

# More Strength, More Experience, More Depth



HEAD COACH JIM HICKEY ... AND ACE QUARTERBACK DANNY TALBOTT

Behind closed doors. That's where head coach Jim Hickey's much-suspected-about Tar Heels have been grinding it out in preparation for Saturday's season opener against the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

A forboding expanse of tarpaulin, stretching the perimeter of the fence around the practice field, and a watchman at every gate has kept the press and spectator world pretty much in the dark as to what tactics the UNC gridders will be using.

But if strategy is unknown, certainly the opposite is true of personnel. For this is the squad that defeated Ohio State on foreign soil last season; the squad that led Georgia by 14 points twice before tasting defeat; the squad that blanked Notre Dame for three quarters before biting the dust; the squad that blew a 17-point lead against Virginia.

### BIG AND STRONG

Last year's Tar Heels were short on staying power and experience. Not so this season. One of the nation's leading college football magazines described the team this way: "Big, powerful and versatile with plenty of depth."

The schedule this year is frightening, slating away games with Kentucky, Michigan, Georgia and Notre Dame. But this is nothing new to the Tar Heels. Hickey says he feels this squad can out-perform the Ken Willard spectacular that piled up a 9-2 season record in 1963, capping the stack with a 35-0 romp over

the Air Force in the Gator Bowl.

### ACE IN THE DECK

The talk of the team, of course, is last year's Player of the Year in the ACC, triple-threat senior quarterback from Rocky Mount, N. C., Danny Talbott.

Talbott, who figures in strongly among candidates for the Heisman Trophy, ran and passed for 1,477 last year, leading the circuit in scoring with 70 points.

While piling up an impressive average of 4.1 yards for 96 rushes, the versatile athlete took time off from quarterbacking to kick five field goals and 13 extra points, and averaged 38 yards as a spot punter from short distances.

And Talbott will have plenty of help from 28 returning lettermen and an exceptional group of sophomores up from George Barclay's unbeaten freshmen team.

Of course there are some weak spots. The centers are mostly inexperienced, the linebackers are exceptionally small for the position, and the full backs never have tried to run down big-league varsity defenders.

But Hickey and his highly capable staff feel that the problems can be overcome.

### HEAVY COMPETITION

"I'm especially pleased that the competition will be keen at all positions," Hickey said recently. "For example, for the first time in my eight years as head coach, I feel we

really have some depth at the all-important position of tackle. I couldn't even tell you now who might be the starters there."

Charlotte senior Hank Sadler, a veteran of all-star potential, heads the tackle corps. He'll be the defensive key.

Then there are Tom Ingle and Chuck Alexander, two battle-tested veterans, and three highly-promising sophomores, Mike Richey (253), Terry Rowe (254) and Tom Renedo (236).

To make it all better, all five have better than average speed and mobility for men of their size. Alexander is versatile, could even play guard or center.

These tackles promise far more punch in the offensive line than it had last season.

### CONTROL POWER

"As I see it," said Hickey, "we should be able to control the ball more. Last year, we were capable of making the big play and often did. But we had problems with the average play—the four yarder when it was a must to keep the ball."

"This fall, we should be able to make the big play and also the control play. Our running attack will be the best inside. I think we can grind when necessary."

"And of course, when the ball is ours, our defense gets an extra rest. You'll see an improved defense as a result of this."

Top runners in the camp are

David Riggs, a shifty fellow from Morganton who has opened eyes in pre-season scrimmage play, and Tom Lampman, former Virginia dash champion. Both are lettermen and were first stringers last season.

### STRONG SOPHS

Two sophomores who hail from Canada will play prominent roles. One is Mark Mazza, a 216-pounder from Dundas, who apparently nailed down the starting fullback job with a fine spring. The other is Dick Wesolowski, 215-pounder from Hamilton, who was so explosive as a freshman that his name became a household word in North Carolina.

Coaches feel that Mazza will develop fast into a key performer. But they aren't overlooking the fact that he is inexperienced.

Those small linebackers mentioned earlier are Bill Spain, who weighs just 190, and Brent Milgrom, 194. Both are tough, however, and eager to get the job done.

The inexperienced man at center will be Chip Bradley, a sophomore who has a bright future. He's a 212-pounder from Asheville.

### RECEIVING END

The receiving corps commands attention. Charlie Carr, sidelined for three games last season with a broken hand, could be a national eye-catcher. Peter Davis, a soph, is a good one. Bob Hume, top receiver last year with 30, returns for his final year and will be used at end instead of flanker back.

## Cheerleaders Out To Boost School Spirit

"Rip 'em up! Tear 'em up! Give 'em hell Heels!"

Indications are that this fall should be a pretty joyous time around the Hill as far as football goes.

And there are equally apparent indications that head cheerleader Dick Starnes and his squad are out to see that school spirit hits an all time high this year.

A pep rally slated for Sept. 23—the Friday evening before the N. C. State game the following day—has been designed "to end all pep rallies," according to Starnes.

The Charlotte senior plans to have the downtown section of Chapel Hill blocked off to make room for the Carolina ladies and gentlemen. Fireworks displays are planned to paint the skies in anticipation of victory.

"Hundreds of helium balloons will be released every time we score during the State game," the had cheerleader added.

The cheerleaders are determined to make school spirit a continuous thing. "We want every student to make an effort to speak to the football players when they see them on campus. A word of well-wishing will mean a lot to the team," Starnes predicted.

The cheering squad also plans to have at least two representatives at all the minor sports events this year, starting with soccer and track.

"We can't keep continuous yelling and organized cheers going during a track meet or a cross country event," Starnes said, "but we'll be there to wish the team well."

## The Remarkable Mr. Riggs Thinclads Predict Good Track Season

Last year the most exciting newcomer to Tar Heel sports was unquestionably Dick Wesolowski. The 215 pound back from Canda earned headlines throughout the state with his hard powerful running.

Four times last season, Wesolowski raced for more than 100 yards in freshman games. Sports writers began predicting that he'd assume Ken Willard's vacated crown as Carolina's next great running back. Fans were certain that he would move with ease into a starting var-

sity job this season. But it hasn't happened that way.

The most interesting and exciting event of Carolina's pre-season workouts revolves not around Wesolowski but around a young man named Dave Riggs.

Riggs, just a little fellow in a world of giants, is fighting one of the biggest football battles of his life in a practice uniform. . . . and winning.

At last count the 176 pound junior was the number 1 half-back, and going strong.

In the teams first Saturday scrimmage, for example, it was Riggs who scored the initial touchdown of the day, taking a pass from Danny Talbott and streaking 40 yards into paydirt.

"It's good to have a fellow like Wesolowski pushing me," Riggs said after the scrimmage was over. "I've found I'm at my best when I'm being pushed."

Riggs has had to battle for a starting birth since the first day he donned a uniform at Carolina. He opened last year riding the bench, but beat out veteran Max Chapman at mid-season.

He went on to play sensationally, gaining 276 yards in 76 carries for an average of 3.5 yards a try. His biggest day came in the Tar Heels victory over Clemson when he returned a Tiger punt 67 yards for a touchdown. He thus became the first Carolina player to go all the way

with a punt in 10 seasons.

But now Riggs and the other Tar Heels are preparing for the season's opener against Kentucky at Lexington, Sept. 17. "And that's the only one we're concerned with," Riggs says. "The first one is a big one. If we win that, we'll be hard to handle."

And right now he's working for a starting job on the practice field with Mr. Wesolowski breathing down his neck.

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Cross Country is the third member of a trio of varsity sports which constitute Carolina's athletic program this fall. As with football and soccer, pre-season reports on the thinclads predict great things to come.

"I'm really looking forward to this season," cross country coach Joe Hilton said. "This team of boys will probably be the best in the history of the University."

Coach Hilton has eight lettermen returning from a squad which lost only to powerful Maryland last fall.

They are co-captains Trip MacPherson and Charlie Worley, Bill Bassett, Ed Daw, Frank Kurth, Fred McCall, Russ Putnam, and Mike Williams.

"Apart from these experienced runners," Hilton said, "We have some exceptionally good boys from last year's undefeated freshman team."

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HANK SADLER Veteran Tackle

## Is Bob Hume Underrated?

The most underrated University of North Carolina football player? Would you believe Bob Hume?

That's the way some of the Tar Heel coaches describe the senior tight end from Memphis, Tenn., who has been such a sparkling performer in the first week of fall practice.

Hume played flanker back last season and led the Tar Heels in pass receiving with 30 catches. He now has made the switch to end with ease and looks like a solid replacement for John Atherton, who graduated.

Latest word is that four Tar Heels will see action both offensively and defensively this season. They are backs Tom Lampman and Gene Link and ends Bob Powell and Billy Warren.

Lampman, the team's starting fullback last season, now is playing halfback on offense and corner back on defense. Link was strictly a defensive back last year, but is running some at halfback now.

A GROWING BOY If Carolina tackle Hank Sadler puts on any more weight, his old friends won't recognize him.

Sadler came to Carolina from Charlotte four years ago as a 182-pound guard. He's 48 pounds heavier now at 230 and is the Tar Heels' star tackle.

SPRIT BOOMING Quarterback Danny Talbott says Carolina football enthusiasm it has been in his four years here. "It's great just to walk into the locker room," he said. "I've never seen a squad of boys so eager to play football."



DAVID RIGGS



DICK WESOLOWSKI

## Soccer Team Anticipating Winningest Season Ever

Marvin Allen is Mr. Soccer at UNC.

He was a member of the University's first soccer club in 1938, and he kicked the club's first goal against Duke. Nine years later he started soccer as a varsity sport, and, except for two years during the Korean War, he has coached the team ever since.

Coach Allen has seen a lot of teams and a lot of players come and go.

Last year's team was the finest in the University's history.

This year's team should be even better.

In 1965 Allen's boys posted a record of eight wins against three losses. Two of the defeats were concluded in overtime, and they were at the hands of Navy and Maryland—two of the nation's finest.

"We have nine men returning from last year's starting team," Allen said. "Therefore, we'll be more experienced this season. And we should be

more consistent."

Today's club is made up primarily of seniors. Jim Hammer, a center halfback and All-America candidate, and veteran goalie Bob Johnson are the teams' co-captains. Left half Danny Galves, inside left John Loud, right wing Bronson VanWyke, left fullback Terry Henry, and left wing Jackie Writer are veteran starters and are all in their final season of collegiate competition.

Jimmy Johnson, last season's outstanding center for-

ward, and inside left Larry Heath are two juniors rounding out the returning nine.

Coach Allen expects Willem Polack to help the team at the inside right position.

Allen also expects added help from a promising crop from last year's freshman squad.

"Jimmy Crane will help us a great deal," the coach said. "He's a very good right wing. But he's just one of several members of that fine freshman team that will wear a varsity uniform."

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1966 TAR HEELS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 17—Kentucky	Lexington
Sept. 24—N. C. State	Chapel Hill
Oct. 1—Michigan	Ann Arbor
Oct. 15—Notre Dame	Notre Dame
*Oct. 22—Wake Forest	Chapel Hill
Oct. 29—Georgia	Athens
Nov. 5—Clemson	Clemson
**Nov. 12—Air Force	Chapel Hill
Nov. 19—Duke	Chapel Hill
Nov. 26—Virginia	Chapel Hill

\* Homecoming  
\*\* Band Day, Law Alumni Day

