

Clark a star in his own right

If you have been reading the editorial page of "The Daily Tar Heel" for the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed the name 'Doug Clark' appearing over a column occasionally. To most of the academic community he is only known by the notation 'Doug Clark is a sophomore interested in journalism.' However, to followers of the sport, Doug Clark is a member of the UNC cross country team.

That he is not well known on campus is not surprising considering the nature of cross country. Cross country is not a spectator sport. Its athletes perform in solitude; the start and finish are the only visible parts of a race.

No one really cares about cross country. It took Tony Waldrop three years to get the recognition he deserved.

No one understands why a non-scholarship runner would work day after day after day. "Pride is what keeps you going," said Clark. "Pride in your ability and achievements are the only way to justify it. Otherwise, it is not worthwhile."

"I am not one of the top guys on the team," he said. "but how many people at UNC can do distance running better than I can? When I came here I had a goal to letter in cross country. I did that last year. Now I want to be on the top seven on the team."

"Cross country teams are a special thing to me," said Clark. "I have been on cross country teams at three different schools but they are all the same. They were all tight. The team is held together by mutual respect. Respect for yourself and your teammates. We all go out and do the same thing."

Each individual on the team has his own way of preparing himself for a meet. Clark used to get real nervous before a race. Now he thinks about specific things. "I know people on different teams who run about the same as I do. If I don't, I think about my own teammates and key on them. We work with people about our own ability and help ourselves."

Clark has been thinking about today's race against Duke for a long time. Carolina has a good team but Duke is the defending ACC champion. The Blue Devils have a freshman, Bynum Merritt, who used to beat him all the time in prep school. Clark would like nothing better than to beat him but he realizes he would have to run well.

By 11 a.m. the meet will be over. The outcome will be important to no one save Clark and his teammates. But as long as his efforts are appreciated Clark will continue to write to make people understand.

Jim Thomas

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Are all the cards on the table?

At this point, it would seem that way. Area football fans know the UNC-N.C. State clash reflects two powerful rivals, two explosive offenses and a two-point victory margin the last two years. Easily, the three points from a field goal could make the winning difference.

UNC's field goal kicker, Ellis Alexander, who has made only two of 10 attempts this season, is first to admit it.

However, he doesn't catalog and most fans don't remember many other factors.

"The State game has been on my mind for a year," the Salisbury native said in an interview this past week. "Last year the points I didn't kick made a difference. It is nice to set a record (53-yarder in last season's meeting). But that game has always bothered me because I missed two short ones."

Thinking of today's battle with the nationally-ranked Wolfpack, Alexander, smiling, said, "I'd like to think it won't boil down to a field goal. Our offense is tremendous—I think we'll move the ball. I think State is ripe to be beaten—they've had three close wins in a row."

"But if it does come down to a field goal," the Morehead scholar emphasized, "it's fine with me."

Though unhappy with his own season so far, Alexander maintains confidence in his ability as a kicker. "Right now, I've hit the ball better the last two weeks," he said. "After the Pitt game I started concentrating more. I've gotten back to basic things."

"You've got to keep your ankle locked, your head down and follow through."

Alexander ready for State

Toes may make the difference

UNC's leading scorer last year (48 points) explained. "I was getting away from this. If you kick foot moves, you lose power, control and accuracy."

"Then, when I kicked badly—I looked up to see where the ball was going," he concluded. "That makes me miss them even more. The mental part of the kick is really important."

Alexander easily described the problem, but pinpointing its origin posed a more difficult task.

"I felt good in summer practice, but I don't think I've had the confidence since coming back up here (Carolina) in August and pulling a muscle," the 6-0, 198 pounder recalled. "I couldn't kick for a week and a half. I got rusty."

Alexander, who has converted 18 of 19 extra points this season, suffered the muscle injury to his upper right leg while playing defensive back behind UNC's All-ACC Jimmy DeRatt, in practice. The backfield assignment stemmed from his earlier experience as a trosh and high school linebacker, a position he enjoyed.

"I probably had a better year kicking as a freshman," the senior speculated. "I think it may have been because I was running more and playing linebacker."

"This summer I'd missed playing it for two or three years, and I was a little disappointed (after the injury) not to keep playing it," he added. "But I knew I was more valuable as a kicker than a second-string defensive back."

Recruited by both Carolina and N.C. State as a kicker, Alexander got a grammar school introduction to the toe specialty from his older brother Jake. "We lived on a golf course," Alexander noted. "He'd kick—and I'd kick. We'd kick between trees in the



Ellis Alexander

rough." After his first organized ball as a seventh grader and a successful high school career, Alexander hoped for a UNC athletic scholarship but wasn't offered one.

"I was really upset," he recollected. "Coach (Jim) Donnan (now at UNC) recruited me at State and offered me a scholarship."

"I almost called Coach Donnan. My father had to talk me out of it. I really wanted to come here."

The history major added he still would have come to Carolina had he not received the Morehead Scholarship, a full-paid academic award. After college he plans to try out for a professional football team.

Today against State, Alexander projected UNC "probably has the best offensive line since I've been here—quick and powerful."

"I don't concern myself with the (defensive) rush," he pointed out. "If I worry who is coming at me, from where and how fast—it's another thing breaking my concentration."

The kicking game

If past games between UNC and N.C. State are any indication, the outcome of today's clash could be decided by the kicking game.

Two years ago, State lost to Carolina 34-33 as a result of a fumbled snap on a punt and a muffed extra point attempt. Last year, the Tar Heels missed two field goals in a 28-26 defeat.

Whenever the two teams' high-powered offenses hook up, kickoffs are at a premium. This year State's Rat Pack has swarmed all over opposing kickoff returners while Carolina has been burned on several occasions.

Ohio University's Ken Houseton gave an indication of things to come when he returned a kickoff for 45 yards in the Tar Heels' opening game of the season.

Pittsburgh's Bob Haygood kept the Panthers in the game with six runbacks for a total of 167 yards—a 28 yard average. Haygood almost broke two returns for touchdowns but each time he was caught by the last man to have a chance at him.

Even when Ellis Alexander booted the ball nine yards deep in the end zone against Georgia Tech Randy Rhino returned the kickoff 57 yards to set up the winning touchdown in the final seconds.

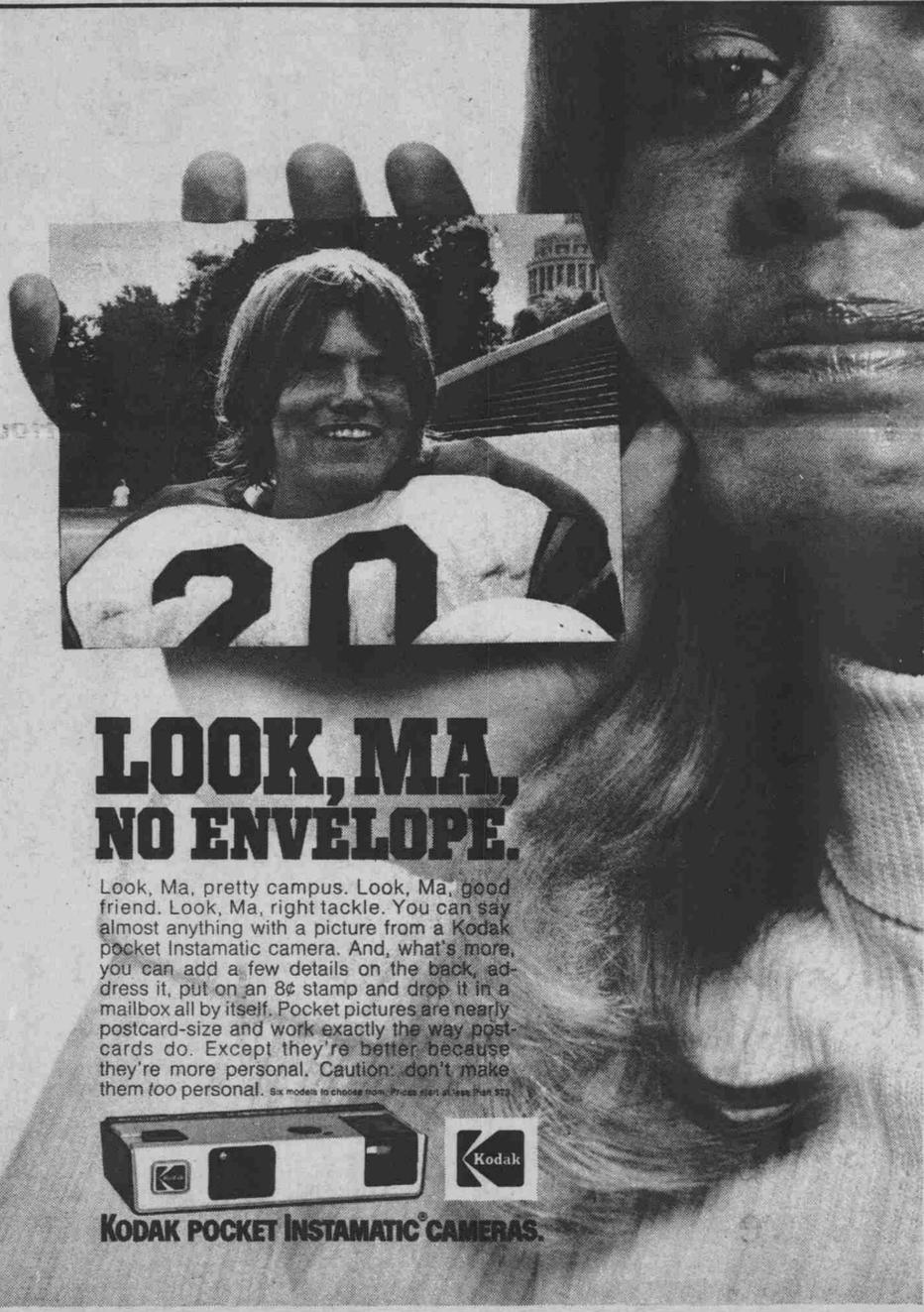
Overall, Carolina's opponents have broken four kickoffs for more than 45 yards. Maryland and Wake Forest are the only teams not to have a long runback against the Tar Heels. It was raining at College Park and Wake Forest is... well... Wake Forest.

UNC coach Bill Dooley made the understatement of the year at Tuesday's press conference when he said "We are going to pay a lot of attention to our kickoff team."

Whew, boy! He'd better! State has one of the top return men in the ACC in Ralph Stringer. Stringer ranks second in the conference in kickoff returns behind UNC's James Betterson with a 26 yard average and third in punt return with an eight yard average.

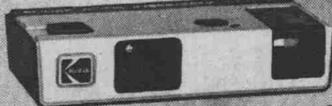
The State speedster is capable of busting a game wide open. Stringer returned a punt 56 yards against Syracuse to set up a touchdown and give the Wolfpack breathing room in a surprisingly close 28-22 victory over the Orangemen.

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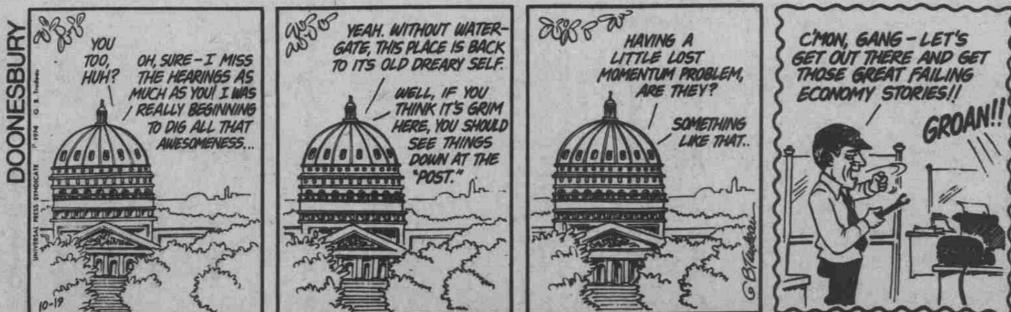
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