

Developing at defensive end

'Unshaven' Chapman improves

by Howie Carr
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A lot of Carolina football players have shaved their heads Tuesday night to "get psyched" for the Wake Forest game. One of the Tar Heels who hasn't is defensive end Bill Chapman.

"I went to a football camp before my sophomore year in high school," Chapman remembers. "They told us we were going to get shaved. I was against it, but they did it anyway, and it was December before I could even part it again."

"So I know the looks you get," he continues. "Maybe the guys who did it don't regret it, but I'll bet they're having some second thoughts right now."

Hair notwithstanding, Chapman is developing into one of Carolina's best defensive linemen. After playing a reserve role in his sophomore season, the 6-2, 202 pound junior from Myrtle Beach, S.C. is more or less alternating with senior Bill Brafford in the starting lineup. Chapman has started against Maryland, Tulane and N.C. State.

With all of South Carolina Coach Paul Dietzel's pronouncements on the difficulties of recruiting academically eligible players, it seems impossible that he could have overlooked a prospect like Chapman, especially since his father is a Gamecock alumnus.

He didn't really, but his second-hand recruiting methods convinced Chapman to come to Chapel Hill.

"In the summer before my senior year, a South Carolina alumnus in Myrtle Beach told me I was too small to play for South Carolina, but said he'd see what he could do," Chapman says. "I never saw Dietzel until the Shrine game, when UNC had already offered me a scholarship. They showed me around the place, and told me that they had one scholarship left, and that I could have it if I wanted."

Chapman, who was also recruited by most of the big area schools, in addition to colleges as far away as Purdue, chose Carolina.

After playing on the undefeated freshman team at defensive end, Chapman was tried at safety and linebacker as well as on the line, and he admits he expected to be redshirted.

"When I came back last year, there were 11 defensive ends," he remembers. "Finally it narrowed down to me, Bill Hollingsworth (my roommate) and Rob Walters, and I was lucky."

Chapman was again slated for reserve duty this season, but an injury to Brafford against Illinois "sort of opened the door for me."

The Tar Heel defensive line and linebackers have generally gotten good publicity this year, while the secondary has suffered, especially since it was burned four times against Tulane.

"A lot of that is our fault," says Chapman. "On one of their long bombs, our backs had the primary receiver covered, but we just didn't get to Walker before he found somebody else. The line should get in within three seconds, but we gave him six."

But all that is behind now, and Chapman says "the foremost thing on our mind is winning the ACC, and we don't want just a share of the title."

In preparing for the Wake Forest game, Chapman says that the Deacs 55-21 pounding of Tulsa "shouldn't affect us, but we think about it."



Bill Chapman

Intramural football playoffs continue

The All-Campus Handball tournament starts next Monday so get your entry in as soon as possible.

The play-offs in the Residence Hall Leagues began Monday night and the following teams advanced to the quarter-finals. Morrison B rolled by James D Dogs 29-12 with Jim Quinn scoring 2 TDs, Stuart Wolf adding 1 TD, 2 PATs

and 1 safety. Gran GW G-Strings got TDs from Creel, Burick and Murcer plus 3 important PATs from Tom Goodman as they edged Mangum Mugs Blue 21-18. Arzonico and Adams scored 2 TDs each to lead Lewis Blue by Morrison D Dogs 34-6. Ehringhaus A Blue got 2 TDs from Larry Lenderman as they topped Teague 18-7. Ruffin A edged Morrison F 10-6 with Jimmy Tolson getting 1 TD, Mike

Sattenwhite adding the PAT and Ned Stiles kicking a field goal. Mickey Webb and Wayne Thomas got a TD each as

Gran BS shut out Ehringhaus C Cannibals 15-0. In a Division playoff game the Gran FW Fingers shut out Gran AS

Aphrodisiacs 18-0 with Holt Williamson scoring twice and Ed Cooke adding the other.

Mark Whicker Bunting-20 tackles

Assorted thoughts, for what they're worth...

John Bunting, who made 20 tackles in the 16-0 loss at Notre Dame this weekend, was named ACC defensive lineman of the week for the second time this season.

He got the first award for intercepting two passes, one for a touchdown, in the 35-14 win over Maryland Sept. 25.

"I personally feel that Bunting is one of the finest players in the country," said sports publicist Jack Williams at Tuesday's press luncheon.

Believe it or not, the powers that be in college football are meeting this week in Chicago to work out a plan to decide a national college football champion.

This playoff would take the place of the "mythical" titles now handed out by the services, with the help of a little arm-twisting here and there.

Bowl officials, of course, are leery because they think it will detract from attendance at their New Year's Day classics. The game would be played between the two top teams in the country the first or second week in December.

Now, who picks the top two teams in the country?

ABC-TV is very interested because it would boost Saturday afternoon ratings. Lesser powers, such as the NCAA and bowl officials, are also attending the meeting.

In the first two basketball magazines of the year, UNC is picked No. 2 in one, No. 16 in the other.

In the one where the Tar Heels are 16th, South Carolina is ranked ahead of Carolina, but no ACC team is.

In other words, the ACC's best team is only 16th in the nation. Guess again.

The Washington Redskins, darlings of the Southland for so long, are the only undefeated team in the NFL.

They play the Kansas City Chiefs this week, but the Chiefs played Monday night and will have less time to prepare for Sunday.

Indeed, Coach George Allen has the Skins looking as enthusiastic as a Southeastern Conference team. Never have they hit so hard.

But Allen has been pushing them since the beginning of exhibition season. When he was coaching the Rams, they had a sad history of burning out in November.

One thing, though: Sonny Jurgensen will be back before long.

Plans aren't definite yet, but there will be a panel discussion of the Carolina football program and events related to the recent controversy next week. Among the participants already signed up are Bill Richardson, chairman of the Committee of Concerned Athletes, and UNC athletic director Homer Rice.

The discussion will be led by an impartial moderator. It promises to be the first rational two-sided public discussion of the issue yet.

Allen most consistent for Carolina booters

by Rick Brewer
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Consistency is said to be the mark of the truly outstanding athlete. If that's right, Van Allen may be one of the finest soccer players in North Carolina history.

Allen is the star fullback on the current Tar Heel team which has posted a 5-1 record in the first half of the season. And it has been his play which has been one of the key factors in that winning mark.

"Van has been our most consistent player throughout the season," says Coach Marvin Allen. "He always gives 100 percent on the field."

"He's very steady and has good speed. He always takes the toughest man the opponents have and does a good job."

Van's main job at fullback is defense. And Coach Allen rates him as one of the best in the conference in that phase of the game. In fact, the UNC defense has given up only three goals all season.

"We've been playing pretty well," says

Van. "We lost 11 players off last year's team to graduation, but I believe we may even be better than last year."

"Our line is better and we seem more unified. The morale of the players is higher."

Keeping the other players' morale up is one of Allen's jobs as team co-captain. Coach Allen delegates a great deal of authority to him and Tim Morse, the other co-captain.

"As in any sport soccer players are likely to become disillusioned at times because they aren't playing well," says Van. "Coach Allen has always stressed senior leadership and Tim and I try to help out in this area."

Van's soccer career started in high school, a very late age to begin the sport.

"I had a knee injury which forced me to quit football," says Allen, "so I turned to soccer. I was really too small to play football anyway."

While Allen is Carolina's most consistent player, he considers soccer an inconsistent sport.

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