

Tar Heels lack answers for their offensive woes

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Mistakes uncharacteristic of the North Carolina football team haunted the offense against Louisville on Saturday.

A pass picked off at the 13-yard line in the second quarter.

A dropped pass at the 5 in the third.

And a fumble at the 9 during the fourth.

Failing to resemble the offense that had averaged 35.7 points per game, the Tar Heels repeatedly stalled in Cardinal territory.

"Things like that, getting all the way down at the goal line and fumbling on first-and-goal, we can't have those," said center Jason Brown. "It's impossible to win when you have situations like that."

The abysmal play of the offensive corps seemed even harder to believe after UNC overwhelmed Georgia Tech by tallying 426 yards and 19 first downs Sept. 18.

A week later, the Tar Heels mustered just 222 yards and 11 first downs.

A shocked and subdued Darian Durant, who completed 10 of 19 passes for just 80 yards, could not provide an answer.

"Just a bad game for us," he said. Neither could sophomore wide receiver Adarius Bowman.

"There's no real reason for it," he said Saturday. "It just didn't happen today."

During the first half, the Tar Heels drove into Louisville territory three times and came away empty-handed.

After receiving the ball at its own 35 in the second quarter, UNC pushed to the Cardinal 21.

Durant dropped back and completed a clean pass — to Louisville's Brandon Johnson at the 13 yard-line.

In the third quarter, Durant sent a long bomb downfield on fourth-and-eight toward a wide-open Bowman — who dropped the pass at the 5.

The Tar Heels sealed their scoreless fate when backup quarterback Matt Baker fumbled on first-and-goal at the 9.

"We had opportunities to make

plays, and we just didn't come up with them," said Coach John Bunting. "You can't do that in a game like this. ... You've got to make a play in this type of football game."

The usually explosive running game also struggled, gaining only 77 yards, less than half of Jacques Lewis' individual rushing total against Georgia Tech.

"I didn't come out and play as hard as I should have," Lewis said of his 29-yard performance. "I wouldn't say that I'm the only one that didn't do the job, but I know that being a senior running back that I didn't do my job out there."

But UNC refused to waste time wondering what happened and is seeking to prevent a repeat of Saturday's mistake-prone endeavor this Saturday at No. 9 Florida State.

"That was round four. We're coming back to play round five," Bunting said. "We've got a great team, we're playing at Tallahassee, and I hope we show up better."

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Locals find voice on airwaves

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By mid-October, the Carrboro-Chapel Hill area will have a new and innovative voice on the air.

Dedicated to "building community by serving the community," Carrboro's newest radio station, WCOM-FM 103.5, held an open house Sunday afternoon during the Carrboro Music Festival.

Ruffin Slater, president of the Public Gallery of Carrboro, explained the need for a station like WCOM.

"Radio stations are constantly being bought out by big companies that broadcast the same programming all over the country," he said, "(WCOM) is completely local and responsive to what local people want to hear."

Housed in an old bank building at 201 N. Greensboro St., across from Weaver Street Market, WCOM is a low-power grassroots radio station with a 5-mile broadcast range.

Low-power stations are the result of an initiative by the Federal Communications Commission to

put some radio waves back into the hands of locals instead of large, corporate owners.

WCOM programming will include talk shows, eclectic music and call-ins, but anyone can propose an idea and be considered for airtime by the Programming Committee.

About 40 percent of WCOM's programming will be in Spanish, something Slater said has not been available on a local radio station until now.

Olivia Moreno, a WCOM volunteer and native of Mexico, will host a program centered around health, community information and motivation for Hispanic women.

"Life for Hispanic women is completely different in the United States, and often very stressful," Moreno said.

"I want to motivate Hispanic women in the community so that they continue to overcome the obstacles that they are met with every day."

For others, WCOM 103.5 will be a chance to hear some musical variety. "You go up and down the dial and all you hear are the same

20 songs," said Claudio Rodriguez, a volunteer on the WCOM Engineering Committee. "This is an outlet for all of that music that no one gets to hear."

It took almost three years for WCOM founders to find a space to house the station and to meet FCC requirements for a broadcast area that would not interfere with signals from local cell phone towers.

The station's remaining task has been to raise \$20,000 to add to a federal grant of \$33,000, which will pay for airtime and renovation of the building.

It already has raised \$15,000, mostly through donations made on its Web site.

WCOM is broadcasting a continuous 30-minute loop of sample programming until mid-October, when it will begin full-blown programming.

More information or instructions on how to make a donation may be seen at the WCOM Web site, www.communityradio.coop.

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DeRoeck sparks UNC rally

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The North Carolina volleyball team duked it out this weekend in two draining road matches against ACC foes Georgia Tech and Clemson.

The Tar Heels posted a five-game win, 30-28, 28-30, 22-30, 30-14, 15-13, against Clemson on Saturday after they fell to the Yellow Jackets in three intense games, 34-32, 30-26, 30-26, the day before.

"(The Ga. Tech match) felt a little like a heavyweight fight," said Coach Joe Sagula. "We were just slugging it out — pow, pow — back and forth."

But UNC tired first, recording 20 fewer kills than its opponents.

"It hurt a lot of us to lose to Georgia Tech," said senior defensive specialist Caroline deRoeck.

Georgia Tech is the perennial rival for the Tar Heels. The teams often battle for the top spot in the

conference, though the Yellow Jackets swept both matches last season by a combined score of six games to one.

But after playing Georgia Tech on Friday, the team decided it was sick of losing.

"It was good we had Clemson the very next day because we had that fire and we had passion and we wanted to win," deRoeck said.

Her defensive play helped UNC win 11 of 12 points in the middle of the fourth game.

"Coach had been on me all match," she said. "I just wanted to get him off my back and show him I could do it."

And she did, tying a career high with 28 digs.

"I told my staff that if she keeps playing like that, we'll win the match," Sagula said. "But if I need to stay on her back, I will continue to do so."

DeRoeck, along with most of her

teammates, really picked up the pace in the fourth game. Sagula told setter McKenzie Byrd only to set the ball to the outside hitters, Dani Nyenhuis and Molly Pyles, and to keep doing so until Clemson stopped them.

"They never got stopped; they just crushed the ball," Sagula said. "(Middle hitters) Amy Beaver and Katie Wright were the workhorses, very selfless. ... We asked them to block without getting any swings in return."

The differences between the two matches were hitting and deRoeck's defensive play.

The team outblocked Ga. Tech 13-8 but was severely outhit. Against Clemson, the hitting returned.

Said Sagula, "We blocked really well against Georgia Tech, but we hit really well against Clemson."

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Study doesn't worry legislators

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The Center for Public Integrity says state legislators are teetering on the ethical divide — but N.C. lawmakers call it doing their job.

Members of the N.C. General Assembly and higher education officials are skeptical of a report released Monday by CPI, a public watchdog group, which states that 7 percent of legislators could benefit directly from their votes on educational matters.

The report states that lawmakers who sit on the legislature's education committee and have economic ties to universities are faced with a conflict of interest.

"This is absolutely not true," said N.C. Sen. Vernon Malone, D-Wake. "I see no conflict of interest at all."

The survey examined the income sources of 6,500 lawmakers in 47 states. It found that almost 500 lawmakers or their spouses have a financial stake in higher education.

The report detailed instances in some states in which legislators did not disclose that they had

financial interests in legislation before casting votes.

"We want to show you how the laws should work," said Susan Schaab, CPI's associate director for state projects. "It is the people's job to monitor legislators when they vote."

Schaab said that the organization is not an advocacy group and that the purpose of the report is to have the academic world and media look at lawmakers' votes to determine if there are patterns of corruption.

"We are not trying to pinpoint one person. We want to take the window dressing off ethical laws."

But Travis Reindl, director of state policy analysis at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, said the report lacks substance and that it tries to make something out of an issue that does not exist.

Reindl said that just because lawmakers or their spouses have ties to higher education, people should not assume that corruption exists. "We have to be careful about the 'where there is smoke, there is fire' belief."

In North Carolina, all legislators have different jobs since they serve in a part-time legislature.

Rep. Earline Parmon, D-Forsyth, said legislators have allegiances to different state universities because they graduated from them.

"There is always a perception that we have ties to a particular college," she said. "But my colleagues have the integrity to excuse themselves if there was a conflict."

Conflict of interest laws are designed to stop corruption before it happens. But Calvin Mackenzie, a professor of government at Colby College, said disclosure laws aren't always effective. "I have never seen any case where financial disclosure laws have prevented a legislator from corruption."

Mackenzie added that it is the responsibility of a legislator to deem what is a possible conflict of interest. "It is their ethical obligation to decide if they want to participate in a vote."

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