

Davis finalizing UNC depth chart Research program launches this fall

Little's spot set, others up in air

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Left guard: Bryon Bishop OR Alan Pelc.
Center: Aaron Stahl OR Lowell Dyer.

Place-kicker: Jay Wooten OR Casey Barth.

Less than a week before the North Carolina football team's season opener, much of the depth chart is set.

But nine "ORs" remain among the 27 positions: spots not yet claimed by a definite starter.

"We're probably pretty close on most of the starters," coach Butch Davis said.

"And anytime you see an 'or,' it probably means whoever that 'or' is, as in the case of Bryon Bishop and Alan Pelc, you're going to see both of those guys play."

Davis said the competition between these positions has made both the first and second teams stronger, again citing the Bishop-Pelc battle.

"(Bryon) didn't give Alan an opportunity, even though we tried to give him a challenge by putting Alan there, and I think Alan rose to the occasion."

"I think it's made him a better football player trying to do that, and subsequently both of those guys will play."

Greg Little has the starting spot at tailback locked, but Ryan Houston and Shaun Draughn are expected to split the No. 2 spot for that position, as well.

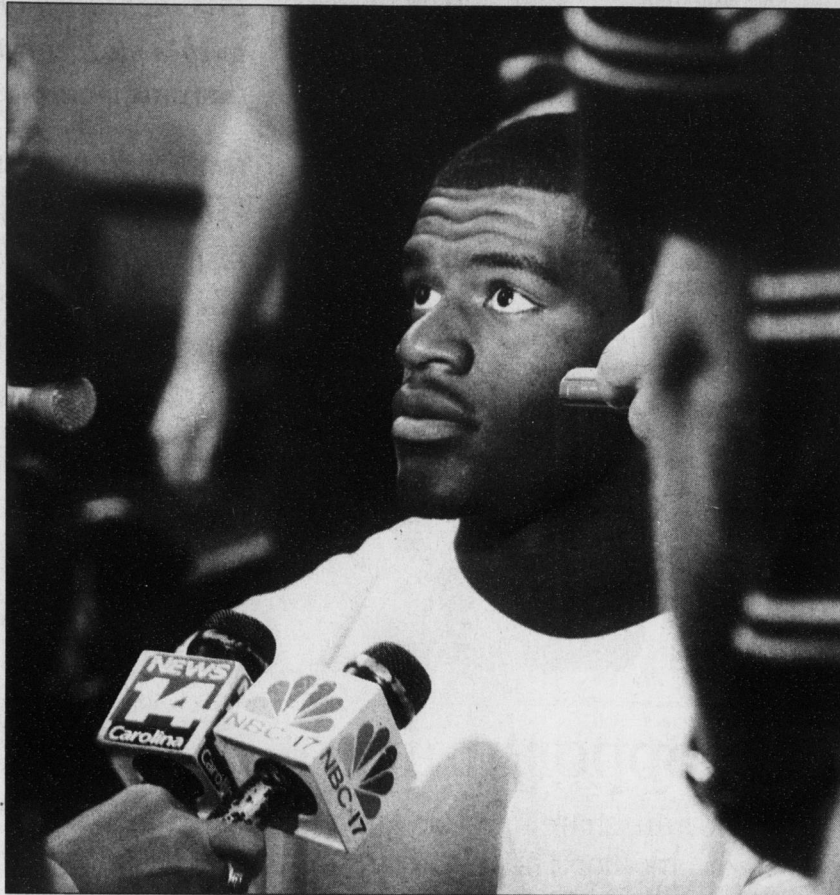
"Greg's gonna get the lion's share of it earlier," Davis said. "We'll probably try to get Ryan in; right now he and Shaun are kind of splitting time at that 'or' situation, second group."

Houston, who lost 30 pounds in the anticipation of his sophomore season, might be slightly ahead of Draughn at the minute, Davis said.

Little's offensive line also is mostly set, except for the replacement for last year's center, Scott Lenahan.

Stahl and Dyer currently both are listed at the spot, and Little spoke of the progress Stahl has shown this off-season.

"Aaron is one of my favorite linemen on the team," he said. "He's a real



Sophomore Greg Little's starting spot is safe, but his No. 2 is still uncertain. "At some point in the ball game we'll get a chance to see Ryan Houston play; we'll get a chance to see Shaun Draughn play," coach Butch Davis said.

physical guy for him being undersized, but I feel like I can match him up against anybody in the nation."

T.J. Yates, too, has his starting spot recorded but still is looking for a set backup. Cam Sexton and redshirt freshman Mike Paulus both hold claims to the spot right now.

The competition at kicker has been one of the most publicized of the preseason, with redshirt freshman Wooten fighting Casey Barth, a walk-on this year and the younger brother of last year's kicker, Connor, for the spot.

And Davis said neither Barth nor Wooten has cemented his spot with the first team.

"I think you'll probably see both

of those guys kick at some point in time during the game on Saturday," Davis said. "We'll use the guys that we think gives us the best chance to execute that kick (at the moment)."

Punter Terrence Brown also commented on the skill shown by both kickers this summer.

"The accuracy for both of them is definitely good," he said. "I think Jay's maybe got a little more strength ... but they both can be deadly accurate."

Though Davis said he and his staff will continue to watch for a sure starter throughout the season, they also are open to a season-long split play for the two.

"If someone emerges during

the course of the season, certainly earlier, or during the middle of the season that can handle all of it, so be it," he said. "And if it's kicking by committee, that's okay too."

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More than 40 students have signed up for the inaugural class of Carolina Research Scholars, an initiative pioneered by former Student Body President Eve Carson.

The program, created last semester but implemented this fall, is designed to stimulate research among undergraduate students in any major and is run through the Office of Undergraduate Research.

"The goals of the program are to foster and expand undergraduate research on the Carolina campus and to especially make undergraduate research a recognizable achievement on campus," said senior Diana Gergel, director of peer advising at the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Patricia Pukkila, director of the Office of Undergraduate Research said she hopes to have more students enrolled next semester.

Students majoring in subjects not traditionally oriented towards research, such as English and music, especially are encouraged to participate.

"In some fields your path seems obvious," Pukkila said. "You take a biology class and then take a lab. Through the program, students in other fields have a defined way to conduct their own research and share their findings."

Students can sign up for the program through the Office of Undergraduate Research's Web site at unc.edu/depts/our.

Participants are required to take a one-hour pass/fail class called Modes of Inquiry, participate in two classes classified as "research intensive" by the Office of Undergraduate Research and

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present their research in a campus or professional setting.

For many liberal arts departments, like political science and music, honors thesis classes and independent studies are the only ones that count as research intensive.

In science classes, like biology and chemistry, there are courses set up for undergraduate research.


Pukkila said participants' achievements will be acknowledged on their transcripts, making them more valuable in the job market and graduate school applications.

The program follows in the footsteps of the Public Service Scholars program, created in 2003 to recognize students who complete 300 or more hours of community service and complete other requirements.

The unique aspect of the research program is that students help professors with their work, Gergel said.

"A lot of professors are writing a book and would love to have a student help them," Gergel said. "Then students will be more knowledgeable about how to conduct their own research."

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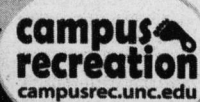
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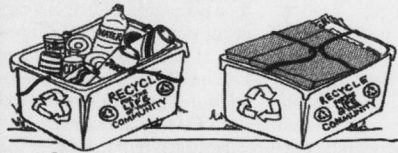
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