

**INJURIES HAVE HIT THE TARHEELS HARD. STARTERS TALBOTT, ALEXANDER AND INGLE ARE SIDELINED, JEFF BEAVER WILL PROBABLY NOT SEE ACTION THIS YEAR AND END BOB POWELL IS DEFINITELY OUT FOR THE SEASON.**



# Hammer Nails Soccer Ball

**By OWEN DAVIS**  
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Jim Hammer's name implies what he does to a soccer ball. He slams it with his instep like a carpenter hits a nail on the head. Hammer is one of Carolina's co-captains on the soccer squad and starts at center-halfback.

Since soccer is not a major sport in the United States yet, soccer booters are hard to find, especially in the South. Thus, Hammer is not of southern origin.

"I was born in the Philadelphia and raised in St. Louis," he said. "I got interested in soccer in St. Louis but I went to prep school and didn't play there.

"I moved to Princeton, N.J., and went to Wooster School in Connecticut. We didn't have soccer there so I played football. I was a punter and kick-off man on the football team. I have always liked to kick and I kicked as much as I could on the team."

Hammer intended to play soccer as soon as he hit the Carolina campus. "I had a kind of aching to play ever since I first started," he said. He started for the freshman squad and has started for three years for the varsity.

The Tar Heels are one of the major powers in the East but UNC is in a weak soccer conference.

"I think that it's really low

around here in soccer," Hammer stated. The competition isn't nearly as good here as in the North. The only good teams we play are Navy, Maryland, and Springfield."

Hammer went to the soccer trials for the Pan-American Games last spring and placed as an alternate on the eastern team. The games will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1967.

"If I play well enough during this season and one of the 15 on the team drops down I can maybe make the eastern team," he said. "Then we would play the western all-stars and a national team would be selected from the two teams there."

The Navy looms before Hammer after graduation for he is on the NROTC contract program. He has no plans for soccer in the long run on a continued amateur or professional basis.



Jim Hammer

## Heels Start Cage Drills

All-America candidates Bob Lewis and Larry Miller and a supporting cast that is packed with height and hustle settled down to hard work this week as North Carolina's Tar Heels opened basketball practice.

Dean Smith, starting his sixth season as head coach, admits he's optimistic. "For the first time since I've been coach," he said, "I can't say at this stage who might be in our starting lineup. We have enough fine boys that the positions are up for grabs."

Joining the sensational Lewis and Miller from last year's starting five is Tom Gauntlett, 6-5 backcourt operator from Dallas, Pa. Two of last year's regulars, Bob Bennett and "quarterback" Johnny Yokley have graduated.

Stepping into battle for starting roles are a host of fine sophomores up from last year's freshman team. The top six from that squad are Rusty Clark (6-11), Bill Bunting (6-8), Dick Grugar (6-4), Joe Brown (6-5), Gerald Tuttle (5-11) and Jim Bostick (6-3).

Beefy Mark Mirken, hustling Ralph Fletcher and Jim Frye and a pair of swift guards, Donnie Moe and Greg Campbell, are other returnees who saw some action last winter.

Smith admits there are some problems. For one thing, he'll be playing sophomores, and it must be noted that sophomores never have found the ACC a very friendly battlefield.

The Tar Heel schedule, as usual, will be tough. Carolina faces such national powers as Kentucky, Penn State, NYU, Ohio State and Princeton, in addition to the rugged ACC wars. Opening test comes Dec. 1 against Clemson here.

## The Sportscope

By Bill Hass

If you had any ideas about a Homecoming romp over Wake Forest, forget them. Coach Emmett Cheek's scouting report at this week's press luncheon left one with the impression that the Deacs are much better than a 1-4 team.

The word on Danny Talbott is official now. Coach Jim Hickey said that Danny will not start the game and will not even play, unless the game comes down to the wire and it means the difference between winning and losing. This, of course, is a good move. There is no sense in risking the loss of the ACC player of the year for the rest of the season. Give that ankle another week and Talbott will be back in stride.

The responsibility of moving the team falls on the shoulders of rugged Tim Karrs. He had never run a varsity play in his career, but he was introduced to the big time quickly against Notre Dame. Hickey praised Karrs' effort against the Irish and has voiced confidence in him.

Dempsey may be back in action soon. Spain is still on the doubtful list. Alexander is definitely out for this game and perhaps for Georgia. Ingle and Beaver are lost for the year. Hickey said there is a faint hope Beaver might be back for Duke and Virginia, but it's unlikely.

As for Wake, they'll be out to repeat last year's 12-10 shocker of the Tar Heels. After trying almost everyone but the head cheerleader, Bill Tate has finally settled on a starting quarterback, sophomore Ken Erickson. Erickson played a fine game in Wake's 10-6 upset over South Carolina. Andy Heck and Jimmy Johnson provide good running. End Ken Henry is the boy who slipped behind the UNC secondary to catch the game-winning TD pass last year. Robert Grant is a heralded defensive tackle.

Whenever the Big Four teams butt heads, a good football game with plenty of hard hitting is a certainty. Homecoming adds a little extra spice to the whole affair. Picture a great day, blue sky with no clouds, just enough briskness in the air to make it exhilarating, the campus splashed gaily with a thousand different colored leaves, and top it all off with your honey by your side...

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## Bomar Moves To Number Two QB

Gayle Bomar, North Carolina's fine sophomore back, may wind up playing here, there and everywhere when the Tar Heels battle old rival Wake Forest at Kenan Stadium Saturday.

A sparkling defensive performer all season, Bomar now is trying his hand at quarterback to help ease the Tar Heels' problem at that position.

Star quarterback Danny Talbott is nursing an injured ankle and won't start and probably won't play in the ball game. Second stringer Jeff Beaver has a shoulder separation and will be out indefinitely.

That leaves only Tim Karrs, the third stringer, from the original roster of signal-callers. Karrs played three quarters against Notre Dame last Saturday and did a creditable job.

But if Talbott can't make it Saturday, then Karrs may need some help. Bomar is the man.

Gayle was a fine quarterback for the Tar Heel freshman team last year. He hit 33 of 74 passes for 469 yards and four touchdowns. And he ran the football for 209 yards, an average of 4.1 a carry.

He's a southpaw thrower and a good one. But running really is his main talent. He made several dazzling runs as a freshman.

Coach Jim Hickey explained this week why Bomar was shifted from offense to defense last spring. "He's one of

the finest athletes on our squad," the coach said, "and we felt he was too valuable a man to be behind Talbott, Beaver and Karrs at quarterback."

Bomar immediately took to his new defensive post and has done a great job. He was in on 11 tackles at Notre Dame last week.

Bomar is a native of Peru, Ind., who likes to hit. He is regarded as an excellent clutch performer.

The Tar Heels will be seeking revenge against the Deacs for a 12-10 setback suffered at Winston-Salem last year. But UNC knows it will be up against one of its toughest foes. "It's always tough when you play a Big Four opponent," says Hickey.

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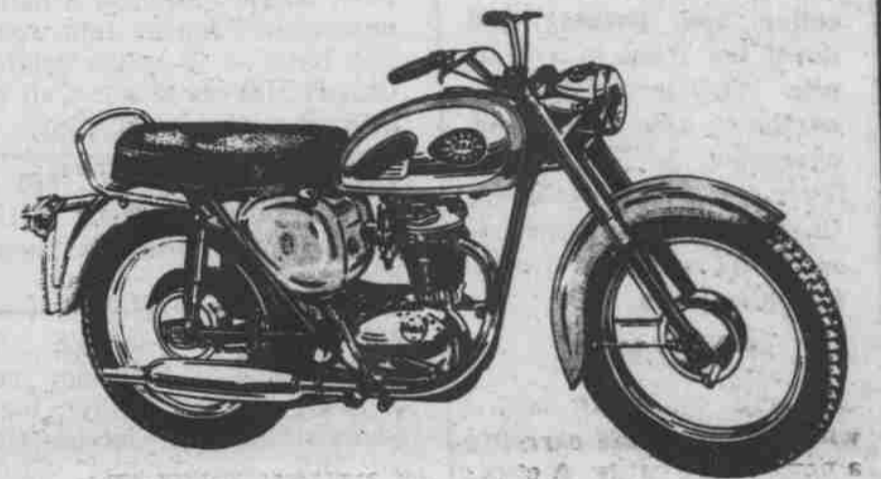
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