

# Mike 'Who' grabs crucial TD pass

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With nearly 38 minutes elapsed in Saturday's North Carolina-Cincinnati game, Tar Heel fans enjoying the perfect football weather in Kenan Stadium were slightly perplexed, to say the least.

The Tar Heels, so impressive in three opening wins and as high as 16th in the national polls, had stumbled to an uninspiring 14-14 tie halftime with the underdogs from Ohio.

Almost eight minutes into the third quarter, after a 35-yard run by Amos Lawrence was nullified by a clipping penalty, thoughts of last season's 7-3 loss to Miami of Ohio, began to appear.

It couldn't be, could it? After all, everyone said this year's team was new and improved.

But, on the very next play, the Tar Heels—with the help of reserve tight end Mike Chatham—proved they really are a new product. They erased the tie with a 58-yard scoring play from Kupec to Chatham, were never threatened again and cruised to a 35-14 win to improve to 4-0 on the year.

Mike who? Don't worry if the presence of No. 88 coraling the touchdown pass had you a little confused. Don't worry if you didn't recognize his name. Chatham's biggest claim to success before Saturday, when he caught three passes for 75 yards, came in last spring's Blue-White intra-squad game. There, he caught a two-yard TD pass.

Before his long touchdown grab, Chatham had been on the receiving end of only one pass in varsity play, a 26-yarder against Army. A week later, he caught what turned out to be the touchdown which put UNC ahead to stay.

"I think they'll (his coaches) have confidence in me to put me in anytime now," said Chatham, being interviewed by a group of reporters for the first time as a Tar Heel.

Chatham's story is one of rags to riches or, in his case, from little to big.

Chatham, now a junior in football eligibility, is in his fourth year of school. He played jayvee ball in 1976 as a freshman and took a year off when he was red-shirted in 1977. Then-coach Bill Dooley told Chatham he was too small to be a college tight end.

"I was 6-2, 175, when I came out of high school," Chatham said. "I was too small. They told me I needed to gain some weight and get stronger. I accepted it (being red-shirted). Brooks Williams and Mike Finn were ahead of me then anyway, and I knew if I was going to play at tight end in college football I would have to get stronger."

If his exploits in Saturday's game are an indication, the time off helped—but not immediately. The Elkin native, who played there with UNC place-kicker Jeff Hayes, also spent last season on the jayvees.

He started this fall as a third-string tight end and was listed as No. 2 behind Shelton Robinson for the Cincinnati game.

Chatham, now 6-2, 205 pounds, said he lifted weights over the summer to build up his body and also did some running to improve his quickness.

Although his touchdown catch put him in the spotlight temporarily, Chatham is not ready to declare stardom for himself.



Chatham catches touchdown pass ...score put Heels ahead

"I just happened to be open," he said of the long touchdown play. "Matt is such a good quarterback. I was supposed to be on a hook pattern over the middle. I just broke it deep when he got in trouble."

Kupec rolled left on the play, looked over his receivers and then lofted the spiral to Chatham, the last receiver he looked for.

"I was going to Wayne Tucker," Kupec said. "I saw (split end) Jeff Grey, then I saw Mike running down the sideline. I think it was a very important play. It put us ahead to stay, and I think it gave us a big lift."

Chatham said he is usually inserted in a game on passing situations. "Usually Shelton Robinson and Kenny Rogers do the blocking," he said.

Chatham kept being asked about the touchdown pass. "He hit me right on stride. It was perfect. It couldn't have been a better pass."

And it couldn't have been at a better moment for Chatham, who became the center of attention for the first time in his UNC career.

# Heels

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The Heels seemed to wake up a little after that. They moved down to the Cincy 24, where Kupec tossed a sideline pass to tight end Chatham. The pass fell incomplete, but defensive back Clark—playing a Jekyll-and-Hyde game—leveled Chatham and picked up a personal foul penalty, giving Carolina first down on the 12. A completed pass to Chatham put the ball on the 3. Lawrence got his second TD two plays later.

But the Bearcats came right back to burn Carolina on a 53-yard pass to Ralph Williams, who broke a couple of tackles on his way into the end zone. The half ended tied up and the natives restless.

So during halftime Crum put the players through the ringer, right? Wrong. There was no yelling or screaming or throwing of garbage cans. How about a pep talk? Nope. "We just told them to use common sense," Crum said. "We just didn't have the concentration we needed in the first half."

Carolina came out a new team. After a couple of possession changes, the Heels started driving from their own 28. From the Cincy 49, Lawrence swept left to the 16, but a clipping penalty instead put the ball back to the UNC 42. Kupec, looking to pass, and scrambling in the backfield, found tight end Chatham breaking away from his defender and hit him with a perfect toss for a TD. The point after made it 21-14, and Carolina was finally grabbing the momentum.

"It was a dropback pass," Kupec said. "I looked for Wayne Tucker, then for the fullback (Paschal), then for Jeff Grey. "I started to run, then I saw Mike open. He had continued his pattern and I got the ball to him. He has great hands."

Carolina got the ball right back on an interception by Buddy Curry. Bearcat quarterback Kapetanis found tight end Bo Green, but safety Ricky Barden popped the ball free, and Curry grabbed his third interception of the year.

Lawrence and Paschal took the ball from the Cincy 49 to the 1. Lawrence ran it in for TD number three.

Carolina's final score was a combination of sweet revenge and pouring salt in a wound. From the Cincy 22, flanker Farris took off on a post pattern against cornerback Clark, the same play that Clark interfered on in the



Carolina fullback Doug Paschal breaks away ...first 100-yard day as a Tar Heel

first quarter. Kupec never hesitated; Farris got the ball on the 5 and fell into the end zone. The senior receiver now has four receptions on the year, all for touchdowns.

"If the defense is in any kind of coverage that it might work, I know it's coming to me," Farris said.

Where does the revenge come in? "I maybe lost my cool on the penalty," Farris said. "I thought I had it, and he made a last-ditch effort. I mentioned I was going to get him back."

And why was Farris teamed with fellow flanker Tucker on kickoffs? "I've had some experience at running back," Farris said. "I guess they put me back there with Wayne (Tucker) to get some speed."

"We're still looking for the right kickoff combination," Crum said. "With

Kelvin (Bryant) hurt, we wanted Amos out of there."

Lawrence on the day had 143 yards, right at his NCAA-leading average. The three touchdowns give him seven for the year.

Paschal, the team's leading receiver, didn't catch a pass all day. "We tried to run them (passes to the running backs) in the first half," Paschal said, "but the defensive ends kept locking in on us coming out of the backfield."

But he was obviously happy to have sacrificed his receptions for the 100-yard day. "The coaches called me from the press box and said I had 89 yards and asked me if I wanted to go back in," Paschal said. "I said just give me the ball three or four times."

"It's pretty unusual for a Carolina fullback to get 100 yards."

# Lady netters blank Yale; ease by UVa

By MARK TAYLOR  
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The women's tennis team registered its third consecutive win Sunday afternoon with a 9-0 victory over outclassed Yale. The netters defeated Virginia 6-3 on Friday to up their conference record to 2-0.

The Bulldogs, who were ranked in the Top 20 last year, did not take a set in any match and most singles matches were decided early. Only Donna Lies, playing the No. 2 position, was pushed, winning over Caroline McAllister, 6-4, 7-6.

"We needed this solid win after being pushed by Virginia," UNC coach Kitty Harrison said. "It should build our confidence even more."

Playing No. 1 for the Tar Heels against the Bulldogs was sophomore Sandy Fleischman. Fleischman was impressive in defeating Natalya Smith, 6-2, 6-2.

"I feel that I played well considering the very windy conditions," Fleischman said. "My game is coming back into its top form."

In the netters' 6-3 win over Virginia on Friday, the team looked strong, according to Harrison. "I knew Virginia



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• Women's golf in Lady Seminole Invitational at Tallahassee, Fla.  
• Volleyball at home vs. UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Greensboro at 7 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.

had a good team, and I was happy to beat them," Harrison said. "We had a good solid match against them."

The Tar Heels took four of the six singles matches, then iced the match with two of three doubles victories.

"Sandy Fleischman played exceptionally well on Friday," Harrison said. "She totally dominated her opponent and won 6-0, 6-2."

In the No. 1 doubles match, Carolina's Fleischman and Lies lost to Virginia's duo of Silverman and Stillman, 6-7 (5-4), 6-4, 6-4. However, Harrison said Fleischman and Lies played outstanding tennis. "That match was one of the best matches I have ever watched in women's collegiate tennis," the coach said. "Sandy

and Donna played great." The Tar Heels now face a busy week with three matches. Maryland comes to town Tuesday, with Duke coming Thursday and Clemson on Friday.

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