



Photo by Bill Whren

Ruggers practice Sept. 3

by John Hopkins
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On the Old Chapel Hill Country Club Golf Course, behind the General Administration Building on Raleigh Road, the cry used to be, "Fore!" But, beginning on September 3 that will change to something more like "Ugh!"

The reason? That's the day the UNC rugby club will begin its practice sessions this fall.

Coach Tom Ricketts is hopeful of improving on last year's 8-3-1 record, and feels that is probable since he has "almost everybody returning off last year's team."

Ricketts is counting on senior scrum halfback Eric Thomas to lead the effort this fall. Thomas has played since he was a freshman. Sophomore Bill Dodson is also depended upon to help the charge this year.

Rugby, the game from which American football evolved, uses teams of 15 men. The players wear no pads. No blocking or forward passing is allowed. Also, there are no timeouts, except to carry off the injured, who cannot be replaced.

Since substitutions are not allowed, several games will be played at each date on the schedule to ensure that everyone will get a chance to play.

The home opener will be on October 5 against Duke. Special events will include a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Washington Sevens Tournament on Thanksgiving. In the spring, the team will travel to the Bayou State for the Mardi Gras Tournament.

Practice for the team will be held on the old golf course on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Ricketts invites everyone to participate "whether you're fat, skinny, fast or slow. It doesn't matter," he said.

Voight, Betterton

Tailback tandem optimistic about UNC offense

by Grant Vosburgh
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One of Hugh Hefner's boys wrote the following in this month's *Playboy* Pigskin Preview concerning the Carolina offense: "Tailbacks James Betterton and Mike Voight, both 1,000-yard rushers last season, return, but unfortunately most of the offensive linemen who opened the holes for them have graduated."

As Tar Heel followers watched All-America guard Ken Huff sink slowly into the Baltimore sunset, and seven other mainstays in the offensive machine graduate, many became overly pessimistic about this season's prospects.

But two members of the UNC student body remained optimistic. Two members who had more at stake than the whole car section and marching band combined.

"As far as an all-star lineman to rely on (in crucial situations), well, we don't have a Ken Huff to run behind," Betterton says. "(Center) Mark Cantrell has been mentioned as an all-star candidate and because he's the only full-time starter returning, I guess he's the main man. But I feel the line we've got will do the job."

Voight echoes his running mate's confidence. As to predictions that the defense will have to take up the slack from the offense, he says, "It could as well be the other way around. It's not that the defense won't be good, they ought to be tough. I just think our offense is really going to surprise people."

Although Huff was the name that received the majority of limelight, both Tar Heel tailbacks are quick to acknowledge the key role fullback Dick Oliver played as a blocker in the wing-I formation. Many people see his graduation as even a greater void to fill,

but Voight asserts that the combined efforts of junior Brian Smith and sophomores Tony Mills and Larry Tedder will do the trick.

"Brian convinced himself that he was going to be a fullback in the mold of Dickie Oliver. Although it will be hard to be that good, Brian's a good blocker and hard worker."

"Tony is the second strongest man on the team and he'll stick it in there. And Larry, who played tailback on last year's freshman team, is quick and strong, too."

One recurring question that concerns this season's offensive dilemma is why Voight and Betterton aren't put in the same backfield. Some people insist that this double threat would help in the "hole-opening" department (i.e. defense would be forced to play with less anticipation as to whom and where the

ball is going.) The two agree that such an offense would provide an invaluable dimension to the UNC attack, but disagree with the idea of completely abandoning the I.

"The I-formation is a power offense," Betterton explains. "Last year we ran right over everybody, physically punishing them. And we did set an NCAA record (the first time two players at the same position rushed for 1,000 yards in the same season), you can't forget that."

"So we wouldn't want to do away with the I, but having us in the same backfield sometimes would be good to throw at somebody for a real change."

Voight, who put his stamp of approval on the idea last season, adds, "It would be good to use some between our 30 (yardline) and their 30. From there we could knock 'em out with the I.

But our team is young and still learning the I system. It would not be a good idea to change altogether."

Young or not, inexperienced or not, on September 6, the '75 edition of the North Carolina offense will make its debut and numbers 34 and 44 will take turns going for another 1,000-plus season.

Both have said that they would like to gain 1,500 yards this year. Betterton rationalizes this by flatly stating, "I got 1,000 last year. I should be improved this year."

He then turns to Voight, who is sprawled out on the lower half of a bunk bed and says, "And he's going on to break all of Don McCauley's records."

They're convinced that the offense will hold its own. All the Playboyy bunnies in the world couldn't change their mind.



Photo by Bill Wolf

Football club readies for Tobacco Bowl

by John Hopkins
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North Carolina will participate in a bowl game this September.

September?

Lumberton will be the host city for the affair.

Lumberton?

Yes, it's the first annual Tobacco Bowl, and it will kick off the season for UNC's club football team, as they begin their quest for the Ray Megus Trophy, the symbol of the championship in North Carolina's 12-team circuit of football clubs.

The date for that opener is September 5 and the opponent will be league foe St. Paul's National Guard Club.

UNC Coach Lynn Featherstone thinks his team has a good shot at taking the league championship this year, as they lost just two players off last year's 43-man roster.

Heavy competition is expected from N.C. State, with size as the Pack's major asset and from Duke with their superior passing game.

Defense figures to be Carolina's strong point, as Mike Morgingo, Shaw Smith and Doug Reynolds lead what Featherstone calls "the finest secondary in the league." The linebacking corps are led by returnees John Boyett, Mike Mull and Bill Denton.

On offense, quarterback Ron London is expected to use the option as his chief weapon. He will have help in the offensive backfield from Harvey Ponds, John Roberts and Tony Harrison.

Kicking specialist Lou Guigon, who last year booted three 40-plus yard field goals and one 80-yard punt, will add some extra offensive punch.

The offensive line will be the weak point, Featherstone says, as star guard Henry Eaton has come down with bad knees.

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