



Chansky's Choices...

By Art Chansky

Saturday's Tennessee-Mississippi game could turn the already topsy-turvy Southeastern Conference race into a real scramble.

Any of four teams can win in the powerful SEC, and this weekend's encounter in Knoxville, Tenn. could have the biggest bearing on deciding the eventual titlist and a possible trip to either the Orange or Sugar Bowl.

The Rebels from University, Miss. sneak into town with a chance to be the dark horse visitors of the whole conference. Coach Johnny Vaught has never had a losing season in 21 years at Ole Miss, and he's taken the Rebels to some kind of bowl in every one of the 1960's.

Great quarterbacks have been the tradition throughout the years at Ole Miss. Probably the best of them all was Charlie Conerly, the Mississippi farm boy that made it big with the New York Giants.

Following Conerly were such names as Eagle Day, Glynn Griffing and Jake Gibbs. Day and Griffing bombed out after short stints in the NFL, while Gibbs said good-bye to the South and became a Yankee. He's now taking his lumps behind the plate for the former American League world beaters.

This top run of quarterbacks spearheaded a power-packed Rebel offense that has left Vaught (163 wins, 48 losses) second only to Nebraska's Bob Devaney in won-lost percentage for still-active coaches.

But this season, Vaught's rousers were picked to finish well down in the conference standings, behind the likes of Florida, Alabama and Tennessee.

Florida started its skid at the hands of the powerful North Carolina Tar Heels and is now struggling to stay alive. Alabama is 6-2 with two conference losses, and, for them, that's just average.

Georgia and Auburn, who meet this week in Alabama, have come on strong to join Ole Miss as prime challengers for Tennessee's title.

Since Coach Doug Dickey's arrival in 1963, the Volunteers have risen to the top of the SEC.

Dickey turned Tennessee into a T-formation power following the years of single-wing football under Bowden Wyatt and Bob "the general" Neyland. After four years of suppression at the hands of Alabama, the Volunteers finally turned the trick last season and wrestled the conference crown away from the Crimson Tide. This season the Vols are intent on defending that title.

Tennessee is loaded with potential. They seem to be so deep in personnel that they could rely on a third string quarter back to come off the bench and direct big wins over Alabama and Georgia Tech.

Of course, that was last season when untested Bubba Wyche replaced the injured Dewey Warren and Charlie Fulton and performed remarkably in their absence, leading Tennessee all the way to the Orange Bowl.

This year Wyche is back and, except for last week when the Vols were upset by Auburn, he seems better than ever. Olympian Richmond Flowers has returned from Mexico to pep up the Tennessee offense which sagged slightly in the Vols' first two wins.

The only weakness, if any, lies in the greenness of the interior blocking line. All-American Charles Rosenfelder is the only returning starter, and his cohorts may make someone costly mistakes, as in their repeated failure to open holes against Auburn last Saturday.

The advantage in this game may belong to the home team. Tennessee is playing on its new Tartan-Turf, a smooth green surface that is most adhesive to bubble gum.

Saturday's loser will be out of the SEC running, so it's a good bet that neither school is taking this one lightly. The Rebels will be volunteering to get their licks in, but the Vols should cause a rebellion that will send Ole Miss home for another year.

Booters In NCAAs; Host MSU Monday

The Carolina soccer team has qualified for the NCAA playoffs it was announced Tuesday.

The Tar Heel booters, 8-1 this season, will open play in the Eastern Sectional tournament here Monday when they host national defending co-champion Michigan State.

This marks the fourth consecutive season a UNC athletic team has qualified in an NCAA playoff. The basketball team advanced to

the national finals the past two years and three seasons ago the baseball squad participated in the national tournament.

It is the first time the soccer team has ever gone past regular season play.

Carolina is seeded second in the Southern bracket of the Eastern Division. Undeclared Maryland, which handed UNC its only loss Monday, is ranked first in the South. West Virginia is third.

Michigan State, which last

season tied St. Louis -) in the finals of the national tourney to finish as NCAA co-champion, is seeded third in the Midwest Division with an 8-1 record.

They are ranked behind Akron, the only team to beat them this year, and St. Louis.

The winner of the Carolina-Michigan State game will meet Akron.

"We're in the toughest bracket in the country," said UNC Coach Marvin Allen.

"We'll be decided underdogs to Michigan State, and we'll have to play much better than we did against Maryland to even stay in the game."

"Meanwhile we're expecting a tough game against Duke Friday in our last regular season game."

Michigan State is a traditional national soccer power. In 10 games this year the Spartans have scored more than 60 goals, allowing only four. All four goals the

Spartans surrendered were to Akron in a 4-1 defeat.

In MSU's only tie, it once again played to a scoreless deadlock with St. Louis as it did last year.

The Spartans are led by two high-scoring forwards from Jamaica.

Trevor Harris has scored 16 goals with 14 assists and Tony Keyes has 21 goals and six assists. In comparison, Carolina's top scorer Dave

Feffer has five goals so far this season.

State also has two top performers from St. Louis, the hot-bed of soccer in this country. Forward Tommy Krest broke his arm early in the season, but still managed to score seven goals and handle nine assists.

Soccer Joe Daum has nine shutouts in his 10 games.

In the other bracket of the Eastern Sectional, West Virginia meets St. Louis. The winner of that match will play Maryland. Both Maryland and Akron drew a bye in first round action.

Coach Allen had a word of praise for his Tar Heels, who have blanked six of nine opponents.

"At times we have played very good soccer," he said. "Three of our top performers have been halfbacks Jamie Canfield, Jimmy Crane and Jeff Perry."

"And of course our sophomore goalie Tim Haigh has done a tremendous job."

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In Carolina's home opener against Oregon Dec. 3, the closed-circuit system will televise the action on a large screen in Memorial on a trial basis. If enough interest is expressed by large attendance, the Virginia, Virginia Tech, Maryland and the Citadel games will all be televised by closed-circuit.

Three other games in Carmichael Auditorium are already slated to be televised by commercial stations and one by WUNC-TV.

The Duke, N.C. State and Wake Forest games will be on the conference Game of the Week on regional television. The Clemson contest Dec. 16 is scheduled to be telecast on WUNC's "broadvision," which is the picture without commentary.

Admission to the Memorial closed-circuit telecasts will be free to UNC students. Staff members will be charged \$1.

The Carolina track team will have a squad meeting tonight at 7 in 304 Woollen Gymnasium. Coach Joe Hilton urges all interested students who want to try out for the team to attend the meeting.

The Tar Heels begin their indoor season Feb. 1 in the VMI Relays at Lexington, Va. Last season Carolina finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference in indoor competition.

Tigers' Defense Best In ACC, Says Dooley

By OWEN DAVIS DTH Sports Editor

Clemson has the best defensive team in the Atlantic Coast Conference according to Carolina Coach Bill Dooley.

Dooley told his weekly press luncheon Tuesday that "the Tigers line up and really hit you. They have eight starters on their defensive unit from last season. In my opinion Clemson is the best defensive team in the conference."

Coach Frank Howard's league-leaders have lost four games to outside opponents, but Dooley said the Tigers have corrected their early mistakes. "Clemson has two young players in the defensive secondary," he said, "and they were hurt against several Southeastern Conference teams through the air."

"But in recent games against N.C. State and Maryland they have been able to shut off the pass."

"The Clemson offense has a new spark with the return of quarterback Billy Ammons, injured early in the season, and sophomore fullback Ray Yauger."

"With Ammons back their team has a lot more

confidence," said Dooley. "He throws the ball well and gives them more variety."

Tailback Buddy Gore, who last year led the ACC in rushing and gained 176 yards against UNC, may not play Saturday. He was injured last week against Maryland.

"Gore is tough," said Dooley. "They say he may not play now, but I'll have to get to the field Saturday before I count him out. He's the type of boy who will run even when he's injured."

The Tiger passing game is led by receiver Jack Anderson, who has 19 receptions for 287 yards this season.

"Both Anderson and flanker Billy Waters are quick," said Dooley. Ammons likes to throw to Anderson the most, but he can also hit Waters long."

Dooley called last week's 41-6 loss to Virginia Carolina's "worst game since I have been here."

"It's real discouraging and disappointing. The only game like it was last year's game against Virginia in Charlottesville. We have played poorly now against them two years in a row."

But Dooley thinks the Tar Heels can return to the form which beat Florida.

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