

Sports

Heels, Deacs in search of offense, first ACC victory

By JOHN BLAND

Leonard Nimoy could focus a whole episode of "In Search Of..." around Saturday's football game between UNC and Wake Forest, and it wouldn't be about finding Bigfoot in Kenan Stadium. Instead, the show would deal with searching for answers to potential losing seasons. Bill Dooley comes home to Chapel Hill for the noon game, bringing his 0-3-1 Demon Deacons to face Mack Brown's 1-3 Tar Heels in a contest that could conceivably end up in a scoreless tie, and not for defensive reasons. Dooley's Deacs have a lot in common with Brown's Tar Heels besides the depressing won-lost record. Both

were blown out by N.C. State, both lost games last week (Wake tied) which they were expected to win and both coaches are searching for ways to get on the track of success. In Search Of... an ACC victory. Most sportswriters have picked either UNC, Wake or Georgia Tech to finish last in the conference. Whoever comes out on the wrong end of this one will have to hope and pray that the Ramblin' Wreck keeps its ACC losing streak alive. "When this season started, there were two games on our schedule that people felt like we had a chance to win," Brown said. "Now we've played them both, beating VMI and losing to Navy. We'll be underdogs in every game the rest of the season."

Including this one. In Search Of... offense. Dooley, long known for his plethora of bullish tailbacks, has lost most of them to injury this season. Out are Mark Young, Darryl France and Tony Rogers. In are sophomores Anthony Williams and Corey Donald, both about even statistically (Williams has 194 yards on 52 carries, Donald has 190 on 47). However, neither has the experience or skills necessary to carry an entire offense. Enter sophomore quarterback Phillip Barnhill, who has completed 67 of 146 passes for 831 yards and three TDs and is eleventh in the nation in total offense. Barnhill, like another young, inexperienced quarterback, needs to find a consistent rhythm, but he's got a

strong offensive line, led by center Tony Mayberry, and receiving threat Ricky Proehl to help him. Consistent placekicker Wilson Hoyle, who has become Wake's all-time scoring leader, will definitely be a key factor. And then there are the Tar Heels' offensive woes, which shall remain unmentioned just to give those guys a few breaks (Lord knows they need a few). Suffice it to say that tailback Eric Blount won't see any action because of a shoulder separation. "Eric is the biggest threat we've got offensively because he has the most experience of any of our skilled guys," Brown said. "That's why we've tried to get him the ball in as many different ways possible." Getting the ball to Blount has lately

been the job of that previously-mentioned "young, inexperienced quarterback," Chuckie Burnette, who will probably see most of the action Saturday. In his first start last week in the loss to Navy, Burnette completed only eight of 29 passes for 109 yards. Sophomore Randy Jordan, who has yet to break out, will split time with senior Aaron Staples at tailback. Michael Benefield, "Sgt. Rock," will start at fullback. Defensively, UNC holds a decided edge. Dennis Tripp and Alex Simakas anchor a strong line, but it is in the linebacking corps that UNC has been dominating. Sophomore outside linebacker Dwight Hollier leads the ACC in tackles with 60. "Dwight has tremendous work eth-

ics," Brown said. "He's extremely strong, and he has the natural instincts that great linebackers have to possess." UNC's secondary, a bit shaky at times, will try to contain the speedy Proehl from scoring. Senior Torin Dorn, who returned an interception 54-yards last week for UNC's only score, is "getting better and better every week" at his new position, Brown said. Wake's defense is a little more suspect. After holding an explosive Army squad to only 14 points, it then let N.C. State rock it for 27 points and let an unusually-tough Rice squad sneak away with 17. If the Deacs can close some gaps defensively, and open some offensively, they could leave Kenan Stadium with their third victory over the Tar Heels in as many years.

UNC, Duke set for soccer battle

By WARREN HYNES

After Wednesday's spine-tingling, closer-than-close 1-0 victory over Coastal Carolina, the UNC men's soccer team is most assuredly looking for a breather. The Tar Heels won't get one Sunday, however, if the Duke Blue Devils can help it. The two teams will square off at 2 p.m. on Finley Field in what promises to be a down and dirty matchup of conference rivals. North Carolina (7-3-1) has been riding quite high of late, winning four of its last five games. However, the Tar Heels experienced an unexpected setback Wednesday in the form of an injury to sophomore forward Adam Tinkham. Tinkham aggravated an old ankle injury when he was undercut by a Coastal Caro-

lina player. He is undergoing treatment, and the decision as to his playing status will be made on Sunday. Coach Elmar Bolowich is hoping to have Tinkham ready to take on the Blue Devil squad. Duke is led on offense by two All-America forwards, senior Joey Valenti and junior Brian Benedict. Both are by far the greatest scoring threats the team has. "When they play well, we play well," Duke coach John Rennie said. Duke's defense has been boosted this year by the arrival of goalie Jonah Goldstein, a junior transfer from Brown University. As a freshman, Goldstein started for Brown. However, his transfer forced him to sit out one year. Goldstein has been a mean guardian of net this year, sporting an average of 0.96 goals allowed per game. But is Duke's offense really good

enough to stop Derek Missimo? Coach Rennie has his doubts as to whether the Tar Heels' incredible forward will be stopped this year. "We've played against Derek several times before," he said. "There's not a whole lot you can do against him. You can assign an outside forward on man-to-man coverage, but we won't do this. It would be a waste, because one man can't stop him. "We'll just try to do the best we can and be aware of where he is. We have an awful lot of respect for Derek Missimo and the kind of year he's having." While the Blue Devils know to keep one eye fixed on Missimo, they know that UNC certainly has many fine players on both offense and defense. One Tar Heel who's been on fire of late is freshman goalie Watson Jennison. He made a vital save in Wednesday's victory, which was also his third shutout of the season.

"For a freshman to come in and start, especially in a program like this, is good," assistant coach Doug Allison said. "He's got his weaknesses, but he has kept us in quite a few games. He has a lot to learn, but he's very confident." Sunday's game continues a great soccer rivalry. Both teams are keyed up for the game simply because of the fact that they're playing one another. "It's a really big conference game," Allison said. "They always have a strong program and are always tough. However, we'll be in real good position in the conference if we win. We'd love to see a big crowd there to support us." If you do come out to support the team on Sunday, hold onto your hats. Both teams will be playing with a vengeance in a gritty match that will be a sure test of mettle.

Volleyball gears for Liberty, A&M

By NEIL AMATO

Will the real UNC volleyball team please stand up? The Tar Heels played well up to their potential Tuesday against ACC-rival N.C. State, but this season they've been characterized as inconsistent. North Carolina (8-5) must now prepare to face Liberty (5-9) tonight and Texas A&M (7-4), a squad which has played several Top 20 teams, on Saturday. Both matches will be at 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium. "The overall game is mental," senior hitter Sharon German said. "I think we're on the right track, because we just came off two big wins." Before the victory over the Wolfpack, UNC split at the Northwestern Invitational in Chicago, losing to powerhouse Rice but coming back to defeat New Mexico State in four games. German stressed that the win over the Roadrunners has been the turning point. "We played in those matches like we want to play for the rest of the season," the Dillon, S.C. native said. The game versus Liberty should be a tuneup for the match against perennially-tough A&M. The Aggies, like the Tar Heels, have fantastic talent but have been on a roller coaster this year. "They've been up and down like us," Matthews said. "They've had some injuries, and they're young. They're beatable, but we'll definitely have to be at the top of our game to win." One possible reason for the Tar Heels' fluctuating performance may be the fact that they have three new faces in the starting lineup. Freshmen Amy Peistrup and Chris White and junior college transfer Paula Martin are among the UNC top six, along with seniors German and Lisa Joffs and junior Liz Berg. German believed the veterans were getting accustomed to the new players' habits. "We're really starting to get used to

each other," German said. "(The older players) know each other's tendencies, but now we're starting to get used to the new players' tendencies." UNC assistant coach Eddie Matthews believed that another reason UNC hasn't totally jelled is that head coach Peggy Bradley-Doppes has been experimenting with several lineups and substitution patterns. "Right now, we're working on getting our set lineup and the chemistry we need," Matthews said Wednesday. "Against New Mexico State is when it really started clicking. And it continued against N.C. State. We played really well — everything we did seemed to work." Subbing is something Bradley-Doppes did very little of against N.C. State, inserting junior Patty Hopkins only a few times in the third game for defensive purposes. Matthews said the starters would pretty much stay the same. "Right now, we have our starting lineup," Matthews said. "If they need a rest or they're not playing as we think they should, then we'll sub. But there won't be any more free substitution."

Cubs tie up series

From Associated Press reports CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs still can't figure out Kevin Mitchell and Will Clark. But Mark Grace and friends had no trouble solving Rick Reuschel and salvaging the split they needed. Pitcher Mike Bielecki, the worst hitter in the major leagues, singled to spark a six-run first inning and the Cubs held San Francisco at bay, beating the Giants 9-5 Thursday night to even the National League playoffs at one game apiece. Chicago bounced back from Wednesday's 11-3 rout in a hurry. They chased the 40-year-old Reuschel with five hits, including an RBI double by Grace. That, along with a three-run double by Grace in the sixth that gave him three hits for the second consecutive night, was enough for three Chicago pitchers to withstand San Francisco's sluggers. Mitchell, who led the majors with 47 home runs, homered for the second straight game and singled twice. Clark, who drove in a record six runs in the opener, singled and walked, extending his streak of reaching base to seven. Matt Williams hit a two-run shot in the eighth and Robby Thompson a solo home run in the ninth that gave the Giants a 6-2 home run edge in the playoffs. The Cubs, however, stopped Clark when it mattered most, maybe because of a move Manager Don Zimmer might have made one night earlier. Chicago led 6-2 in the fifth when the Giants put runners on second and third with two outs. Zimmer pulled Bielecki and brought in lefty Paul Assenmacher to face the left-handed Clark, who grounded out on the first pitch.

DTH Picks of the Week

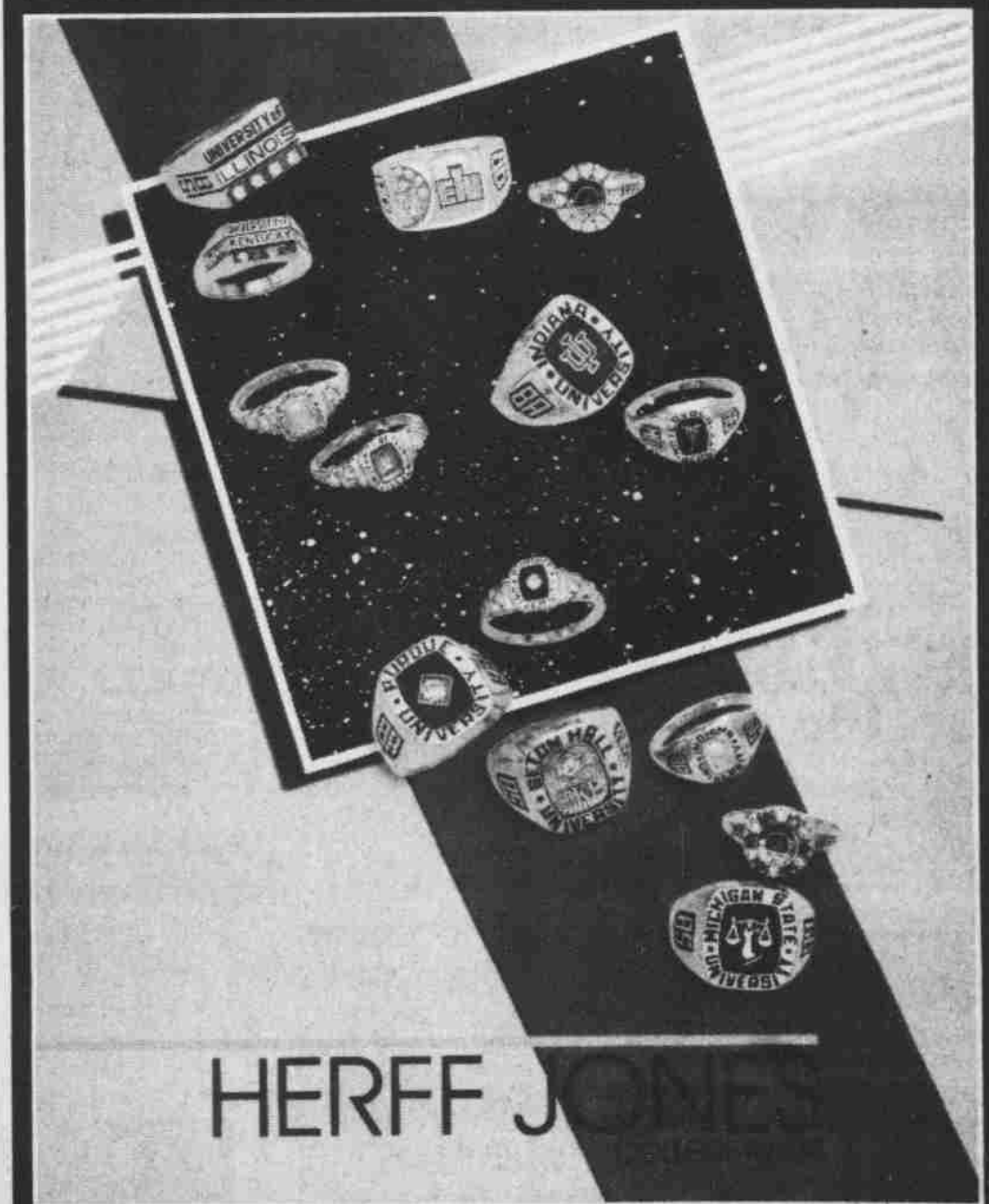
	Dave Glenn	Andy Podolsky	John Bland	Jamie Rosenberg	Billy (Guest)
Record	(39-11)	(36-14)	(37-13)	(38-12)	(Guest)
Winning Percentage	(.780)	(.720)	(.740)	(.760)	(.600)
Games of the Week					
Wake Forest at UNC	UNC	UNC	Wake	UNC	UNC
Virginia at Clemson	Clem	Clem	UVA.	Clem	UVA.
Maryland at Georgia Tech	Mary	Mary	Mary	Tech	Tech
Army at Duke	Duke	Duke	Army	Duke	Duke
Mid. Tenn. St. at N.C. State	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	NCSU	State
East Carolina at So. Carolina	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Florida State at Syracuse	FSU	SU	FSU	SU	SU
Ohio State at Illinois	Ill.	Ill.	Ill.	Ill.	Ill.
Washington at Southern Cal	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Georgia at Tennessee	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	Tenn

As rumors of corruption swirl around our very own Daily Tar Heel, we know what you're thinking. What about our reason for living, you say — our beacon of light, our ray of hope in an otherwise dreary, morbid, depressing, Wall Street Journal-type world? Yes, indeed, what about our beloved DTH Picks of the Week? Have no fear. We're back, and better than ever. First, we tried to get no less than 15 celebrities for our DTH Guest Picker of the Week. But, lo and behold — and lower and behold — Geraldo (Does it have anything to do with transvestite, Satan-worshipping housewives who are addicted to sex?) Rivera, Vanna (Only if that Glenn character calls me himself) White, and Mikhail (Hello, operator? I'd like the Kremlin please) Gorbachev were all too damn busy to join the ranks of former DTHPOTW guest pickers Dean Boulton, Kim Conrad, Pete Rose (just kidding) and the immortal Mitch

Kupchak. We did try, though. Seriously. In the most severe blow to the DTH sports staff morale, David (We really like him but he dis'ed us — something about not alienating parts of his audience) Letterman declined. It took at least, oh — the traffic time between the light turning green and the guy behind you laying on his horn — to get over that one. But we're a persistent bunch of reprobates, so in the spirit of UNC football, we didn't give up. Once again — in the "No, We Will Never Cease To Amaze You" Dept. — we garnered a person whose impact on the world will go largely unnoticed in the history books and classical literature of the 22nd century (and a sad, sad commentary on the state of man that is). Yes, it's Billy, Time-Out Chicken's leading late-night man and best friend/worst nightmare to the plastered UNC student. Billy obviously doesn't realize the competition he's dealing with here on

the campus. Actually, we went a shi-I mean disappointing 29-19-12 last week (uuuuuuugly). But that means that Dave (No Vanna, I don't think I can fit you in until, saaaaaaay, March) Glenn still *still*, (God I love playing with bold and italics) leads the pack with a 39-11 (who counts ties?) ledger, despite his almost human showing (7-3) a week ago. Jamie (Vanna, I'm free tonight if Dave isn't) Rosenberg went 8-2 to move to within a game of the pinnacle of life. John (I've got an ulcer and it's really painful) Bland tripped in at (ho, ho, ho) 6-4 to fall two games back, and Jay (Winning isn't everything ... at least I hope not) Reed is waaaaay back at eight, count 'em, eight games off the pace. Oh yeah, Andrew (Do you have to actually take exams to graduate?) Podolsky also stumbled in at the 7-3 mark to lurk (and I mean lurk) three games off the pace, just waiting to pounce on the unsuspecting Lee — er, leaders this weekend.

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