

Tar Heels And Deacons In Opener Today

Crowd Of Ten Thousand Expected To See Game Today At Kenan Stadium

Coach Collins Will Probably Start Veteran Team Against Strong Deacon Machine.

BRANCH MAY GET CALL

Collins, in Need of Punter and Passer, May Use Johnny Over Peacock.

Sports

By Jack Bessen

| N. C. | Pos. | W. F. |
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| Walker | L.E. | Green |
| Hodges | L.T. | Webb |
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| Gilbreath | C. | Cornwall |
| Fysal | R.G. | Grant, Owens |
| Underwood | R.T. | Williams |
| Brown | R.E. | Brogden (C) |
| Phipps | L.H. | Wilson |
| Slusser | R.H. | Hipps, Johnson |
| Chandler | F.B. | Bradley |
| Branch, Peacock | Q. | Hutchins |

The Carolina football squad last night stood ready for today's opening game, scheduled with Wake Forest college in Kenan stadium at 2:30 o'clock.

Opening the season for both teams, and giving the fans their first chance to get a line on relative strength of the two teams in the Big Five and of Carolina in its ambitious Conference schedule, the game is expected to draw a large attendance. Advance ticket sales indicate a crowd of 10,000 or more.

Head Coach Collins put the finishing touches to the attack and gave the final defense pointers in a light drill yesterday afternoon. This final workout topped three weeks of heavy drilling.

Coach Collins indicated that he would have to start his veterans. Johnny Branch, star quarter, was ready, but had missed lots of valuable practice, and Collins was still very much worried that Carolina had no accurate passer.

Today's game will revive the oldest college rivalry in the state. The sophomore classes of Carolina and Wake Forest, in fact, played the first college football game in this state, back in 1888. Wake Forest won a stretch of close games from 1924 through 1927, but the Tar Heels have won the last three years, by top-heavy scores two years, and by 13-7 last year.

The Deacons will send a heavy, experienced team onto the field today, and Collins and the Tar Heels expect a tough, nip and tuck game. Carolina has had to do overtime scrimmage, while Coach Miller has been going easy on the Deacons, indicating they have gotten their plays down well, and reports are that the Baptists will have their top physical power.

Wake Forest Will Be Out To Break Carolina Jinx

Wake Forest will be out to break a three-year jinx when the Deacons invade Kenan Stadium to open the season with Carolina today. The Tar Heels won 65-0 in 1928, 48-0 in 1929, and 13-7 last year. Before that the Deacons held a similar jinx for Carolina. They won 7-6 in 1924 and again in 1925, 13-0 in 1926, and 9-7 in 1927.

CAVALIER OUTFIT NOT EXPECTED TO SHINE THIS YEAR

Coach Fred Dawson, Starting Reign at Charlottesville, Is Stressing Fundamentals.

Virginia's veteran football squad will be a hard tackling and blocking organization if nothing else this year unless Fred Dawson, new head coach at the Charlottesville institution, is sadly mistaken. All through the early practice sessions stress has been placed on fundamentals, and strategy has been ignored in favor of more basic things.

There is plenty of material on hand this season for the first time in several years, and Virginia is looking forward to a much better team than that of last year when the Orange and Blue was on the receiving end of plenty of knocks. Bill Thomas, halfback, is leading the Virginia fold this year, but he will have plenty of help from his mates this year which is something he couldn't claim last fall.

Thomas himself is the most brilliant of the backfield prospects, of course, but Henry Sackett, Gene Stevens, Doug Myers, and Bucky Harris are other men who have been showing themselves to good advantage to date. Sackett will probably get the call at the quarterback position since Frank Sippley, veteran field general, is probably out for the season with a cracked shin bone. Thomas will be at one of the halfbacks, with either Doug Myers or Gene Stevens at the other. Harris is due to hold down the fullback position, while Ben Pinder, a letter man, and Bobby Dodd and John Moulton will serve as reserves.

The line also should have plenty of strength with Buck Poss, veteran, at one tackle and Ed Rohrbough, Gene Wager, George Coles, and Ray Berger fighting for the other post. Chris Tompkins may also be used at tackle if necessary, but he is now bolstering up the guard department, and will likely stay there unless some of the above mentioned tackle candidates fail to come through.

Lewis Reiss, formerly a fullback, will probably be at center with Fenton Gentry and Herbert Bryant, two star boxers, at the guard positions. Both Gentry and Bryant are weighing over 200 pounds and are showing excellent form.

On the ends will be Bill Condon, Segar Gravatt, or Bill St. Clair, all three of whom are monogram wearers. However, two sophomores have been looking good so far and may be substituted in order to add more weight and power. These two men are Bob Cutler and Max Bence.

Virginia used only eight plays in winning the opening game of the season against Roanoke, 18-0, and very few plays have been added since that time. Virginia will probably continue to concentrate on blocking and tackling until Dawson is thoroughly satisfied with the work,

TACKLE AND GUARD



Harry Hodges and Newcombe (pictured above) form a main cog in the 1931 grid machine. Both of these stalwart linemen are tried veterans and well versed in the Collins system. Besides being excellent defensive players, both boys are fast and should prove to be hard aggressive men as well.

BURLEIGH GRIMES MAY PITCH FIRST GAME OF SERIES

Veteran Pitcher Is Rounding Into Shape After Recent Sick Spell.

Burleigh Grimes, Cardinal hurler who has been tossing them up for National league batters 15 years, now looms as a probable starter against the Athletics in the coming world series.

The veteran right-hander's appearance in the charity game with the Browns yesterday set wise tongues wagging with the explanation that he needed the workout following a recent sick spell. Earlier predictions that he might be reserved for relief work in the pinches were revived in view of Manager "Gabby" Street's apparent desire to test the big fellow out under fire.

GABBY KEEPS COUNCIL

"Gabby," who often keeps his own counsel far better than his nickname might indicate, had nothing to say. Burleigh, less reticent, confessed his life's ambition is to beat his last year's rival, Lefty Grove, and he will let slip no opportunity to talk his manager into another chance at achieving it.

Paul Derringer, sensational rookie, and Bill Hallahan, the club's only southpaw moundsman, continued favorites for starting assignments in pre-series gossip, as further discouraging reports were received on the state of Jess Haines' injured shoulder.

Both Derringer and Hallahan

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PIEDMONT LEAGUE HAD GOOD SEASON

Judge Bramham, President of Circuit, Thinks Season Was a Success.

The Piedmont league, just through with its 1931 season, suffered no more from the depression than any ordinary business. That, in brief, sums up Judge W. G. Bramham's reply to persons who are confident that minor league baseball is on the downgrade.

Wiping his brow with one hand and gesticulating with the other, Judge Bramham, who has been the daddy of the Piedmont league since its birth, declared emphatically he could see no reason for getting excited over the baseball situation hereabout and wound up by declaring the 1931 season a success.

LIKE OTHER BUSINESS

"Of course some of the teams played to smaller crowds this season," Prexy Bramham declared, "but the Piedmont league did not suffer any more financially than the ordinary business."

There is one thing about baseball this year, the league head said, and that is the clubs have come to realize that high salaries cannot be paid. "Baseball salaries have not been reduced since the World War and nat-

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