

2005 ACC STANDINGS

CONFERENCE OVERALL

Atlantic Division		
Florida State	2-0	3-0
Boston College	1-1	3-1
Maryland	1-1	2-2
Clemson	1-2	2-2
Wake Forest	0-1	1-3
N.C. State	0-2	1-2
Coastal Division		
Virginia Tech	3-0	4-0
Virginia	1-0	3-0
Georgia Tech	1-1	3-1
Miami	1-1	2-1
North Carolina		
Duke	0-2	1-3

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DELAY OF GAME

UNC will not lose
2 in a row to Utes

If you look at the stat sheets North Carolina should not win today.

If you place the 2005 statistics of UNC and Utah side by side there are some glaring differences that would make you think the Tar Heels have no chance against the Utes.

Average points per game: UNC 19, Utah 29.

Average total offense per game: UNC 333.3, Utah 432.5.

Average yards in penalties per game: UNC 84, Utah 48.5.

Not to mention the Utes are already 3-1.

When North Carolina traveled to Salt Lake City last year for its first-ever matchup against the Utes, the Tar Heels got a 46-16 thrashing and gave up 669 total yards in offense — the most ever by any UNC team.

The Tar Heels not only suffered an embarrassing loss to Utah last year, but also came one week after a brilliant victory against N.C. State in Kenan Stadium. Yes, the same legendary game in which the UNC defense stopped Wolfpack running back T.A. McLendon on the goal line as time expired.

This year UNC once again will face Utah after a surprising, down-to-the-wire win against NCSU. Last week the Tar Heels silenced the raucous crowd of farmers in Carter-Finley Stadium as they defeated the Pack 31-24.

So not only are the Tar Heels far outmatched on paper, but their record against the Utes so far stands at 0-1.

Now put those factors aside for a moment and ponder what North Carolina does have going for it this weekend.

UNC is coming off its first win of the season. No one expected the Tar Heels would defeat N.C. State in Raleigh, and that victory is the confidence booster the Tar Heels will need to defeat Utah today.

UNC also finally proved it has a ground game. The team ran the ball — and effectively — last weekend against the Pack and junior running back Barrington Edwards rushed for 129 yards and one touchdown.

The ground game of the Tar Heels has been a big question mark since Ronnie McGill tore



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his pectoral muscle in summer workouts, and now it finally has been established.

The Tar Heels' defense is maturing and thus, simply put, finally working. Two weeks ago it was the defense that kept UNC in the game against Wisconsin.

Last weekend it was the defense that forced fumbles and had six sacks. Today if the trend continues, the defense will win the game for the Tar Heels.

UNC also will be playing in front of a home crowd. Though the home field advantage seemed to be nonexistent two weeks ago in UNC's home opener loss to Wisconsin, it will be different today against Utah since the Tar Heels finally know what victory tastes like.

And while I'm not a gambling sort of a person, it's always fun to check out the lines on what the so-called experts are predicting.

And guess what?

For the first time since 2003, UNC is the favorite at home — and by three points. North Carolina was favored to beat Duke in 2003, but suffered a humiliating 30-22 loss to its biggest rival and one of the worst football teams in the U.S.

Some of you might be wondering about the William & Mary game last year, but lines aren't run for games against Division I-AA schools.

So even the gamblers think UNC has a chance against the Utes today.

And while the Tar Heels might rank in the bottom half in almost every category in the ACC, I'm giving them a chance against the Utes. They have a lot of momentum from last weekend's victory and they'll carry that into today's game.

And while I generally don't like to gamble, my money is on the Tar Heels today.

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