

Home Finale For UNC

Crippled Frosh Host Richmond

By Mark Whicker and David Zucchini

expect Wake Froest to give us the kind of game they did."

Wake surprised the Tar Babies 14-6, their only loss in three games.

Smith pointed to a couple of important factors in today's contest.

"Our passing game needs to improve," he said, "and we'll have to pick up first downs on short yardage situations with more consistency."

Quarterback Russ Strait has completed only six passes out of 24 attempts this year. Strait, however, has been moved to linebacker this week because of an injury to Lee McLaughlin.

John Klise, who engineered the victory over Virginia, will get the nod at quarterback today.

Klise is the third leading rusher on the team, behind halfbacks Mike Shuster and Ed Lamens.

Wingback Tom Bradley is hurt, so Lamens will take his position.

Fortunately for Smith, the freshmen have enough backs to survive these and other accidents. Fullback Dave Kuratnick will play guard today in place of Billy Newton, but with the return of Kevin O'Rourke, who carried eight times for 39 yards at N.C. State before he was hurt, the running game won't suffer at all.

Earl Chesson, another converted signal-caller, leads in pass receiving with five for 82 yards. Colt Hitchcock, who stands 6-5, and Jim Steele, 6-6, are two promising tight ends coming off injuries.

Since John Frerotte is also out, tight end Scott Reynolds will switch to tackle. Reynolds made a fine one-handed of a two-point conversion to clinch the victory over Virginia.

Harry Vann will play center again unless starter Gary Ulicny is ready.

On defense, the line of Ted Levens, Len Anderson, Warren Miller and Pete Talty has limited the opposition to 98 rushing yards per game. Linebacker Terry Taylor has been involved in most tackles in the last two games, and Bobby Johnson hasn't been far behind Taylor.

The defense came up with seven interceptions in the Virginia game, three going to Butch Smith. Other interceptors were Chip Gibbons, linebacker David Wall and defensive backs Tom Kennedy and Dennis Kelly.

Kennedy ran his theft back for a touchdown as time ran out.

All of this came without Phil Bracco, who scored on an interception at State but was hurt a couple of weeks later.

Frantic Scramble Involves 4 Teams

by Al Thomas

The number of football Saturdays remaining this fall is quickly diminishing, with four of the eight ACC teams frantically scrambling for the conference crown during these waning hours.

Duke (4-0 in ACC play), Wake Forest (3-1), South Carolina (2-1-1) and North Carolina (3-2) all have a chance, however slight in some cases, to be the champion.

While the Blue Devils appear to be in a commanding position, they have the roughest part of their conference schedule yet to play, having to meet Wake Forest, South Carolina and North Carolina. Duke could capture the championship outright with two wins in their next three outings, but few would guarantee the Dukes any such outcome.

Of all the teams' scenarios, Carolina's appears to be the most complicated, and most difficult to realize.

In order to win the championship outright, UNC needs to topple Clemson and Duke, Duke to lose its next three games, Wake Forest to beat Duke but then lose to State, and for South Carolina to beat Duke but lose to Clemson.

The Tar Heels could forge a tie for first if Duke beats Wake but loses to USC and UNC, and if USC loses to Clemson.

Carolina's chances are, obviously, very slim. It would be a major upset if Duke's Tom Harp doesn't win his first ACC crown since coming to Duke five years ago.

UNC Meets VMI

The Tar Heels rebounded last Saturday from a three-game losing streak, a losing streak which severely marred their previously unblemished record and national stature. With the Tar Heels taking on hapless VMI here Saturday, they shouldn't have any trouble continuing that resurgence.

VMI is 1-7 this year, giving up an average of 49 points a game. VMI doesn't have any depth, and is injury-riddled.

About the only plus factor for the Keydets is their field goal kicker, Dan Cupit.

Cupit, who booted a 48 yard field goal against Carolina here last year, is the leading field goal kicker in the country, having made good on 10 out of 16.

"If they get into any trouble on our side of the 50," UNC coach Bill Dooley said, "they'll have a good chance of at least getting three points out of it."

Dooley also pointed out that VMI is a passing team, having thrown the ball 45 times against Davidson last Saturday. The game could turn into a test of the Tar Heel secondary, if the Carolina rushers allow VMI's quarterbacks time to pass the ball.

Carolina's major emphasis will undoubtedly be on Don McCauley's breaking the ACC rushing record. McCauley, with a career total of 2,567, needs only 129 more to top the mark of

2,695 set by Virginia's Frank Quayle.

UNC blasted VMI 61-11 last year, and should do at least as well this time around—unless Dooley calls out the mercy squad in the early stages of this non-conference skirmish.

Duke-Wake

The Duke-Wake Forest game in Durham this Saturday is building into what should be an explosive offensive battle.

Duke has had an unusual amount of trouble stopping the rush, while the Deacons have moved the ball on the ground against almost every team they've met. The Deacons haven't been sparkling in their defensive secondary, however, and Duke, with quarterback Leo Hart at the helm, is almost unstoppable in the air.

The strong rushing game and the strong passing game may cancel themselves out for a high-scoring outcome. In most games in the area this season, a good passing attack has been more valuable to a team than a strong rush. The long drive takes a lot out of an offense by the time the fourth quarter rolls around, while the passer and his receivers are usually able to retain most of their freshness throughout the game.

The Deacons are accustomed to being under-rated this year, however, and have taken pride in pulling several upsets. Wake, now in second place in the conference with a good chance at first, was picked up to finish last, with some prognosticators even saying the Deacons would go through their entire campaign without a single victory.

"A win Saturday, however, would make them favorites to win the title, and would, or should, make sportswriters who dare to make predictions a little more humble.

Sporadic Teams

The two most sporadic teams in the conference will face off in Raleigh Saturday, with the outcome as close to a toss-up as any game so far.

State and Virginia have had their troubles this year, but there have been several bright spots for both.

State tied South Carolina and lost by only one touchdown to Florida. Virginia won three in a row before being beaten by North Carolina last week, and came close to whipping Duke before a series of fourth quarter miscues put the game out of reach.

Virginia prides itself more on its offense than defense, while State has more confidence in its defensive unit. The Cavaliers are quick to score, having led both Duke and Carolina after the first quarters. If State can't rebound offensively from what will probably be an early Virginia surge, then the Cavaliers will be back in the winning column.

The Carolina freshmen conclude their home schedule this afternoon when they meet Richmond at 1:30 in Kenan Stadium.

Coach Moyer Smith believes that the Spider yearlings will provide a stiff test for the Tar Babies, who regrouped for a 22-12 victory over JV who regrouped for a 22-12 victory over Virginia two weeks ago.

"Richmond has a fine quarterback in Jay Jones, fine receivers led by Al Miller and a couple of big strong linemen," he said.

"They do not have as good a record as we expected, but then again we did not



Leading players for Virginia Military Institute include safety Murphy Sprinkel, left, and punter Jim Bailey. Carolina meets the Keydets Saturday in Kenan Stadium.

Law School Blue Gets Intramural Victory

Law School Blue stopped the potent Lab Retrievers often in the first half, then pulled away to a 26-13 victory in intramurals Tuesday.

The Lab Retrievers had been averaging 40 points a game.

Beta's two playoff teams lost this week. White I dropped a 6-0 decision to Phi Belt White II, while Chi Phi White beat Beta's White II aggregation 12-6.

The Phi Belts won by stopping Beta's air attack.

Price scored both Chi Phi touchdowns, with Cantwell scoring for Beta White II. Chi Phi Blue whipped DU 33-7 in the

only Blue division game. Bowland, Gipple, Mitchell, Browning and Anders all scored for Chi Phi; Merrill got the only Delta Upsilon score.

In residence hall games, Granville B South beat Granville A West 7-0 and Aycock edged Evert Rogah 13-8.

Sig Ep Blue will meet Chi Phi and Phix Delt Blue plays DKE Blue in the semi-finals of the fraternity football playoffs. In finals pairings, Phi Delt White II plays Chi Phi White I, Aycock meets Granville B South and Law Blue plays Barnes Burners.

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Duke-Wake Forest Battle Is Vital

By Mark Whicker Sports Writer

This is the biggest Duke-Wake Forest game since Brian Piccolo's Deacs knocked the Blue Devils out of the ACC title in 1964, 20-7.

Both winning streaks were stopped last week when Georgia Tech topped Duke 24-16 and Tennessee mutilated Wake Forest 41-7. Duke is unbeaten in ACC play and Wake is in second place with a 3-1 record.

Other games include VMI at Carolina, Virginia at State, Penn State at Maryland, Tennessee at South Carolina and Clemson at Florida State.

Duke's Leo Hart, who has completed 60 per cent of his passes for 1458 yards, goes against the worst pass defense in the ACC. Wake's deep defenders have given up an average of 188 passing yards per game. But the Blue Devils haven't built their 5-3 record on passing alone.

Steve Jones is the third leading rusher in the conference, and Bill Thompson shocked Georgia Tech with a 73-yard touchdown run Saturday. The Blue Devils rank fifth in total defense, but that's deceiving.

Dick Biddle and Rich Searl have made the big defensive plays all year,

with Searl's five interceptions ranking second in the conference.

Wake's triple option rolled up 202 yards on the ground at Tennessee.

Larry Hopkins is the conference's second best runner with 750 yards.

But Duke's agile pass defenders will keep the Deacons on the ground, and the Hart-Wes Chesson combination should make it a long afternoon for Wake's defenders. A win would put Duke in a strong position for its first conference title in five years.

At the other end of the standings, Virginia bids for its first conference win at State.

Tar Heel pass defender Lou Angelo calls UVa quarterback Bill Troup "the best passer we've seen this year." Troup is fourth in ACC passing and total offense.

Placekicker Mike Charron and punter Allen Hicks continue to lead State's offense.

The game comes down to which team makes the mistakes at the wrong time. For what it's worth, Saturday is Homecoming Day at State.

The rest of the ACC games will be futile upset attempts, with Clemson given a best chance.

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