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Swofford behind (1992 football) schedule

UNC's AD says much luck needed in forming ideal slate

By David J. Kupstas Sports Editor

UNC's 1992 non-conference football schedule, which features home games against Army, Navy and Furman, may be a little too soft for a potential bowl participant.

On the other hand, the schedule in head coach Mack Brown's first year of 1988, which included routs at the hands of South Carolina, Oklahoma and Auburn, was entirely too difficult for a struggling team in transition.

So how does a football program go about striking a happy balance in its non-conference schedule — not too hard, not too easy? The answer is it simply must get lucky, as schedules are generally made out years in advance.

"When I first got here, I remember the Louisville, Oklahoma and Auburn games were scheduled in 1972," Brown said. "That shows you it's 10 to 15 years in advance and sometimes 20."

With the addition of Florida State to the ACC, the Tar Heels have eight of the 11 spots on the schedule filled automatically by league games. The way the three remaining spots are filled is subject to several guidelines, according to UNC athletic director John Swofford.

First, Swofford tries to schedule no fewer than six home games per year for financial and competitive reasons. If four of the eight ACC games are at home, that means at least two non-conference teams will visit Kenan Stadium. Therefore, UNC will try to schedule a few smaller schools that will come to Chapel Hill but will not demand that the Tar Heels visit their stadiums. Or UNC will request to play two games at home and one at the opponent's field.

UNC also attempts to play an inter-sectional schedule, not facing the same teams from year to year. South Carolina has appeared on Tar Heel schedules frequently, but a natural rivalry exists there because the Gamecocks were once members of the ACC. The two teams have not reached any agreements for future matchups.

Swofford also makes an effort to

1992 UNC Football Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Series Began, UNC record Vs., Last Meeting. Rows include Wake Forest, Furman, Army, N.C. State, Navy, Florida St., Virginia, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Clemson, Duke.

schedule schools with similar academic requirements as UNC, thus partially explaining the scheduling of the military schools.

Then there's the all-important competition factor.

"We have to be more realistic than our fans," Swofford said. "I suspect some of our fans would like to see us play the ACC schedule inclusive of Florida State, and then Michigan, Notre Dame and Oklahoma. That might look good on paper, but that would probably not be wise for our football program."

"My ideal year with football scheduling is to have one we should certainly win, one that is type of a tossup game, and another against a premier type football team in the country that our fans could really be excited about."

Because the schedules are made so far in advance, the ideal year usually never happens. In 1988, for example, a home game against Louisville would have been thought of as the sure win, the game at South Carolina would have been a tossup, and the contests against Oklahoma and Auburn would be the crowd-pleasers with ranked opponents.

Two things went wrong: First, the UNC program was in shambles after former head coach Dick Crum left, eventually finishing 1988 with a 1-10 record. Second, that Louisville team turned out to be no pushover. The Cardinals won

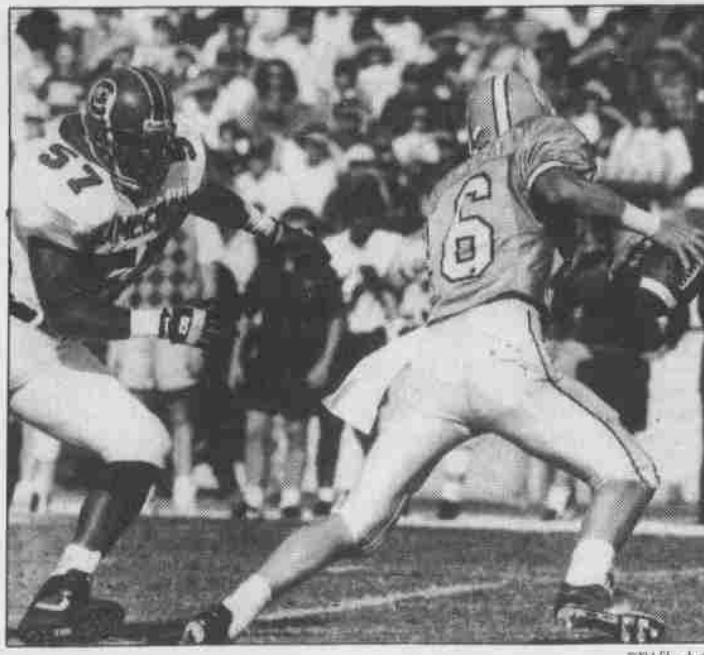
38-34 at Kenan Stadium and went on to an 8-3 season.

The practice of scheduling games 10-20 years in advance seems to be on the decline, however. UNC's schedules are set only through the 1998 season. Swofford said the only reason most teams did it that way in the first place is because everyone else was doing it.

"You have to be concerned about being able to schedule games that would be attractive at the gate and not being able to schedule as many home games as you want," Swofford said. "Consequently, you're fearful of not scheduling games that far in advance because if you didn't do it, you might not be able to come up with the type of schedule you want to have."

Even if UNC wanted to schedule three powerhouses, it might have difficulty with the recent conference realignments. Former independent teams such as South Carolina, Miami and Virginia Tech now have conference scheduling commitments, and members of expanded conferences such as the Big 10 and SEC will also have trouble scheduling out-of-conference games.

Because of the addition of Florida State to UNC's schedule, the Tar Heels had to cancel home-and-home series with SEC members Tennessee and Kentucky and one game at Ohio State. Of UNC's three non-league oppo-



Conference commitments have chased South Carolina from the Tar Heels' schedule

nents, only Furman (7-4) posted a winning record in 1991. Army finished 4-7, while Navy was 1-10. Still, both Brown and Swofford defended the 1992 slate.

"I've been around long enough to see us when we've been overscheduled, and I've seen us when we've been very good and then gotten some criticism for the schedule not being tough enough," Swofford said. "I would much prefer being good and enduring a little criticism for the schedule not being tough enough."

"What that would mean is we're winning a lot of games."

Swofford tried unsuccessfully to rid Furman from the schedule. A win over the Division I-AA Paladins would not count toward the minimum of six wins the NCAA now requires over Division I-A opponents needed for a bowl berth.

"Furman will be the last I-AA school we will be playing, although we've played the Southern Conference schools for years," Swofford said. "Quite frankly, Furman and the Southern Con-

ference schools, in our opinion, are every bit as good as the Mid-American schools and the Big West schools, even though those last two are I-A."

Before UNC fans consider gunning for the Notre Dames and Michigans of college football, they might want to consider that the Tar Heels already play such marquee teams in the ACC schedule every year. Florida State is projected by many as one of this season's top five teams, while Georgia Tech is less than two years removed from a national championship.

UNC also has not beaten N.C. State since 1987, Virginia since 1986 and Clemson since 1985.

Future UNC Football Opponents table with columns: Year, Opponent. Rows include 1993 Ohio U., UTEP, Tulane; 1994 TCU, Tulane, SMU; 1995 Syracuse, Ohio U., Louisville; 1996 Tulane, Louisville, Syracuse; 1997 SMU, Indiana, TCU.

Policy keeps East Carolina off schedule

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Anyone wishing to see a football matchup between UNC and East Carolina will have to wait many years, possibly a lifetime.

A scheduling policy that prohibits the Tar Heel football and basketball teams from playing non-ACC, in-state schools was set up in the late 1970s and adopted by the athletic council.

According to UNC athletic director John Swofford, this move was taken to give a more geographical flavor to the North Carolina schedule and to avoid having to make a decision about which in-state rivals to play.

Swofford said the council has seen no reason to change that policy.

The Pirates have not played a regular-season game against an in-state rival since their series with N.C. State was discontinued after the 1987 game in which the ECU student body at Carter-Finley Stadium was blamed for damaging the field and starting fights.

That series never resumed because the two schools could not agree on how to divide the home games. State and ECU did meet in last season's Peach Bowl in Atlanta, with the Pirates pulling out a 37-34 victory. ECU is scheduled to play at Duke this season.

The Tar Heels and Pirates played eight games from 1972-1981, all at Kenan Stadium, with UNC winning six and the teams tying once. The rivalry was healthiest in the three games from 1976-1979. UNC won 12-10 in '76 and 14-10 in '78. The teams tied 24-24 in '79.

UNC routed East Carolina in the series' final two games, winning 31-3 in 1980 and 56-0 in 1981.

That 1981 game marks the last time the Tar Heels took on a non-conference, in-state school in football.

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