



Carolina linebacker Jimmy DeRatt strains to try and block a pass by Clemson's Ken Pengitore in last fall's 26-10 Tar Heel win over the Tigers. DeRatt will be facing a different band of Tigers today when Missouri invades Kenan Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

Michael Davis

Mixed opinions on UNC football

Opinions are like bellybuttons . . . everybody's got one. Around the Hill this week, opinions concerning the fate of the 1973 Tar Heel football team have been flying about as fast and furious as the dust in the Union parking lot.

I ventured out Thursday afternoon to get a feeling as to where the student body's head was at, concerning the Missouri game this afternoon and other related matters.

Freshman Paul Liverman told me "With the quarterback (Vidovic) out, I think Missouri will win. Even if he (Vidovic) plays, they've got a lot of improving to do over their last game."

A more optimistic freshman named Kevin Barris said "I think we'll beat them, Carolina 21 — Missouri 10."

Senior Kal Stein warned, "If they don't beat Missouri, they won't beat State," already forecasting doom for the Heels in their upcoming showdown with the Wolfpack in Raleigh.

"I want them (Carolina) to win," pleaded senior Mona Simmons. "I want them to go all the way. It didn't seem like Tar Heel football last week . . . It hurt me."

Freshman Bennie Goldstein said "Look for the Tar Heels to be a mean team this Saturday. . . they know nobody is going to roll over and play dead for them now."

Kathy Roscana summed her feelings thusly, "If we lose, I hope they don't break the elevators in James."

I hope they don't too, Kathy. It's one hell of a walk up those stairs.

It seems to me that not nearly enough has been made of Nolan Ryan's smashing of Sandy Koufax's season strikeout record. Ryan erased the former lefthanded Dodger pitching star's record in ten less innings of work, pitching for a team that was at best lukewarm the entire season. They should give Ryan the Cy Young award tomorrow on a silver platter.

If you don't have anything to do some afternoon, truck on over to Carmichael and check out Tom LaGarde play basketball. He's the most exciting freshman basketball player I have ever seen play. Period . . . Speaking of basketball, it appears that the pot for the game between State and UCLA in St. Louis on December 15 will be the richest in the history of college basketball. Some say it will be the most closely watched game since the UCLA-Houston encounter at the Astrodome back in 1968 . . . Couldn't you just feel the emotion radiating from the face of Dallas Cowboys' coach Tom Landry Monday night as he joined a prestigious and select group of coaches who have won 100 or more NFL games. He really is expressive. Reminiscent of Silent Sam . . . You'll learn a lot about the Cowboys, football, and what it takes to be a human being by picking up a copy of Lance Rentzel's autobiography *When All the Laughter Died in Sorrow*. Rentzel's sensitive discussion of his life and psychological abnormalities is available in paperback and well worth a dollar.

It really wouldn't surprise me if Oklahoma upended Southern Cal. this afternoon. Stranger things have happened . . . I think that the Oakland A's haven't even reached their peak yet this season. I'm going all the way with Dick Williams' crew of talented baseball players. Late dealings by the Athletic's front office has strengthened the club again this season.

Three lead football poll

Things are getting tighter all the time for the hearty competitors in the DTH football predictions contest.

No less than three staffers are tied for first place after posting 9-1 records last week. Sports Editor Elliott Warnock, his assistant Michael Davis and Associate Editor Seth Efron are all tied for the top spot with 17-3 records after two weeks.

Close behind are Managing Editor Winston Cavin and Staff Writer Greg Turosak. Editor Susan Miller and Associate Editor Mary Newsom are on the bottom four games out.

Everybody missed on Carolina and Maryland last time, so the staffers are playing it safe this week by going with Missouri. "That way, even if we lose to Mizzou, I'll have some consolation," explains Cavin.

This week's picks provide more challenges. Cavin and Miller went out on a limb by picking Auburn over Tennessee, while Turosak is making his bid for first place by going with Richmond over Wake Forest.

A prize has been added to the contest. The winner still gets a Tar Heel Special from the Carolina Union. And the loser will receive two Tar Heel Specials.

	Warnock	Davis	Efron	Cavin	Turosak	Miller	Newsom
Home-Via.	(17-3)	(17-3)	(17-3)	(16-4)	(16-4)	(13-7)	(13-7)
UNC-Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.
Ga.-NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	Ga.	NCSU
UVA.-Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	UVA.	Duke
Rich.-Wake	Wake	Wake	Wake	Wake	Rich.	Wake	Wake
Md.-Villanova	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Villanova	Maryland
Ga. Tech.-Clemson	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech.
Tenn.-Auburn	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Auburn	Tenn.	Auburn	Tenn.
Purdue-N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
USC-Okla.	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Princeton-Rutgers	Rutgers	Rutgers	Princeton	Princeton	Rutgers	Princeton	Princeton

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Soccer win

The UNC JV soccer team rolled over Brevard Junior College 5-1 this afternoon, to capture their third win of the season.

After a scoreless first half, the Tar Babies came out smoking. John Godwin got the first UNC goal with 2:50 gone.

James Barnes got the hat-trick when he scored three goals in less than three minutes.

Kent Huggens scored the final Carolina goal on an assist by Steve Berson.

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