

UNC

UNC Schedule

Aug. 30, FSU 37, UNC 0
Sept. 6 vs. Syracuse
 Sept. 20 at Wisconsin
 Sept. 27 at N.C. State
 Oct. 4 vs. Virginia
 Oct. 11 at East Carolina
 Oct. 18 vs. Arizona State
 Oct. 25 at Clemson
 Nov. 1 at Maryland
 Nov. 8 vs. Wake Forest
 Nov. 15 at Georgia Tech
 Nov. 22 vs. Duke


Keep in Mind

•Syracuse returns its entire O-line, including center Nick Romeo
 •This is the Orangemen's 2003 season opener.
 •The road team has won every game in the four-game series.


UNC Special Teams

Punter: John Lafferty
Kicker: Dan Orner
 Missed a 51-yard FG and a 38-yard FG last week.
Punt Returner: Michael Waddell: 1-10 against FSU
Kick Returner: Wallace Wright: 29-624 in 2002


Jeb Terry



•6'6, 308, Sr.
 •Ranked the No. 20 guard in the country by The Sporting News.



Louis Gachelin



•6'1, 287, Sr.
 •In 2002 — had 8.5 sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, and 17 tackles for loss.

1 D. Mitchell

76 W. McNeill

71 J. Wilson

72 J. Brown

36 J. Gibson

25 R. McGill


4 D. Durant

77 J. TERRY

75 S. Seagraves

89 B. Blizzard

5 J. Pollock



29 T. Whitfield

31 K. Pruitt

21 O. Scott

90 J. Wyche

93 C. Ferrara

57 R. Scanlon

99 L. GACHELIN

97 J. Thomas

22 D. Ferri

45 K. Smith

25 S. Gregory

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Game and time: Syracuse at North Carolina.

Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

Site: Kenan Stadium

TV/Radio: No television. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide live radio coverage; its flagship station is WCHL 1360-AM.

Records: Syracuse is 0-0. North Carolina is 0-1. **Series:** UNC leads 2-1.

Personnel update: Syracuse — none reported. UNC — RB Chad Scott, left thigh bruise (out); TE Justin Philips, right shoulder separation (out).

The key matchup: UNC's resilience versus Syracuse's rust.

Whether they make it a motto or put it out of their minds, the Tar Heels need to respond to last Saturday's blowout loss. Week Two is a bit early for the term "must win," but the Tar Heels play road games at Wisconsin and N.C. State in the next two weeks. Does "can't lose" do it for you?

The good news for UNC is the Syracuse defense isn't as tough as FSU's. The Orangemen gave up 33.8 points and 478 yards per game last year, then suffered significant losses in the off-season.

Gone are the 228 tackles of Clifton Smith and Jameel Dumas at linebacker. Gone are all but one of the players from the secondary. The returnee, sophomore Steve Gregory, is a key one.

Gregory broke up 21 passes and made two interceptions last year. He could shut down UNC receiver Jarwarski Pollock, meaning quarterback Darian Durant may have to spread the wealth like he did during last year's 30-22 win when he connected with 10 different receivers.

"We've got to go deep and make plays on 'em just like we did last year," Pollock said.

The Lowdown on Today's Game



Syracuse



at UNC

(0-0)

(0-1, 0-1 in the ACC)

Head to Head

Syracuse's Rush vs. UNC's Front Seven Edge: Syracuse

Syracuse's Pass vs. UNC's Secondary Edge: UNC

UNC's Rush vs. Syracuse's Front Seven Edge: Syracuse

UNC's Pass vs. Syracuse's Secondary Edge: UNC

Special Teams Edge: Syracuse

The Bottom Line — UNC 28, Syracuse 24

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UNC coach John Bunting labeled the Orangemen a pressing team but said because of the inexperience of the secondary, it remains to be seen how much they will blitz.

Should the defensive line have to go it alone, it might have success behind senior defensive tackle Louis Gachelin, who had 8.5 sacks and 17 tackles for loss last year. To its credit, the UNC offensive line held up well last week, allowing just one sack.

On offense, like Florida State, the Orangemen have several talented ground options. Their primary ball carrier is junior Walter Reyes, who rushed for 17 touchdowns last year. Reyes is complemented by speedy sophomore Damien Rhodes, who tal-

lied 568 yards and seven TDs as a freshman.

"They run the ball," Bunting said of Syracuse. "And obviously that has been deficient on our defense, and we need to get better and we need to get better right away to have a chance to win."

As for the other skill positions, the Orangemen thought they had lost their top two receivers from last year. One of them, Jamel Riddle, was dismissed from school for academic reasons but recently reinstated. If he plays Saturday, it could be a huge boost for Syracuse on offense and special teams. If he doesn't, Johnnie Morant and Jared Jones will try to fill his role.

At quarterback, R.J. Anderson was benched last year in favor of senior Troy Nunes and needed a great spring to retake the starting job. Bunting described him as athletic, but don't expect Donovan McNabb.

Final analysis/prediction: "I remember growing up as a kid watching the Jim Browns, the Ernie Davises and just marveling at Syracuse football," Bunting said.

This isn't one of the teams he remembers. The years of consistency and bowl berths went out the window last year with a 4-8 season. It's doubtful the 2003 Orangemen will exit the gate world-beaters.

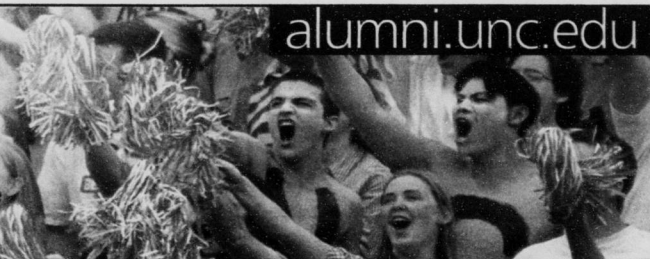
In the end, both offenses match up well with the other team's defensive weaknesses, and the game may well turn into a shootout. The definitive edge goes to Tar Heels for the extra game to get the kinks out and for the home field advantage — assuming everyone stays in their seats this time.

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- Countdown to Late Night party
- Late Night with Roy Williams
- Bell Tower Climb
- Old Well Walk
- Pre-game festivities at Tar Heel Town
- UNC vs. Arizona State Sun Devils Homecoming game
- Post-game party featuring *Emma Gibbs Band*



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