## Cavaliers eye a Homecoming upset

A UNC alum returns as a converted Wahoo

by Grant Vosburgh Sports Editor

With each Carolina football victory, the Tar Heels further their plans for a possible holiday trip to the likes of Atlanta, Memphis, Houston or El Paso. And with each Carolina football victory, the smiles of UNC alumni become broader and their donations, more generous.

Yes, UNC graduates enjoy seeing the Tar

Heels win.

There is one alumnus, however, who would like nothing better than to witness the Heels fall to Virginia when the Cavaliers enter Kenan Stadium today at 1:30 p.m. for Homecoming. Dick Bestwick, Class of '52, will be pulling for the Cavs.

Dick Bestwick, Class of '52, is Virginia's head football coach.

"I'm looking forward to it," Bestwick said yesterday of playing his alma mater. "But it's nothing special. When you're a 2-7 team, you're not really choosey about who you beat."

Despite the record, Bestwick sees a glimmer of hope in the Cavaliers' progress. "I'm reasonably well-pleased," he said.

"We could've won the last four games

He paused as his eyes panned the expansive Kenan setting.

"We haven't played anyone the caliber of North Carolina."

Some might tend to disagree on that point. The Cavaliers opened in Seattle, dropping a 38-17 decision to Washington, although giving a good account of themselves for three quarters. Two home losses to William and Mary (14-0) and Duke (21-6) dropped the Cavaliers' mark to 0-3, before hitting the first of what some people consider two formidable opponents, Georgia Tech and South Carolina. Both schools scored 35 points on the Cavalier defense, while the UVa offense managed 14 points in Atlanta and seven in Columbia.

It was at this point that some folks might have been predicting a winless season for Virginia and a 14-10 triumph by arch-rival Virginia Tech added injury to insult.

But then along came Wake Forest.

Wake Forest-the team that used to serve as the whipping boy for so many seasons and a last minute touchdown pass from Virginia quarterback Andy Hitt put the Deacons back in the role. The score: 18-17, UVa.

The Oyster Bowl Classic was next and Virginia was favored to win for the first time all season. Having broken the nation's longest losing streak (16 games), the Cavs were expected to win another one.



UNC Head Coach Bill Dooley (left) is not taking the 2-7 Cavaliers lightly. "Anytime you play a team with a passer like Andy Hitt," he said, "you must be concerned." UNC passer

Two field goals proved the difference. Unfortunately, they were VMI field goals and it was a 13-7 Keydet win.

Last week, cruel fate played her tricks again, as Lehigh scored a crucial touchdown on the final play of the game. With 0:00 left on the clock, however, Lehigh missed the two-point conversion for a Virginia 21-20

Now, it's UNC and Bestwick sees Bill Dooley's Tar Heels as a "mistake-free team."

"They've got a fine football team," he said. "They don't beat themselves."

Asked if he considered the Heels to be an up-and-down team, Bestwick shook his head. "They've been up most of the time. Missouri (the first team to beat UNC) is a good team. And N.C. State played probably their best game in beating Carolina."

But while the Cavaliers' record contrasts UNC's 7-2 mark, Dooley is wary of the ACC

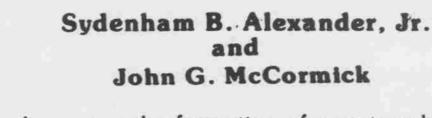
Staff photo by David Dalton

'Matt Kupec (right) will have to face a multiple-faceted defense that also concerns Dooley.

> "Anytime you play a team with a quarterback like Hitt," he said Tuesday, "you must be concerned."

> And anytime you play a team with an alumnus of your school as its head coach, you must be concerned. For whether Dick Bestwick admits it or not, it's extra nice to win when the loser is dear old Alma Mater.

It's the kind of win that makes a building program like Virginia's take shape just a little faster.



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