

Sports

Hall sidelined for State game

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UNC football coach Dick Crum woke up the sleepy crowd of reporters attending his weekly press conference yesterday with an announcement that demonstrated only too clearly the irony of which life often consists.

Quarterback Jonathan Hall, coming off a brilliant performance against Wake Forest in which he threw for four touchdowns and ran for another, will not start for UNC Saturday against N.C. State. A knee injury, suffered late in the 40-30 win over Wake, will most likely keep him out of the lineup and in street clothes.

The irony of losing Hall was not lost on Crum. "It's very disappointing for Jon," he said. "He was decent but not really great for the first four ballgames. But against Wake he was starting to get the whole thing put together. He played very well, threw the ball well, made good decisions and just handled the team really well."

Compounding the lonesome character of the situation was the fact that the hit which injured Hall was far from bonecrushing. "It's kind of funny because when he got tackled it didn't look like it was too serious of a tackle," Crum said, no doubt recognizing the absurd nature of the whole drama.

As for the other casualties of the Wake game, Brad Lopp will not see action Saturday. Derrick Fenner, the dominant tailback whose quality of play depends on his quality of attitude, should be healthy enough to start. But Crum seemed uncertain of that and on the verge of deeming all the worries psychosomatic.

"I think he will be back," Crum said. "I think Derrick has a sore shoulder. We'll get him into a new pair of shoulder pads and tell him they're space age."

To return to Hall, the biggest consequence of his injury is that it catapults Mark Maye back into the spotlight. Saturday's game will be Maye's first start since his freshman

year. (Irony enters the situation here again. His last start was against State.) It will represent the first chance Maye will have had to reify the myths which have sprung up about him over his layoff.

Perhaps more importantly, the game will also represent Maye's first chance to truly fail. There will be nowhere to hide Saturday, no one else to blame if he does not play well. But his coach seemed confident that Maye wouldn't be looking for anyone to blame.

"Mark hadn't played for so long that he was really rusty when he came back," Crum said. "But he, in the last two weeks, has shown some signs of that rust coming off. He worked well on that last drive for us."

In some quarters, Maye has acquired a cult status equalled to that of Frank N. Furter. When he completed all four passes in the opener against The Citadel, that status was only enhanced. When he entered the game against Tech, he was greeted with cheers. His indifferent play thus far this year has done little to diminish him in the eyes of UNC fans. And Crum still believes in him.

"We're disappointed that we're not going to have Jon," Crum said. "But I think Mark will come in and do a very good job for us." If he does, the quarterback controversy, seemingly quelled by Hall's performance against Wake, may start up all over again.

Backs provide depth

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Depth. Historically, it's one key ingredient the good teams have and the poor ones crave.

North Carolina's 4-0-1 football team has depth. Specifically, it has offensive backfield depth.

When UNC's starting backfield of Derrick Fenner and Brad Lopp went down with banged-up shoulders in the first half of last Saturday's 40-30 win over Wake Forest, coach Dick Crum looked to his bench for some spark. He found it in the persons of James Thompson, Torin Dorn and Eric Starr.

The trio combined for 176 yards rushing and was instrumental in the patented ball-control attack which ground out another UNC victory. One by one, here are their stories:

James Thompson is a redshirt sophomore who seems ready to finally fulfill his potential after a knee injury two years ago destroyed his progress.

On Saturday, the 5-11, 224-pounder from (appropriately enough) Lumberton, N.C., bulled and scooted and stiff-armed and spun and yes, lumbered his way to 86 yards on 11 carries, an eye-popping average of nearly eight yards per attempt. Thompson also caught two passes for 23 yards and averaged nearly three bowl-overs (of Wake defenders) a carry.

"I don't think there's anybody around who can tackle James Thompson when he puts his mind to it," said Harris Barton, UNC's left tackle who often directed interference on Thompson's adventures.

Thompson, whose nickname is "Hulk," described himself as a fullback this way: "I don't have any style, really. It's nothing pretty, nothing fancy. I just try and get the job done."

"If I don't dish out the punishment (to prospective tacklers), they'll dish it out to me. I try not to be brought down ever by just one tackler," he said.

With Lopp listed as questionable for Saturday's N.C. State game, it looks as though Thompson will get his first start.

Torin Dorn, the highly-touted freshman from Southfield, Mich., making just his second appearance as a Tar Heel, picked up 45 yards on 11 carries versus the Deacs.

One of those runs may have directly affected the game's outcome. With about seven minutes to go, ball on UNC's 41, and the Tar heels holding a 37-30 lead, Dorn broke off left tackle and picked up 35 yards to convert the crucial third-and-seven play. Only a saving tackle by cornerback Tony Moseley kept Dorn from his first collegiate touchdown.

"All I did was look up and all I saw was wide-open daylight in front of me," Dorn said. "I took it and I thought I could score, but I guess I ran out of gas."

The lyrical name, the press clippings and the fact he wears Kelvin Bryant's old number all combined to build high, perhaps unfairly high, expectations for Dorn. Last Saturday was Dorn's first significant step toward living up to them.

Eric Starr is a junior from Ellenboro who converted to tailback from the defensive backfield in fall practice. Starr picked up 45 yards on 11 attempts and, in Crum's estimation, had "a couple of exceptional runs where he had to break tackles in the backfield."

Thompson, Dorn and Starr — three of the many reasons why Crum is finding it a lot easier to smile these days.

Field hockey rocks Duke, 6-1

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Amidst Tuesday night's sporadic rainfall, yet another North Carolina field hockey foe fell on AstroTurf Field. The 10-1 Tar Heels stretched their winning streak to nine and further solidified their No. 1 national ranking by conquering the Duke Blue Devils, 6-1.

Like the dreary drizzle in which they played, the Tar Heels staggered pace shifted between slow and explosive throughout the game. Senior center forward Claire Dougherty, sidelined with a shoulder injury, watched the scrambled and occasionally sleepy UNC offense nevertheless outpace and overpower their disheartened opponents.

"We shifted usual positions to put a wrinkle in our offense," said UNC coach Karen Shelton. "We needed to practice that kind of strategy to throw off Duke as well as other potentially good teams."

Lori Bruney, who scored the first goal by looping a bounced assist from Kathy Staley into the net, said the change in offense prevented Duke from preparing for individual players.

Junior Maryellen Falcone, shifted from left to center forward, needed little time to adjust to her new position. With 19:19 remaining in the first half, she plowed through defenders, displayed her characteristic aggression and scored the second UNC goal.

Then with 1:55 to go before the half, junior Betsy Gillespie struck to make the halftime score 3-0.

Although the Tar Heels finished the game with only two regular starters on the field, the second half was a slightly-improved version of the first. Goals by Annemarie Rosencbaum, Julie Blaisse, who later suffered a non-serious ankle sprain, and Andrea Walsh completed UNC's scoring.

Volleyball spikes Deacons

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The North Carolina volleyball team showed a little muscle in its new game jerseys Tuesday night, defeating the Wake Forest Demon Deacons by a score of 15-3, 15-12 and 15-3 before a small crowd in Carmichael Auditorium.

The win moved the Tar Heels' record to 14-7 overall and 4-0 in the ACC. Wake Forest fell to 10-7.

UNC didn't have any trouble with Wake in the first game, as the Tar Heels took an early 4-1 lead. The Deacons tried to contend, but 7-3 was as close as they could come.

In the second game, the Tar Heels saw Wake storm back from a 12-5 deficit to forge a tie before UNC won the last three points and the game.

The Tar Heel defense played with a sense of enthusiasm and determination throughout most of the

match. And just when it seemed as if UNC had reached its peak defensively, players like Jill Berkebile and Andrea Wells would give the crowd something more to cheer about.

Wells, in fact, split her chin open on a diving play in the second game. Despite the injury which required stitches after the game, Wells continued to play outstandingly. When Wake's offense was obviously taking a cat nap, Wells would spike the ball right down the middle.

UNC coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes cleared her bench as the game wore on, at one point sending four freshmen on the floor at once.

Bradley-Doppes said she was pleased by the way her team played, especially on defense. "We made some good defensive plays," she said. "If we can play really good defense, we can beat anybody. But we need to play well against everybody."

AP Top 20

1 Miami (Fla.)	6-0-0	1,175
2 Alabama	6-0-0	1,099
3 Nebraska	5-0-0	1,018
4 Michigan	5-0-0	986
5 Oklahoma	4-1-0	946
6 Penn State	5-0-0	892
7 Auburn	5-0-0	861
8 Iowa	5-0-0	753
9 Washington	4-1-0	676
10 Arizona St.	4-0-1	619
11 Texas A&M	4-1-0	559
12 LSU	3-1-0	524
13 Mississippi St.	5-1-0	345
14 Arkansas	4-1-0	338
15 So. California	4-0-1	325
16 Arizona	4-1-0	296
17 Clemson	4-1-0	293
18 UNC	4-0-1	147
19 UCLA	3-2-0	116
20 Baylor	4-2-0	94
(tie) So. Methodist	4-1-0	94

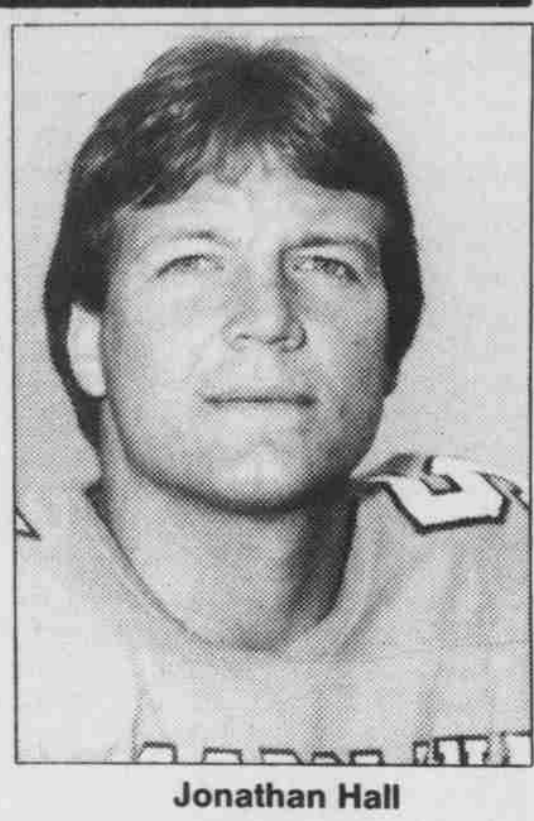
Others receiving votes: Stanford 64, Air Force 38, Miami of Ohio 34, Ohio St. 20, Fresno St. 18, Florida St. 17, N.C. State 10, Georgia 6, Indiana 6, Virginia Tech 5, Michigan St. 5, Iowa St. 4, Temple 3, Colorado St. 2, Georgia Tech 1, Pitt 1.

UNC Athlete of the Week

Ah, UNC Athlete of the Week. This venerable institution has been wracked by some fierce battles in the past, but this week witnessed the most savage battle of all until quarterback Jonathan Hall emerged the victor. A finer choice for this award, which means so much and costs so little, could not have been made.

Hall had his finest performance as a Tar Heel, throwing for four touchdowns and picking up another on the ground while leading UNC to a 40-30 victory over Wake Forest. Hall's injury late in the game also locked up the sympathy vote for UNCAOTW.

Honorable mention goes to April Heinrichs of the women's soccer team, who had seven goals in five games, and Marsha McDermott, of the same team.



Jonathan Hall

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