

# The Sportscope

By Bill Hass

At long last, after weeks of idiotic promotional folderol, sports fans will get to see which football league is better and exactly how much it is.

The AFL-NFL Championship Game (the term "Super Bowl" irks me and I will not call it that) should prove that the NFL is by far the superior league. In fact, I believe that the Green Bay Packers are three touchdowns better than the Kansas City Chiefs from the AFL.

There is no denying that the AFL plays good football, or that Kansas City is easily the best team in the league. Kansas City probably could beat half the teams in the NFL. But their problem Sunday will be that Green Bay is not an ordinary NFL football team.

There were some doubts that Green Bay could generate much of an offense. Yet the Packers ran up 34 points when they needed them on a good Dallas Cowboy defense. The Packers have good running with Jim Taylor and Elijah Pitts. In reserve they have the golden boy himself, Paul Hornung, plus the excellent rookies, Donnie Anderson and Jim Grabowski.

But the man who makes the offense go is Bart Starr, a virtual human computer at quarterback. Starr has no equal at calling plays. His passing is remarkable and he showed against Dallas that he can throw the long ball. He makes few mistakes and is so accurate with his passes that only three were intercepted all year. In comparison, Johnny Unitas and Don Meredith had more than 20 picked off.

All the Packer receivers are good, ranging from the felt Carroll Dale to rugged tight end Marv Fleming to wily veteran Max McGee to clutch man Boyd Dowler. Dale, McGee and Dowler, along with halfback Pitts, all caught TD passes against Dallas. Diversity like that makes it difficult to key on one or two men.

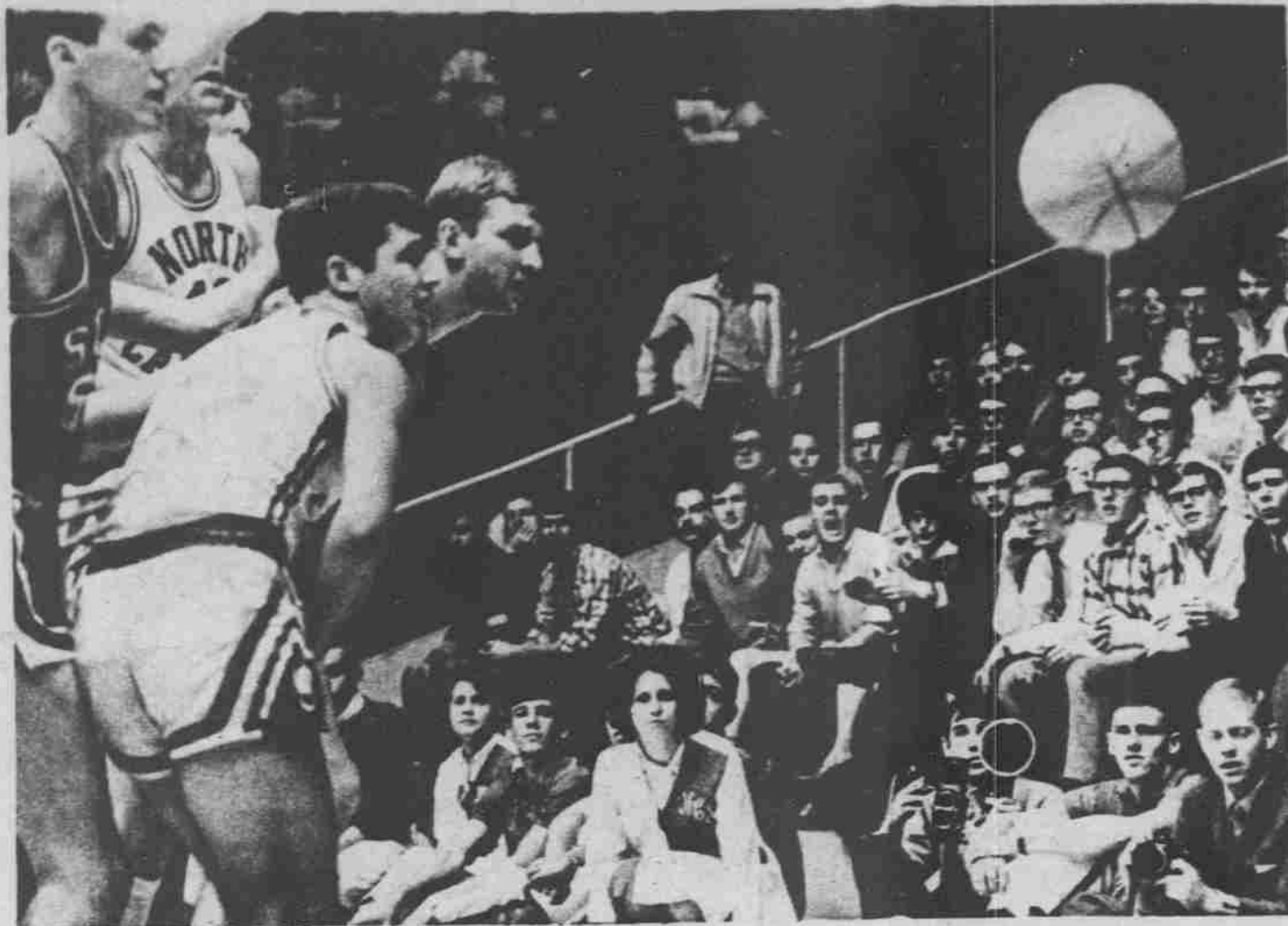
The Packer interior line is splendid, featuring guard Jerry Kramer and tackle Forrest Gregg. A rookie guard, Gale Gillingham, is so good he moved All-Pro Fuzzy Thurston out of a starting job. These men block beautifully and protect Starr as if he were made of gold.

Granting that the Packers and Chiefs, on paper, are fairly even on offense, the big difference in the teams is defense. Green Bay is the stingiest team in either league when it comes to allowing points. Teams move the ball well, but when they get near the goal line they meet a Packer wall of fury. Kansas City's defense, in comparison, leaves a lot to be desired.

The Green Bay pass rush of Lionel Aldridge, Willie Davis, Henry Jordan and Ron Kostelnik will give Dawson the hardest time he's had in many afternoons. In addition, they will contain the running game well. The linebackers, Ray Nitschke, Dave Robinson and Lee Roy Cafey, are unmatchable.

In the secondary Herb Adderley, Willie Wood, Bob Jeter and Tom Brown have the speed and the savvy to cover anyone in the game. Taylor is no more dangerous than Bob Hayes of Dallas, who caught only one pass against Green Bay. Adderley and Wood, in particular, are excellent.

The Chiefs defend well enough against the run with Buck Buchanan anchoring the line. Linebackers



## It Went That-away

# Tar Babies Are Shaken, But Still Not Defeated

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State's Wolflets gave the Tar Babies a major scare but Carolina pulled out a nip-and-tuck 87-79 victory last night. UNC had its poorest shooting night of the season and State equaled Carolina's total field goal output of 35 baskets. Only the free throw line saved the Tar Babies.

Carolina hit only 43.7 percent of its shots from the field while the Wolflets shot at a hot 52.2 clip. The Tar Babies were 17 for 24 from the foul line, however, and State shot a poor 9 for 16 of its attempts.

Charlie Scott led all scorers with 27 points although he had his worst percentage to date by connecting on 13 of 30 from the field. Al Armour had his best game of the year by totaling 24 markers.

Gra Whitehead and Jim DeLaney rounded out the double-figures column with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

For State, Nelson Isley had a hot second half with 20 points and finished the evening with 26 markers. Tom Smith put in 16 points and Dale Abernethy followed with 15 for the Wolflets.

The mistake-ridden first half started slowly and after over three minutes of play the score read only 2-all. State grabbed the lead briefly and held a 27-24 advantage with 3:00 remaining. Carolina rebounded quickly and ran up five straight points for a 29-27 lead.

The Tar Babies left the court at halftime leading 36-29.

Scott and Armour got hot at the beginning of the second period and UNC jumped out to a 40-30 advantage. Scott continued to add to his total of 18 second half markers and with 12:04 left in the game, Carolina held its largest lead of the night, 61-45.

Led by Isley and Smith, State did not keep a large deficit long and trailed only 71-65 with 5:44 remaining. From then on, the Wolflets stayed within 10 points and cut the margin to six on numerous occasions.

However, the Wolflets could pull no closer than six and Carolina had to be an eight-point victory, its closest game

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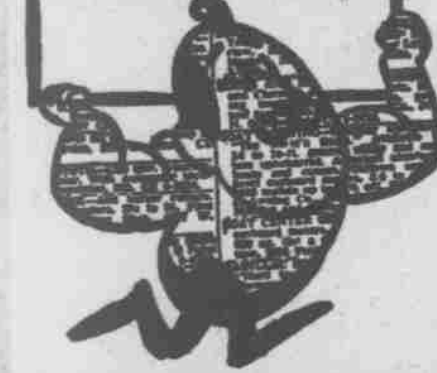
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of the year. Turnovers were frequent in the contest. The normally slick ball-handling Tar Babies were guilty of inaccurate passing and missed layups many times. Double-dribbling, walking, and lane violations were called on both State and Carolina. The fast break was not the threat it was in other UNC games for he Tar Babies were unable to come up with the usual timely steals.



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# -Wolfpack Scares Heels-

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margins been? (Note — two, three and one points.) It just shows the tremendous balance of all teams.

"The situation after the game was well handled. Norm Sloan, (State coach) tried to pull his boys off and I pulled mine off. Bob Lewis got hit after the game was over."

Lewis led UNC with 25 points, his high total this year. Rusty Clark added 20 and Larry Miller had 16. Braucher hit 24 for State and 5-9 Nick Trifunovich popped in 17.

Carolina shot 28 for 62 for 45.2 percent from the floor, while State hit 30 of 71 for 42.3 percent. UNC made 23 of 39 foul shots, including an anemic four for 12 in the first half. State hit only 18 of 28, and that was the difference.

A total of 49 foul shots were called in the game, 28 against State and 21 against Carolina. State had Jerry Moore, Bill Mavredes and Bob McLean foul out within a two-minute span. Larry Miller fouled out for the Tar Heels.

UNC got the opening tap, but State stole the ball and Trifunovich hit a long jumper for 2-0. Bill Kretzer hit two

buckets around Rusty Clark's basket for 6-2 State.

With the score 14-12, State, the Wolfpack got a tap-in from Jerry Moore and a bucket from Braucher to lead 18-12.

Bob Lewis got an assist from Larry Miller and cut the lead to 22-20, but Braucher and Paul Hudson hit to make it 26-20. Miller hit then Lewis hit a three-point play to slice the State lead to 26-25. But State pulled away again and went back up by 33-27.

Lewis' long jumper tied it at 33-all, and Clark's tap put UNC up for the first time, 37-35. But Bob McLean hit two free throws and Braucher canned a shot to give State a 39-38 half-time lead.

Clark scored nine of Carolina's first 10 points in the second half, but no one else could hit for UNC. Trifunovich began hitting long jumpers and State went up by 56-48 with 12:16 left in the game. Then UNC caught fire.

Miller hit a three-pointer, Lewis swished a long one and Tuttle hit a layup to make it 56-55. Miller's shot from the key with 10:05 left tied it at 57-57.

Grubar missed two free

throws, but was fouled again and hit the next two for 59-57. Lewis added two more and it was UNC out in front by 61-67.


The teams swapped baskets until four minutes were left and UNC was in front, 70-67. Dick Grubar made a beautiful steal, sprawled on the floor and flutted the ball to Gerald Tuttle for a layup to make it 72-67. Smith called this the key play of the game.

In the closing minutes, Grubar hit three free throws, Lewis hit two and Clark two for UNC's last points. Dick Braucher hit eight points in the final four minutes as State made a desperate flurry to catch up. But there wasn't enough time and his last shot stripped the net as the horn sounded.

STATISTICS			
North Carolina	G	F	T
Miller	6	4-9	16
Clark	7	4-9	20
Lewis	9	7-10	25
Grubar	1	5-10	7
Bunting	0	1-1	1
Tuttle	2	0-1	4
Gauntlett	1	0-0	2
Brown	2	0-0	4

TOTALS			
N. C. State	G	F	T
Kretzer	3	2-9	8
Moore	2	2-3	6
Braucher	9	6-7	24
Trifunovich	7	3-3	17
Mavredes	6	1-1	13
Hudson	1	0-1	2
Gealy	0	0-2	0
McLean	2	4-4	8

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