



Sammy Johnson (48), the most outstanding back in Saturday's Blue-White game, tries to get around defensive back Phil Bracco (17). Johnson gained 74 yards rushing and caught four passes for 99 yards and two touchdowns. (Staff Photo by Scott Stewart)

# Blues trounce Whites; Johnson big surprise

by Dan Collins  
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Saturday's Blue-White football game followed the pattern of most previous intra-squad games an intense offensive battle with a sprinkling of several surprising performances.

The biggest surprise of the day was linebacker-turned-fullback Sammy Johnson of High Point, who teamed up with last year's reserve quarterback and punter Nick Vidnovic to lead the Blues over the Whites, 38-21.

Johnson, who took the place of ailing fullback Tim Kirkpatrick, gained 74 yards on 12 carries and caught four passes for 99 yards a total of 173 yards and scored two touchdowns. For his efforts the sophomore, who last season was reserve linebacker on the freshman squad, was selected by the writers as the game's outstanding back.

Junior Gene Brown, who was a stalwart for the Whites at defensive end was selected as the game's top defensive player.

Johnson's running mate in the Blue backfield, junior Billy Hite, was the top

ground gainer of the afternoon with 122 yard in 24 carries and one touchdown. Ike Oglesby, who is still not fully recovered from his leg ailment, led the Whites with 89 yards in 15 carries and one touchdown.

The long awaited battle between sophomore quarterbacks Chris Kupec and Charles Baggett never materialized with veterans Vidnovic and Johnny Klise running the respective teams most of the game. Vidnovic had perhaps his best varsity game at quarterback, completing 5 of 12 passes for 120 yards and two touchdown passes to Johnson. He also punted five times for a 43-yard average with his longest punt sailing 65 yards.

Klise's performance ranged from adequacy to mediocrity, leaving next season's starting quarterback role as open as ever. The junior completed 11 of 29 passes for 121 yards.

Kupec who backed Vidnovic in the Blue backfield, had a less than brilliant game, leaving last season's freshman fans more than mildly disappointed. The sophomore, who has been billed as the greatest passing quarterback at Carolina since Danny Talbot, completed only two

of five passes for an eleven yards. His classmate and chief rival, Charles Baggett too showed sophomore tendencies but at times showed signs of overcoming his inexperience. The Fayetteville native completed only three of nine for 75 yards but continued to give defensive linemen heartaches by scrambling for yardage when unable to find a receiver. He carried six times for 29 yards.

He also provided one of the outstanding plays of the game when he hit classmate Roy Stanford for a 46 yard touchdown pass at the first half buzzer.

White tailback Ted Leverenz was the top receiver of the game with seven catches for 68 yards. Stanford ended the game with three receptions for 77 yards.

Blue linebacker Gary Cowan made the defensive play of the game in the second quarter when the sophomore picked off a wayward pass by Klise and raced 85 yards for the touchdown. The score gave the Blues a 21-0 lead and the game was never again in question.

Sophomore Ellis Alexander took another step towards next year's starting kicker spot by booting a 34 yard field goal and five extra points for the Blue squad.

Linebacker Mike Mansfield, one of the few veterans at the linebacker positions, had an outstanding game and was in the running with Brown for top defensive honors. The junior played the whole field, making numerous tackles and recovering two second half fumbles.

"I thought Sammy Johnson played a good game at fullback," Coach Bill Dooley said following the contest, "but it is evident we need a lot of work, especially with the linebackers. I have full confidence in the people we have there, it's just that they need a lot of work."

"The bright spot this spring," he continued, "has been the offensive line. They've done a fine job. Our goals are to be a sound football team both offensively and defensively."

# Stahl scores 30 in freshman triumph

by Don Davis  
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It took Ed Stahl's 30 points and most of an overtime period for the Tar Babies to pull out a 78-75 win over Duke in Friday night's contest in Carmichael Auditorium.

With 20 seconds to go in the overtime period, the Blue Imps led 75-74. Tar

Baby Steve Harris' shot went awry, but Stahl was there to grab the rebound and turn it into two points and a precarious lead for the good guys.

17 seconds later, Bob Fleischer blew his chance to put Duke back in front. The struggle for the rebound sent Stahl to the line for the one-and-one that put the game away.

The game was forced into overtime at

68-68, when Duke's Al Quigley hit for two with 50 seconds left in the second half. Three Tar Baby shots missed in the last 10 seconds.

In spite of poor shooting and turnover problems, the home team took an 11-9 lead five minutes into the first half. With 2:24 to go before intermission the Tar Babies had stretched that to 10 points, but two Pete Kramer free throws started a Duke rally a short minute later. By half time the Imps had cut the difference to 33-30.

Behind the shooting of Stahl, Brad Hoffman, and Don Washington, Carolina came out to win after the half. The falling temperature outside, however, was reflected in their play. With 10:14 left in the second half, the Tar Babies saw a 10-point lead for the third time in the game, and proceeded to throw it away again.

For a long five minutes the Tar Babies couldn't do anything right. The Imps out-scored Carolina 18-6, and the shouts of the 5,500 onlookers rocked Carmichael like those of a varsity crowd. Before they could recover, the Tar Babies trailed for the first time since the 14:20 mark in the first half.

Washington, who never got his hook

going during the game, hit from outside to tie the score 64-64. Fleischer put Duke in the lead again, but Stahl went to the charity stripe with 2:25 left and deadlocked the game. A fast break to the 6-10 freshman gave Carolina a brief two-point lead, until Quigley made it 68-68.

The continued roaring of the crowd did nothing to improve the quality of play in the overtime. Duke still seemed to turn the ball over every other time they brought it down the court, and the Tar Babies were little better.

Nevertheless, at the halfway point in the period, Carolina led 74-70. They went into the four-corner offense to play it safe for the last 2:30 but Ray Harrison was unable to capitalize on the foul that broke it up.

When Fleischer pulled Duke within two, Carolina returned to the stall, and this time it was Swanson who missed the foul shot.

Hoffman's fifth foul sent him out of the game, with 18 points, and Fleischer went to the line for the Imps with one minute to go. His first shot cut the margin to one, and Kramer rebounded the unsuccessful second effort. A lay-up put the Tar Babies on the short end of

the 75-74 score, with a 55-second margin for error.

Washington's hook shot kept him from hitting 50 per cent, but his outside shooting earned him 18 points. He and Swanson grabbed 10 rebounds each, and Stahl hauled in 14.

Fleischer was most impressive for Duke, with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Kramer's 20 points led the scoring effort, and he contributed 9 rebounds. Bill Suk and Kevin Billerman also scored in double figures for the Imps.

## Gymnasts fifth in meet

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If Tar Heel gymnast Rick Fox were really interested in gymnastics, he might have done better to follow the route of four friends from his home town of Butler, Pa.

The four who went to Georgia Southern University have the distinction of being on the team that won the Southern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League Tournament last weekend.

For the Heels, the trip to Memphis, Tenn. was a disappointment. Earlier in

the season, Coach Fred Sanders said he thought only the GSU and LSU teams would be up to the Tar Heels. The University of Georgia and Memphis State University didn't see it that way.

Carolina was left with fifth place. Their 95.25 was 45 points away from GSU's first and 20 points from the Georgia fourth.

Only Joe Burt and Rick Fox got Carolina into the individual scoring column. Fourth place on the side horse went to Burt, while Fox managed a seventh place on the parallel bars.

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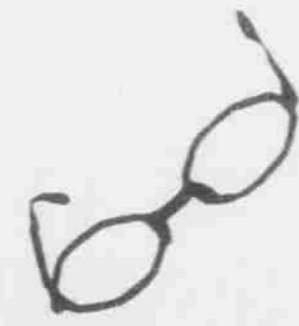
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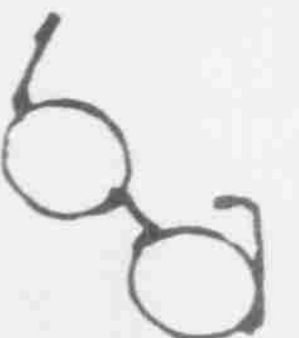
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