

# Carolina Meets N. C. State Saturday

## Strictly Ad Lib

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### Let's Look at the Tar Heels, et al

**FOOTBALL'S MAGIC SPELL IS** everywhere about this time each year and Chapel Hill is certainly no exception. Folks around this neck of the Southern Conference woods are wondering just how well the knee-deep Tar Heel squad is going to stack up against some of the toughest teams in the nation—and they're also wondering about the conference title chase and about Saturday's opener with an upstart N. C. State team.

It's really too early to tell, but let's analyze a few of the top teams in the conference.

**CAROLINA:** Sixteen of 22 regulars are returning this year along with nine other lettermen, a host of varsity reserves, the cream of last year's freshman crop, and a batch of hotshot freshmen. Coach Carl Snavely has a good crop of sophomores and freshmen to bolster last year's vets—but he also has a lot of question marks. The ends are the weakest points while tailbacks, tackles and centers seem to be plentiful. Major losses were Huck Holdash, Dick Bunting and Roscoe Hansen. The defensive backs posed a problem at first but things seem to be working out—slowly.

**N. C. STATE:** Romped over Catawba, 34-0, in first game but could muster no long payoff drives. Capitalized on mistakes and probably kept major portion of offensive attack under wraps. The Wolfpack is always dangerous—especially to arch rival UNC. Coach Beattie Feathers has the best manpower at his disposal that he has enjoyed since taking over the State team. His ends are fairly weak and the defensive backfield is no great shakes. Major losses were Ed Mooney and Tony Romanowsky. In addition to 22 lettermen, State has a batch of good sophs and good freshmen.

### Tatum Likes His Terps

**MARYLAND:** Coach Jim Tatum likes his team and minces no words in saying so. A lot of football folk also like the Terps who are loaded with fair-to-middlin' backs and have a fine little All-America (Bob Ward) at guard. The Terps have a fast and tricky offense from the Split-T but the defensive line is not the best in the world. Major losses were Elmer Wingate, Ray Krouse, Chat Gierula and Jake Rowden.

**WAKE FOREST:** The Deacs had the best defensive line in the nation last year and is bolstered by the return of All-Southern Tackle Bill Gearge, one of the roughest customers in the conference. Wake has one of the finest first teams in the conference but the reserves are woefully weak. New Coach Tom Rogers has a handful of good sophs but needs more. Major losses were Jim Staton, Bob Auffarth and Nub Smith.

**DUKE:** New coach, new formation will handicap the Blue Devils. Weak in the middle of the line and at offensive ends. Many of the backs show promise but are untried. Quarterback Jerry Barger, a freshman, has been a shot in the arm to Duke hopes. Major losses were Billy Cox, Ceep Youmans, Jim Gibson and Tom Powers.

### Clemson Has Possibilities

**CLEMSON:** The Tigers lost heavily but lettermen still jam the lines. Aside from hustling Billy Hair capable backs are scarce. Coach Frank Howard won't get much help from last year's freshmen but still might come up with another fine team—he usually does. The offensive backs are weak. Major losses were Sterling Smith, Fred Cone, Jackie Calvert, Ray Mathews and Dick Hendley.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Coach Rex Enright needs a quarterback and sophomore Johnny Gramling might be just the man to fill the bill. If the slot isn't adequately filled, the Gamecocks will have a poor offense despite the presence of glittering Steve Wadiak. The ends are only so-so and the passing attack is poor. Major loss was battering Bishop Strickland.

**WILLIAM AND MARY:** The Indians have a new coach and a new formation. They will have a lot of scoring power if they can get started. The defense is relatively weak but Coach Marvin Bass usually turns out a fine line. It may take the Indians a little time to get started. Major loss was Vito Ragazzo.

**WASHINGTON AND LEE:** Chances are the Generals won't repeat as conference champions (VMI might slip in) but will have a pretty fair country team. Graduation hurt the Virginians. The line and reserve strength is weak but Gil Bocetti is still on hand and he can make most any team click. Major loss was Walt Michaels.

## UNC Powerhouse Predicted By National Sportswriters

Some folks seem to think that Carolina is going to have a football powerhouse this year.

Grantland Rice, writing in Look magazine, picked UNC as the 18th team in the nation. Sport Life magazine selected the Tar Heels as one of the top 10 teams in the country.

Speaking of the Southern Conference, Rice says, "North Carolina is favored with Maryland and Duke pressing. After that, it looks like Wake Forest, Wil-

liam and Mary, North Carolina State, South Carolina, Clemson."

Going even farther out on his limb, Rice continues, "For the New Year's Day lineup, I predict . . . Miami vs. North Carolina in the Orange Bowl."

One interesting fact to be taken into consideration when any discussion of Carolina's national ranking comes up is that four of the Tar Heels' 1951 opponents are rather generally ranked among the top 20 teams in the country.

## Chalmers Port Only Player On Injury List

Carolina's football team moved into the last days of practice before the N. C. State game with no serious injuries hampering the squad. Although the Tar Heels suffered the usual number of minor injuries, the entire squad should be ready for Saturday's game.

Alternate Captain Bob (Goo-Goo) Gantt is back in heavy gear after being sidelined with a pulled leg muscle. Freshman George Foti of Orlando, Florida was running the offensive blocking back slot in place of the injured Van Weatherspoon who was out for a week, but is now back in the lineup.

Wingback Chalmers Port has been running in light togs due to an apendectomy three weeks ago. He should be ready for the Texas game. Louis Britt, tailback from Glen Cove, N. Y., will be out with a sprained ankle for a few weeks.

Surprise of the scrimmages has been the passing of junior tailback Frank Wissman. At present Wissman and sophomore Billy Williams look like the best of the tailbacks.

Eight or nine freshmen have done well in practice and several should see some action this fall. Larry Parker, highly publicized back from Charlotte, will probably play at defensive halfback.

State held secret drills on Monday and Tuesday as they prepared for the Tar Heels. Morning sessions both days were delegated to brushing up on the pass defense. Catawba College gained



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256 yards through the air against State in last week's season opener for the Wolfpack.

The afternoon portion of State's two-a-day drills was spent working on defenses against Carolina's running attack. Tuesday's practice was topped off by a 45 minute scrimmage against the B squad.

Offensively Alex Webster, a 210 pound speedster, is the big wheel in the State attack. Webster's passing ability is a big question mark for he didn't throw a single pass against Catawba.

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