

SPORT - SPINS

with Irwin Smallwood

It is an old rivalry being renewed in Duke stadium this afternoon, but the annual battle between neighboring Carolina and Duke initiates a new coaching rivalry—between Eddie Cameron of the Methodist institution and Carl Snavelly of the University of North Carolina. Cameron was acting in the capacity of backfield mentor when Snavelly sent teams against the Blue Devils in 1934 and 1935, but this is the first time both of these top brains of the grid world have had their own teams meet on the playing field.

Cameron, long a disciple of Wallace Wade, employs the same single wing basic formation as the 'Silver Fox,' and the Duke head man is noted everywhere for his love of color and wide open playing, which was not too prevalent at the Durham school of higher learning when Wade was handling head coaching duties.

Just since the Wake Forest engagement last weekend, another tactical phase of the game looks like it will enter into the picture as the arch rival Blue Devils and Tar Heels get down to business in settling the famous grid feud—that is the long used 'shift' . . . This shift, which is used by countless teams over the nation employing the 'T,' Notre Dame Box or single wing formations, was brought under fire after the close shave the Tar Heels gave Peahead Walker's Wake Forest Demon Deacons last Saturday, and it was assailed as 'illegal' and against the 'true spirit of the game.' However, even though it has been attacked as illegal by two North Carolina coaches, it seems that no official has ever said anything about its use, since it was first employed by Snavelly at Cornell in 1939. . . . Duke claims a secret weapon to combat the shift. . . wonder what it could be?

The encounter this afternoon, although providing the Tar Heels with their best chance since 1942 to upset the Blue Devils, is much in favor of the Dukesters as far as the pre-game predictions are concerned. From here, with the record of the Cameron crew in front of us, it looks like the Blue Devils are a little too much for the UNC aggregation. But judging from the fight the Snavelymen put up at Tennessee and against Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, we can all rest assured that it will be one of the best games of the year in Tar Heel—and, if the Tar Heels are at their best and can get a firm grip on all their breaks, it may turn into a Carolina day. At least we can say we hope so, and we add our backing to the team to the end, win or lose!

George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, American League batting champion, placed third in the voting for the most valuable player in the Junior circuit last week. The little second baseman, who starred here at Carolina several years ago, has been around the Hill for the past few days, looking the place over. He had hopes of staying for the annual Duke-Carolina, but he was not sure he could, due to the fact he had two daughters awaiting the return of mama and papa Stirny back in New York. . . . Jim Lalanne, who threw the touchdown pass against Duke in 1940 for the win, was here too. We could have used him last Saturday against the Deacs, and even more today. These men who graduate!

FLASH: Our choice for the best goalie on campus for water polo (code for 'drown the guy with the ball') is Bill Spragins. The little NROTC was faithfully guarding the goal the other day for his team, despite heavy odds—the ball was hitting the goal constantly—and the game came to a screeching climax as Spragins was almost put out of action. Willie Wright, company commander of the Co. No. 3, bounced a terrific shot at the goal, and Spragins, trying vainly to stop the ball, was suddenly crowned by the goal, a big wooden affair, as it toppled from its position into the water. But you can't stun Spragins, and after cheers from his teammates, he resumed his position, waving frantically at oncoming shots. (Some story, no? This space dedicated to the 9:30 PT section.)

Duke-Carolina Tilt Today May Be 'Battle Of Shift'

By Marion Alexander

Carolina's annual classic at Duke today may go down in history as the "Battle of the Shift," and if the grapevine rumors about Duke's new counter-measures are true, more than 40,000 lucky ticket holders may be in for about the most shifty-nifty-shifty game of the year.

Coach Eddie Cameron of Duke has been widely quoted in the papers this week, of course, as saying that Carl Snavelly's tricky Carolina shift is contrary to the rules, but the latest rumor from Durham is that the Blue Devils are working on a super-secret weapon that will put Carolina's in the shade.

Whether Duke decides to unleash its new atomic weapon on the crippled and hard-luck Carolina underdogs Saturday remains to be seen, but the Tar Heels are expecting the worst, and well they may.

Horner Issues Warning

Jack Horner, sports editor of the Durham Herald, is close to the Blue Devil camp, and here is the veiled but dire warning that Horner issued after visiting the Duke practice this week:

"The (Duke) coaches also were drilling the boys on the questionable shift into punt formation. Carolina employs, Duke may have a little secret weapon of its own to combat this play. The team was working on one yesterday. We can't tell you what it is, but we wouldn't be surprised to see the shift backfire on the Tar Heels."

Now the tactician Mr. Snavelly does not give out many interviews to the press, but this was too good an opportunity to pass up, so we took him a copy of "Horner's Corner" and asked him if he had another counter-counter shift up his sleeve.

Yes, he had a good idea what Duke might be up to. BUT, we pondered nervously, "Can they devise some-

thing to nullify our shift or disqualify it?"

Shift Seven Years Old

"No, nothing like that," he declared emphatically, "after a moment's thought. 'The shift has stood the test of seven years of keen competition in a league which is regarded as being smart and where the officials are strict."

"Well then, what can it be?" we pressed the inquiry.

"I suspect that they are planning to use a supershift of their own—one that will really draw the opponents offside. And if it is devised by the Blue Devils," he added with a twinkle in his eye, "we can expect it to be far more diabolical than anything ever attempted by the Tar Heels."

"Will such a shift draw our team offside," was the next question.

"Yes, I suppose it will," he replied with a sad expression.

"Won't that hurt our chances?" we asked in desperation.

"Oh, no," Coach Snavelly declared, and immediately brightened up again. "In considering the reputed disparity of the two teams and the condition that Wake Forest left our men in, I suspect that the plays on which we are penalized will be the only plays on which Duke gains as little as five yards during the afternoon."

His tongue may or may not have been in his cheek, but Coach Snavelly's eyes were still twinkling as we took our leave and the Tar Heels' generalissimo returned to his final preparations for the morrow's great "Battle of the Shift."



Bill Flamish, shown above in his familiar running pose, is one of the fastest backfield men on the Tar Heel roster. Flamish, 18-year-old freshman from Allentown, Pa., has seen increasing action this season, and he will more than likely do a lot of playing this afternoon. (News Bureau photo.)

Trackmen Concentrating On Indoor Conditioning

Cross Country Crew, Unbeaten In South, Resting Before Contest With Virginia

In view of the two week layoff facing his cross-country runners, Coach Dale Ranson has been concentrating his efforts on pre-season conditioning of his indoor tracksters during the past week. The second of his practice meets was held yesterday afternoon, but the results were not available as the Tar Heel went to press.

Time trials were held in all events, including the mile and two-mile runs. Though Coach Ranson has applicants for all positions he said he was still in need of capable boys. The fact that the Navy is still using the Tin Can as a storehouse has prevented the cindermen from using the gym's large board track. In the meantime Fetzler Field will continue to be used until the weather becomes too cold.

The condition of the two boys, O. A. Allen and Jack Hester who were both injured in the Duke meet, has improved and both should be in tip-top condition for the Virginia dual meet next Saturday. The race will be one of the features of Homecoming Day.

Carolina's Southern Conference champions are undefeated in dual competition with the exception of Navy. The Midshipmen placed second in the I. C. 4A. cross-country championships held last week in New York, beaten only by Army.

Cage Candidates Take Hard Drills

Basketball practices are gaining in momentum as the season opener with Camp Lee, one week from Wednesday night in Woolen gymnasium, draws nearer. Coach Ben Carnevale said yesterday afternoon.

Bolstered by the presence of several veterans of last season and some of previous seasons at Carolina, Coach Carnevale, with the assistance of Pete Mullis, is fast whipping a starting lineup into shape in view of the tough season ahead. Most prominent of the returnees are Jim Jordan, high scorer last year, John Dillon, Bob Paxton, Don Anderson and Ira Norfolk. In addition to those lads, who were members of the Carolina Southern conference champs of 1944-45, Buster Stevens, varsity man two years ago, and Jim Hayworth and Jim White have returned, adding considerably to the Tar Heel strength.

Others making up the nucleus of one varsity roster, some 17 men, are members of the 'B' squad last season; Red Hughes, Gene Thomas and John T. Gregory.

Wins Far Between During Past Decade

Tar Heels Have Won Only Two Games Since Snavelly Left Hill In 1935

By Eddy Allen

Ten years ago Carl Snavelly watched begin a dark era for North Carolina grid teams in their traditional duels with Duke. Today, as a decade comes to a close, the Tar Heel mentor has returned to look on again as his sturdy young club tries against heavy odds to add '45 to such red-letter victory dates of 1937 and 1940.

Coach Snavelly departed for Cornell after his 1935 Rose Bowl hopefuls were stopped, 25-0 by the Devils in an amazing upset. What years have unfolded since then have been as a rule unhappy at Chapel Hill. All too often have brawny Durham legions, three of them bowl teams, galloped to triumphs. But there have been the bright days, too, when Carolina's cohorts could shout in song their time-honored sentiments about "Dook University."

Such a year was 1937, when the late All-American Andy Bershak, Crowell Little and other all-time greats fashioned a convincing 14-6 triumph at Durham, a win which was climaxed with the slap in the face of a touchdown after a fake field goal.

Lalanne And 1940

Such a year, as well, was 1940, when 41,000 in Kenan stadium witnessed a 6-3 Tar Heel conquest, the last time until this day Carolina has come out on top. It was Jim (Sweet) Lalanne of whom the crowd sang that day, as the jump-passing speedster carried 16 of 18 times in a 75-yard touchdown march in the final half. Joe Austin took his 10-yard aerial for the tally. Duke up until that time had nursed a bare lead gained on a true field goal boot by Tony Ruffa. Six Tar Heel regulars played without substitution and it finally paid off as favored Duke was dunked.

Almost as great a victory was the 13-13 tie achieved with the doughty Dukes of 1942; but these three rays of sunshine notwithstanding, Duke has completely held the upper hand since that memorable rainy November day of '35.

Carolina, with Snavelly in his second campaign, had rolled over all previous opposition with greatest ease. Duke had lost twice, were definite underdogs. But Jules Ward scampered 47 yards for a Duke tally in the second quarter. Jack Alexander breezed 90 yards and Sam Gardner bucked a third over in the third period, and the great Ace Parker added the coup de grace of a 25-0 defeat. Snavelly's great combine featuring Dick Buck, Don Jackson and others never got moving, bogging down in the harassing mud.

Parker Again

In 1936 Snavelly had gone and it was Ray Wolfe's team which Duke and Parker clipped, 27-7. Ace's 105-yard gallop for a touchdown with a kickoff was the play which clinched his well-earned All-America designation. Came '37 and victory but then '38 and a 14-0 defeat by a Devil club which next week was destined to upset Pitt to finish a spotless season

Seating Rules Given For Today's Game

In order that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of students about admission to the Carolina-Duke game, the following statements are made:

1. A student will be granted admission upon presentation of his athletic pass card and fifty cents at the East Gate student booth on the day of the game. Gates open at 12:30 p. m.
2. A student may purchase one "date" ticket at the student booth for \$3.00. A married student may purchase a ticket for his wife at this booth.
3. Students will not be permitted to purchase seats in the student section for other guests. In order to avoid disappointment, students should note that space is not available in the student section for parents, relatives, and other friends.

which landed them in the Rose Bowl. It was no dishonor to lose to those renowned Seven Iron Dukes and accomplices.

For a time in 1939, it looked as if the Tar Heels would win by a toe—Harry Dunkle's. The husky quarter- See WINS, page 4.

Workouts Continue For UNC Wrestlers

The wrestling squad, under the capable direction of Coach Al Crawford, swung into early season practice during the latter part of this week, with about twenty boys answering the call to begin workouts.

Those grapplers already working out are Art Bluthenthal, Vic Blue, Frank Williams, Irwin Smallwood, Dick Seaver, Stephen Stefanson, Jim Hedgpath, Terry Norris, Jack Kirkland, John Webb, Archie Thompson, Don Ryder, E. B. Blackburn, Joe Lee, Ed Smith, Frank Hill, Don Boardman, Jack McDaniels and Marvin Wilson.

Workers Are Wanted For Virginia Game

With only one week remaining before the final grid game of the season against Virginia, Clyde "Pete" Mullis has announced that he is seeking boys to work at Kenan Stadium during the game.

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