

# Peppers Earns All-American Honors

Julius Peppers was named to the Football News' All-American squad for the second consecutive year.

From Staff Reports

North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers has been named a first-team All-American by Football News. Peppers, a finalist for both the Nagurski and Lombardi awards, has 58 tackles this season, including 18 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks. Peppers also was a first-team Football News All-American selection last season.

Peppers is joined on the defensive line by Syracuse's Dwight Freeney, Wisconsin's Wendell Bryant and Washington's Larry Triplet.

Peppers leads all defensive linemen in the country with three interceptions. He also ranks first on the team and is 95th nationally. The last time a defensive lineman led North Carolina in interceptions was Ken Sheets with two in 1975.

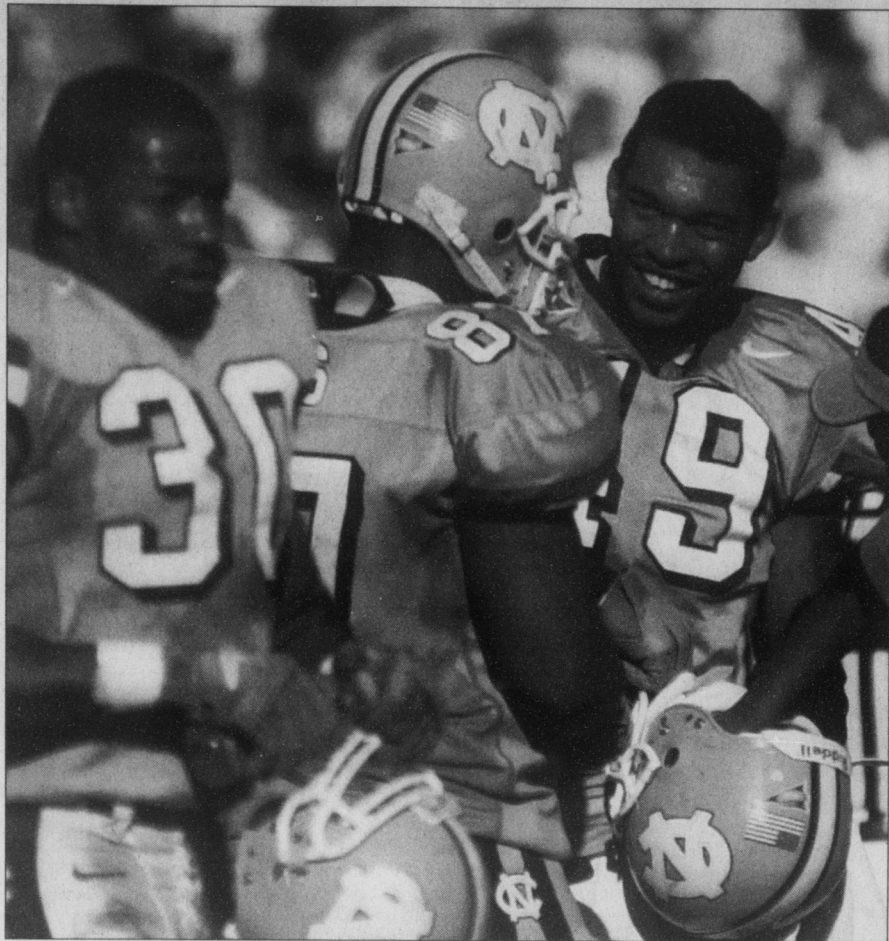
Peppers is three sacks shy of Greg Ellis' school record for career sacks with 32.5.

## Volleyball to Host 1st, 2nd Round

The North Carolina volleyball team will begin play in the 2001 NCAA Volleyball Tournament as a first-time host. The ACC champion Tar Heels (23-8) will face South Carolina (20-5) Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium. The UNC match will be preceded by No. 7 seed Pepperdine (21-3) facing Georgia Southern (22-11) at 5 p.m.

The winners of Thursday's matches will face off Friday night at 7:30 p.m., with the winner moving on to regional play Dec. 6-9 at four campus locations yet to be determined. The regional winners will advance to the semifinals and final Dec. 13 and 15, hosted by San Diego State in San Diego, Calif.

"This is a great opportunity for us to host these matches," said UNC coach Joe Sagula. "The competition will be outstanding, and we look forward to hosting a tough South Carolina squad in



North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers (right) talks to linemate Ryan Sims during UNC's 52-17 victory against Duke. Peppers has 58 tackles and 8.5 sacks this season.

the first round. Pepperdine and Georgia Southern are quality teams which give us an outstanding field, and it should provide exciting volleyball for the teams and the fans."

The Tar Heels, who were awarded an automatic bid to the tournament for winning the ACC title, are making their fourth straight trip to the NCAA Tournament. The ACC will send three

teams to the tournament with Georgia Tech and Duke joining the Tar Heels in the 64-team field.

Long Beach State, Nebraska, Stanford and Southern California are the top seeds.

# Miami, Florida Claim 1st, 2nd in Rankings

Nebraska's and Oklahoma's losses could lead to a Gator-Hurricane national championship contest.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Miami and Florida moved closer to playing the biggest game yet in their long, often bitter rivalry. The Hurricanes and Gators settled into first and second place, respectively, in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Monday.

And all indications are that if both win the rest of their games, it's on to the national championship game in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

Miami (10-0) and Florida (9-1) have met 50 times since 1938 - the series is tied 25-all - but never with the national title on the line for both teams. Last year, Miami beat Florida 37-20 in the Sugar Bowl just a few days after players from each team duked it out in a Bourbon Street brawl.

With Nebraska and Oklahoma losing - the Huskers were first, the Sooners third entering the Thanksgiving weekend - the latest BCS standings underwent major changes.

Texas (10-1) jumped to third place, with Nebraska (11-1) fourth, Oregon (9-1) fifth and Tennessee (9-1) sixth.

Miami, ranked No. 1 in the AP media poll the past seven weeks, had 2.92 points in the BCS standings. Florida had 6.95 points and Texas was next at 8.77 points. The next three teams were within 1.39 points of each other - Nebraska at 10.48 points, Oregon at 10.87 and Tennessee at 11.87.

The BCS ratings, which determine who plays in Pasadena, are based on a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record and bonus points for big wins.

The final BCS standings will be released Dec. 9.

"Miami and Florida are in control; it's up to them," said Jerry Palm, who operates the unofficial collegebcs.com site. "If one falls, then Texas and Tennessee are in the best position, but it depends on who else falls and how hard."

Palm said Nebraska, despite its 62-36 loss to Colorado, and Oregon, which plays Oregon State on Saturday, are still in the title chase, "but would need a series of upsets and then hope the computer works in their favor."

Miami plays at Virginia Tech (8-2) on Saturday, while Florida plays host to Tennessee and, with a win, moves to the SEC title game Dec. 8 against the winner of Saturday's Auburn-LSU game.

The Hurricanes' 2.92-point breakdown was: 1 point for poll average, 1 point for computer average, 1.12 for strength of schedule, 0 for won-loss record and a .2 bonus point deduction for beating 14th-rated Washington 65-7 on Saturday.

The bonus award - new this season - is based on a sliding scale from 1.5

points for beating a first-place team down to .1 for a win against the 15th-place team. The bonus is awarded after the other elements are calculated.

Florida (6.95) had 2 points for poll average, 3.17 points for computer average, .88 for strength of schedule, 1 for won-loss record and a .1 point bonus deduction for beating 15th-rated Georgia 24-10 on Oct. 27.

Texas (8.77), which plays Colorado for the Big 12 title on Saturday, had 3 points for poll average, 3.83 for computer average, 1.84 for strength of schedule, 1 for won-loss record and a .9 bonus deduction for beating seventh-rated Colorado (9-2) earlier this season, 41-7.

Illinois was eighth in the BCS ratings, followed by Oklahoma, Stanford, Maryland, BYU, Washington State, Washington and Georgia.

For those looking for a most unusual finish the season, Palm offers this: If Oregon State beats Oregon, Texas loses, Miami loses big, Florida and Tennessee both lose, "it could end up Colorado and Nebraska in the Rose Bowl."

## Michigan, Ohio State Accept Bids

COLUMBUS, Ohio - For the second consecutive year, Michigan is headed to the Citrus Bowl and Ohio State will play in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day.

Ohio State said on Monday that it accepted an invitation to play in the game in Tampa, Fla., where the Buckeyes lost to South Carolina 24-7 last season. The opponent has not been determined, but it likely would be a team from the Southeastern Conference.

"It's a wonderful bowl, and we were extremely well treated last year and look forward to going back," said athletic director Andy Geiger.

No. 23 Ohio State (7-4, 5-3) beat Michigan 26-20 Saturday to finish third in the Big Ten behind the Wolverines (8-3, 6-2), who said on Monday that they would play in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 1.

No. 8 Illinois (10-1, 7-1) won the Big Ten championship and the conference's Bowl Championship Series berth.

Under the Big Ten's bowl agreements, the Citrus Bowl gets to choose first, followed by the Outback Bowl and then the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

The Buckeyes' opponent likely will be a team from the Southeastern Conference.

The Wolverines, 8-3 after a 26-20 loss to Ohio State on Saturday, will meet a Southeastern Conference team in the New Year's Day game in Orlando, Fla.

# Meeting Set for Hornets, St. Louis

Hornets' co-owner Ray Wooldridge will meet with St. Louis leaders to discuss moving the team there.

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Blues owner Bill Laurie, twice stymied in efforts to buy an NBA franchise, will meet with a co-owner of the Charlotte Hornets on

Wednesday in St. Louis. The meeting, Blues president Mark Sauer said, is an "informal get-together" with Hornets' co-owner Ray Wooldridge and the city's business and political leaders.

The meeting will also include further discussions between Laurie and Wooldridge, who have met once before to discuss bringing the Hornets to the Savvis Center.

Any discussion between the two men would likely include talks about who

would actually own the club should it move to St. Louis.

Laurie has said he wishes to own any franchise that moves into the Savvis Center, which he owns along with the Blues, while the Hornets' ownership has expressed a desire only in moving the team, not selling it.

Wooldridge has said his first choice, should the Hornets leave Charlotte, is Louisville, Ky.

But political leaders there have expressed doubts about publicly financ-

ing a new arena for the team. Norfolk, Va., is also courting the club.

The NBA has not had a franchise in St. Louis since 1968. Wooldridge has said the Hornets want to decide by Jan. 1 where they'll play in the 2002-03 season.

The franchise has until March 1 to apply for relocation with the NBA.

Laurie bid on the Denver Nuggets in 1999 and last year tried to buy the Vancouver Grizzlies, who moved to Memphis instead.

# Duke, Illinois Retain 1-2 Spots in Poll

After its performance at the Maui Invitational, Ball State entered the AP college basketball poll in 16th place.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Duke and Illinois stayed Nos. 1 and 2 in the AP college basketball poll Monday, while three teams that reached championship games of pre-season tournaments moved into the rankings for the first time this season.

The Blue Devils (4-0), who opened defense of their national championship last week by winning the Maui Invitational and beating Portland, stayed No. 1 with 67 first-place votes and 1,747 points from the national media panel.

The Fighting Illini (5-0), who won four games last week in taking the Las Vegas Invitational, stayed second, receiving the other three No. 1 votes and 1,672 points.

The three new teams in the rankings were Ball State, which came in at No. 16 after its impressive run in the Maui Invitational; Marquette, which moved in as No. 23 after winning the Great Alaska Shootout; and Wake Forest, which held the 25th spot after reaching the finals of the Preseason NIT.

Missouri, which won the inaugural Guardians Classic, moved up two spots to No. 3, while Arizona, which didn't play last week, moved from eighth to No. 4.

Maryland and Florida each moved up one place to fifth and sixth, while Iowa, Kansas, Virginia and UCLA rounded out the Top 10.

Indiana (3-1) was the only team that

played last week to fall out of the rankings. The Hoosiers, who were 20th last week, sandwiched wins against Alaska-

Anchorage and Texas around the Great Alaska Shootout semifinal loss to Marquette.

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