

Strictly Ad Lib

By Zone Robbins

All-America Bull Session

OTTO GRAHAM AND CHARLIE (Choo Choo) Justice, two of the greatest backs in football history, got together here a few nights back for an informal bull session with others of their trade and a few sportswriters.

The occasion, a small stag party, sent the years cascading back to the pre-Justice era when Graham was just about the flashiest back Tar Heels had ever seen.

Graham, you may remember, came here after four great years at Northwestern where he earned All-America honors in football and basketball. Otto was sent here in the Navy V-12 program and lost little time in joining the Carolina Pre-Flight gridgers.

It was then that Carolina folk got their first glimpse of an All-America tailback wearing No. 22. That was the number Graham drew when he reported for duty with the strong Cloudbuster eleven.

It was in the fall of 1944 that All-America Otto starred with the Navy outfit here. His, however, was not the only "big name" on the V-12 team that year. There were others; boys like Spec Sanders, who later gained wide recognition with the New York Yankees; Ray Bray, the Chicago Bear star; Frank Aschenbrenner of Notre Dame; Gene Flick, a 1940 All-America at Minnesota; Tippy Dye, and several others.

The line coach for that strong 1944 outfit, by the way, was Paul (Bear) Bryant who guided Kentucky to the Sugar Bowl championship at the end of the past season.

Won Honors Here

GRAHAM, NOW CALLED the greatest T-formation quarterback in professional football, was still a tailback when he played here. He had always played that position in the Northwestern single-wing, and it was not until he joined the Cleveland Browns in 1945 that he was switched to the quarterback post.

Otto, who followed his All-America days with the Wildcats by gaining service All-America honors here and All-Pro honors with the Browns, tells an interesting story about the beginnings of his football career.

"I went to Northwestern on a basketball scholarship," Graham recalled, "and didn't even bother to go out for football in my freshman year although I had played some in high school. Then, in the spring of my first year, I reported for practice and was used a little at tailback. I joined the team the next fall and played the next three years."

The handsome, 29-year-old Graham let it go at that. He didn't bother to tell how he took over the regular tailback post and went on to become one of the finest triple-threat backs in the history of the Big Ten.

Although he didn't play against Justice all year in the pro league, Graham remembers a time when he and the former Tar Heel All-America hooked up in a grid duel. That was in 1944 when both boys were on service teams. The Graham-led Cloudbusters had not lost a game all year when they took the field against the Justice-sparked Bainbridge eleven.

The two teams went at it hammer and tong all afternoon and both Graham and Justice turned in bang-up games—but the final score favored Bainbridge, 52-20. "I'll never forget that one," Otto laughed.

'My Greatest Thrill'

GRAHAM, SELECTED THE OUTSTANDING player in professional football on two different occasions, nixed the theory that the National Football League is stronger than the now-defunct All-America Conference, original home of the Browns.

"Of course the NFL is stronger now," Graham said, "but the two were just about equal before the ACC broke up and all the good players joined teams in the other league." Graham's Cleveland team helped prove that point to a lot of skeptics at the end of the past year by defeating the Los Angeles Rams for the World Championship.

Winning that play-off battle against the Rams, incidentally, was Graham's biggest thrill in football. "When we pulled that one out of the fire in the last 20 seconds, I received the greatest thrill in my career," Otto smiled. "There has never been a team as excited about victory as the Browns were that day."

Otto had a good right to be proud of that one. With his team trailing, 28-27, with less than half a minute remaining on the clock, Graham took the ball around left end and set the stage for the winning field goal by Lou Groza.

Graham ducked compliments about his fine year in 1950 by explaining, "I had some mighty good ends. You just can't beat boys like (Mac) Speedie and (Dante) Lavelli."

Commenting on the play of Art Weiner, another former Tar Heel All-America, Graham and Jim Duncan (former Wake Forest end and now with the New York Giants) agreed that Art has what it takes to become a top-notch pro. "He's a good target for passers and has a wonderful pair of hands," Graham remarked. "Yeah, and he's mighty hard to stop when he gets the ball," Duncan interjected.

Back To Navy Field

OTTO TALKED A LOT about pro ball and praised his coach, Paul Brown, in no uncertain terms, commenting that he doesn't think the head man of the Browns will leave the pro ranks to take up a college coaching job.

Graham asked about All-America Huck Holdash and expressed the opinion that the defensive star will be a big help to the Browns next year. Holdash was the No. 1 draft choice of the World Champions.

The ex-Pre-Flight star revisited Navy Field for the first time since 1944 and watched Coach Carl Snavely's Tar Heels go through winter drills. "The team looked mighty good to me," Otto smiled. "They're going to give someone a lot of trouble next fall."

Graham teamed with Snavely in a morning golf match at the University-owned Finley Golf Course during his stay here. They played Justice and Line Coach Bob Cox. Otto told a story on Cox from which likeable young coach got a chuckle out of along with the rest of those present.

"We were playing that tricky 17th hole," Graham said, "and Snavely was short on a put. After the hole had been played Charlie (Justice) was marking the score and remarked that Snavely took a six and Cox a five. 'Oh, no,' Cox corrected, giving Justice a light kick. 'They won that hole.'" Cox laughed at the story, remarking, "Charlie just hasn't been in this coaching game long enough."

Graham left Chapel Hill the following day, heading for his home in Cleveland where he is an off-season insurance broker. Before leaving, however, Otto disclosed plans to return here sometime next month on his way to the Azalea Festival in Wilmington where he and Justice will be among the honored guests.

Graham spent a few days here visiting O. O. (Scrappy) Kessing, former commissioner of the All-America Conference, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Campbell. Accompanying him were his wife, Beverly, and two young children.

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Three LIU Players Admit Fixing Seven Games

Players Say State Game Involved

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—(AP)—The biggest scandal in college sports history shook another major school today with the arrest of three Long Island University basketball stars on charges of taking gamblers' bribes.

The trio of players nabbed in the spreading bet coup included Sherman White, 22-year-old Ne-

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NEW YORK, Feb. 20—(AP)—College sports greatest scandal tonight led Long Island University — with four star basketball players accused of taking \$18,500 to fix seven big time games — to abandon inter-college athletics.

LIU President G. W. Metcalfe sent a wire to Ned Irish, Madison Square Garden basketball promoter, informing LIU is cancelling its remaining games of the season.

At the same time it was announced that the University's trustees decided to return all LIU sports "to the status of intramural competition."

gro forward and the nation's top college scorer. The gangling shotmaker was considered a cinch for All-America honors.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said that White and his two accused teammates cracked under nightlong questioning and admitted taking payoffs to "fix" seven LIU games.

Charged with bribery along with White were LIU's other star forward and team captain, Adolph Bigos, and guard LeRoy Smith. They were held in \$15,000 bail each.

The payoffs per player for each of the fixed games ranged from \$1,250 to \$500, Hogan said, with \$1,000 per player per game being the average.

Hogan said the plot eventually backfired on its alleged mastermind and "money man," Salvatore T. Sollazzo and his go-between, Edward Gard, member of last year's LIU team.

Cagers End Season Against Duke Friday, Still Seek Southern Loop Tourney Berth

With last Saturday night's loss to N. C. State bringing its Southern Conference record to 9-7 for the season, Carolina's basketball team will have only one more chance to make the select circle of eight teams that will fight it out in the Conference tourney at Raleigh March 1-3.

The Tar Heels round out the regular season Friday night when they go against Duke at Durham. Although an even win-loss record has been good for a spot in the SC playoff, the competition this year has been such that it would be necessary for the team to have a 10-7 mark to be sure of a place.

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Willis, Fitzgibbons Tie As Athlete Of Week

By Ed Starnes
Carolina's one-two punch in the Maryland Invitational Indoor Track Meet, Dave Willis and Garret Fitzgibbons, finished in a tie for The Daily Tar Heel Athlete of the Week selection. Ken Stucky, 130-pound wrestler, was third.

Willis and Fitzgibbons both won first places in the Maryland meet and were the main causes of the Tar Heels third place finish. Willis swept home in his specialty, the 60-yard dash, tying the University record of 6.2, while Fitzgibbons took top honors in the 70-yd. high hurdles.

Both boys are expected to win their events in the coming Southern Conference Indoor Games. Willis is defending champion in the 60-yard dash.

Stucky won by a 3-2 decision in the wrestling meet with Maryland last Friday night. He has been a consistent winner on an otherwise drab wrestling team.

Honorable mention went to Jack Moody, Howard Deasy, and Don Evans. Moody tied for first place in the high jump at Maryland. Deasy won recognition for his work in the N. C. State basketball game. He scored 14 points in a losing cause, and pulled nineteen valuable rebounds off the boards.

Evans won both the 220-yard freestyle and 440-yard freestyle in the Princeton swimming meet. He would have been considered in the voting except for the fact that he won first place last week.

Evans swam the 220 in 2:15.3, his best time of the year. There was a controversy, though, because the finish rope wasn't up. After much arguing, Evans was credited with a 2:18.4, three seconds off his real time.

Boxing 'Fix'

Compiled from Daily Tar Heel Wires
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 20—Basketball games are not the only thing the sports "fixers" are muscling in on these days. It was learned here today that two fights were "fixed" last Nov. 21 in Memphis Arena.

Buddy Scott, 32-year-old Texan testified today that he was paid to lose to Buck Buchanan in one bout on the program that night and did so. Scott named Gambler Frank Casone and Referee James Manley as his fellow conspirators in the "fix."

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Forest last night, 69-64, probably assuring themselves of a position in the tourney and at the same time putting the Deacons on the outside looking in.

The two teams have split in two games this season, Duke winning over the injury-riddled Tar Heels, 71-63, in the Dixie Classic at Raleigh, while the Carolina team came back in the first

regular season game to win, 71-68.

Dick Groat, who has been personally responsible for many of the Blue Devil wins, scored 23 points against the Tar Heels in that first game and, feeling he had room for improvement, threw in 33 at Woollen Gym.

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Mermen Prep For SC Meet At Raleigh

With the Southern Conference championships approaching, Carolina's tankmen are spending the remaining practice sessions brushing up on their respective individual events.

The meet, to be held in Raleigh on Feb. 22, 23, and 24, is expected to draw the top swimmers in the conference. For the first time in several years, the Tar Heels are not expected to dominate the first places.

Participating in the meet for individual championships will be Davidson, VMI, VPI, Duke, State, Clemson, and Carolina. The freshman championships will also be held during the same period.

Coach Dick Jamerson expressed his pleasure over the team's latest triumph over Princeton. The Tar Heel mentor stated that the performances by Jim Thomas, Donnie Evans, R. S. White, Barry Wall, and Stan Tinkham contributed greatly toward the victory.

Thomas, Wall, and Tinkham set a new University record in the 300-yard medley relay in the time of 2:56.3. White, who got second in the high diving, helped the Tar Heel effort by forcing the outcome of the meet to the final relay.

Tinkham turned in his best performance of the season when he swam 53.6 in the 100-yard freestyle to capture second place. Herm Heyn and Kent Williamson also turned in good times in the freestyle relay.

The local squad has three dual meets remaining on the schedule with Clemson, Miami, and La-Salle.

Pics Of LIU Game Show No 'Fix' Says Ev Case

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20—(AP)—North Carolina State College Coach Everett Case said today movies of the 1950 Wolfpack-Long Island University basketball game show no indication of a "fix" by LIU players.

His statement followed an announcement that three Long Island players had been arrested in New York City for accepting gamblers' bribes in the "fix" of seven LIU games.

The N.C. State-LIU game of Jan. 17, 1950, was listed as one of the seven games. N. C. State won the contest in Madison Square Garden, 55-52.

Said Coach Case: "If that game was thrown by LIU they certainly did a good job of it. I thought

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Kentucky Tops AP Poll; State Holds Ninth Spot

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—(AP)—The University of Kentucky Wildcats, voted the nation's no. 1 college basketball team for the fifth week in a row, end their regular season this week then head into tournament play that could clinch the lofty rating.

Only two Southeastern Conference goes remain for Coach Adolph Rupp's club, which already has clinched its eighth league crown in succession. In this tenth weekly AP poll of the season, Kentucky received 115 more points than the no. 2 team, Oklahoma A&M.

The Wildcats received 62 first place votes in this week's poll, while Oklahoma A & M got 23. One newcomer showed in the first 10 teams this time, Illinois—leader of the Big Ten Conference. Illinois took over the no. 10 spot, as Villanova, beaten twice last week fell to no. 15. Illinois plays Ohio State Saturday.

The balloting was completed before Illinois (16-3) defeated Indiana last night, 71-65. Indiana, sixth in last week's poll, had jumped to no. 4 this time.

Columbia, the nation's only undefeated major team with a 17-0 season, advanced to no. 3 after being no. 4 a week ago. This week Columbia plays at Army tomorrow, then entertains Navy Saturday.


N. C. State, which held the no. 9 spot meets Wake Forest tonight and Georgetown Saturday before the Southern Conference tournament March 1-3.

The leading 10 teams:

1. Kentucky (62) (22-1)	1,036
2. Oklahoma A&M (23) (23-1)	921
3. Columbia (4) (17-0)	615
4. Indiana (7) (15-3)	596
5. Kansas (10) (17-3)	574
6. St. Louis (19-5)	392
7. Bradley (1) (24-1)	371
8. St. John's (19-3)	271
9. N. C. State (21) (23-4)	266
10. Ill. (6) (1) (16-3)	149

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