

Down In Front

By Biff Roberts

Experience and Determination

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN experience bucks determination should be answered pretty well this afternoon after Carolina and Wake Forest fans tread their way out of Kenan Stadium. The Deacons, with four games under their belts but with an unimpressive record of one win, two losses and a tie, are getting the nod by most experts to take the Tar Heels, beaten in their only game of the season and victims of a polio isolation that has put them out of heavy action for two weeks.

By all rights the team with the most experience should win a football game. But to me this game seems like the exception to the rule. The Carolina team, deprived of a fair chance to get the split-T running by the cancellation of the Georgia and N. C. State games, is ready to play winning football.

The Carolina offense didn't look too good against Texas. But on the other hand, the defense didn't do bad at all. And remember, this isn't Texas we're playing today. When the Longhorns played here on opening day, they were at their peak. They didn't make many mistakes and when they did make them, they seemed to capitalize on them instead of getting hurt. The Texas quarterback, T Jones, played probably his best game of the season in Kenan Stadium.

Wake Forest—Not Texas

IT CERTAINLY ISN'T Texas we're playing today, and for that reason I'm going to go along with the Tar Heels. Wake Forest has a pretty fair country ball team but from this corner it looks as though Carolina has a better one. And, despite the Tar Heels' inexperience, I think they can send the Deacs bawling back to Baptist Hollow.

In the first place, the Wake Forest pass defense has a tendency to grow lax on occasions. With Marshall Newman, starting today, and with Charlie Motta, his top relief, both good passers, at the quarterback post you can expect the Tar Heels to fill the Kenan atmosphere with passes. And sometime during the afternoon those passes ought to click for some quick points. Newman showed his ability for passing in the final stages of the Texas game when he engineered and passed for our only touchdown. And Motta, despite the fact that he missed the Longhorn rodeo, is known to be a good field general and tosser. His work in last spring's Blue-White game pointed that out.

The Deacons have a host of fast and powerful backs. But to stop them Coach Carl Snavelly has a strong defensive line. That line held the Texas ground attack successfully enough—the Longhorns' winning margin coming on the passing attack. Led by co-captain Tom Higgins, the Tar Heel forward wall should be able to handle the Deacs' running attack.

Defensively Better

SOME MIGHT BRING out the fact that our pass defense was a major factor in our loss to Texas, and indeed it was. But to repeat, it's Wake Forest and not Texas and Sonny George and not T Jones that we face tomorrow. George has been exceptional on his short over the line passes, especially in the William and Mary game when he guided the Deacs to their only win of the season. But he is more erratic on his long heaves, as was pointed out in the Villanova game when he had four intercepted and the Deacons fell, 20-0.

Then too, Coach Snavelly has had more time to work on his pass defense. When he went into the Texas game he was more worried about getting the split-T working than he was in stopping the Texas passers. Defense had been sacrificed somewhat in practice in order to get the offense going. But since the Texas game the Tar Heels have had a chance to improve on the air raid defense and you can expect to see a better one this afternoon.

So for the most part it boils down to the fact that each team has a counterpart for the other's strong point. They've got some fast backs, we've got a strong line. We've got some powerful backs, but they, too, have a good line. We've got a good passing game, they've got a weak defense. They've got a good but erratic passer, we've got a good but erratic pass defense. And so on into the night.

What We've Got That They Haven't Got

BUT WHAT WE'VE GOT and what the Deacons seem to have lost is determination. For all the harm that two-week layoff caused us, it did make us more eager to play. Wake Forest, on the other hand, has been on a gradual decline. They were at a peak in the opening game against Baylor and barely lost, 17-14. Against William and Mary they pulled one out of the fire to win 28-21. Then the road went down. A 7-7 tie against Boston College wasn't very impressive and then last week's loss to Villanova did little to cheer the Baptist boosters. Wake Forest has always been able to rise to heights against us but I believe today will be an exception.

So with the haunting thought of having picked the Yankees in five games and Tennessee over Duke still hanging in the air, let's crawl further out on that limb and take the Tar Heels by one touchdown. If you want a score, try 20-13. It's as good as any other.

Tar Heels Slight Underdogs In First Big Four Contest

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Lewis was the leading Deac scorer last year with 30 points, and will see defensive action too.

Light Schedule Opens Dorm Play

The dorm intramural tag football season began Thursday afternoon with a heavy schedule. Only three games were played, however with the remaining games either forfeited or cancelled.

Rufus Hackney scored the only touchdown of the game on a pass from Labe Little to give Ruffin a hard-earned 7-0 victory over Steele. The winning margin came in the last half of the game which was a defensive battle all the way.

The offensive battle of the day was between Manley and Stacy. Manley rallied in the last minutes of the game to win 18-13 on a touchdown by halfback Moody. Stacy led at the half, 7-0.

The only other game played was won by Graham, 1-0, over Cobb. The losers had a touchdown called back in the second half of the game which was decided in a sudden overtime.

Four injuries will hamper the Tar Heels today. First string defensive backs Bull Davidson and Billy Williams are out, and fullback John Gaylord and end Benny Walsler are also on the injured list. Gaylord, Williams, and Walsler are all suffering from hold-over injuries from the Texas game.

Snavelly will be shifting his backfield combinations most of the afternoon using the best men for the situation. Offensive co-captain and halfback Chal Port will see a lot of action on run-backs and offense. Port played outstandingly on defense last year, and is the fastest back on the squad this season. Sophomore Connie Gravitte is expected to see action at halfback, and quarterback Charlie Motta will probably be used extensively.

Sonny Ridenhour will start in place of Williams at safety in the Tar Heel defensive lineup. Co-captain Tom Higgins, a stand-out against the Longhorns, will lead the defensive team from his tackle spot. The forward wall settled down a few times against Texas and played brilliantly, and has looked increasingly better in practice.

Carolina Jayvees Win Easily Over Virginia Cavaliers, 31-14

Special to THE DAILY TAR HEEL
Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 17—Carolina's Junior Varsity romped to an easy 31-14 victory over the University of Virginia Jayvees here at Scott Stadium this afternoon. The winners spotted their hosts an early first quarter score, and then proceeded to roll up five straight tallies before Virginia could push over a second consolation marker.

The Cavayearlings passed for a touchdown early in the first period to gain a 7-0 advantage. The Tar Babies took the Virginia kickoff and marched 60 yards for its first score. Halfback Flo Worrell carried over from the five for the touchdown. Charlie Poindexter failed to add the extra point, giving Virginia a 7-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Carolina took a permanent lead early in the second stanza. A 60 yard march was climaxed by quarterback Ernie Liberati sneaking over from the six. Poindexter made the only Carolina conversion of the afternoon. In the third quarter Al Long gathered in a Virginia quick kick and galloped 60 yards for a touchdown.

The Tar Babies got a second score in the third period. Liberati, who quarterbacked the split T attack very well all afternoon, tossed a 13 yard pass to left end Van Weatherspoon in the end zone. This came at the end of a 40 yard march.

Another 40 yard march brought the final Carolina tally in the fourth period. Halfback Billy Hawkes went over from the seven for the score.

The losers got their second touchdown in the final minutes of the game. This tally also came by the aerial route.

The passing and ball handling of Liberati, a Senior who does part time varsity duty, highlighted the Carolina offensive action.

State Out

Carolina Athletic Director Chuck Erickson has announced that the game between Carolina and North Carolina State will definitely not be played. The game was postponed because of an outbreak of polio on the Carolina campus.

There had been some discussion of playing the game at a later date. However, Erickson has announced that this was found to be unfeasible.

The Carolina football season will definitely close on November 28 against the University of Miami.

The University athletic office has announced that refunds on tickets for the cancelled game are now being made here. The office pointed out that requests for refunds for tickets purchased at N. C. State should be sent to that institution.

SUAB Grid Contest Prizes

The Student Union Activities Board has announced the prizes for the winner of this week's football contest as being two tickets to the Carolina Theater and a carton of cigarettes.

Entry blanks for the contest can be picked up in the lobby of

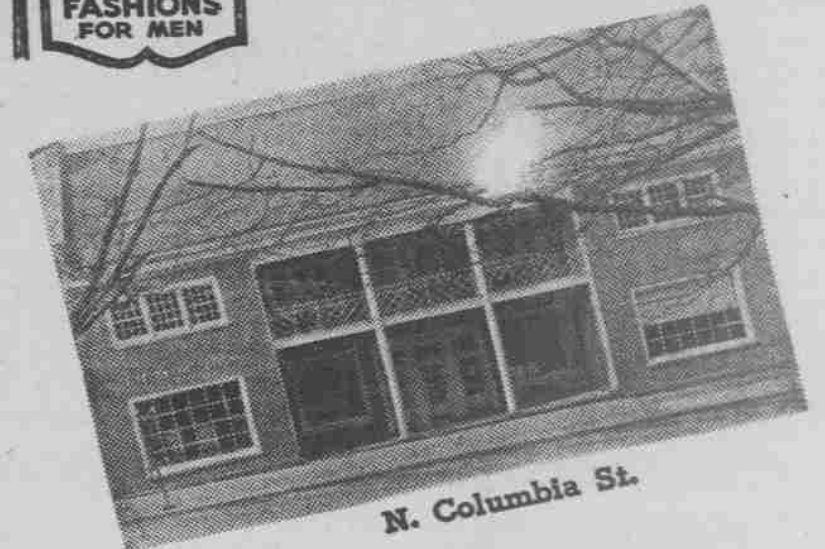
Graham Memorial and must be turned in by noon today. The names of the winners will be announced in Wednesday's Tar Heel.

Vince Pagley, junior defensive end for the University of Miami intercepted his first pass as a Hurricane against V.M.I.—and returned it 36 yards for his first Miami TD.

When Carolina was defeated by Texas in its opening game of the 1952 season, a couple of freshmen supplied the Tar Heels' scoring punch. Freshman quarterback Marshall Newman tossed to freshman halfback Ken Keller for the only Tar Heel tally in the 28-7 defeat.



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