

## Second-ranked Clemson booters roll on; Tigers' ball control dooms Carolina, 5-1

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"What can you say?" UNC coach Anson Dorrance's apt query summed up Clemson's 5-1 soccer victory Sunday at Fetzer Field. The Tigers entered the game with a 9-0 season mark, and their performance against the Heels did nothing to hurt their No. 2 national rank. The Tigers' magnificent ball-handling skills were evident from the outset. Crisp passes between the men in orange kept the Heels in pursuit. Carolina came out in its defensive alignment, hoping to wear down the Tiger offense, but it didn't work. Clemson controlled the offensive play completely and frustrated all of UNC's offensive opportunities. But the Heels kept scrapping for the ball, and not until 15 minutes into the game did the Tigers get onto the scoreboard on a scorching shot off a cornerkick pass. The Tigers did an excellent job all day setting each other up; they seemed to have a sixth sense as to where their teammates were. Three minutes later, a rebound off the hands of UNC goalie Martin Trimble was knocked into the net for a 2-0 Tiger lead. The Heels switched back into an offensive alignment, realizing they had to play Clemson head-to-head. Misfortune struck with only

seven minutes left in the half. Trimble was ready for the shot taken by a Clemson player streaking down the left sideline, but the ball deflected off a Tar Heel defender and bounced right into the goal. In the second half, Trimble was tested by a barrage of hard, accurate Tiger shots and responded with some beautiful diving saves. The frustrations of the day manifested themselves, however, when with 23 minutes remaining, a hard Tiger shot that skimmed along the ground hit Trimble in the hands, then eluded him and rolled on into the net past his grasping fingertips. The Heels continued to match the Tigers' aggressive play, and it paid off two minutes later when Hugh Bennett arched a rainbow shot from 30 yards out into the upper right-hand corner of the goal past the leaping Tiger goalie to make it 4-1. Clemson closed out the 5-1 win on a penalty kick with 14 minutes left. Tiger forwards Damian Ogunsu and Benedict Popoola, both Nigerians, led the scoring with two goals each. "This was one of our best performances," Tiger coach I. M. Ibrahim said. "We were very well prepared. We're beginning to peak. We thought the field was going to give us trouble, (Fetzer Field is quite narrow), but it didn't. That was a nice surprise." The Tar Heels' (6-3-1) next match is on Wednesday when they travel to Buies Creek to play Campbell College.

## Defense keys win over Wolfpack

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"This is the best pass rush we've had so far," Dooley said. "Evans is unbelievable. He just threw it up. I couldn't tell who caught it." State's first score was made possible by an intercepted Kucek pass; the other by an inside kick by State's Jay Sherrill, which lofted high in the air rather than rolling on the ground. State was unable to move into Carolina territory until late in the first half when a State pass was tapped up in the air by UNC's Ricky Barden and caught by David Moody on the Carolina 35-yard line. On the very next play, State fumbled the ball and Carolina defensive end Ken Sheets recovered. State again crossed midfield on its two scoring drives in the fourth quarter. "I thought the game would be more physical," defensive end T. K. McDaniels said. "The front (defensive) line helped. We found that everything just worked out. The 14 points hurt our defensive pride." Most observers agreed before the game that it was a close game, the result would hinge on the success of each team's kicking game. State had a decided advantage. Quarterback Evans is one of the nation's top punters, and Sherrill is an accurate field goal kicker and kickoff man. But it was Carolina's kicking game, to the relief of many, which was superior Saturday. Placekicker Tom Biddle kicked two field goals for 38 and 21 yards and fell short on two more, for 44 and 49 yards. But the surprise of the afternoon was the punting of UNC's Johnny Elam. After a very successful season last year, Elam was in the doldrums this season, averaging only 34.3 yards per punt. He came alive, however, against the Wolfpack, punting five times for an average of 50.4 yards, including a 57-

yarder. "I just used a lot of mental concentration," he said. "I tried to think about what I was doing. I'd relaxed a little. I was so tense I made mistakes (early in the season). I finally got it. I hope." Carolina used a trick play to set up Carolina's first touchdown — a fake field goal. On fourth down and 11 yards to go on the State 33, Biddle and holder Jim Rouse set up in the backfield for a 50-yard field goal attempt. But when the ball was snapped to Rouse, he jumped up and passed to tight end Brooks Williams for a 20-yard gain. Two plays later, Carolina scored. "We've had it in our repertoire for quite a while," Dooley said. "This is the first occasion we've had to use it. It's been four or five years since we've used it. But we work on it in practice every week."

### V-ball loses in tourney

When Carolina's women's volleyball team traveled to the Florida State Invitational Tournament this weekend, it met its nemesis in Miami Dade Community College South (MDCC), one of the best volleyball teams in the nation. The Tar Heels lost to MDCC three times, their only losses in the tournament. The tournament field was divided into three pools of four teams. The top two teams in each pool advanced to the next phase, which was a straight double-elimination tournament. Flagler College and the University of New Orleans were the other two teams in the Tar Heels' pool. Carolina defeated them both handily in two straight games. In the double elimination segment of the tournament, Carolina made it to the final four by beating South Carolina but was eliminated by MDCC.

Carolina's scores early in the game, in addition to Biddle's two field goals, came on a six-yard Kucek-to-Williams pass after the fake field goal attempt, a 31-yard interception return by linebacker Buddy Curry (the first interception return by a Carolina player for a touchdown since 1971) and a 16-yard run by Bob Loomis at the opening of the third quarter. The largest crowd ever in State's Carter Stadium — 51,300 — saw the football game.

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The efforts of Dick Drayton (14) and his Carolina teammates weren't quite enough Sunday afternoon as Clemson's nationally second-ranked Tigers pinned a 5-1 loss on the Tar Heels. Staff photo by Joseph Thomas.

## Basketball opens under pressure

Basketball practice for Carolina begins today, and already pressure on the squad is great enough to numb the nerves of even the most steady player or coach. At least a half dozen national sports publications pick Carolina preseason No. 1, and as the team gets ready to try to fill some holes caused by the graduation of John Kuester, Walter Davis and Tom LaGarde, the players and coaches say they feel the pressure. "Everybody's talking St. Louis," Phil Ford said Friday while his teammates were having their photographs made. St. Louis is the site of the 1978 national finals. "But we have 29 or 30 games to play before we can go anywhere. I'm glad people have that much confidence. But we have a completely new team, and we have to make a new identity." Part of that new identity will be the way three freshmen — Al Wood, Pete Budko and Mike Pepper — work into the lineup. Wood, a highly regarded prep star, is expected to compete for a starting slot on the Tar Heel roster while Budko and Pepper will add depth to the forward and guard positions. Dean Smith, who has never had a Carolina team ranked No. 1 in the preseason, said Friday he and the team are prepared for the obvious pressure to fulfill expectations that are a result of being ranked so high. "Indiana was ranked No. 1 last year," he said. "They had (Kent) Benson back, but that ranking was based on the team the year before. We have to make it very obvious that the team this year has not accomplished anything." Ford, now a senior, will provide the leadership for Carolina this year. He has been troubled with injuries — his ankle in

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1976 and his elbow last season — and is hoping for a problem-free season this year. "I'd love to be 100 percent at the end of the year," Ford said. "I wish I could play the whole NCAA's injury-free." "I guess I will be the leader this year. I'm serious about the kind of leader I'll be. I'd like to do the same kind of things I've done in the past and try to be a leader off the court." "Phil can have a great year, and I expect him to have a great year," Smith said. "He makes points for the team whether he scores them or not. If he has a 20-foot jumper and sees somebody has a 10-foot jumper, he'll pass off." Smith said Ford still feels a twinge of pain in his elbow, which was hyperextended in a freak accident against Notre Dame in the NCAA East Regionals. Of the three phases of basketball — offense, defense and rebounding — Smith said he's most concerned with the defense and rebounding entering practice. "We lost five of six or seven of our best defensive players," he said. "Our rebounding must be improved somehow by our offense by how well we execute or by boxing out on defense. Last year, we had an excellent defensive team. I'm not worried about our offense." There will be some changes the average fan probably will notice.

"We'll have a different twist to the four-corners because there's too much talk about it," he said. "We're not a ball-control team." He added there might be some sort of combination of the four-corners and the four-c offense, which was used effectively late last season. Geff Crompton, the giant center who has not been on Carolina's roster for over a year, is back in school and was dressed for Picture Day Friday. The big (6-foot-11, and he won't tell anyone how much he weighs, but it's somewhere between 250 and 300) player is only trying out for the team, and is not officially a team member yet. "We've allowed him to come out," Smith said. "It's tentative now." Crompton is a senior this year. Carolina has to be considered favored to win the conference title this year, even though Smith said the conference is much more balanced. Carolina's Blue-White game is only three weeks away — Saturday Nov. 5 at 4:30 p.m. after the Clemson football game. An exhibition game with the Czechoslovakian National team will be held Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium before the regular season begins against Oregon State in Charlotte Nov. 26. The Big Four Tournament begins Dec. 2 in Greensboro with Carolina facing Duke in the first round.

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