

CAROLINA

FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

GAME ONE - NORTH CAROLINA VS. TCU

TCU, 48 - NORTH CAROLINA, 14

GENERAL:

- Bill Belichick is 0-1 as a collegiate head coach. Belichick is 333-178 as the head coach of the New England Patriots and Cleveland Browns. Belichick is the second-winningest head coach in NFL history.
- Since joining the ACC in 1953, North Carolina has played its first game against a Power conference team 44 times. The Tar Heels are 17-27 in those games.
- Bill Belichick has never won his first game as head coach of a new team.
- North Carolina is 12-9 all-time against current Big 12 members.
- North Carolina is 3-1 all-time against TCU, and 2-1 against the Horned Frogs in Kenan Stadium.
- This is the second time the Tar Heels have opened a season against TCU, the first resulting in a 27-17 win on 9/3/1994.
- North Carolina opened the season on a non-Saturday for the fourth time in program history. It was the first Monday season-opener since 9/21/1941, a 42-6 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne
- The meeting against TCU is only the second ever season opener against a Big 12 team. The first came on 8/25/2001 against Oklahoma.
- Tonight's attendance of 50,500 marked a sellout capacity at Kenan Stadium.

OFFENSIVE:

- North Carolina received the opening kick and drove 83 yards in seven plays to score the first touchdown of the year. The 3:59 drive was the fastest score to start a season since a 2:11 drive in the season opener against Liberty in 2014.
- Caleb Hood scored the first touchdown of the season and his fourth career. It was Hood's first touchdown since the 2023 season and third of his career on the ground.
- Max Johnson recorded his first passing touchdown as a Tar Heel and 48th of his career after connecting with his brother Jake Johnson, who hauled in his first receiving touchdown at UNC and fifth in his career.
- Max Johnson recorded his first passing touchdown since his time at Texas A&M on November 4th, 2023 against Ole Miss, also caught by Jake Johnson.

DEFENSIVE:

- Kaleb Cost snagged his first interception of the season to halt a TCU drive midway through the second quarter. It is the third interception of Cost's career.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

- Tom Maginness' 51 yard punt in the third quarter was his ninth career punt of 50 plus yards.

