

Tar Heel Footballers Leave For Miami Tonight

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As was the case with most sports in wartime, track suffered greatly from a lack of athletes. And now the runners are returning and the seasons in store promise to produce some really top performers—at Carolina too.

Currently, all eyes along the cinder trails are turned toward the fall running sport of cross country. For the season is scarcely three weeks away, the Tar Heels being scheduled to meet the Naval Academy October 19.

Coach Dale Ranson, who pilots the Carolina hill-and-dale performers, is usually a pretty gloomy man, or at least he has been so during the lean war years. But now even Coach Dale has a touch of optimism.

The diminutive track teacher has no less than four men on his roster at present who have done better than 4:25 in the mile run, and two more who are top-notch cross country runners.

Probably at the head of the list of runners returning to the Tar Heel Fetzer field headquarters of Carolina Track, Inc., is fleet Julian McKenzie, the boy who in 1943 ran third in the IC4A meet in Philadelphia with a 4:18.2 mile and a 9:40.5 two mile. That isn't bad, brother.

Going on down the list of cross country prospects, there are boys like Mark Burnham, Jack Milne, Alvin Smith, Bob Dodson and Jim Miller.

Burnham, who was at Carolina Pre-Flight here and attended Harvard, Dartmouth and Colgate in the V-12, came to Carolina in time for the spring season this year, and he matched McKenzie's feat of taking third place in the IC4A meet. He turned in a 4:21.6 mile in the event.

A lad who spent no less than five years in the service is this fellow Milne, who ran a 4:24 mile for Ranson here in 1940. Smith, a freshman, holds 4:21 as his best mile time, and he came up with a 4:24 mile in the Carolinas AAU indoor meet here last spring.

Dodson was No. 1 man on the cross country team here at Carolina last fall and specialized in the 880-yard run in spring competition. Miller, a Tar Heel before the war, is a specialist at the two-mile, holding a 10:00 best in that event.

On top of these boys, too, are Walter Francis, and John Strait, a letterman last year, and a host of other young freshmen who show better-than-average prospect.

Ranson was quick to point out that this agenda of runners would not necessarily dominate the spotlight this fall, for, to put it in the words of the coach "some of our best runners have broken right into the lineup to push veteran men out of the picture as freshman candidates."

"I remember a good story about the team in 1938," Coach Dale drawled. "It was that year that we had the best cross country team the Southern conference has ever seen, and the No. 6 finisher in the SC meet was a boy who was in his first season as a trackman."

"He didn't even come out until October 1, and barely seven weeks later he was one of the best runners we had. The boy was running for the first time in his life."

"I want all who are interested in track at all to come out," Ranson continued, "if they are willing to work and put some effort in it. That's what coaches are for, to teach the boys to run, and we'll do our best at it if they come out and we see that they have some interest in it."

At the end of the season this fall, the Tar Heel crew will enter the IC4A event in New York for the first time in cross country competition. The meet is scheduled for November 16 and it will wind up the season for Carolina except for the meet with Virginia at the football game in Charlottesville two weeks later and the conference run.

Ranson will send his charges against Georgia Tech, Duke, State and virtually the whole conference field in the SC meet November 25.

"All of these teams ought to be vastly improved from last year," Ranson opined in conclusion. "This season should see the largest turnout for cross country and track since 1940, and it will be all for himself when competition begins. Navy has predominated the cross country picture during the war years as they did in football, but we are hoping that we can give them a fair battle when we open with the Middies October 19."

Picking up the loose ends:

Two former Carolina baseballers are now classed as pros. Bob Warren, a football standout last season and a baseball regular last spring, has signed with Detroit and will play with Williamsport in the Eastern league next spring. And Ray Walters, a football center and a baseball catcher here two years ago, was signed with the Phillies and played with a Class B farm club the last part of the summer and batted .311. . . . Claude Crocker, a former Carolina baseballer, too, and who has been playing with the Dodgers and some of their farm clubs, is back in school for the fall and winter quarters. His former teammate, Clyde King, also Dodger property, plans to play pro basketball this winter in New Jersey.

Jayvees Meet Navy Saturday

A team of about 35 players is expected to leave for Annapolis Friday morning as Carolina's junior varsity opens its 1946 season against a strong Navy jayvee eleven Saturday afternoon on Farragut field.

The Tar Babies will enter the contest as decided underdogs against the Middle team, who are unbeaten in two starts.

With the clash only three days away, the makeup of the squad still remains uncertain, hinging on how

many players travel with the varsity to Miami. Singled out by coaches Crowell Little, Tuck McDonnell, and Toby Webb as fairly certain to make the trip are backs Bill Crutchfield, John Gregory, Bob Rockholz, Oscar Webster, Bob Reynolds, and S. Ray Swigart, and linesmen Henry Atkins, Bill Baise, Joe Neikirk, Chris Shay, Charles Ledbetter, Jack Porterfield, John Clampitt, Ed Billpuch, John Stoioff, Pete Rywak, and Dave Burney.

Orange Bowl Site of Game Friday Night

Gridmen Prepare For Tough Battle

Coach Carl Snavely and his crew of Tar Heel footballers board the train tonight at Raleigh to journey to Miami, Fla., where they will battle the strong Miami University eleven in the Orange Bowl stadium Friday night at 8:15 o'clock.

The Tar Heels are scheduled to arrive in Miami sometime tomorrow afternoon and work out then if possible and Friday for the tough inter-sectional battle with the Hurricanes, who beat William and Mary 13-3 in their opening game last week.

Carolina will be rated slight underdogs in the tussle Friday night, having been tied in the opener with V.P.I. 14-14 on two blocked punts in the last half.

Injuries will plague an already weak Tar Heel line, Stan Marczyk and Bob Mitten both being confined to the infirmary—Mitten with an injury and Marczyk with an illness. The loss of these two boys will hamper the Carolina forward wall considerably, although Dan Stiegman will be ready to work at center after having been out for awhile.

There are a few brighter hopes in the backfield from last week, as Don Hartig has returned to regular play at blocking back and Jack Fitch will more than likely be ready for a little action. Fitch will most probably not start the ball game, however, since his bad shoulder is not completely well.

Billy Myers, tailback of 1942, was running on the first and second teams yesterday with Charlie Justice and Bill Mayeko, and the Lexington boy may be used considerably against the potent Miami squad.

Drills yesterday afternoon consisted mainly of running plays and individual work, correcting the mistakes of the players brought out in the movies of Saturday's V.P.I. game.

Blue Devils Planning For Battle With Vols

Durham, Oct. 1—Despite glowing reports from Knoxville as to the strength of Tennessee's Vols, the Blue Devils of Duke are planning to make a battle of it when the Neyland invade Duke stadium Saturday afternoon.

Athletic Director Eddie Cameron has described the Vols as the "finest which covers a lot of territory because looking football squad I've ever seen." Cameron has been seeing fine teams for many years now.

The loss to State was a great disappointment to the Blue Devils but the figuring around here is that they can re-gain a lot of lost prestige if they can make a good showing against the vaunted Volunteers.

The Vols are reported to have three great tailbacks — all triple-threats—in Captain Walt Slater, Bob Lund and Billy Joe Rowan. Many of the Blue Devils are well-acquainted with their great fullback, George Balitsaris, who played for Duke in 1943 and 1944.

Cards Take Lead In Playoff With 4-2 Win Over Brooklyn

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1—(UP)—The St. Louis Cardinals got off to a flying start here today in the history-making, three-game playoff for the National League pennant, beating Brooklyn 4 to 2. Southpaw Howie Pollet (21-10), the ace of the St. Louis staff, went the distance to give the Cardinals a jump on the Dodgers.

The Redbirds didn't waste any time getting to Righthander Ralph Branca, Brooklyn's starting pitcher. In the very first inning, Terry Moore, Enos Slaughter and Joe Garagiola bunched singles for one run.

Brooklyn tied it up in the third when First Baseman Howie Schultz homered on the first pitch of the inning.

SC Cage Coaches To Convene Here

Oswald Tower, author of the National Basketball Rules Committee's annual rulebook, will explain and demonstrate changes in the 1946-47 regulations in Woollen Gym October 12 at 7:00 p. m. o'clock. It will be his first appearance in southern cage territory.

Southern Conference coaches are invited to meet with this national basketball leader along with officials of this section, it was announced yesterday by President Leroy Tackett of the National Association of Approved Basketball Officials' North Carolina Board. The state organization will sponsor Tower's visit.

Scott Begins Drills Today

Basketballers Prep For Tough Season

New Head Basketball Coach Tom Scott will meet with the candidates for the 1946-47 cage team in Woollen gym this afternoon at 4 o'clock and send the potential White Phantoms through their first pre-season workout.

Scott, who replaces Ben Carnevale—now at Navy—as head mentor of the Tar Heel cagemen, is getting a two-month jump on the season by beginning his drills early in order to get a good look at them before it is too late. The Phants are currently slated to meet Cherry Point's Marine five here December 1 in the initial game of the season, but this tilt may be moved up two days later.

Yesterday Scott said that he expected something between 100 and 200 boys to turn out for the initial call, including hardwood men with experience that varies from All-American to just high and prep school. He has three of last season's starters on hand, Johnny Dillon, Bob Paxton and Jim White, plus several other top-notchers who saw a lot of action.

Carolina will embark on its first of two big inter-sectional jaunts only three weeks after the first game, necessitating the early practice. The first series will find the Tar Heels playing Northwestern and DePaul at Chicago.

All men seeking positions as managers on the basketball squad this fall are asked to report at Woollen gym Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the gym floor, Coach Scott announced yesterday.

Williams Hurts Arm In Practice Game

Boston, Oct. 1—(UP)—The American League champion Boston Red Sox kept in trim today while marking time for the start of the World Series by defeating an all-star team 2-0.

It may have been a costly victory, however, because Ted Williams was hit on the elbow with a pitched ball and rushed to the hospital for X-rays. One of Mickey Haefer's hooks didn't break as much as Williams thought it would and the Boston slugger took it on the arm.

Intramural Managers Meet Tomorrow In Woollen Gym

Tag Football Will Be First On Agenda As Activities Get Underway Next Week

Intramural activities will take a big step toward assuming their pre-war prominence on the campus tomorrow, when all intramural managers will meet in room 302, Woollen gymnasium at 8 p. m. to plan the organization for the fall quarter, Walter Rabb, director of intramurals, announced yesterday.

The primary purpose of this year's program will be to interest every member of the student body in some form of organized athletics, Rabb said. All the regular teams from the intramural schedule of previous years will be continued, with the addition of any new sports that the managers may suggest.

Tag football is one of the important items up for discussion in the meeting, and entries for competition in the sport will be accepted at the end of the meeting. Last year's dorm and fraternity winners, the Medical School and the Phi Gams, respectively, have indicated their strength again this fall. Several other organizations have announced that they will be fielding strong representative teams.

Due to the large number of men in each organization, two teams may represent the various groups in activities this fall, it was announced. The team from each organization making the best record will be the official group representative in the final standings.

An intramural protest committee will be elected during the meeting. The problem of eligibility will be discussed, with the added problem of returned veterans to the campus and out-of-state students on the grounds.

All independent league representatives from town are invited to the meeting and a decision will be made if there is a necessity this year for forming a new division of independents.

Rabb is returning to the position of intramural director this year, succeeding Marvin Allen, who acted in that capacity during 1945. Rabb was director of campus mural activities for several years preceding the war.

Neun Named Manager Of Cincinnati Reds

CINCINNATI, Oct. 1—(UP)—Johnny Neun, formerly a coach for the New York Yankees, has been named as the new manager of the Cincinnati Reds, succeeding Bill McKechnie.

Neun has been acting manager of the Yankees for the past three weeks, taking over after the resignation of Bill Dickey.

MONTGOMERY TO FIGHT Philadelphia, Oct. 1—(UP)—New York lightweight champion Bob Montgomery has signed for a 15-round title fight with Wesley Mouzon of Philadelphia.

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