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Al Thomas

Richardson effort misguided

Football coach Dooley has not had an easy time here at Carolina.

When Dooley first arrived here almost five years ago, the football program was almost in a state of non-existence.

Football season was merely something to mark time until basketball.

Dooley built from scratch, slowly but steadily shaping a tough, but positive program. It was far from easy, especially since any kind of winning football tradition here had long since faded.

Despite early disappointments, Dooley produced a winner during his fourth year—a team that went 8-3 during the regular season and earned a berth in the Peach Bowl.

Dooley was still pointing to his fifth year, the final year in his rebuilding program.

Now that the heralded fifth year has arrived, however, the disappointments and problems have failed to cease.

Before this season began, Dooley saw one of his football players suffer a heatstroke and then 15 days later die.

Dooley spent most of those 15 days at Bill Arnold's bedside, even though his five-year contract was up for renewal at the end of the current season.

As soon as Arnold was hospitalized, rumors and accusations injurious to Dooley and his staff flared. A faculty

study showing no evidence of negligence on the part of the coaches failed to quiet the rumblings.

Immediately after the faculty study was released, a group of 11 ex-football players here formed the Committee of Concerned Athletes and called for the re-investigation of Arnold's death and changes in Dooley's football program.

The singular fact Bill Richardson, co-captain of the 1970 team, was on the committee gave the group immediate credibility.

The longer Richardson's assertions and attempts are subjected to close scrutiny, however, the less viable they become.

Granted, there was no water break the day Arnold collapsed, and this point at one time seemed to be potentially damaging to Dooley.

Several doctors have since stated, however, that a water break would not have prevented Arnold's heat stroke.

Another accusation—that the coaches should have recognized that Arnold was sick—was also dismissed by these same doctors. They said heat stroke has no symptoms visible to an observer, that the dreaded illness strikes without warning.

While the doctors noted there was no way to prevent heat stroke short of banning football, they did say other heat

illnesses could be prevented by water breaks.

Dooley immediately began allowing water breaks every 20 minutes, but that had nothing to do with Arnold's particular illness.

The re-investigation or re-study of Arnold's death would serve no purpose.

Besides calling for the Arnold investigation, Richardson's group also charged the UNC coaching staff with "physical and psychological" abuses on the practice field.

Richardson's group hurt itself on that matter with over-statement.

When talking about the coaches grabbing a player by his face mask and throwing him, Richardson's group added "as if to break his neck." Certainly, no coach here has any intention of breaking any necks. The charge and wording are all sensational-sounding, but nothing more.

The fact not one current football player feels abused enough to speak out substantially weakened the stand of Dooley's critics.

Evidently, the problems which any football program suffers are being worked out satisfactorily within the program itself.

That a football player on the college level is shaken by his coach or told to "be a man" or required to live with other football players is not confined to UNC.

Football has always been a rough, demanding contact sport. It requires sacrifice by those who seek perfection in it.

There is no telling how many injuries Dooley has actually saved his players by rigorous conditioning. It has not been that long since a Saturday afternoon brought five or six injuries to a Carolina team.

Simply because charges have been leveled against Dooley does by no stretch of the imagination prove guilt. The burden of proof rests with the Committee of Concerned Athletes, not with Dooley and the "evidence" so far produced has been seriously lacking.

Richardson does not give the appearance of someone who would be less than honest or sincere, but his attempts in this particular case seem misguided.

Obviously any program, whether sports or otherwise, has been guilty of past abuses, personality clashes or misjudgments.

So long as sincere efforts at improvement can continue unimpeded within the particular program, sensationalism should, and must, be avoided.

Girls softball

Four teams remain undefeated 3-0 halfway through the coed intramural softball tournament. They are: East Cobb, West Cobb, Parker, and East Granville.

"There has been great response in softball intramurals this year," said Miss Gail Steacy, director of women's intramurals. There are 18 organizations playing in the tournament, representing every sorority and many dorms.

Next week will be the last week of regular tournament play. The four league champions will then play off for the championship.

Entries for tennis doubles and swimming intramurals are due by 4:30 p.m. on Thur. Oct. 21. All women are invited to participate. For more information come to the Women's Gym.

'New look' of Cougars succumbs to old Scott

by Dan Collins
Sports Writer

In Greensboro Friday night everything seemed new about the Carolina Cougars except the Cougarettes.

With a new head coach, three outstanding rookies and an almost completely new roster the Carolina front office talked all summer about the "new look" the team would sport this season.

Friday night the new Cougars were unveiled and fortunately the front office hadn't lied.

Looking vaguely like a contender for the first time in their three year existence, the squad controlled the game and the score for the first three-and-a-half quarters before succumbing to a torrid Charlie Scott-led Virginia rally late in the game. The final verdict: Virginia 118, Carolina 114.

The "Great Scott" turned out to be too much for the Cougars as he led the fast-break, the defense and the scoring for the Squires. He ended the game with 36 points, eight coming in the last two minutes of the game.

Despite the late-game fold of the Cougars, the new head coach Tom Meschery was not disenchanted with his team's performance.

"I think the team played well," Coach Meschery said. "The key to the game was that Virginia used Scott and (Roland) Taylor and kept us spread the second half. They also got a couple of key offensive rebounds late in the game."

"Otherwise I think we played a damn good ball game."

Carolina's three rookie starters, Ted

McClain, Jim McDaniels, and Randy Denton, all well in streaks. The 6'11" Denton, for example, was outstanding the first half scoring 20 points and grabbing 7 rebounds.

In the second half, however, with the Squires applying a tight pressure defense, Denton got the ball sparingly and had only three points and five rebounds.

McDaniels showed signs of his college brilliance but also at times seemed completely out of the action. He seemed to be "on" only half of the time but when he was, he was outstanding.

About midway in the final period the Cougars started going almost exclusively to the seven-footer "Big Mac" responded by using a wide variety of shots to score the only ten points the Cougars scored in the three minute stretch.

During the last minutes, however, Denton and McDaniels were beaten to the boards by the shorter but more experienced Squires. 6'7" Neil Johnson, 6'11" Jim Eakins, and 6'7" Julius Erving almost completely dominated both boards the last seven minutes of the game.

Consequently during this stretch the Squires scored twenty-five points while the Cougars managed only eleven.

When the game was over, however, McDaniels ended by leading the Cougars both in points and rebounding with 32 points and 14 rebounds.

"I think they (McClain, McDaniels, and Denton) played well," Coach Meschery said. "I don't like to consider them rookies, though. They're going to have to act like veterans."

"They're the nucleus we're going to build around."

Carolina took control at the start and were never headed until the last two minutes of the final quarter. The Cougars, led by Denton, outscored Virginia 35-26 in the first quarter and 31-26 in the second to take a 66-52 halftime lead.



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