

# SPORTS

## UNC's Taylor all guts no glory

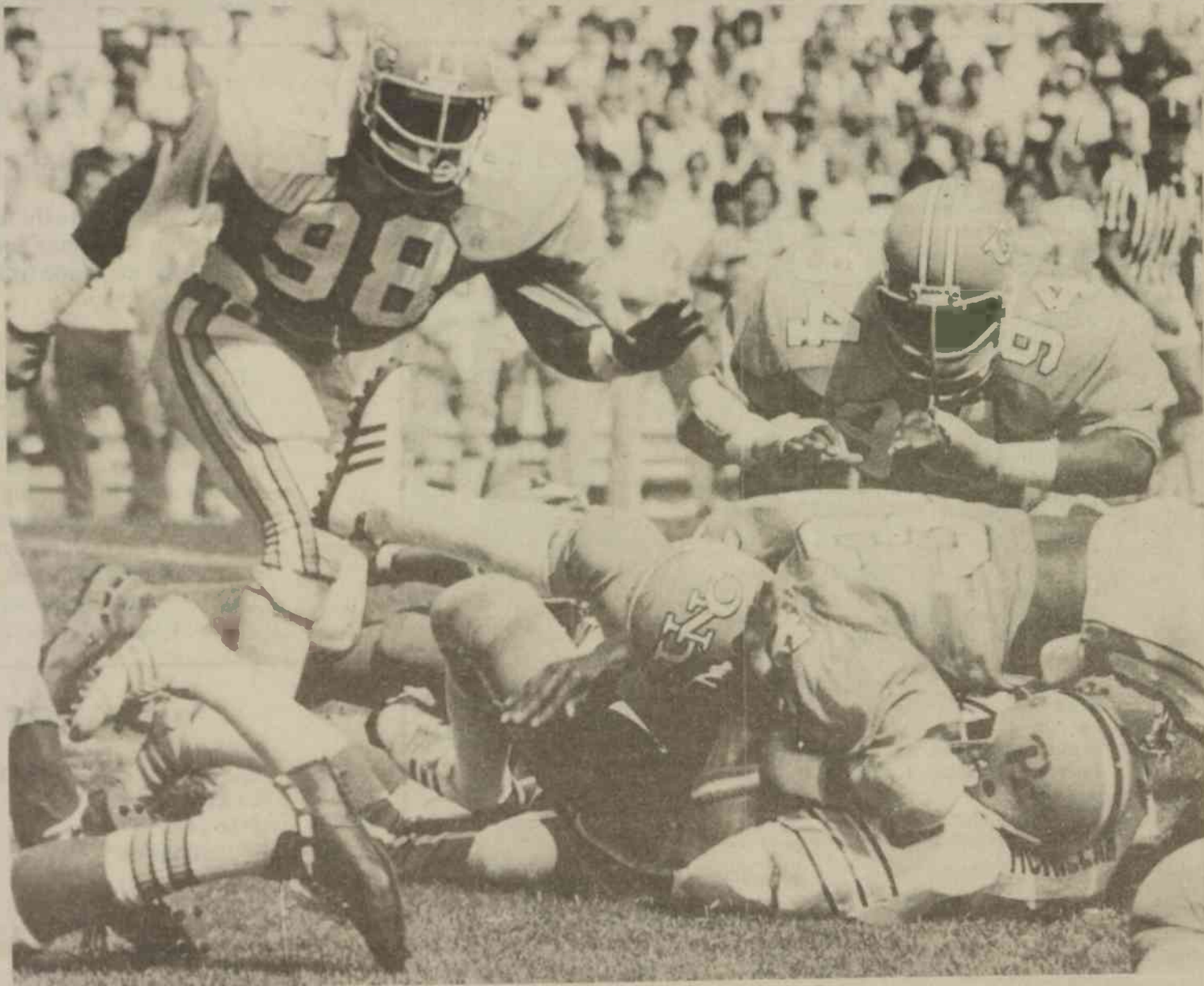
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A 6'-3" 238 pound junior can throw a football 75 plus yards and doesn't play quarterback. He does, however, anchor an outside linebacker position. These talents belong to Lawrence Taylor.

Taylor, a native from Williamsburg, Virginia keeps a positive outlook on the performance of himself and the entire defense. "Every week, I improve a little bit. In the first game, I didn't play very well. I was getting back into the swing of things. As the season goes on, I feel more confident," Taylor commented.

As for the defense, Taylor praised, "We have an excellent defense; I feel comfortable playing it." Apparently the industrial relations major felt very relaxed handling his defensive chores for Carolina as he rolled up a personal season high of 15 tackles against Wake Forest. He also sacked signal caller Jay Venuto twice. Taylor, behind Buddy Curry and Darrell Singleton is the third leading tackler on the Heels.

No one is more of a team player than Taylor. Even though he is a potential All-American, Taylor is not out for glory. "I don't care about being an All-American, I just want to have a good season. Anyway for now, his whole attitude should not be towards personal glory, but rather team glory. I just want to win," said Taylor.



Lawrence Taylor (98), Harry Stanback (94) and Paul Davis (34) apply the crunch to a Pitt ball carrier.

Taylor says "Every week I improve a little bit." Photo by David R. Squires.

## Paul Davis-a player at last



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Determination is a quality which all the members of the Carolina football team have among their many talents. They demonstrated their determination by

bouncing back from a 5-6 record last year to the present 5-2-1 mark. No one on the Heels is more determined than Paul Davis, backup defensive nose guard.

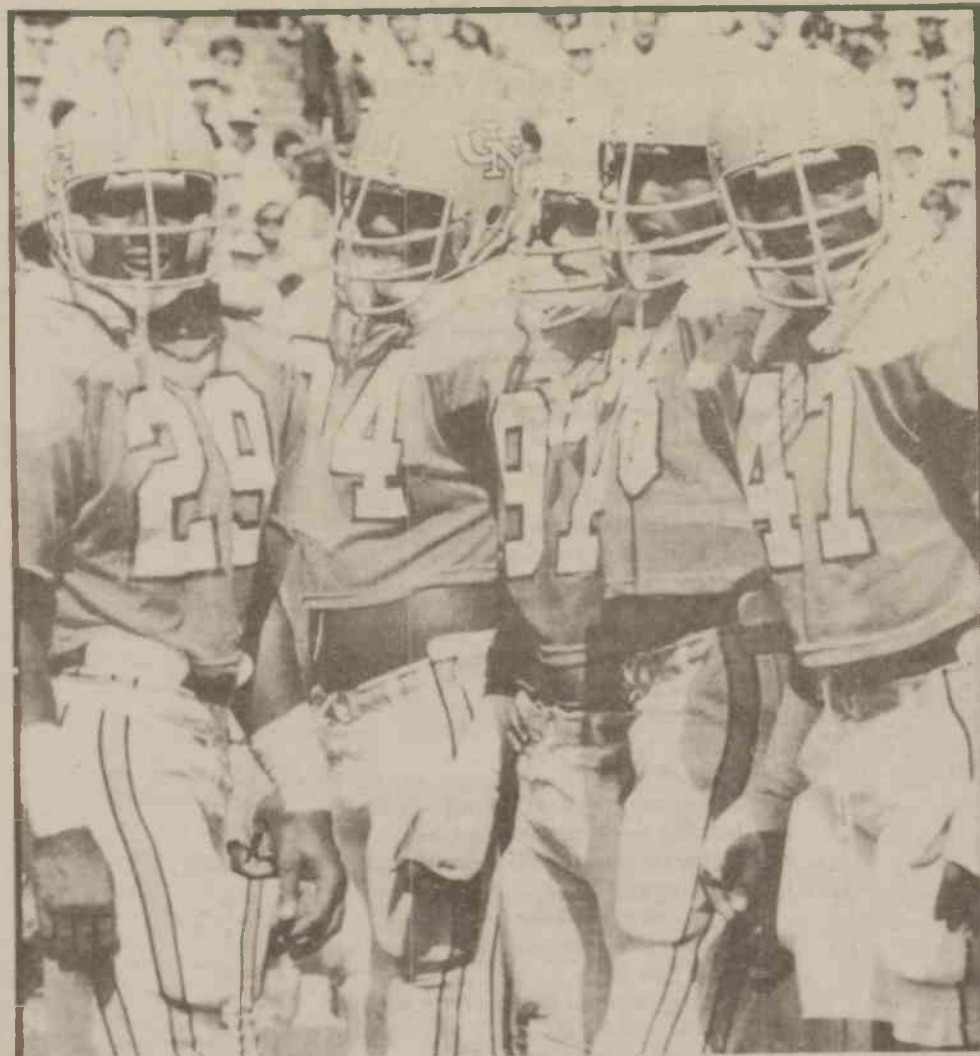
Davis, a 6-2, 210 pound junior has been part of the UNC football program for four years. Academically, he is a senior, but his status on the team is that of a junior due to being red-shirted his sophomore year.

Last season, the industrial relations major shared in special team duties and saw action at the defensive back, outside and inside linebacker positions. This year is another story.

"I'm pleased with my playing status with Coach Crum" smiled Davis. "At the beginning of the season, I was starting, but I got beat out by Bob Duncan. Now Duncan and I alternate. He plays about 60 percent, and I about 40 percent," said Davis.

Davis and Duncan keep a certain rapport between them. "Bob and I have been friends a long time. I beat him out in the spring. I knew I had to work hard to maintain my position. In South Carolina game, he proved that he was better than I," Davis admitted. "I'm now working harder than ever to get that starting position back," Davis said.

In the N.C. State game Davis turned in a consistent performance against All-American center Jim Ritcher. "He (Ritcher) was the best I was ever up against all year. He uses his body to sustain his block very well," stated Davis. He said he was content with his play against the All-American, and this encounter helped his overall confidence.



### Defense!

From left to right — Darrel Nicholson, Harry Stanback, Bob Duncan, Donnell Thompson and Calvin Daniels.