

Terps back on Carolina's schedule

ACC schedules: Tigers' is toughest

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(Teams ranked according to difficulty of schedule.)

No. 1 CLEMSON — Charley Pell couldn't ask for a much tougher schedule for his first year with the Tigers. Not only do the Tigers open with two teams that finished in the nation's Top 10 last year — Maryland and Georgia — but they must also contend with a team that many folks say is going to win this season's national title: Notre Dame. And Clemson's two other non-conference opponents — South Carolina and Georgia Tech — figure to be much improved over last fall.

No. 2 DUKE — When the Blue Devils couldn't work arrangements out with Penn State for a season opener, they looked east toward Greenville for stiff competition. And East Carolina was happy to comply, setting up a Sept. 10 opener in Wallace Wade Stadium. The next week Duke travels to last season's No. 3 Michigan, another team that should vie for the national championship this season. Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia Tech are also included.

No. 3 UNC — ECU is absent from the Heels' lineup this fall, but Carolina will still feature three members of last season's Top 20: Kentucky, Texas Tech, and Maryland. And all three should be as good — if not better — than last year. To make matters worse, UNC must travel to enemy land in Raleigh and Durham. The Tar Heels do, however, have a couple of slouches on the slate: Richmond and Northwestern.

No. 4 N.C. STATE — Fortunately for the Wolfpack, its three toughest games are scheduled for Carter Stadium in Raleigh. In fact, the Pack plays seven of 11 games at home. In addition to ECU, Maryland, and Penn State, the surprise team on State's schedule could be Syracuse.

No. 5 VIRGINIA — The Cavs' schedule is hard to figure. Although they'd have problems with any schedule, this year's might be harder than it looks. West Virginia was only 5-6 last fall, but with 18 starters back, the Mounties are strong picks for the Top 20. Perennial power Texas is also coming off a mediocre season, but the Longhorns under rookie coach Freddie Akers might surprise some folks. There's also Maryland and an improved Syracuse.

No. 6 WAKE FOREST — The only problem with the Deacons' schedule is that they have to play four of six conference games away. But Wake does have Maryland at home, and the Deacs don't have any non-conference powers to worry about, with South Carolina affording the toughest non-ACC competition.

No. 7 MARYLAND — One reason the Terps' schedule is so easy is that they are so good. They will, however, get a couple of good indications early of just how good they are. Maryland's second game is at home against West Virginia and its third at Penn State. But unless someone in the ACC is vastly improved, the Terps will be solid favorites in nine other games.



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Bill Dooley has become the 20th winningest coach in America, it was announced this summer. Dooley has a 61-50-1 record at Carolina and has won more games than any other coach in the school's history. Dooley has won seven consecutive season openers while at Carolina.

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Kentucky a threat to Heels' opening win streak

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KENTUCKY — Carolina's string of seven consecutive opening-day victories began against Kentucky in 1970 and could likely end against Kentucky in 1977. The Wildcats, who drubbed the Tar Heels 21-0 in last year's Peach Bowl, figure to be improved this fall over last year's 8-4 mark. And despite the fact they are on probation this year, the 'Cats could pose a serious threat to Alabama and Mississippi State in the brutal Southeastern Conference. Kentucky returns 10 defensive starters, led by defensive back Mike Siganos, linebacker Jim Kovach and defensive end Art Still. The biggest problem coach Fran Curci faces is rebuilding his offensive line, which lacks three of last year's starters. Senior quarterback Derrick Ramsey returns to head the Wishbone offense. (1:30 p.m. Sept. 10, Lexington.)

RICHMOND — Defense will likely be the Spiders' strong suit, with eight starters returning. Jeff Nixon, a third team All America last season, was third in the nation with eight interceptions and linebacker Orlando Branch led the team in tackles. Seniors Dave Taylor and Larry Shaw share the quarterbacking duties in Richmond's second year as an independent after

dropping from the Southern Conference. (1:30 p.m. Sept. 17, Chapel Hill.)

NORTHWESTERN — The Wildcats were 1-10 last year and shouldn't be much better this year. With the school's all-time leading rusher Greg Boykin, all-time leading receiver Scott Yelvington, fourth leading passer Randy Dean and all-conference safety Paul Shaw gone, the team's brightest spot is its offensive line, led by Tony Ardizzone. Senior linebacker Paul Maly will head the defense. (1:30 p.m. Sept. 24, Evanston, Ill.)

TEXAS TECH — The Tar Heels tripped the Red Raiders 32-28 in the 1972 Sun Bowl, the first and last time the two teams met. And with 15 starters returning from last year's 10-2 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl squad, Tech might be headed for another bowl this year. Quarterback Rodney Allison will operate behind a hulking offensive line that returns four of five starters. The defensive secondary will be one of Tech's strong points, but the Raiders might have problems in the defensive line and the kicking game. (1:30 p.m. Oct. 1, Chapel Hill.)

WAKE FOREST — The Demon Deacons are no longer the laughing stock of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Last year's 5-6 record was their best in years and it might improve this fall. Veteran quarterback Mike

McGlamry and last year's freshman sensation at running back, James McDougald, will operate behind a seasoned line which features center Larry Tearry. All conference linebacker Don Cervi will lead an inexperienced defense which will miss consensus All-America back Bill Armstrong. (1:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Chapel Hill.)

N. C. STATE — After four consecutive bowl seasons, last fall's 3-7-1 record didn't set too well with Wolfpack fans, and Bo Rein is under extreme pressure this year to put a winner back into Carter Stadium. And if his raw offensive line develops quickly, he'll likely do it. The Wolfpack returns 43 lettermen, among them quarterback Johnny Evans, running back Ted Brown, and defensive tackle Bubba Green. In addition, 1975 All-ACC cornerback Ralph Stringer is back after missing last year with an injury. (1:30 p.m., Oct. 15, Raleigh.)

SOUTH CAROLINA — Ron Bass returns to lead the Gamecock triple option which will benefit from the return of eight starters. Several players will fight for the spots vacated by runningbacks Kevin Long and Clarence Williams while senior Philip Logan, the school's third all-time receiver, is back after catching 41 passes last year. The defense, which was 10th nationally last year, was hit hard by graduation. Among the top returnees are linebacker David Prezioso and defensive end Scott Blackman. (1:30 p.m. Oct. 22, Chapel Hill.)

MARYLAND — The biggest problem Jerry Claiborne faces in attempting to win his fourth straight ACC title is rebuilding an offensive line which lacks five of the starters on last year's 11-1 Cotton Bowl team, which did not play UNC. Mark Manges, who hit 58 per cent of his passes last year, will hand off often to running back Steve Atkins, who returns following a midseason injury in '76. Seven regulars return to the nation's second best defense, including All-ACC picks Brad Carr (linebacker) and Larry Seder (guard). (1:30 p.m. Oct. 29, College Park, Md.)

CLEMSON — The Tigers begin their annual rebuilding year with a new coach, Charley Pell, the third head coach hired by the school in an attempt to rediscover the winning ways that Frank Howard made popular in the early 60s. Junior quarterback Steve Fuller will pass to excellent receivers in Jerry Butler and Cliff Bray. The backfield and line should do well, with Pell's biggest defensive worry being in the secondary. End Jonathan Brooks will direct a strong defensive line. (1:30 p.m. Nov. 5, Chapel Hill.)

VIRGINIA — The Cavaliers will field another young team under second-year coach Dick Bestwick. Four players are among candidates for quarterback, with other offensive spots open at seven positions. John Choma and Kenny Fulp head the line. Ten starters return on defense, led by linebacker Sam Pfabe. (1:30 p.m. Nov. 12, Charlottesville, Va.)

DUKE — There've been a number of rumors circulating around Durham for several months to the effect that Blue Devil Head Coach Mike McGee must have a winning season this fall before he'll be asked to return next year. And with the schedule the Devils have, that won't be an easy task. Mike Dunn, the slippery quarterback that led the nation's quarterbacks in scoring last year, returns to direct the Duke triple option behind an experienced offensive line that returns three starters. All-ACC linebacker Carl McGee leads a defense that returns three starters to the line and two to the backfield. (1:30 p.m. Nov. 19, Durham.)

UNC signs nine prep stickmen

Nine high school lacrosse players have been signed to grants-in-aid at North Carolina.

The four attacks signed are Tom Fredrico of Levittown, N.Y., Monte Hill of Charlottesville, Va., Maynard Haskett of Southborough, Mass., and Chris Mueller of Byrun Hills, N.Y.

Fredrico scored 96 points his senior. Hill and Haskett both were All-Americas. Mueller was an all-league selection in Westchester County, N.Y.

Midfielders signed are Jeff Lynch of Garden City, N.Y., and John Schipper of Huntington, N.Y. Schipper was a high school All-America while Lynch broke Don McCauley's football rushing records at Garden City High.

The defensemen are Chuck Wenzel of Phoenix, Md., and Mile Melmerson, both of whom received honors as high school players.

Also signed was a goalie, Hunter Francis of Charlotte, who played at the Blue Ridge School in Virginia.

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