



It's Home Again...

By Art Chansky

When Carolina and Vanderbilt kickoff the 1969 home grid season this afternoon, the Tar Heels and Commodores will be hard-pressed to match some of the electrifying, dismal and bizarre home openers that have rocked Kenan Stadium in its 42 years of existence.

Probably the most remembered Chapel Hill football opener occurred in 1948 when the Tar Heels played host to the nationally third-ranked Longhorns of Texas.

Just the year before, Texas had smashed Carolina, 34-0, in Austin, and the enthusiastic Longhorn rooters expected a similar shellacking to take place at Kenan.

It did, but the opposite way. An uncountable number of Texas fans made the trip to Chapel Hill, but upon their arrival many found the ticket supply had been exhausted.

"You don't understand," a Texan lady pleaded. "I'm from Dallas. We... my husband and I chartered a plane this morning. We got here and there are no tickets... Can't somebody help me? The price doesn't matter. We must get in."

The price certainly didn't matter. Former UNC Sports Information Director Bob Quincy describes that 1948 opener this way in his book entitled "Choo Choo":

"When North Carolina kicked off to Texas that sunny fall afternoon, hundreds of fans milled outside the stadium offering big bills to slip past the gatekeeper. Tickets had vanished. The aisles of Kenan were packed, a violation of normal procedure. There were tales of \$250 bribes for ticket takers to turn their backs; one cigar-smoking, cowboy boot-wearing citizen of the Lone Star was said to have flashed a lease of an oil well for two good seats."

-The Greatest Ever...

Many never got to see the opening game of Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice's junior year. But the fortunate ones inside Kenan may have witnessed the greatest game every played in Chapel Hill.

Carolina scored three times in the first quarter and went on to upset Texas, 34-7. The 1948 Tar Heels finished the regular season undefeated, only a 7-7 tie with William and Mary blemishing their record. In the Sugar Bowl, Carolina lost to a powerful Oklahoma team, 14-6.

The Justice teams of 1946-49 never lost a home opener at Kenan. In '46, however, Carolina was tied by Virginia Tech, 14-14, when Justice had two kicks blocked that led to Gobbler touchdowns.

"I'll never have another kick blocked," Choo Choo said afterwards. "I'll kick it off the side of my foot on the run if I have to."

He didn't, either. In 42 games after the tie to Virginia Tech, Justice never again had a kicked blocked and led the nation in punting his freshman year.

Carolina's best played opener in a losing cause came in 1955 when the Tar Heels hosted Oklahoma in the middle of the Sooners' legendary 47-game winning streak.

UNC lost, 13-6, on an intercepted pass late in the game. But the score had been tied, 6-6, for most of the way.

Following the game, sooner Coach Bud Wilkinson said that Carolina had "defended us better than any team we have played in three years."

But not all Carolina's opening day losses have been well played. Two of the most dismal thumpings the Tar Heels have ever taken in their home premier have occurred in the past two seasons.

UNC was crushed by a bullet-fast Tulane team, 37-11, in 1967, and the Tar Heels were again destroyed, 38-6, by State in last season's opener.

In fact, the last Carolina won a Kenan lid-lifter was in 1966. In that game, Danny Talbott's field goal and fourth quarter touchdown pass to Tom Lapman beat the Wolfpack, 10-7.

An oddity about that opener was that Lapman's wife had given birth to their first child the morning of the game. He certainly picked a great way to celebrate fatherhood.

-Several Players Collapsed

The strangest opening day game at Kenan was played in 1965, when the Tar Heels met Michigan in blazing 100-degree heat. Several players collapsed and had to be carried off the field before the Wolverines could sweat out at 31-24 victory.

It was so unbearably hot that in the Kenan Stadium press box only one cup of coffee was drunk of the five gallons prepared. Bob Quincy later said that the man who needed the cup had gone out of his mind from the heat.

A crowd of about 30,000 is expected for today's game, but that will fall short of the biggest gathering to ever jam Kenan for an opener.

In the 1966 win over State, 47,600 people, including standing room, saw the Tar Heels beat the Wolfpack. 43,500 were on hand for the 1948 Texas game, but that was before the upper deck had been added.

One thing that today's game will feature as never before is a brand new electronic scoreboard brought to Kenan by Homer Rice and the Carolina Athletic Department. The Sorenson scoreboard is similar to the first model ever used at last year's MCAA basketball finals in Louisville. It took all week to install the electronic giant, and it will be in operation this afternoon.

The numbers on the new scoreboard are slanted for easier readership. Like those numbers, the crowd will also be slanted in rooting the Tar Heels on to their first opening day victory in three years.

A lopsided final score might not make today's game the most famous opener in Kenan history, but the right slant all around would surely make the stadium rock again—just like the old days.



(DTH Staff Photo by Woody Clark)

The 'New Look' Of Kenan Stadium

... See It In Color This Afternoon

Cantrell, Culbreth Lead Heels

Junior Tom Cantrell and sophomore Rusty Culbreth have been named Carolina's third game co-captains for the home opener against Vanderbilt by Tar Heel Head Coach Bill Dooley.

Cantrell, a defensive guard from Havre de Grace, Md., was an outstanding performer against South Carolina last week in Columbia. Culbreth, who is a halfback in Carolina's surprising defensive secondary,

is a transfer from Virginia Tech and hails from Greensboro.

Culbreth held USC's star split end Fred Zeigler to only two catches last week, but his performance was smeared by Zeigler's being picked as outstanding offensive player in last week's ACC Sportswriters' balloting.

It must have been a pretty sorry week offensively in the ACC.

Harry The Heel

PREDICTS:

Good morning fans. After two weeks of sayin' "I think we're gonna do it today," it's time to come right out and make a gallant prediction. I just got back from Nashville, and boy are those Commodores ever bad news. They have a bunch of flimsy backs and a rubber-armed quarterback that think their gonna come in here and do a job.

Well, after three days of snooping and sneaking messages into their lockers, they are thoroughly demoralized. But they won't show it. It must be that damn Tennessee pride. There's only one way to show them, and that's beatin' the hell out of those Commies.

Prediction: Carolina 27—Vanderbilt 13. Make that happen, and we'll all get a bang out of life tonight. Even ol' Harry.

There will be a girls heavyweight wrestling bout between Zoe Isabelle "the bomber" Ingalls and Gall "cutthroat" Kesselman at Kenan Stadium preceding the Vandy-UNC game.



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Smith's Team Responsible

Kenan's New Look

By RUSTY CARTER
DTH Asst. Sports Editor

When the fall season of football once again opens in Kenan Stadium today, there will be another team present besides Carolina and Vanderbilt. It has worked equally hard.

This nine-man squad headed by veteran Larry Smith will get few cheers from the crowd, but they'll get no boos either. As a matter of fact they'll probably get no recognition at all for the job they've done in pre-season workouts.

Smith's title is Supervisor of Maintenance for the Athletic Department of North Carolina which contains more words than you'll see beside anyone's name in the program. Yet you won't even see him at the game today.

Sure, he'll be there because he hasn't missed one in seven years. He'll be inconspicuous today though as he tried to see that Kenan Stadium works as she is supposed to.

What you will see today are the handyworks Smith and his team who we'll call the Hardworkers. The new designs, colors, banners, goal posts, and even the matted grass that will add to the beauty of today's home opener are the results of this team's practice drills.

This year is the 100th anniversary of football and in tribute to the game a large pigskin painted in brown and numbered 100 in gold will mark the center of Kenan Stadium. The grass has been dyed there as it has in the endzones which read UNC in white on a Carolina Blue background.

"It took 90 gallons of paint to make these designs," Smith remarked, "and from up top it's really pretty." We don't mind the work of the 100th year because we enjoy making the field look nice and we're proud of Kenan Stadium."

But along with the pride goes a lot of work and many hours. While Coach Dooley and his team sat at the training table and got a night's rest for the game, Smith and his team put in overtime last night in preparation for today. There were loose ends to tie and

whether or not they were all completed Kenan Stadium has a beautiful face today.

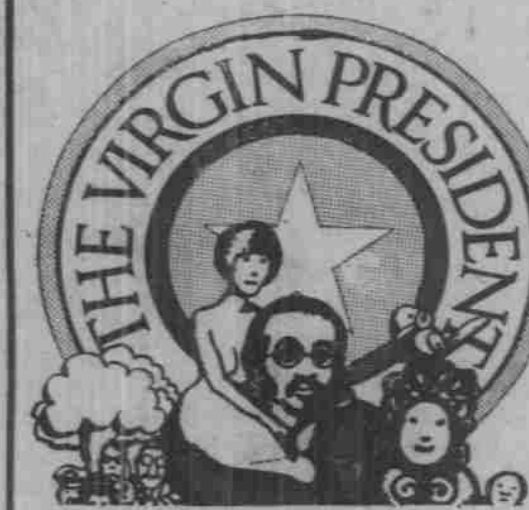
In addition to the surface improvements, a new scoreboard will be tested against the Heels. It too was being completed last night, and hopefully when the Heels score they'll get credit for it on the modern contraption.

The same group of scoreboard engineers struggled to make game time once before against the Heels. When the UNC cagers played in Louisville last year, popcorn was being sold before the lights were turned on for the first time. But it worked.

Smith and hardworkers are delighted with the new appearance of the old Kenan and all the pre-season work is over. The field looks fantastic and the weatherman has predicted a clear, sunny day for the Heels to trample the paint job.

So, today when you comment on how nice the new designs look, don't forget Smith's team. They've performed remarkably well in pre-season play.

SOUTHERN PREMIERE



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