# North Carolina, Virginia Open Season Today

# Vintage Year Seen For UNC Football

By CURRY KIRKPATRICK Jim Hickey and his Tar Heels annually approach that first football game optimistic that this is The year. And just as annually they discover that it wasn't The pre-season ballyhoo this



HAVING PREDICTED a brilliant future for the Continental League, invested a'l my money in Edsel stock and picked Larry Burright as baseball's next super star, I find it very difficult to pay any attention to me when evaluating anything.

But because I enjoy college football and am permitted to write about it, the following weeks will find this space trying to approach an educated football average of 50 per cent. (UNC games will be omitted. I'm not that brave!)

SOUTH CAROLINA AT DUKE. The Gamecocks are going to miss halfback Billy Gambrell, last season's Player of the Year in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Quarterback Dan Reeves remains as the sole show, and he is not enough to match Duke's fine running backs, Bill Futrell, Mike Curtis and Jay Wilkinson. Duke, by 10.

NC STATE AT MARYLAND. Dick Shiner is one of America's finest passers, but his Terp supporting cast was severely deleted by graduation. State has good depth and should not make as many mistakes this year. It'll be a surprise. NC State, by 7.

CLEMSON AT OKLAHOMA. His tigers may even outroar Fran kHoward this fall, but they're aiming for ACC play. Good backs will make Oklahoma too tough.

44 passes last year for 668 yards time around is similar to 1959 and five touchdowns - a rank of (a disappointing 5-5); to 1960 seventh in the NCAA. Size (6-3, (a poor 3-7); to 1961 (a fair 5-5) 210), speed, sure hands, great and to last year (a disastrous moves. He's got it all. The start for 3-7). Every year, those guy is a sure-fire pro prospect who are supposed to know say even if he doesn't make first it will be different. This year, team All-American. however, they will be right.

At tight end, Lacy's counterpart on the other end of the line, will be John Hammett. A 5-10, 197-pound senior, Hammett is a blocker and a consistent two-way ballplayer. The blond Greensboro native sprained his ankle in practice last week, but it should be okay for opening

If not, the Tar Heels have found a fine relief man in sophomore John Atherton. He and letterman Joe Robinson are behind Hammett while big (6-2, 205) Frank Gallagher and Neal Clay spell Lacey at split end.

The interior line is well-stocked with veterans and is expected to be the biggest improvement from last year. Aside from mentioning that tackle Vic Esposito is Carolina's best blocker, the story of the line can best be told in the next section.

#### DEFENSE

Most experts will tell you that football games are won and lost in the line. UNC gave up a staggering total of 206 points last year. That's 20 points a game, Jack, and though much of this ineptitude was attributed to the defensive backfield, the line also came in for some derogative adjectives. Like "porous," "weak,"

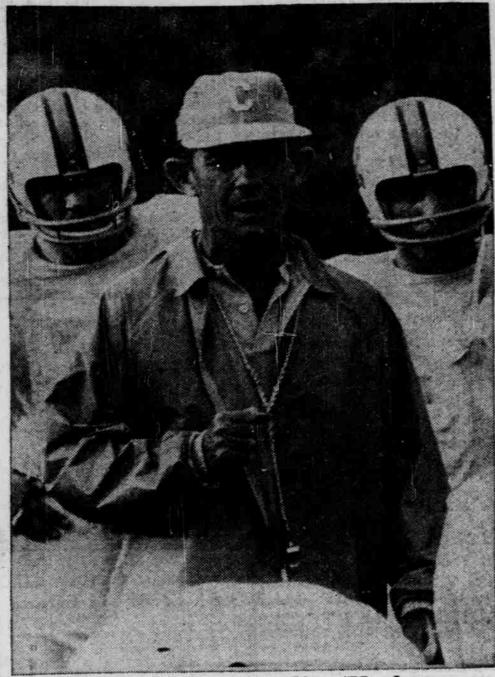
fied, however, according to Coach Hickey and his staff. "Rugged." "Dependable." These have been the adjectives used this year, and on this very defensive line may rest UNC's football fate. The same ends remain, with

At tackle, Esposito (6-1, 220) is

Co-captain Gene Sigmon moved



Saturday, September 21, 1963



**Coach Hickey Readies 'Heels** 

# 27,000 Anticipated For 68th Renewal

#### By CURRY KIRKPATRICK

Two old, old rivals meet amidst a "new" environment here today when North Carolina and Virginia open the 1963 Atlantic Coast Conference football season.

The 1:30 game, first to be played in Kenan Stadium since construction placed 17,260 permanent new seats and a second tier there, is expected to draw 27,000.

It will be broadcast locally over radio stations WCHL (Bill Currie and Jim Heavner on "Caronet" - 1360) and WRAL (Ray Reeve and Crowell Little - 1240).

The series between today's foes dates back to 1892. That year, UNC played the Cavaliers twice and split, winning 26-0 and losing 30-18.

Over the years, the schools have played 67 times but, strangely, never have opened a season against each other. Carolina leads the series, 37-27. There have been three ties. The Tar Heels, attempting to climb back into the national limelight after an absence of several years, think this might

be the season. Their hopes could be justified. In quarterback Junior Edge and split end Bob Lacey, they have a most potent air attack. And running back Ken Willard, a powerful 220-pounder, amply takes care of the ground chores. The rest of the UNC lineup is a collection of experienced veterans. Tommy Ward, at wingback, Eddie Kesler, at fullback, and tight end John Hammett complete the offensive arsenal. The starting interior line in-'New' Kenan

By MAT FRIEDMAN

some will be under cover.

The renovation was made pos-

Back in 1927, when the original

Kenan Stadium was dedicated, it

seated 24,000. But 28,000 packed

the stands that day to see the

Tar Heels score a 14-13 victory

over, of all teams, this Satur-

day's guests, the Virginia Cav-

Built originally as a memorial

to Mr. Kenan's parents, the

"new" Kenan has the design and

comfort to make it one of the

nation's finest. Its original cost

was \$375,000. At that time the

student body was about 2,400.

Last year's seating capacity

was somewhere around 44,000.

Now the concrete football mem-

orial boasts an official estimate

of 42,012 permanent seats.

Today it is over 10,000.

style and comfort.

cludes Gene Sigmon and Vic Esposito at the tackles, guards Jerry Cabe and Richie Zarro and Chris Hanburger, a converted end, at center,

Virginia will come into Kenan a somewhat unknown quantity. The Cavaliers are expected to start four sophomores, two in the backfield, two in the line, against UNC.

They are quarterback Bob Dunphey (6-0, 195), fullback Bob Prusmack (5-10, 205), both considered outstanding runners, in the backline, and tackle Bob

UNC	UVA					
LE-Lacey	Gigliotti					
LT-Sigmon	Torok					
LG-Cabe	Bickers					
C-Hanburger	Todd					
RG-Zarro	Perry					
RT-Esposito	Kowalkowski					
RE-Hammett	Christhilf					
QB-Edge	Dunphey					
RH-Ward	Sieg					
LH-Willard	Massie					
FB-Kesler	Prusmack					

Seats 42,000 Kowalkowski (6-1, 210) and end Frank Gigliotti (6-2, 205) on the line. The other half of the backfield With the University bursting at finds two strong, experienced the seams, beautiful "new look" runners in seniors Terry Sieg Kenan Stadium is all ready to and Henry Massie, seat 42,000 Tar Heel rooters in Sieg (6-1, 187) had a 5.0 rushing average from his right half-Actually, without end-zone seats back position last year. He is being used except on overflow president of the senior class at days, the picturesque park will UVA. Massie (6-1, 180) is a seat about 2,000 fewer than it baseball pitcher in the off-seadid last year. But with the adson. dition of a second tier, all seats



perhaps anyone on the schedule.

The main offense, the one that

and "terrible." The situation has been recti-

Closer than you think. Oklahoma, by 3.

WAKE FOREST AT EAST CAROLINA. The only place the Deacons can go is up. Or is it? Up is such a long way for these guys - ACC patsies at 0-10 last year. And they lost Karl Sweetan for more than a month. ECC dedicates a new stadium with this one. If Wake loesn't win it, it won't win any. Wake Forest, by 2.

#### The East: Boston Loses Two

BOSTON COLLEGE AT SYRACUSE. The improved Orangemen have Wally Mahle to throw the ball and Jim Nance to run with it. Jack Concannon's bombs will fall short. Syracuse, by 12.

BOSTON U. AT ARMY. Both teams are hurting at quarterback, but where Paul Dietzel has an impressive defensive line, BU has nothing. Army, by 20.

ALABAMA AT GEORGIA. I just happened to pick up the phone the other day and I heard these two guys talking football. I really didn't think much of it but now . . . . Alabama, by 12.

VPI AT KENTUCKY. Half the Wildcats are spohomores, and this is a good way to start out. Kentucky, by 14.

TEXAS A&M AT LSU. The new substitution rule cannot help but hurt LSU early in the season. Improved Aggies will make it a good ballgame. LSU, by 10. \_\_\_ NAVY AT WEST VIRGINIA. Navy looks like the

class of the East. Roger Staubach over Jerry Yost in a battle of fine quarterbacks. Navy, by 7.

NORTHWESTERN AT MISSOURI. Many pick the Wildcats biggest of the Big Ten. Missouri's usual strong defense can not offset the loss of Johnny Roland. Northwestern, by 14.

AUBURN AT HOUSTON. Auburn's line is a question mark. But a second-division club in the Southeastern Conference is a first-division club almost anywhere else. A close one. Auburn, by 5.

KANSAS AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN, Kansas has Gale Sayers and he could be the best running back around. But TCU is much improved. Home field means a lot here. Texas Christian, by 7.

## The West: Some Fine Backs

COLORADO STATE AT ARKANSAS. A loss to Texas last season prevented the Razorbacks from sharing in a fourth straight Southwest Conference championship. Skinny Billy Gray takes over from Billy Moore, and they may be better. Arkansas, by 25.

WASHINGTON AT AIR FORCE. Junior Coffey regularly picks up five yards a carry. Jim Owens regularly wins seven games a year. This will be one of them. Washington, by 14.

PENN STATE AT OREGON. One of the East's best meets one of the West's best. Mel Renfro, the finest college football player in the country, will be the difference. Oregon, by 3.

THERN CAL AT COLORADO. Talk about power-

Hammett a standout. Lacey will will be expected to produce the probably be rested as much as touchdowns, is called Junior possible as Gallagher takes over Edge, Bob Lacey and Ken Wilwhen the other team has the ball. lard. They are complemented in the backfield and at the flanks dynamite. He will line up next by Tommy Ward, Hank Barden to Hammett and be relieved by or Eddie Kesler and John Hamletterman John Hill (5-11, 235). mett. These guys and their into the other starting tackle backup men are UNC's scoring spot when Cole Kortner broke his department.

BOB LACEY

back,

name.

this manuever.

Hank Barden.

of offense.

third fullback.

Jackson.

other top defensive performer

as a soph last season, has also

surprised the coaching staff with

Smith (5-10, 170) and the little

(5-8, 165) scatback, Ronnie

Junior Edge's qualifications

at the fourth backfield post are

nose in practice. But both Sig-Willard, a second team Allmon (6-2, 220) and Kortner (6-0, ACC pick as a sophomore full-234) will see plenty of action on was moved to halfback Gallagher's side. last spring and will probably be Last spring, Jimmy Alderman used at both positions this sea-(5-11, 214) and Loren Wells (6-2, son. The 220-pounder rushed 466. 200) were figured to be the two yards for a 3.9 average in his top guards on the squad. But rookie year.

junior Richie Zarro (6-0, 205) Big Ken will be spelled by and Jerry Cabe (5-10, 205) have Ron Tuthill (5-10, 175), a junior moved in and taken over. who excelled in the spring and The latter two will start against Dave Braine. The position they Virginia with Cabe, a wrestler in man is called "running back" the off-season, occupying middle by UNC coaches and differs guard on the defensive line and from the fullback slot chiefly in Zarro moving back to right linebacker. At full, the plan was to run

with Willard and Kesler side by

Center (the left linebacker spot Eddie Kesler, a powerful 215on defense) definitely was the pound junior, thereby achieving a "pro-look" running program

side. But two things have stalled The first was a pulled muscle Kesler suffered about two weeks ago that kept him out of action for 10 days. The second was Barden's defensive ability has never been questioned, and he will be remembered as the man who recovered from a pass dfense mistake in time to save last year's game with South Carolina. But until this fall, he had not been thought of in terms During Kesler's absence, however, he came along so well that he may start the opener with Virginia as a 180-pound fullback. If Kesler is completely recovered, though, the Tar Heels will definitely go with the two big boys. Jim Eason (6-0, 185) is the Tommy Ward (6-1, 185), an-

CHRIS HANBURGER

his running ability. He will start and line up at "wingback" hardest hit by graduation. And Saturday a yard out and a yard here is where Hickey made his back of the tight end. Behind key move of last spring. Ward are co-captain Roger

With the graduation of 1962 co-captain Joe Craver and team MVP Bob Zaback (both outstanding centers) staring him in the face, Hickey shifted Chris Hanburger, a hard-hitting defensive end, to the vacated position.

impressive. Reputed to be the eighth best such statistics in Fast and aggressive, Hanburger (6-0, 200) has filled the bill imthe country last year were his pressively - in practice. How 103 of 185 passes for 1234 yards. really effective the move is will und conior signal

### **UNC** Analysis-1

**Tar Heels Ready** 

The following is the first in a series of exclusive articles by UNC football coach Jim Hickey. In the coming weeks, Hickey will explain game strategy, analyze the opponent and point out things to look for on the football field.

By JIM HICKEY

We're as ready as we'll ever be for this opener today. I would say the ball club is definitely ahead of where we were at this time last year. • I couldn't have asked for better cooperation this fall, for these

guys are confident, their attitude is excellent, and the spirit is sky high. I have always said that if

you're going to have a good football team, the seniors you have must do an outstanding job, both performance-wise and in their leadership. That is why I feel pretty happy about this team - this is the best group of seniors I've ever had here. As to offensive or defensive strategy in the opener, we'll play Virginia as we'll play everyone this fall - letting the situation determine a passing game or a running game. At this time, I am not thinking of concentrating on on or th other. I feel we have a fine attack

with Edge, Lacey and Willard. Everybody fussed so about Willard being moved from fullback. But his duties, with the exception of a single play, are exactly what they were as a fullback. Kesler and Hammett have

come around and will be ready to start. Whether they do is something I haven't decided. Both Barden and the sophomore, Atherton, have looked very good. Our defense is very much improved. Let me qualify that by saying we have been tough against ourselves. We need a

and Massie at the halfbacks are strong runners. Todd and Bickers on the line have also impressed us in the past.

quarterback, Dunphey, is a fine runner and they wil concentrate on that. I just don't know. He may come down here and throw 30 passes.

There are a lot of other young fellows I know nothing about. We have respect for this team, and I am anticipating a tough football game.

## Lacey Makes Bid To Join UNC Elite

That big number "85" you'll see as the split end for the Tar Heels this afternoon is Bob Lacey. He has much the same effect on a football as flypaper has on flies and for this reason he is being considered as a possible All-America.

If he makes it, Bob will become the tenth UNC player and the sixth Tar Heel end to do so. Past All-Americas at Carolina are: guard George Barclay (1934), end Andy Bershak (1937), tackle Steve Maronic (1938), end Paul Severin (1939-40), halfback Charlie Justice (1948-49), end Art Weiner (1948-49), end Ken Pow-

ell (1949), center Irvin Holdash (1950), and end Al Goldstein (1958).

The distinguished-looking sage peering from between the lines of this column is Norval Neil Luxon, Dean of the Journalism School and journeyman football

surprise guest selectors lined

attempt to bring its football predictions (translation: blind guesses of the sports staff) up to a respectable lev-

wise

Reluctant, at first, to become a part of this nonsense, the noted Dean went about his difficult task with vigor. After glancing through the selected games, muttering "I don't know anything about Houston or Auburn."

aliers.

and consulting his lucky carnation, Luxon ventured forth, As the results below show, he has not won his far-flung reputation by staying off the limb. The Dean called what may become the biggest upset of the early season - Georgia over Alabama.

The rest of the panel, which is comprised of DTH staffers Curry Kirkpatrick, John Montague, Fred Hobson, Mat Fried- lowing is presented.

BSON

Joining sophs Gigliotti and will be along the sidelines and Kowalkowski on the line are four seniors and a lone junior. Ted Torok (6-4, 228) is the sible by a \$1 million gift from junior at the other tackle.

William Rand Kenan, who insist-The guards are Duane Bickers ed that the "new look" offer first (5-11, 205) an outstanding declass facilities and that the arfenseman, and Bruce Perry chitecture assure the beauty and (6-0, 216). At center is captain uniqueness of the original sett-Turnley Todd (6-1, 215).

Hickey's Staff

**Remains** Intact

Coach Jim Hickey's staff of assistant coaches remains basically the same this year as the five field assistants all return. They are line coaches Emmett Cheek, Joe Mark, Bob Thalman, end coach Vita Ragazzo and defensive backfield coach Bud Car-

son Cheek also serves as head of the UNC scouting team. George Barclay returns for his third year as freshman coach.

Football Horrorscope

man and Al Kaplan, was not so brave. They will be picking every

week which may account for the tendency to conservatism. they have shown the first time around. Either that, or they're all yellow chickens.

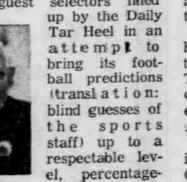
The selectors, this week, have guessed along the same lines, as the unanimous agreement on nine games shows. They split 3-3 on only two contests.

The "Horrorscope" - an apt title considering the personalities involved and the probable results - welcomes any and all correspondence (both con and con). For comic relief, the fol-

game badly to find out how much better we really are. I am almost completely in the dark about Virginia because they have so much new personnel. Of course, we know Sieg

We know nothing, however, about the two sophomores in the backfield. The fullback, Prus-

prognosticator. He is the first in a series of



Luxon

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SOUTHERN CAD IN Beathard, Hal Bedsole, Damon houses! Here's Pete Beathard, Hal Bedsole, Damon	caller is ahead of Juniors Gary	not be known until after today's	mack, has drawn raves up there. Coach Elias keeps saying their	GA	KI	W	Ħ	<b>E</b>	X	-
houses! Here's Pete Beathard, Har Double Stand Bame, and Willie Brown. And you don't usually find four All-American possibilities on the same team. Eddie four All-American possibilities on the same team. Eddie Crowder's debut will not be pleasant. Southern Cal, by	Moving to the line, the end po-	Letterman junior Glenn Ogburn (5-10, 204) and rookie Ed Stringer	Past Stars Here	USC-Duke State-Md Clem-Okla	Duke St Okla Bama	Duke Md Okla Bama	Duke Md. Okla Bama	Duke St Okla Bama	Duke Md. Okla Bama	Duke St Okla Ga
18. OTHERS: Mississippi over Memphis State Tennessee over Richmond Vanderbilt over Furman VMI over George Washington Ohio University over Buffalo California over Iowa State	at times. That side is the "wide" side where the "split end" roams. And some people say that the best in the business will be roaming that side for UNC this fall. His name is Bob Lacey, and if you haven't heard of him by now you're either a freshman or deaf, dumb and blind. There is not much said about Lacey that isn't true. He caught	The offensive backfield, with one possible change, will remain intact on defense. Hickey will play his fullback and running back at the corner spots on defense. On the left, that will mean Barden or Kesler. At right cornerback, the change will come. Hickey very probably will rest his offensive work- horse, Willard, in favor of Braine	ternoon. Among the thousands of spectators will be Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, recognized as Ca- rolina's all-time greatest, and Bill Dudley, who enjoyed similar fame as a halfback for Virginia. Also on hand will be several	Arky-0k.St Aub-Houst VPI-Ky Navy-WVU Bos.Col-Syra Bos.U-Army Nwest-Mo Kan-TCU PennSt-Ore	Arky Aub Ky Navy Syra Army Nwest TCU Ore USC Wash	Arky Aub Ky WVU Syra Army NWest TCU Ore USC Wash	Arky Aub Ky Navy Syra Army Nwest Kan PS USC Wash	Arky Aub Ky Navy Syra BU Nwest Kan Ore USC Wash	Arky Aub Ky Navy Syra Army Nwest TCU PS USC Wash	Arky Aub Ky WVU Syra Army Nwest Kan Ore USE Wash