

Carolina to take on Georgia Tech Saturday

Heels favored with powerful, scoring offense

by Elliott Warnock
Sports Editor

A lot of North Carolina football fans are asking themselves the question: "How hot will Hot 'Lanta be Saturday afternoon?"

Carolina head coach Bill Dooley must be asking himself the same question.

"It's always tough to play in Atlanta," says Dooley. "I've been there before, and I know just how tough it can be."

Dooley's Tar Heels will be slight favorites over Georgia Tech when Carolina takes on the Yellow Jackets at 3 p.m. Saturday on Grant Field.

It will be the first time the two teams have met in 29 years. When the Yellow Jackets played Carolina in 1945, it was the coaching debut of Tech great Bobby Dodd.

Tech won that game 20-14, and Dodd went on to lead the Ramblin' Wreck to 165 victories against only 64 losses and eight ties. Dodd took Tech to 13 bowl games as head coach.

Unfortunately for Tech, the Yellow Jackets have played more like Ramblin' Wrecks than stingers since "The Gray Fox" left the coaching ranks in 1967.

Bud Carson followed Dodd, and left after five years with a 27-27 record. Bill Fulcher had a two year stint as top dog in Atlanta, won 12, lost 10 and tied one, winning the Liberty Bowl in 1972.

That brings us up to Franklin Cullin (Pepper) Rodgers. Rodgers, in his first year as Tech's head coach, was a fiery little devil during his playing days with the Yellow Jackets. His record with Tech while at quarterback was 32-2-2, an excellent performance by any standards.

Rodgers is still a fiery little devil. When Rodgers was head coach at UCLA, he installed the wishbone and watched it break the Pac-Eight rushing records. Now that he's at Tech, Rodgers is hoping that the wishbone will work its magic once more.

The Jackets are 2-3 for the season, winning last week over Virginia, and defeating South Carolina earlier in the year. Georgia Tech lost to Notre Dame in its season opener, then fell to Pitt, 17-27, and lost at Clemson, 17-21.

As for North Carolina, the Tar Heels look awesome so far. Carolina beat Ohio, Wake Forest and Pitt, while losing only to the Maryland Terrapins in College Park.

The Tar Heels are currently ranked 10th in the nation in total offense and are the 11th best passing team in the country. Carolina leads the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring, averaging 32.5 points a game.

Four Tar Heels are in the top 15 leaders of total offense, in the ACC, the most players from any one team in that category.

Quarterbacks Chris Kupec and Billy Paschall, plus

tailbacks James Betterson and Mike Voight are all in the top 15.

Probably the most surprising statistic for this year's team has been the powerful Tar Heel passing attack. Wingback Jimmy Jerome leads the ACC in pass receiving with 462 yards and two touchdowns.

Teamed with split end Pat Norton, tight end Charles Waddell and the multitude of Carolina running backs, the Heels have a set of receivers that can burn a secondary when it counts.

But, (you knew there was a catch, didn't you?) if Tech is strong in any one facet of football, it's got to be the Yellow Jacket pass defense. On the average, the Jackets give up 106 yards per game while Carolina is used to getting 188.5 yards a game in the air.

Standing only 5-8½ (and that's on his cleats) Randy Rhino is still a big man in the Georgia Tech secondary. He holds the Tech record for the most pass interceptions in a career.

Tech gave up an average 259 yards on the ground per game so far this season, and Carolina should be able to run on the Yellow Jackets.

Atlanta is Atlanta, and it will probably be hot, one way or another, Saturday afternoon. But the odds are that Carolina will be generating most of the heat.

And Pepper is Pepper. No telling how hot he might be.



Staff photo by Bill Wrenn

Can UNC's defense break the wishbone?

J.V. basketball try-outs Tues.

Lace-up your Converse ankle-tops and get ready.

North Carolina junior varsity basketball try-outs, open to any UNC student, will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Carmichael Auditorium.

Women netters play today

by Kevin Barris
Sports Writer

The UNC women's tennis team plays its first home match today against Mary Baldwin, one of two teams given a chance of beating the Tar Heels this year.

The match was originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, but was re-scheduled at Mary Baldwin's request for today at 2 p.m. The match could be the toughest of the

year for Carolina, as Mary Baldwin's new players have turned its team into one of the top in the South. The Tar Heels beat Mary Baldwin in the Middle Atlantic tourney last year, which was played on the Mary Baldwin campus in Staunton, Va. At the Middle Atlantic tourney UNC won with 26 points, Florida State had 18 and Mary Baldwin, 12½.

This year, however, four new players have added great strength to the Mary Baldwin

team. Nancy Allen, Heidi Goeltz, Sylvia Baldwin and Ann Anderson will all play in the top six for Mary Baldwin and did not play for their last season.

In a surprise move, Mary Baldwin also has requested there be 10 singles matches and five doubles instead of the usual six singles and three doubles.

"I don't think that will bother us at all because we're so deep," UNC coach Frances Hogan said. "I don't think they can beat us down the line, we're just too strong."

Playing number one for Mary Baldwin is Allen, a sophomore transfer from William and Mary. Allen beat Carolina's Beth Hamilton 6-1, 6-3 in the UNC-William and Mary match last spring. Allen was ranked eighth in the nation in the 16-and-under division a few years ago.

Goeltz, Baldwin and Anderson will play two, three and four, respectively. Goeltz is a freshman and one of the top players in the South. Baldwin is a junior who has been out of action for the last year because of a serious knee injury, and senior Anderson also did not play last season.

Judy Hanlen (who played number one for Mary Baldwin last year), Shirley Douglass, Betsy Mikell, Lisa Miley, Sue Hebrank and Jean Davis round out Mary Baldwin's top 10.

Hogan was not sure of her team's lineup, but did give a probable one. Caley Timberlake will play number one, and her match with Allen should be one of the best of the season. Team captain Beth Hamilton will play on the second court, with her doubles partner Jane Preyer playing three.

The rest of Carolina's top 10 will be filled by Nina Cloaninger, Suzanne Bowron, Rebecca Garcia, Betsy Leach, Linda Matthews, Dianna Sites and Jean Scott.

The two coaches had not decided on their doubles teams except for the first court. In that match, Anderson and Baldwin will play Hamilton and Preyer.

Harriers at Clemson

North Carolina's cross country team will try to get back on the winning trail Saturday when the Tar Heels travel to Clemson to race the Tigers.

Freshman sensation Ralph King shattered Tony Waldrop's UNC course record by 17.8 seconds last week, but Carolina lost to powerful Maryland 26-35. The loss dropped the Tar Heels' record to 2-1. UNC opened the season with a tri-meet victory over N.C. State and Virginia.

"We knew at the time Maryland was a little bit ahead of us," said UNC coach Bill Lam. "We start our season a little bit later than everyone else. We do it for a reason. By the time we reach the big meets we will be hitting our peak, the other schools will have to hold theirs. Still, if we had run a good race we could have beaten Maryland. Our main objective, though, was to learn from the race."

Clemson is not an outstanding team with respect to ACC competition. The Tar Heels whitewashed the Tigers last year 15-50. Lam said the team is not looking past Clemson to the meet with Duke next week but he admits "cross country is different, you can look at the times and see how good a team is comparatively. Clemson would have to really improve to beat us."

"We will run for improvement," said Lam. "It should not be a matter of whether we win or not. It is more an aspect of working on our grouping. Our grouping hurt us in the

Maryland meet. We will work with our four, five and six men and try to pull them in closer to our top three."

Most of the Tar Heels bettered their previous week's time by more than a minute against the Terps; some individuals who finished further back improved more than that. But in cross country you run the race more than the times.

"That is one reason we got beat by Maryland," noted Lam. "We were more concerned with our times. That is partly my fault for getting them ready for Maryland to go out fast. They went out at a 10 minute pace for the first two miles, which is not much faster than we are used to. The last four miles were run faster than the first two. Our four, five and six guys were already out of the race by then."

"Our times might not be as good this week," concluded Lam.

David Hamilton will be back in action against Clemson. Hamilton has been sidelined for four weeks with a leg injury. "He is in pretty good shape for most people," said Lam, "but for David Hamilton he is not. "Dave does not have a lot of talent, but he has one of the best attitudes and is one of the hardest workers I have ever had. Sometimes he works himself too hard — that is how he hurt himself. Dave is a tough kid, he is not hardy but I think he will surprise some people Saturday."

— Jim Thomas

Frosh were in a nightmare

by Tex Ward
Sports Writer

Last Saturday while Chapel Hill was savoring the sweet taste of the Tar Heels' 45-29 victory over Pittsburgh, the Carolina JV football team traveled to Duke and lost its season opener 28-14.

The Tar Babies should have taken a cold shower before the opening kick off because the first half proved to be a nightmare.

Assistant Coach Bill Packard said,

"We were really frustrated with our play in the early going but pleased with the way we came back at them in the second half. The fact that we had only a small amount of practice and that this was our first game I am sure played a factor in the loss."

The players' reaction was one of great disappointment.

Defensive end Stan Lancaster, who recovered a key fumble in the third quarter, said, "Everything went wrong that could go wrong in the first half, but it is hard to pinpoint exactly why."

None of the players felt that Duke had any abundance of superior talent.

Center Phil Ragazzo said, "We should have beaten them. They showed some determined running and have some good players, but when we blew

them off the ball in the second half I knew we were better."

But, what perhaps could have happened, did not. The final gun sounded with Duke a 28-14 victor.

With the loss, Carolina's 12-year domination of this Cerebral Palsy Charity Classic ended. Within the confines of Kenan field house, this is the biggest disappointment.

Optimism and anticipation marked the players' attitudes when asked about the future of their season. As quarterback John Elam said, "Next time we will be tough for the entire 60 minutes."

Against N.C. State in Raleigh at 7 p.m. Oct. 18, The Tar Babies must be ready for another bitter rivalry.

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