, Bonds followed with a drive to right-center for his $550\mathrm{th}$ career homer.

Bonds connected in the Giants' 131st game. The previous quickest to hit 56 homers was Sammy Sosa, who did it in the Cubs' 132nd game in 1999.

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Aries (March 21-April 19).
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Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 - Is there something big you'd like to accomplish? A reason you'n ing, beyond providing food and shelte? How about a trip around the world? A reducation? Retiring in luxury? No matter, it's good to plan shead. You're more is get there if you know where you're going. Cancer (June 22-July 22).

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

- Today is a 6 - Tell your friends they'll have to get along without you for a whill have things to do. You're making money, and you're paying back a debt. Keep tics. You'll be amazed at how much you get done over the next few days. By Thursday or Friday you'll have time for a orffee break. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - You're feeling a little better - enough to be a you've been thinking about know how much you care - throu your words, of course. Remember to do something special.

 Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct 22)
 Today is a F. Post.

- Today is a 5 - Don't plan a big evening out. You may want to be in bed shortly you get home from work. It could be a summer cold, or it might just be a nee preventive medicine. Test yourself right!
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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