

This year is series tiebreaker

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Saturday's football matchup with Navy will mark the 90th anniversary of competition between the Tar Heels and the Midshipmen. Beginning with their first meeting in 1899, the two teams have squared off eight times over the years, with each winning four. Following is a concise rundown of the UNC-Navy gridiron battles.

Nov. 4, 1899 — Navy 12, UNC 0: The Tar Heels managed to hold a bigger and stronger Middle team scoreless for the first half, but Navy managed two touchdowns in the second period to lock up the victory at Annapolis.

"For Carolina every man deserves praises," the Nov. 8 edition of the Tar Heel said.

Navy's first touchdown, which was only worth five points at the time, was scored with 14 minutes remaining by one identified only as "Wade."

Oct. 21, 1905 — Navy 38, UNC 0: "Seven Touchdowns in 40 Minutes" the headline read after the Middies stunned the Tar Heels at Annapolis.

The pregame betting was even for this one, but once on the field Navy backs ran rampant around UNC defenders, breaking loose for scampers of 20, 30, 40 and 70 yards.

Nov. 17, 1906 — Navy 40, UNC 0: The Tar Heels thought it couldn't get any worse than 1905, but it did. UNC managed just one first down in the game and never got beyond Navy's 40-yard line. Meanwhile, the Middies had an easy time with the Tar Heel defense.

But not everything went well for the Middies. Navy's quarterback, a fellow named Norton, was ejected from the game in the second half for using foul language.

Oct. 19, 1946 — UNC 21, Navy 14: North Carolina finally managed to rock the Navy boat in this one, scoring against the Middies for the first time ever and chalking up their first victory of the series.

This game's hero was Tar Heel back Walt Pupa, who scored twice in the second half to bring UNC from a 14-7 deficit to seven-point lead. Charlie Justice opened the scoring for North Carolina on a quarterback sneak

in the first half.

By the way, if you needed a ride to Annapolis for this one, no problem. Railroad accommodations were available upon the purchase of a ticket to the game.

Oct. 5, 1957 — UNC 13, Navy 7: Thanks to tackle Leo Russavage, the Tar Heels stunned the mighty Middies, the nation's fourth-ranked team, in front of 25,000 fans in Kenan Stadium.

With 7:51 to play in the third quarter, Russavage intercepted a pass from Navy quarterback Tom Forrestal and went 32 yards for a touchdown, putting UNC on top for good.

The Tar Heels didn't attempt one pass, but Tar Heel defenders picked off five Navy heaves, including a devastating interception by Buddy Payne with just 1:17 to play.

September 15, 1984 — Navy 33, UNC 30: The Tar Heels blew a 15-point lead and turned the ball over four times in the second half en route to a shocking loss in Kenan Stadium.

For Navy, the clincher came with 2:24 to play in the game, when quarterback Bill Byrne, on the verge of being sacked, heaved a lead pass to tailback Rich Clouse, who scampered 60 yards for the winning touchdown.

September 7, 1985 — UNC 21, Navy 19: This one, the season opener

for both teams, ended in controversy when a successful two-point conversion attempt by the Middies with 53 seconds left was annulled due to a penalty.

Navy quarterback Bill Byrne, after completing a 5-yard touchdown pass to Napoleon McCallum, hit split end John Lobb in the end zone on the conversion attempt, but the play was negated after offensive guard Mark Miller was called illegally downfield for being out of the neutral blocking zone.

The Middies were called for a total of 10 penalties in a game that included 14 penalties and six turnovers altogether.

September 26, 1987 — UNC 45, Navy 14: The Tar Heels dominated a pathetic Navy team in Annapolis, scoring easily on their first four possessions to build a 28-0 lead and set sail for victory.

Afterward, Elliot Uzelac, Navy's disgruntled first-year coach, said, "I don't see how things could get any worse than this. We were bad in all areas. We didn't play on offense, we didn't play on defense and we can't kick."

Maybe for Uzelac, who still calls the shots for the Middies, the outlook for Saturday's game won't be so bleak.

Mikeman tradition lives on at Carolina

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For more than half a century, the tradition of the Carolina mikeman has endured.

Or is it that Carolina has endured 50 years of the mikeman tradition?

Whatever your view, anyone who has been to a Carolina football game has encountered the mikeman. His usual habitat is the sidelines in front of the Carolina Fever section, but his distinctive calls can be heard from anywhere in the stadium.

Current mikeman Carl Bryan said his role was to "get everybody fired up about the game." Bryan, a senior political science/physical education major, is in his second year as mikeman.

Bryan said that watching previous mikemen and his love for football enticed him into trying out for the spot. He said his friends laughed when he told them he was trying out. "They said, 'You're so shy, there's no way you can do this.'"

They were wrong. His stint as mikeman has transformed the retiring Carl Bryan into "Noogy," rabid spirit-meister.

Bryan said the nickname "Noogy" is based on a Miami Vice character famous for the tag line "My name is Noogy, I like to boogy."

The past two years have seen the mikeman move away from lone wolf status toward better cooperation with the cheerleaders. Mikemen must now attend summer training camps with the cheerleading squad and the school mascot.


Collins said it was unusual for schools to take their mikemen to such camps. "We are in the minority, but how can you do it without the background?"

Collins said mikemen were a Southern tradition. "You don't find them in the North or the Midwest."

Following this tradition, Bryan said, "I want to make a name for myself."

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