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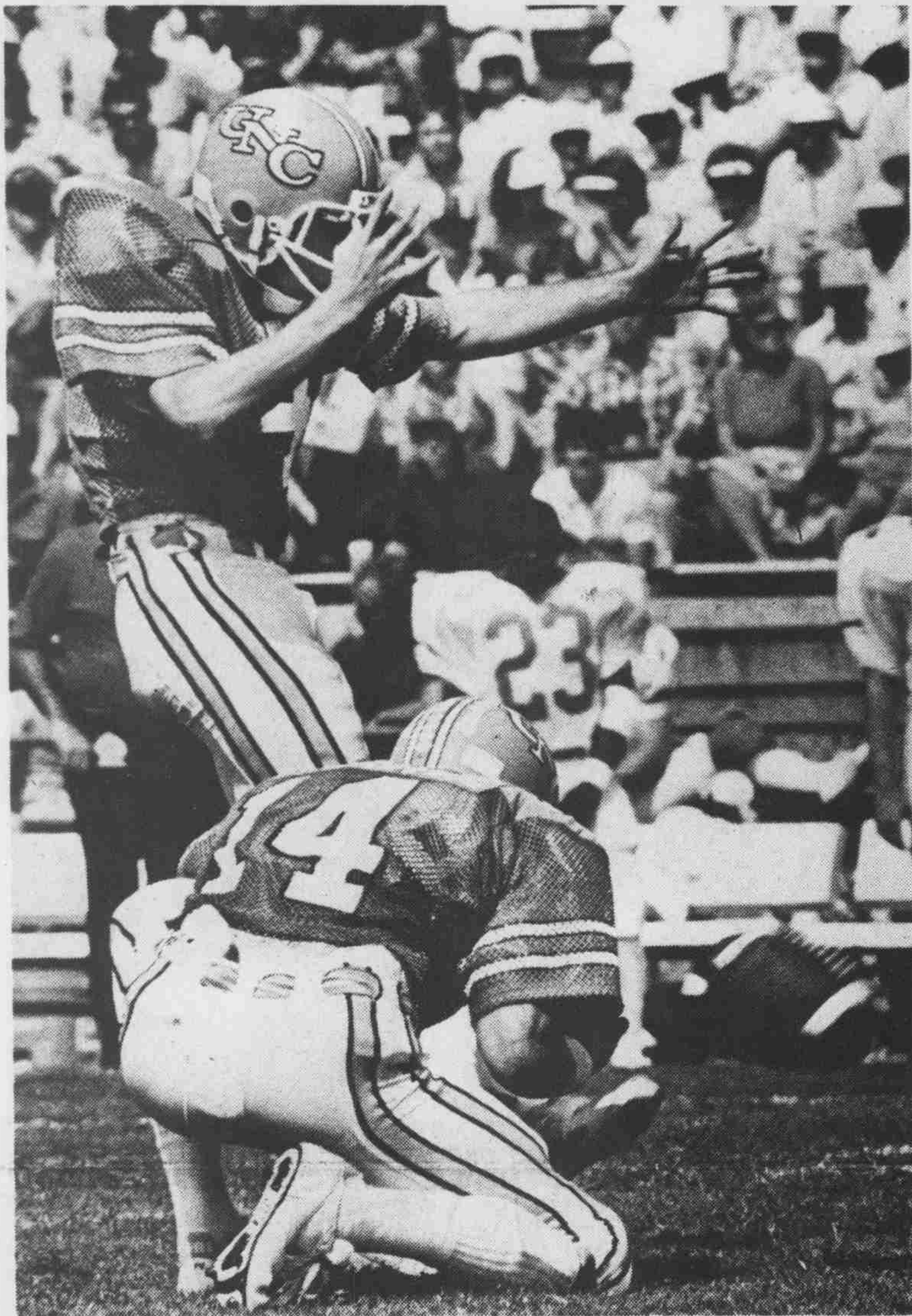
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Clinton senior Brooks Barwick kicks against Miami of Ohio in last week's win. Barwick shares duties with Rob Rogers, who handles long-range placements.

Barwick and Rogers: Kickers splitting chores

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Sharing the limelight is not necessarily a bad thing. Sure. Everyone would like to command top billing, but occasionally there are those "dynamic duos" of sorts that occupy the headlines as much as any single player.

Most of those tandems have come in the backfield, where playing time is never lacking.

That, however, is not the situation with Brooks Barwick and Rob Rogers. Barwick and Rogers share the same duty—place kicking—a job that, when handled by one man, doesn't call for much time on the field.

Barwick, the senior, is the "short-range" field goal specialist and extra-point man, while Rogers, the junior, kicks off and boots the longer field goals.

Barwick holds a current NCAA record of 18 straight games with at least one successful three-pointer, and the longest of those efforts is 42 yards. Rogers, meanwhile, has become proficient in knocking kickoffs into the back of the end zone, but has rarely had the opportunity to test his field goal ability.

Despite the job sharing, there is no animosity, no outright competition between the two, no discontentment.

Rogers and Barwick, accept their roles and are determined to turn in their best effort at what they do.

Barwick is accustomed to split time; he has been sharing the role since he became a starter two years ago.

"It started out with me and Jeff Hayes," he recalled of his sophomore year. "Hayes could kick from a long ways out, but he was also kicking extra points and he had a streak of them going."

But then Hayes—now kicking for the Washington Redskins, graduated, and

about streaks when I'm out there on the field, and it's not even on the back of my mind come game time.

"Of course, when so many people keep asking you about it, it's got to be in the back of your mind sometimes. I'll be disappointed when (the streak) comes to an end, but all streaks have got to come to an end sooner or later.

"Right now, I want a (ACC championship) ring on my finger so bad I can taste it," he adds. "There are seven or eight guys on this team that were All-ACC back in 1981, and they don't have a ring either. That's what we want to be looking at right now," Barwick said.

Rogers, who appears likely to inherit all the place-kicking chores next fall, is not hungry for Barwick's job now because he says he has great respect for his teammate's abilities.

"He (Barwick) is one of the best in the country as far as short-range kicks go," he said. "I've accepted that."

"But I've just given my situation to the Lord. I give him all the credit, because my strength comes from him. I've been lucky, and you've got to be lucky."

Barwick, meanwhile is getting closer to decision time as to whether or not he'll try to play professional football.

"I'll just take whatever comes my way," said Barwick of his future. "I'll try to see if I can make it with the right team and at the right time."

Barwick acknowledges that his inexperience with long-range kicks could be taken as a weakness from the viewpoint of pro scouts, but he said he wouldn't let that bother him.

"This season could be the last chance I have out on the field," he concluded. "I just want to make the best of it. It's a special season especially because I'm a senior and I feel closer to the team and more a part of this program."

Rogers said that he had actually been recruited as a defensive back, but he had begun to question his own desire to play that position. "I never concentrated on one area in high school, and that's something I should have done," he said.

Rogers was thrown into the role he currently occupies just one week before last year's opener at Pittsburgh. "I hadn't kicked off any in a year and a half and coach (Dick) Crum called me to his office and asked me to do the kicking."

Rogers tried only four field goals last year. That, he says, is the disadvantage of only kicking them long.

"I guess the shortest one I've tried is 47 yards," he said.

Rogers said that there is no specific cut-off point between Barwick and himself, but Barwick said that the 45-46 yard range was the area of transition. "I'll ask the coach before every game," Barwick added.

Barwick is a model of practicality. He looks at his role, his personal goals and his goals for the team in an optimistic but realistic fashion.

"Sure, I'd like to kick them all; but Rob would like to kick them all; everybody would like to kick them all," he said. "And I feel confident that I could kick about 50-51 yards, but it's a question of who the coaches think is better."

He said he has grown tired of questions surrounding his field goal streak. "It's something that everybody always asks me about and I have a uniform answer I always give them," he said. "I don't think Barwick seemed heir-apparent to the job. Until, that is, Rogers came along."

"It was really a lucky move that got me the job," Rogers recalled. "Eight days into spring training (1982), the kicking coach gave me the ball and said he'd give me three punts. The next day he asked me if I'd like to concentrate on kicking."

Mikeman Ward entertains the football crowds

By KAREN COTTEN
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"Lean to the left, lean to the right, peel your banana and UMPF—take a bite..."

Think back to the first home football game of the season. It was UNC and Memphis State. Kenan Stadium oozed with excitement. Alumni, decked in knit shirts in rainbow colors, bare-shouldered blondes, and baggers with flasks dangling at their sides poured into the stadium. Sounds of "Here Comes Carolina" drifted through the air and the team was looking good.

Pretty much a familiar scene.

But UNC fans had a new face to attract their attention, a new voice to lead them in foot-stomping, hand-clapping, screaming adoration for their No. 1 football team.

Who fills this center-stage spot? None other than a senior RTVMP major from Enfield: Kenneth Ward, UNC's mikeman for the 1983 football season.

"I saw those other guys down there acting crazy and I knew I could do it," Ward said. "I'm not really nervous when I'm facing all those people. I just throw myself into the game, show some spirit, and hope they'll come along with me."

Ward spends about 10 hours a week preparing for Saturday's game. He works two nights a week with the cheerleaders and tries to spend two nights a week with the band.

"During the game, I watch the band to see what they're playing," he said. "They're great to come in on cheers and get a tempo going." As for the cheerleaders, "I spend a lot of time with them going over cheers and getting psyched."

Try-outs for the mikeman position were held last spring after varsity cheerleading tryouts. Ward competed against five others, including last year's mikeman. "I felt like I came out there prepared, and a lot of those guys just didn't seem to have it all together," Ward said.

He said he felt it best to make sure everything he did for tryouts in Carmichael could be ap-



UNC mikeman Kenneth Ward performs during last week's Miami of Ohio game. Ward spends about 10 hours a week preparing for the next Saturday's game.

plied to what he could in Kenan Stadium during a game. "So I roller skated out, led a few cheers, joked around and tried to be practical."

Ward admits to being a bit of a ham. "Crowds tend to make most people uneasy, but I kind of enjoy it," he said grinning. During high school, he competed in oratorical contests and was master of ceremonies for fashion shows, talent shows and homecoming activities. Ward said

these activities helped him with his new job as mikeman.

About his new responsibilities, Ward said, "It's leading the crowd and getting that spirit." He participates at all home games, and although he isn't required to attend away games he says he'll probably be there anyway.

Ward's routine and costumes are all of his See MIKEMAN on page 5

Tribe will take to air against Tar Heels

By MIKE DeSISTI
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Jimmye Laycock, head football coach at William and Mary, has today's game against North Carolina boxed, tied and tagged to a tee — literally.

William and Mary Sports Information Director Bob Sheeran related the analogy which Laycock used to describe the North Carolina game in a press conference Tuesday in Williamsburg, Va. Sheeran said Laycock envisioned the game as being similar to making par on one of the tougher holes at the local golf course. This particular par-4 was difficult enough as it was, Laycock said; shooting for less than a bogey with only a nine-iron and a putter wouldn't help matters any.

William and Mary arrives in Chapel Hill at 1-1 on the 1983 season, and 0-9-2 against the Tar Heels over the years. The Tribe opened its current campaign with a 28-14 win over VMI on the road, then lost last Saturday to Delaware, 30-13, in Williamsburg.

Laycock said his team hadn't been doing anything different this week to prepare for the game, but he was quick to add that didn't mean this game wasn't different.

"It's a big challenge," he said. "If you're a competitor it's nice to see just what it's like to go up against the best."

North Carolina coach Dick Crum isn't ready to consider the Tar Heels, ranked No. 4 and No. 5 in the UPI and AP polls, respectively, as being the best. In fact, Crum's words, if taken with any more seriousness than he had intended, would give one the impression that the coach isn't overly impressed with his team.

"We're in the top 25," he said Tuesday when asked how he felt about the results of the latest wire

service polls, succeeding only with great effort at suppressing a smile. "There's still just a lot of speculation going on right now."

But that doesn't mean Crum is overly concerned about today's contest.

"We're realistic with the youngsters," he said. "They're sophisticated enough that we're not going to tell them William and Mary is going to come out and play like Ohio State. "But they're going to have to prepare for that."

The majority of North Carolina's preparation will involve truing the wheels in the Tar Heel secondary and readying the defensive line and linebackers for the pass rush. Laycock has made it no secret that junior quarterback Stan Yagiello will be throwing the ball, not only because of his team's inability to match up with North Carolina physically, but also because that's what William and Mary does best.

Yagiello threw for 1,841 yards as a sophomore; and after just two games in 1983 he has accumulated 400 yards and four touchdowns, completing 39 of 63 pass attempts and being intercepted just once.

The Tribe as a team is 48-for-80 for 483 yards and four touchdowns in this department, more than doubling its rushing output in the latter two areas. More significantly, William and Mary has run the ball only 79 times.

Tight end Glenn Bodnar, a 6-5, 232-pound junior with what Sheeran said were perhaps the softest hands on the team, has been on the other end of 10 of those passes, picking up 106 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior flanker Mike Sutton has the experience and pattern-running prowess to be a deep threat, having caught 11 passes at an average of 15.4

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