



SCHEDULE

SEP 2	Utah 27, Arizona 24
SEP 10	Utah 31, Utah St. 7
SEP 15	TCU 23, Utah 20
SEP 22	Utah 38, Air Force 35
OCT 01	at North Carolina
OCT 08	at Colorado State
OCT 15	San Diego State
OCT 22	at UNLV
NOV 05	Wyoming
NOV 12	New Mexico
NOV 19	at Brigham Young

LAST MEETING

2004 Utah 46, UNC 16

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER: Louie Sakoda
 KICKER: Dan Beardall
 PUNT RTN: Eric Weddle
 KICK RTN: Justin Walker

UTAH

NO.	NAME	POS.	YR.
1	Thomas Huff	WR	So.
2	Antonio Young	DB	Sr.
3	Brian Johnson	QB	So.
3	Brice McCain	DB	Fr.
4	Justin Walker	WR	Sr.
5	Ryan Smith	DB	So.
7	Bryan Borreson	K	Sr.
7	Marquis Wilson	WR	Fr.
8	Eugene Oats	DB	Sr.
9	Spencer Toone	LB	Sr.
10	Darryl Poston	RB	Sr.
11	Kawika Casco	DB	Sr.
11	Danny Southwick	QB	Jr.
12	Darrell Mack	RB	Fr.
13	Quinton Ganther	RB	Sr.
13	JJ Williams	DB	Fr.
14	Kyle Brady	LB	So.
14	Kevin Dunn	QB	Fr.
15	Brett Ratliff	QB	Jr.
15	Charlie TeGantvoort	LB	Sr.
16	Brian Hernandez	WR	Jr.
17	Fano Tagavailoa	WR	Jr.
18	Chad Jacobsen	TE	Sr.
19	Stephen Gordon	DB	Sr.
19	Chris Sokugawa	QB	Jr.
20	Mike Liti	RB	So.
21	Shaun Harper	DB	Jr.
22	Malakai Mokofisi	LB	So.
23	John Madsen	WR	Sr.
24	Tim Harris	DB	Sr.
25	Drew Hackett	WR	Jr.
25	Kyler Rushton	DB	Fr.
26	Derrek Richards	WR	So.
27	Sean Smith	RB	Fr.
28	Steve Tate	DB	So.
29	Eric Shyne	DB	Jr.
30	Adarrius Ross	DB	Fr.
31	Casey Evans	DB	Jr.
32	Eric Weddle	DB	Jr.
33	Afa Garrigan	LB	Fr.*
34	Greg Bird	LB	Fr.
35	Joe Giuliani	DB	Fr.
36	Billy Kinsey	DB	Fr.
37	Loma Olevao	DB	Jr.
38	Reggie Turner	LB	So.
39	Ray Stowers	RB	Fr.*
40	Tyson Dodds	DB	Fr.
40	Andrew Smart	LB	Fr.
41	Grady Marshall	LB	So.
42	Pate Moleni	DB	Fr.*
43	Dymond Unutoa	DB	Fr.
43	Ryan Honea	WR	Sr.
44	Joe Jannoni	LB	So.
45	Alec Puccinelli	DL	So.
46	Matt Mason	DB	Fr.*
47	Blake Burdette	TE	Sr.
48	Dan Beardall	K	Sr.
49	Sean O'Connell	TE	Jr.
50	Brock Condie	DE	Sr.
51	Brady Nielson	LB	Jr.
52	Aaron Smith	LB	Jr.
54	Taylor Miller	LB	So.
55	Andrew Johnson	OL	Sr.
55	Marquess Ledbetter	DE	Sr.
56	Colt Sampson	LB	Fr.
57	Tyler Williams	OL	Fr.
58	Semisi Livali	DL	Fr.
59	Brent Rawlings	P	So.
60	Terrence Apted	OL	Fr.*
62	Butchie Rowley	DS	Fr.
63	Kyle Gunther	OL	So.
66	Robert Conley	OL	Fr.
67	Blake Paullin	LB	Jr.
68	Zane Beadles	OL	Fr.
69	Jason Boone	OL	So.
71	Mitch Arquette	OL	Jr.
72	Jason Voss	OL	Jr.
74	David Dirkmaat	OL	Sr.
75	Eric Pettit	OL	Jr.
81	Willie Sao	TE	Sr.
82	John Peel	WR	Fr.
83	Jordan Johnson	WR	Fr.*
84	Lance Bordeleau	TE	Fr.
85	Rob Gueck	WR	Jr.
86	Cody Sorenson	WR	Jr.
87	Ameen Shaheen	TE	Jr.
88	Travis LaTendresse	WR	Sr.
89	Nik Sonntag	DL	Jr.
90	Tolifili Liufau	DL	Jr.
91	Randy Faletoa	DL	Fr.
93	Martail Burnett	DE	So.
94	Steve Fifita	DL	Sr.
95	Bryce Scanlon	DL	Fr.*
96	Derek Beardall	DL	Jr.
97	Soli Lefti	DE	Jr.
98	Kelly Talavou	DL	Jr.
99	Kite Afeaki	DL	Sr.

SCOUTING REPORT

Versatile quarterback will lead Utah



BRIAN JOHNSON
 HEIGHT: 6'1"
 WEIGHT: 203
 SOPHOMORE
 QUARTERBACK

BY ALICIA JONES
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North Carolina's running game might have snagged the win against N.C. State, but the Tar Heel defense will be charged with stifling Utah's dynamic offense to get the win today.

Utah quarterback Brian Johnson is working to prove he is worthy of Alex Smith's former position — a position he vacated after he was chosen as the first pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.

The sophomore passed for 305 yards and two touchdowns and ran for three scores in a 38-35 win against Air Force last week.

North Carolina's defensive line didn't slack on defense as they recorded six sacks against the Wolfpack, but the line will have to gun for Johnson to stop his effective pass from materializing so often.

"He's got the same type of arm strength (as Smith)," said North Carolina Coach John Bunting. "He has got probably a little bit better running ability. What he doesn't have is the experience that Alex Smith has."

If it's experience that counts, Johnson is already getting more than UNC quarterback Matt Baker had in his sophomore season. Johnson appeared in 10 games as a freshman while Baker only saw action in three at the same point in his career.

And though Baker served as UNC record-breaker Darian Durant's understudy for three years, it doesn't hurt to learn the craft from an All-American and Heisman Trophy winner either.

Inexperienced or not, Johnson has been a key player in several wins for the Utes. He passed for 220 yards and one touchdown in his first start, which ended in a home win against Arizona.

And let's not forget his performance against Utah State where Johnson completed 18 of 21 attempts, a completion rate of 85.7 percent, setting a school record in pass efficiency.

But the lack of experience Bunting spoke of became apparent in Utah's first season loss to TCU when Johnson threw an interception into double coverage that led to a TCU score on the following possession.

When the Tar Heels met the Utes last year, Smith threw four touchdown passes and ran for one, amassing 341 yards of total offense in Utah's 46-16 win.

"I didn't see too many balls on the ground going into the game (last year) in terms of the exchanges and the passes backward, the backward passes on the pitches," Bunting said.

"I've seen a couple of those — hopefully we can get a couple. That's a timing element, that's an experience element,

and that's why a lot of people are trying to blitz this quarterback some, to try to force some errant backwards passes."

And if the Tar Heels can't stop Johnson in the air, they will have to stop him on the ground. He has scored five touchdowns rushing so far this season for 169 yards, already establishing himself as more of a runner than Smith, who only scored 10 rushing touchdowns in the 2004 season.

"(Smith and Johnson) have the same type of physical-type stature, except one might be a little bit faster," Bunting said. "That's Johnson."

Smith averaged 298.6 yards of total offense to Johnson's 23.4 last season, and Johnson also trailed in average rushing yards with 9.2 to Smith's 52.6.

But those numbers don't mean much since Johnson did not start a game in that season and saw significantly less playing time, which didn't allow him to get those longer runs — a fact that the Tar Heel defensive line is well aware of.

"He's a little more mobile than Alex," said UNC defensive end Tommy Davis. "He's a little bit of a runner, so they're using him more to run the ball than pass the ball (this year)."

Johnson has two options for penetrating the UNC defense, but the Tar Heels only have one — stop him.