

Spring practice: the potential is there



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Few can doubt Bill Dooley's talents as a builder, a recruiter, a teacher and strategist after four years at the helm of Carolina's football team.

Now, with a Peach Bowl watch in hand but with a record-setting runner and offensive line already departed, Dooley's skill as a distributor of talent will be put to test next fall.

After a few spring practice sessions, it's obvious that the potential is there—at all positions. Perhaps enough to duplicate or even surpass last year's 8-4 season.

But at times the proceedings have resembled a carefully patterned game of musical chairs.

Injuries have been unnerving; all kinds of lettermen, redshirts and promising freshmen are being moved around in an effort to find the "best 22—or 44—ment to make our football team a winner," as Dooley says.

Defensively, the Tar Heels may be tougher than last year. Tackle Flip Ray and linebackers Bill Richardson, Tom Cantrell and Rusty Ross graduated, but ten outstanding defenders return.

Dooley calls linebacker John Bunting "the most underrated player on our

team, and perhaps in the whole conference." Ricky Packard and Jim Webster, nagged by injuries for the last two years, are not far behind him.

In the line, ends Bill Bradford and Gene Brown return along with tackle But Grissom. If Eric Hyman, a star two years ago, ever recuperates from illness, Dooley will have another dependable tackle.

Richard Stillely and Greg Ward, defensive backs who improved as the season lengthened, are both hurt and out of spring practice, as is Rusty Culbreth. John Swofford and Tracy Bridges return healthy.

The offensive line that carried Don McCauley to records upon records has graduated en masse. "We have some young men with potential to replace them," Dooley comments, "but they are very green and need work as a unit."

Among them are Jim Papai, Ron Rusnak, Bob Thornton, Frank More, Reid Lookabill, Jerry Sain and the list goes on and on. However, Dooley does have two experienced tight ends in Johnny Cowell and Ken Taylor, and is looking for a third tight end to spell

them in short yardage situations.

Mike Mansfield, now recovering from a shoulder operation, is a candidate for linebacker, leaving Paul Miller as the only seasoned quarterback.

Miller completed eight touchdown passes last year and Mansfield hit five. Some people are still talking about what might have happened in the Peach Bowl had not Junior Ah You, the Arizona State defensive end, knocked Miller out of the game in the second quarter.

Ike Oglesby and Les Whitehorse are the tailbacks, and Dooley has confidence in Oglesby but points out that the speedy junior "has a long way to go for us."

Oglesby scored six touchdowns and rushed for 562 yards while spelling McCauley.

Low Jolley should be the All-ACC wingback and Geoff Hamlin may get the same honor at fullback. Jolley led the team in pass receptions with 20 and five touchdowns, and both rushed for 195 ards.

In addition to these proven players, Dooley has a wealth of redshirt and freshman talent to call upon.

Phil Lamm, Phil Bracco and Dennis Kelly are three promising defensive backs, while Terry Taylor impressed everyone with his sensational defensive work on the Tar Babies last fall.

Dooley has Taylor, Sammy Johnson and redshirt Steve Windham penciled in at linebacker, along with returning reserves Steve Early and John Anderson.

At split end, Earl Chesson, Pat Norton, Earl Bethea and Len Anderson are competing.

Bill Chapman, Bill Hollingsworth, George Simpson and Bob Gerloff have been working behind the first strong defensive line.

Running backs Mike Shuster, Ed Lamens, Phil Daly and Ted Levens are working for varsity spots, and senior Bill Sigler returns to wingback behind Jolley.

John Frerotte, Pete Talty and Darryl Craig are but three of the freshmen offensive linemen who carried the Tar Babies to 1,149 yards rushing in five games.

Johnny Klise, Nick Vidnovic and Russ Strait all played some quarterback for the freshmen; Chris Lee and Don Shore return as upperclassmen.

Streak ends

Netters host State today after losing to Clemson

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Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end. Or as George Harrison recently put it, "All things must pass."

It makes little difference how you say it. Coach Don Skakle's unbelievable tennis team had its winning streak ended at 35 matches at Clemson on Saturday.

In their first out of town matches of the season, the Tar Heels downed South Carolina 9-0 on Friday before venturing into the "death valley" of Clemson and losing a close 5-4 upset.

In an unusual and somewhat questionable move Clemson Coach Duane Bruley played his Pakistani star Sarfraz Rahim at the fifth position. Rahim, a finalist in the ACC tourney last season, was thus spared playing either Freddie McNair or Jimmy Corn.

The move by Bruley helped his Tigers to a 3-3 tie after the singles. Clemson proceeded to take the two and three doubles in tough three setters and the Heels' winning streak dating back to 1969 was ended.

In the top spot McNair breezed by former Greek junior champion Nicky Kelaidis 6-2 and 6-1. Corn defeated Steve Parsons 6-0, 12-10 to remain unbeaten.

On the third court Forrest Simmons dropped the first of the five three setters the Heels were to lose Saturday. Eddie Shelton took Timmons by close 6-2, 3-6 and 6-3 scores.

Frosh Richard McKee kept his record clean with a 6-2, 8-6 defeat of Bhanu Nunna from India.

At the fifth position freshman

Richard Hardaway proved the depth of the Carolina line-up as he extended Rahim to a three set marathon. The Greenville, S.C. product finally fell 6-2, 3-6 and 6-3.

Senior Mike Kernodle went at it with freshman Herb Cooper before losing a heartbreaking 7-5, 0-6 and 6-4 match. Kernodle actually won more games than did the Florida frosh who also has been playing much higher in the line-up this season.

In the crucial doubles action McNair

and McKee swept past Shelton and Parsons 6-3 and 6-3. But the fall of the big blue machine proved to be in the second and third doubles spots.

Corn and Hardaway lost their first match of the season as they fell to Rahim and Nunna 6-4, 5-7, and 6-2.

In the number three doubles match Simmons and freshman Joe Garcia dropped the last match of the day to Cooper and Kelaidis. The marathon match was the longest of the day.

When the scores were posted the Tiger team came out on top 6-4, 6-8 and 8-6.

The loss was the third for the fabulous Tar Heels in the last four years. The last defeat was also at Clemson.

This afternoon at 2:00 the Heels will try to bounce back against the Wolfpack of N.C. State on the Varsity Courts. UNC is now 11-1 overall and 1-1 in the ACC.

Deacons take Big Four lead

Performing without Lanny Wadkins and Jim Simons, Wake Forest got good rounds from Ed Pearce and Mike Kallan and won the second round of Big Four Medal play at Duke Friday afternoon.

The Deacons now hold a seven-stroke lead over Carolina, who finished third Friday, after 36 holes.

Lytton Perritt and John Vanderbloemen had 75s on the Duke course to lead the Tar Heels.

Jack Hooks and Marty West, usually the most consistent Tar Heels, carded 79 and 80. Joe Hackler had a 76 and Steve Wright and Ronnie Parker followed with scores of 81 and 82.

Pearce and Kallan shared co-medalist honors with one-under-par 70s.

Steve Walker followed with a 72 while Tom Case and Randy Hoft followed with 76 and 77.

The victory was a testimony to the depth of the Deacons, since Wadkins and Simons were playing in the Masters tournament and Kent Engelmeier, one of the more dependable members of the ACC championship team, carded an 82.

Dennis Satyshur and Thorny Hoelle had 73 and 74 to lead the hosting Blue Devils, who combined for a 538 score, 10 strokes behind Wake Forest.

Carolina had a 545 and State's Wolfpack had a 564.

Dickie Brewer had the low State round, a 76.

Totals for 36 holes are: Wake Forest 1,065, Carolina 1,072, and Duke 1,085, and State 1,107.

Carolina hosts Washington and Lee and South Carolina at Finley Golf Course Tuesday at 1:00. Then the Tar Heels travel to Aiken, S.C. this weekend for the first round of ACC Medal Play.

The next Big Four Medal round is April 20 at State.

Carolina leading Carmichael cup race by 6 points

Carolina has a good lead in Carmichael Cup standings through fall and winter sports, announced by the ACC office last week.

The award given to the school with the most points in all sports, has gone to Maryland almost annually, but the Terps are in third place behind Duke.

The standings are: Carolina 52, Duke 46½, Maryland 39½, State 39, Virginia 34½, South Carolina 23, Clemson 19½, and Wake Forest 19.

Carolina won a full eight points for first place in both basketball and fencing, and finished third in indoor track and swimming for six points apiece in those events.

The Tar Heels were fifth in wrestling, with only five teams competing, for five points.

State won the swimming championship and Maryland captured titles in both indoor track and wrestling.

Duke held on to second place with runner-up positions in indoor track and fencing and a third place in basketball. However, the Blue Devils were seventh in swimming.

The fifth place in wrestling is the lowest total for Carolina all year. The Tar Heels tied for second in football and soccer and won an undisputed second place in cross-country.

Maryland got off to a slow start by finishing tied for second in soccer and fourth in cross-country, two events the Terrapins usually win.

Maryland also fell to second place in swimming and their problems were compounded by only 2½ points each in football and basketball.

State followed up its swimming success with third place in cross-country, fencing and wrestling. The Wolfpack won the fencing title last year but finished behind Carolina and Duke this time around.

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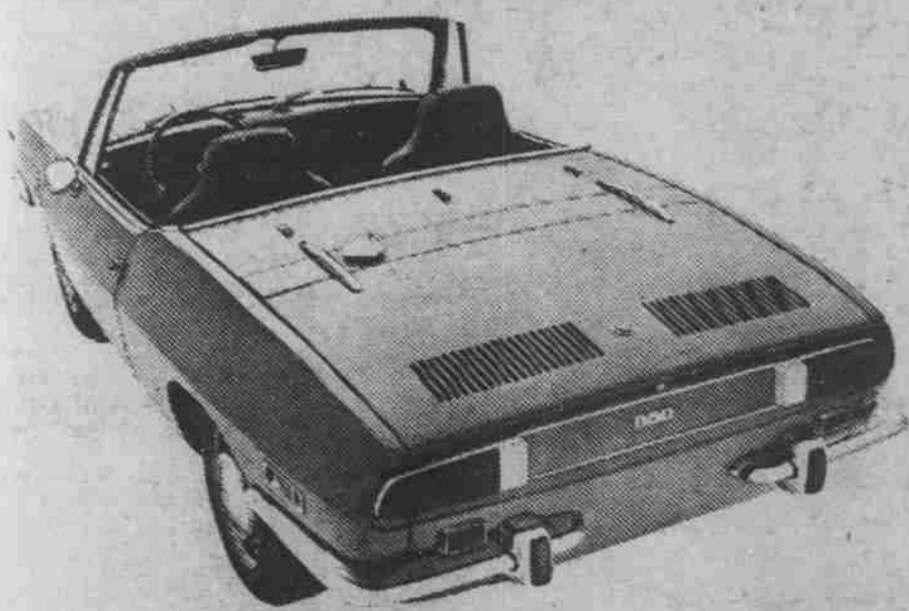
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