Duke-UNC Game Has Rich Past

by Al Thomas Asst. Sports Editor

Carolina and Duke will continue their intense rivalry here at Kenan Stadium this afternoon, with the battle expected to be as hard-fought and unpredictable as always.

Today's game has the earmarks of being one for the record books in the long 78-year history of the two schools' football feud.

Events during the week, from the Heel Howl to the "Beat Duke" parade, help ensure that everyone's adrenalin will be rapidly and almost uncontrollably flowing.

While most fans in Kenan Stadium today will be thinking only about what's happening on the field, the tradition of the rivalry-the long history of it-will be playing as big a part in the game as anything.

The feud begain in 1891 when football was emerging as a national sport. Duke won that first game, 6-4.

The Tar Heels rebounded the next year with a 24-0 victory, however, and in 1922 began an eight-year period of complete dominance.

After losing two years in a row to the Dukes, the Tar Heels decided to regain superiority as the country was emerging

from the darker days of the depression. Coach Car Snavely was in his first year of coaching at UNC in 1934, while Duke with Wallace Wade at the coaching helm. a powerhouse.

The day of the game, the DTH's main headline read: "Carolina Rooters Yell, Shout Beat The Devil Out of Duke: Act Like Gentlemen, Asks Harper Barnes."

Barnes asked in the story that "Carolina students act like college men and not like a group of high school

The Tar Heels won the game, 7-0, and the Daily Tar Heel was not modest about

"Coach Snavely's inspired Tar Heels rose to their greatest heights yesterday afternoon when they outplayed and outscored a mighty Duke machine, 7-0, in one of the finest and hardest-fought grid

battles ever staged anywhere. "A record-breaking crowd of something over 30,000 packed every bit of available space within looking distance of the ball game and not a person whether Carolina or Blue Devil rooter, left the scene of play without being satisfied that he had witnessed a

super-natural demonstration." On that same page, a wire service story from Jackson, Miss. read, "King' Huey Long I, emperor of Louisiana, turned rah-rah today and led the LSU cheering section in a few yells as his team defeated Mississippi,"

The Tar Heels suffered for most of the next twelve years, winning only twice and

game...:

With the emergence of Charlie (Choo-Choo) Justice in the late 1940's. Carolina suddenly awakened from its

Snavely, back as coach after a nine year lapse, was favored to bring his Tar Heels to victory. He did. In 1948 the DTH wrote:

"...Bowl-bound Carolina, held in check for more than half the game by a determined Duke eleven, roared back in the second half to trounce their ancient Durham rivals, 20-0 before 44,500 fans vesterday, largest crowd ever to witness a game in Kenan Stadium.

The rivalry see-sawed for the next decade, with one of the most memorable games, as far as Carolina fans are concerned, coming in 1958.

The game was played on Thanksgiving, with the first issue of the DTH after the holidays sporting a six-inch high "50-0" and a five inch high picture of Jim Hickey at the top of the front page.

A column by sports editor Elliott Cooper read:

"From the winners points of view the contest was definitely the most. Conversely, for the losers it was the worst. Even if you had come to all the Duke-Carolina games since they started in 1888 you would hever have seen anything like what happened this time.

"Out on the field, Carolina was Midas reincarnated.

We saw Athletic Director Chuck Erickson after the final score had been posted and asked him if he had enjoyed the afternoon, and the answer he gave would have been typical of the sentiments of any Tar Heel enthusiast. His two-word reply was 'Danin Right."

The Tar Heels continued to exchange bitter blows with the Blue Devils the following 10 years and last year with the Tur Heel favored to win, the Blue Devils pulled a trick which dates back almost as far as the rivalry itself.

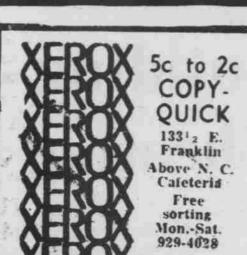
On the strenth of the "shoe-string" play. Duke won last year and brought the overall statistics between the two school to Duke 28. UNC 25. with three ties. During those eyars, the Tar Heels have amassed 660 points compared with 698 for Duke.

Today's contest, highlighted by Duke's passing and the Tar Heels' rushing, has the potential of making even the most memorable Duke-Carolina game small by



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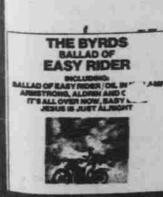
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