

Who really wins with the hate factor?

Does anybody really win by using the hate factor? That was about the most intriguing question posed yesterday at North Carolina coach Dick Crum's press conference.

The general premise under which the question was asked was that the Clemson Tigers win a lot of ball games — especially against rivals like UNC — because they learn to hate the opposition.

Certainly, the Tigers have every reason to be upset. They've missed consecutive major bowl bids because of their three-year probation, and now they're entering Saturday's home game against the Tar Heels after losing two straight.

So anyway, coach, will Clemson play with fire in its eyes, just because this is North Carolina?

"We can't pay a whole lot of attention to that sort of thing," Crum said. "When we play other league teams, we know we're going to get their best shot."

Crum, meanwhile, does not believe in playing with a vendetta. If it's high noon, then it's because you've got two evenly-matched teams going at it for some redeeming purpose aside from an inherent desire spread each other's limbs across the field.

"I don't believe in (the hate factor). It's not good coaching."

Crum, who is never one to respond to questions with an oral essay, believes that for success to come anyone's way, you've got to have the talent before you can start playing on emotions.

"You've got to have the folks there first," he said. That, he said, even comes before coaching.

The Tar Heels will need a combination of everything — talent, coaching and emotion — to have a shot at handing Clemson loss No. 3 in a row Saturday. The Tigers haven't lost in Death Valley since 1980 — to North Carolina, 24-19. But that's 21 straight games without a loss. The odds are not good for the guys in light blue.

"The crowd really gets in the ball game," Crum said. "It's the type of place that should give our kids good experience."

The kind of experience that will leave the Tar Heels either 1-3 or 2-2. The kind of experience that could mean the difference between a winning and a losing season.

seniors to beat Clemson for the first time, and for the Tigers to pacify the fat wallets of the folks in some 100 luxury VIP boxes in Memorial Stadium.

Crum sees the game as a chance to get a reading on his team's progress from its abysmal start. "How we play against Clemson will give us an indication of how we've come along," he said. Although another loss to the Tigers would be frustrating, it would hardly be the end of the season, he said. "Our kids are young enough that if they don't win it it won't have much of an impact on us. Last year, when we had all those seniors, it upset them."

Don't think for a moment that sports doesn't play a role in shaping this country's history. It was announced yesterday that the Presidential inauguration, a 200-year-old tradition, will be moved to a date other than Jan. 20 because it coincides with Super Bowl XX in Palo Alto, Calif.

A private ceremony will be held that day at the White House, but the numerous festivities, including the parade down Pennsylvania Avenue and the inaugural ball, will be given a rain check.

Now, if only the NFL had another site for the game and Howard Cosell wasn't scheduled to be one of the game's announcers...

More tidbits from far and wide:

Mark Maye still has a sore shoulder and it's doubtful he'll play at all Saturday. However, the redshirt freshman quarterback is expected to see some time on the field once his arm is in good shape again, Crum said yesterday. . . . If you were surprised that Syracuse wasn't in the Top 20 polls this week, you shouldn't be. Before beating No. 1 Nebraska Saturday, the Orangemen lost to Rutgers, 19-0. They're upcoming slate is murderous, starting with Florida this week. Soon, the win over the Cornhuskers will seem like a dream. . . . If the Houston Oilers, Philadelphia Eagles and Cincinnati Bengals keep playing like they have over the first five weeks, the only games they may win is when they play each other, and the Eagles, 1-4, play neither Houston nor Cincinnati. . . . Does IPTAY, Clemson's alumni fund-raising organization, really mean "I Pay Thirty a Year"? May be. There is no mention of the full name in any Clemson media information, even in a full one-page story on the organization. If that's true, these people are contributing 30-what per year?

Simmons adds new hope

By SCOTT SMITH
Staff Writer

While the North Carolina defensive unit came under fire during the first two games of the season, an unheralded ray of hope emerged. The source of that hope was inside linebacker Troy Simmons.

Simmons, a 6-1, 215-pound junior, leads the team in tackles with 15 solos and 32 total. He has graded out so well in UNC's opening games, according to Tar Heel coaches, he could well be the next Tar Heel to keep up UNC's tradition of great linebackers — names such as Lawrence Taylor and William Fuller.

While Simmons has performed well, he finds a hard time getting noticed while playing in the shadow of Michah Moon, UNC's All-American outside linebacker. But it is clear that in just the opening weeks of the season Simmons is establishing himself, indeed, as a player that you can build a defense around.

All of this would have seemed a bit too much for Simmons to fathom a few months ago. The Spring Lake native was not even sure then if he was going to play regularly. "I really didn't expect to start," he said. "At the end of the spring I hurt my ankle and I wasn't able to practice that much, which I thought really hurt my chances."

Simmons took the ankle injury in stride, however, and battled redshirt freshman Brett Rudolph for one of the inside linebacking jobs. According to Simmons, the competition between the

two was close. "When we were in the spring I was one and he was two, then as we went on he was one and I was two," Simmons said. "It went constantly back and forth. I was never sure of my position."

Finally, in the fall, Simmons nailed down the position. He did so with a great respect for Rudolph, who often rotates with him. "I respect Reinder (Rudolph) a lot," he said. "He's an excellent player and whenever he's in there I have confidence that he will do the job."

Simmons' career was seriously threatened two years ago when he sustained a serious knee injury. It took him a full year to feel comfortable with it again. He said he thought he was ready to play last year, but after watching films of himself, he saw that his actions were still slow. "I couldn't accelerate properly," Simmons said.

After diligently going to rehabilitation every day to make the knee stronger, he got his speed back. For Simmons, the experience was a trying one. "That was one of the most frustrating times of my life," he said. "Wanting to perform and finding out you can't is frustrating."

Simmons attributes his improvement to hard work during practices. "When I'm out there practicing, the coach tells us that the two hard days we do practice we should get the most out of ourselves," he said. "In those two days, I try to learn, do my job, be around the ball and make some tackles. I basically do what I want to do in the game."

SCOREBOARD

Field Hockey

Stanford 3, UNC 2

UNC: 0 3 - 3
Stanford: 0 2 - 2

Goals — UNC: Judith Jonckheer, Claire Dougherty; Stanford: Andrea Wolper 2, Patsy Huntington.

Assists — UNC: Mary Sentences 2; Stanford: Carol Chamberlain, Wolper 1.

Shots — UNC 8, Stanford 8.

Penalty Corners — UNC 10, Stanford 4.

Saves — UNC: Jan Miles 5, Stanford: Bonnie Warner 5.

Calendar

Today
MEN'S SOCCER vs. Catawba at Fetzer Field, TBA

Thursday
VOLLEYBALL vs. East Carolina, 7:30 p.m., at Carmichael Auditorium

Friday
WOMEN'S TENNIS at South Carolina Championships in Columbia, S.C.

Saturday
FOOTBALL at Clemson, 1 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY vs. Virginia, 3 p.m., at Astroturf Field.

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THIS MORNING, "GREENPEACE" RELEASED A STATEMENT OF GENERAL APPROVAL.

Peanuts

As she climbed into the carriage, he waved goodbye.

"HE WAVED GOODBYE"?

YOU CALL THAT ROMANTIC?!

He also said, "Have a nice day!"

There's no window-dressing on this year's Clemson-UNC game. That, according to Crum.

In the past, these two teams played around the seventh or eighth game of the season, and for the Tar Heels, it meant the difference between a trip to Miami and a trip to Hackensack, N.J., or a place of similar nature.

This time, it's only for bragging rights, for the Tar Heel

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