

## Rose is the baby in Miami's cradle

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Newness pervades the Miami University football program. New coach. New stadium. Still, Tim Rose, the man now in charge, finds himself caught between the new and the old.

Rose is trying to develop his own system as he begins to establish himself and begins to feel comfortable in his new position. At the same time, he can't completely block out of his mind what went on in the past. And even if he could, no one would let him forget that Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler won more than a few games at this school in Oxford, Ohio, which has come to be known as the "Cradle of Coaches."

But Rose, the baby in the Cradle, is fortunate that he's got brand new Yager Stadium in which to work. When the opening of the stadium is celebrated Oct. 1, the day Miami plays its first home game, the ghosts of those coaching legends won't be roaming the sidelines as they did at Miami Field. Yager Stadium will belong to Rose.

Somehow, though, you just can't escape tradition. Rose may be able to call Yager Stadium home, but his real home in Oxford is the same one that belonged to UNC coach Dick Crum,

who he will stand across from today at 1 p.m. in Kenan Stadium, as Miami faces North Carolina. Crum was the head coach at Miami from 1974-77, and the year he left was the year Rose arrived to become defensive coordinator. Rose explains that buying Crum's house was a logical choice, since Miami assistant coaches Denny Marcin, John Matsko and Chuck Priefer had already sold theirs before leaving to take similar jobs in Chapel Hill.

"It was the only one left on the market," Rose says.

Rose is looking to even his record as a college coach at 1-1. The Redskins were beaten by South Carolina last week, 24-3, something the Miami coach did not expect to happen.

"I expected to win," Rose says. "I was surprised that we lost and I was surprised by the score we lost by."

If logic is any indicator, Miami should lose by a lot more today. South Carolina had an easy time with the Redskins, but two weeks ago, the Gamecocks were beaten, 24-8, by North Carolina. Dick Crum prefers not to use that kind of logic.

"I know, the first thing everybody says is, 'You beat South Carolina and South Carolina beat Miami, so shouldn't this be an easy game?'" Crum says.

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## Switches back to defense

# He's no longer the center of inattention

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For Brian Johnston, this is a season of change.

After starting the 1982 season as Jack Parry's backup at defensive tackle, Johnston was moved to center after a midseason knee injury sidelined Steve McGrew. Johnston had filled in for McGrew as a freshman when McGrew suffered another injury.

Johnston might have challenged for all-conference honors at center had he stayed there, but UNC head coach Dick Crum gave Johnston the choice of staying at center or returning to defensive tackle after the Tar Heels' 26-10 victory over Texas in the Sun Bowl last season.

The decision to return to defense wasn't easy for Johnston. He said he waited until a week before spring practice to tell the coaches of his decision.

"I was recruited as a defensive lineman, and I think I stayed on defense for about two days as a freshman," Johnston said. "Coach (John) Matsko said I'd have the opportunity to play sooner at center, so I went to center. Sure enough, I played sooner at center."

Having the starting center slot nailed down coming into this season didn't make Johnston's decision any easier. But Crum told him he would be the starter no matter which position he chose going into the fall.

"I thought when I came to Carolina that I wanted to play defense," Johnston said.

"My heart was with the defense, so when coach Crum gave me the opportunity to go back, I took it."

Still, Johnston said it was hard to give up a position he had secured to move to a position he would have to fight to keep.

"I had developed a lot of confidence playing center," Johnston said. "I was happy to be at center and happy to be starting. It's just the way things happened that I ended up back at defensive tackle."

So far, it's been a happy reunion. Johnston has recorded six tackles and three assists through the Tar Heels' first two games. He has one tackle for a loss.

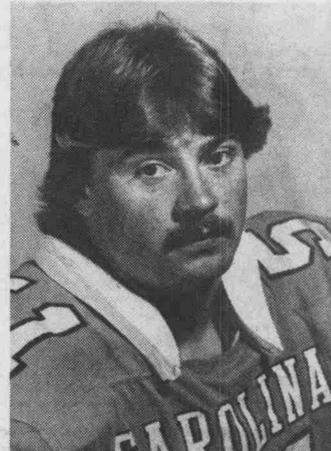
Johnston said he thinks he's more suited to playing defense than offense.

"On offense, you have to be a disciplined player — you have to harness your emotions," Johnston said. "I like getting excited. And the attention you get is nice. I've had my picture in the paper more times in the last week than in two years at center."

Johnston admits he still needs work on some phases of his game. He said he is still in an adjustment period — still finding his way back into the defensive scheme. But Johnston does have some goals.

"I think I've played the run pretty well so far this season, but I still need to work on my pass rush," he said. "I want to be an all-conference player and lead the team in sacks."

"That's something I've always wanted to be since high school — a great pass rusher," Johnston said. "My heroes in high school



Brian Johnston

were Randy White and Mark Gastineau." But individual goals are not the only goals Johnston has for this season. He wants to be a member of the No. 1 defensive unit in the nation, a position which, in terms of total defense, the Tar Heels hold after two games.

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William Fuller (95) and Walter Black (11) are two of the cogs in a defensive unit that held Memphis State to only 105 yards total offense last week. The Tar Heel defense ranked No. 2 in the land for fewest total yards allowed in 1982, and is first in the nation after two games again this year. North Carolina has given up just 306 total yards in 1983.



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