NORTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE

AUG. 30 vs. McNeese St., W SEPT. 11 at Rutgers, W SEPT. 20 vs. Virginia Tech, L SEPT. 27 at Miami, W OCT. 4 vs. Connecticut, W OCT. 11 vs. Notre Dame, W OCT. 18 at Virginia, L OCT. 25 vs. Boston College, W NOV. 8 vs. Georgia Tech, W NOV. 15 at Maryland, L TODAY vs. N.C. State NOV. 29 at Duke **KEEP IN MIND** Hakeem Nicks needs one touchdown to equal UNC's single-season record and two to match the career record.

SPECIAL TEAMS
PUNTER: Terrence Brown
KICKER: Casey Barth
PUNT RTN: Trase Jones
KICK RTN: Johnny White

| 1 Brooks Foster | WR Sr. |
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| 2 Cooter Arnold | WRSr. |
| 3 _ Kenton Thornton 4 _ Bobby Rome | WR Jr. FB Jr. |
| 5 Jamaí Womble | RBFr. |
| 6 Anthony Elzy 7 Mike Paulus | TBSo. |
| 7 Mike Paulus 8 Greg Little | QBFr.* TBSo. |
| 9 Marvin Austin | DTSo. |
| 10 _ Melvin Williams | DBJr. |
| 11 _ Cameron Sexton 11 _ Casey Barth | QBJr. PK Fr. |
| 12 _ Charles Brown | CBSo. |
| 13 _ T.J. Yates 14 _ Braden Hanson | QBSo. QBFr. |
| 15 _ Anthony Parker-Boyd | WR So. |
| 16 Kendric Burney | CBSo. |
| 16 _ Trase Jones 17 _ Zack Pianalto | PRSo. TESo. |
| 18 _ Jay Wooten | PK Fr.* |
| 19 _ Terrence Brown | PSr. |
| 20 _ Shaun Draughn 21 _ Da'Norris Searcy | RBSo. |
| 23 _ Jordan Hemby | CBJr. |
| 24 _ Tavorris Jolly | CBSo. |
| 25 _ Matt Merletti 26 _ Richie Rich | SSo. |
| 27 _ Deunta Williams | SSo. |
| 28 _ Jonathan Smith | SSo. |
| 29 _ Brian Gupton 29 _ Reid Phillips | CBFr.* PKSo. |
| 31 _ Trimane Goddard | SSr. |
| 32 _ Ryan Houston | RBSo. |
| 33 _ Christian Wilson 34 _ Johnny White | HBFr. |
| 35 Herman Davidson | DBFr. |
| 36 _ Kennedy Tinsley 37 _ LaCount Fantroy | LBJr. CB Fr.* |
| 40 _ Darius Powell | DE So. |
| 41 _ Mark Paschal | LBSr. |
| 42 _ Robert Quinn 43 _ Jabir Jones | DLFr. SSr. |
| 44 Chase Rice | LBSr. |
| 45 _ Devon Ramsay 47 _ Zach Brown | RB Fr.* |
| 47 _ Zach Brown 49 _ Ryan Taylor | LBFr. LB Jr. |
| 49 _ Ryan Taylor 51 _ Trevor Stuart | DSSo. |
| 52 _ Quan Sturdivant | LBSo. |
| 53 _ Kenneth Harris 54 _ Bruce Carter | LBFr. LBSo. |
| 55 _ Linwan Euwell | LBFr.* |
| 57 _ Dion Guy | LBFr. |
| 58 _ Ebele Okakpu 60 _ Zack Handerson | LBFr. OTSo. |
| 64 _ Jonathan Cooper | OLFr. |
| 65 _ Cam Holland | CFr.* |
| 66 _ Mike Ingersoll 67 _ Morgan Randall | OTSo. OGSo. |
| 68 Mike Dykes | OG Fr.* |
| 69 _ Lowell Dyer | C Jr. OG So. |
| 70 _ Alan Pelc 71 _ Carl Gaskins | OTFr.* |
| 72 _ Kyle Jolly | OTJr. |
| 73 _ Aaron Stahl 74 Sam Ellis | OG Jr. OG So. |
| 75 _ Garrett Reynolds | OT Sr |
| 76 Bryon Bishop | OG Sr. |
| 77 _ Kevin Bryant 78 _ Jordan Nix | OG Fr.* DL So. |
| 79 _ Calvin Darity | OG Sr. |
| 80 _ Ed Barham | TESo. |
| 81 _ B.J. Phillips 82 _ Todd Harrelson | WR Fr. |
| 83 _ Dwight Jones | M/D Cr |
| 04 _ VIIICE Jacons | |
| 85 _ Rashad Mason 86 _ Randy White | TE Fr. |
| 87 Brandon Tate | WR Sr. |
| 88 _ Hakeem Nicks | ***** |
| 89 _ Richard Quinn 90 _ Quinton Coples | TESr. DEFr. |
| 91 Tydreke Powell | DT Fr.* |
| 92 _ E.J. Wilson | DEJr. DTJr. |
| 93 _ Cam Thomas 94 _ Michael McAdoo | DLFr. |
| 95 _ Greg Elleby | DE So. |
| 96 _ Tavares Brown 97 Aleric Mullins | DTJr. DTJr. |
| 98 Darrius Massenburg | DE So. |
| * denotes redshirt fresh | man |

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WHEN NORTH CAROLINA HAS THE BALL

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| 72 K. Jolly 71 C. Gaskins 19 C. Jol 28 J Byer 4 B. Rome 45 D. Ramsay 70 A. Pelc 99 J. Rieskamp 99 J. Rieskamp | |
| 11 C Sexton OR 13 T. Yates 95 L. Burgess 95 L. Burgess 95 L. Burgess 97 L. Darity 98 K. Willis, Jr. | ₹1 , |
| 75 G. Reynolds 66 M. Ingersoll 91 M. Kuhr 11 A. Augustin 44 R. Michel 7 S. Lucas 14 I.C. Ne. 32 J. Simm | |
| 33 C. Wilson 1 B. Foster 2 C. Amold 30 J. Gray 20 D. Fills | |

LOWDOWN

Offensive line play key against in-state rival

Game and Time: N.C. State at North Carolina. Kickoff is at noon Saturday. Site: Kenan Stadium.

TV/Radio: TV coverage will be on Raycom. Radio coverage will be provided by WCHL 1360 AM, WRDU 106.1 FM.

Records: N.C. State is 4-6, and North Carolina is 7-3.

The Key Matchup: North Carolina's offensive line against N.C. State's defensive line.

The silent engine of the North Carolina attack has been the offensive line. Whenever it plays well, the running game excels, which opens up space for Hakeem Nicks to make plays through the air.

Prime examples of this occurred during the impressive performances of the line versus Connecticut and Georgia Tech.

Against Georgia Tech, Shaun Draughn and Ryan Houston gouged the Yellow Jackets for 164 yards on the way to a convincing 28-7 win.

The next week, the offensive line struggled to create holes and protect the quarterback. The Maryland defensive line stuffed the run and left North Carolina with little on offense, aside from a few trick plays.

N.C. State's defensive line gets good pressure on quarterbacks. They amassed four sacks against Wake Forest last week, including a game-sealing one on fourth down to stop a Wake Forest drive.

In back-to-back wins against Duke and Wake Forest, the defensive line hurried the quarterbacks into throwing before they were ready.

When left on their own, the N.C. State defensive backs have struggled to hold up in coverage. If the Tar Heels' offensive line can control the line of scrimmage, there is a very good chance UNC and Nicks will put up some big numbers today.

On offense, N.C. State does no specific thing particularly well, but it does just enough to string together a few drives and score 20 points per game.

UNC's defense lives off forcing turnovers, and with N.C. State sporting a redshirt freshman quarterback in Russell Wilson, look for UNC to confuse Wilson into a few turnovers.

The secret weapon for the Wolfpack is their kick return unit. They have returned two kicks for touchdowns, including one on a lateral play against Duke.

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PREDICTIONS FOR TODAY'S GAME



N.C. State vs. North Carolina



(4-6) Kenan Stadium, Noon

(7-3)

HEAD TO HEAD

UNC Offense vs. N.C. St. D



UNC has specialized in the bounceback game this season, and against an N.C. State defense that has struggled in the ACC by nearly every statistical measurement, look for the Tar Heels to put up some points. Edge: UNC.

N.C. St. Offense vs. UNC D



Russell Wilson is a solid, if unspectacular, quarterback, but he still is a freshman. He hasn't made many mistakes this year, but the Tar Heels specialize in forcing them — they're second in the nation in interceptions. Edge: UNC

Special Teams



North Carolina's special teams has been a problem recently. Casey Barth missed an easy one last week, the return game is in shambles without Brandon Tate, and N.C. State has brought back two kickoffs already this season. Edge: N.C. State

Intangibles



The Tar Heels need both of the last two games on their schedule to have a shot at the ACC Championship — if that's not enough motivation, N.C. State also happens to be somewhat of a rival. Edge: UNC

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 38, N.C. State 24

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