

# Dooley looks forward to Gator Bowl reunion

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DURHAM — Pack your suitcases, the Tar Heels will be in Florida come New Year's Eve.

L.C. Ringhaven, President of the Gator Bowl Selection Committee, and Carolina Coach Bill Dooley made it official here late Saturday afternoon.

"We're extremely happy to have UNC play in the Gator Bowl this year," Ringhaven said in the Tar Heel dressing room after the 38-0 win over arch-rival Duke. "I believe we have an outstanding football team here."

"With the way Carolina played today," Ringhaven added, "my only regret is that we're not going to have enough tickets."

The players actually voted on whether to go to the Gator Bowl before the game even ended.

With 1:22 still showing on the clock, Dooley called his together along the sideline and asked if they wanted to play in the bowl. They answered with a resounding cheer.

Dooley will be facing his brother Vince in the Gator Bowl, whose Georgia Bulldogs accepted an invitation Saturday night. The two Dooleys coached together at Georgia until Bill was named by Carolina for the 1967 campaign.

"My brother and I have been fighting all our lives," Dooley said. "We may as well do it again in the Gator Bowl. They've got a heck of a football team down there, a real physical football team."

Dooley's comments were barely audible above the constant cheering of the Tar Heel players, who have won more games (9-2) in a single season than any Carolina team since the Charlie Justice era of the late 1940's.

UNC quarterback Paul Miller was celebrating the win and the bowl invitation, and said, "The Gator Bowl makes everything right. We'll always think about the losses to Tulane and Notre Dame during the middle of the season, but the bowl makes up for it."

"The Wake Forest game was the real turning point," Miller continued. "The defense especially made up its mind to overcome some criticism it received after the Tulane game."

There were a lot of heroes for Carolina Saturday, including a player who has been in that role for three straight Saturdays.

"This is just the greatest day of my life," tailback Lewis Jolley said, standing somewhere between exuberance and awe. "We've hit the peak now. We put it all together."

"At first, we weren't picking up what Duke was doing out there," he continued, "but then we started going and knew we could move the ball. Our line did a great job, and Geof Hamlin really made some great blocks."

But there was another Carolina hero, someone who unlike most of the others hasn't been able to be a standout much this season.

Linebacker Jim Webster, kept out of the line-up until four weeks ago because of a serious neck injury sustained during pre-season practice, intercepted a third quarter Duke pass and with startling consistency threw Duke quarterback Rich Searl for long losses.

"We knew we had to get them," Webster explained. "Our end was doing a good job of blocking, which left me free to cover."

"I just wish we could play Duke 11 times this year," Webster said. "This was a special game, not only for me but for all the seniors."



John Bunting (43) and Gene Brown give Duke quarterback Rich Searl an indication of what kind of afternoon it would be. The tackle forced Duke's first punt in the 38-0 Carolina victory. Bunting and Jim Webster were key defensive players in the win which gave Carolina a Gator Bowl berth. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

# McGee 'overpowered' by Heels

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"This job of football is not too bad," the legendary Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne once said. "When we win the whole world loves us. And when we lose, I can always say we're building character."

Coach Mike McGee's Duke football team must have built a lot of character Saturday afternoon as they lost 38-0 to the Gator Bowl-bound North Carolina.

"Carolina just overpowered us," a

dejected McGee said after the game. "They have an outstanding team and outstanding personnel."

"We got the impression that they were extremely strong early when they ran plays straight at us where they had to overpower us one-on-one, and they did," McGee said.

Someone asked McGee how this game compared with the 1959 Duke-Carolina clash, when he was an All-American senior lineman on a Blue Devil team rated even with the Tar Heels. Duke lost that one too, 50-0.

"You can do that yourself," McGee answered, refusing to compare the two debacles.

"I thought we could win this game," said Duke fullback Steve Jones, whose 70 yards against Carolina gave him a new single-season Blue Devil rushing record of 863 yards. "I know their defense was given a lot of credit but I still felt we could run on them. We did in the first quarter, but then a penalty killed our momentum. We stopped ourselves."

With 9:30 left in the scoreless first

quarter, the Blue Devils received a Nick Vidnovic punt on their own 18-yard line. Sixteen running plays later, Duke had a first down on the Carolina 11. An offside penalty and a seven-yard sacking of Duke signal caller Rich Searl, though, pushed the Devils back, and on fourth down Tar Heel linebacker John Bunting crashed through the line to block Dave Wright's 34-yard field goal attempt.

"It had an effect," McGee agreed, "but not an overwhelming one."

"This means a long winter, especially since my hometown (Sanford) has mostly Carolina fans," Jones said.

Jones was asked what he thought of the Tar Heels' bid to the Gator Bowl.

"Right now I'm not wishing them any luck," he said. "But I'll probably change."

Duke's senior tri-captain Rich Searl, who again played both ways as quarterback and safety, summed it up for the whole team.

"This ruins the season as far as I'm concerned," he said. "I don't know what happened to this season. We were 4-0, but I guess we just didn't have enough people."

"I feel more responsible for this loss than I did last year," Searl said, referring to Duke's 63-24 shellacking by Carolina in 1970. "I'm a captain and I'm supposed to be one of the leaders."

"It's a long year when you're defeated in your last game, 38-0," McGee said. "But it makes you want to work just that much harder."

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Smiling faces going places — to the Gator Bowl to play Georgia Dec. 31. Paul Miller (left) and Lewis Jolley anticipate the confrontation and celebrate their 38-0 victory over Duke that gave Carolina the ACC title. (Staff photo by Cliff Kolovson)

# State topples Clemson, Gamecocks top Wake

As it turned out, Carolina didn't have to beat Duke to win the ACC title. State already took care of that for the Tar Heels, whipping Clemson 31-23.

The Wolfpack rolled up 412 yards total offense in demolishing the Tigers. Bruce Shaw hit Mike Stultz with two touchdown passes, and Stultz had a nine-yard run for a touchdown.

Then Willie Burden broke loose for an 81-yard scoring run to sew the game up after John McMakin caught the first of his two touchdown passes.

Burden and Stultz combined for 245 yards.

Coach Al Michaels' chances of retaining his job were slim when the Pack had won only once in eight starts. Now, however, his chances seem better since his players have asked for his return.

South Carolina defeated Wake Forest 24-7 in a rather meaningless game. Coach Paul Dietzel took the opportunity to move defensive back Dick Harris over to offense, and Harris scored three touchdowns.

The Deacs' veer offense was outstanding again, gaining 299 rushing yards and a 57-yard touchdown by Ken Garrett. However, USC's defense shut Larry Russell off in key situations.

South Carolina quarterback Glenn Morris passed for 108 yards, the same number for which Harris rushed.

Virginia held off a second-half comeback to beat Maryland 29-27 in a battle of ACC also-rans.

Billy Maxwell's 22-yard field goal with 18 seconds left nullified a Terp comeback capped by Jeff Shugars' one-yard run. Maxwell kicked three field goals in the error-filled game and Maryland's Kambiz Behbahani kicked two.

# Boos - and a Cougar loss

Even though they were watching one of the most exciting ABA games of the young season, the 6,089 fans in Greensboro Coliseum Friday night found plenty to boo about.

There was Rick Barry of the New York Nets, for one. With compatriot Bill Melchioni hitting only one of every three shots he took, Barry was the whole show, connecting on 16 of 23 for a 51-point total as the Nets nipped the Cougars 129-127. So the crowd booed him.

There was John Roche, making his first return to the scene of the crime. The last time Roche played in Greensboro, South Carolina beat the Tar Heels for the ACC title. This time, he started opposite Melchioni and quickly proved he didn't belong there, hitting only two of eight for five points. He got the Bronx cheer every time he touched the ball.

And finally there was Cougar coach Tom Meschery. Even though his team had won three in a row and four of five, Meschery got booed because the Cougars had just traded Bob Verga to Pittsburgh for Stew Johnson.

Verga had not been playing; in fact, his best moves in recent games were to the popcorn box. So why boo Meschery? But you know how crowds are.

The game was fast and exciting from the beginning. Carolina rookie Jim

McDaniels dominated New center Gene Moore and Bill Paultz, finally scoring 32 despite doing his regular time on the bench with foul difficulties.

However, New York cleaned Carolina's boards in the second period, with Randy Denton unable to get around Trooper Washington and Jim Ard for rebounds. Barry ended up with 27 points by halftime, and the Nets were up by eight.

Both McDaniels and Larry Miller reentered the game in the third period, and no boos were heard. The Cougars had one of their best quarters of the season, outscoring New York 39-22 and taking a nine-point lead.

Miller shot over and around Roche repeatedly. George Stone came off the bench for slick inside moves, and McDaniels was hard for the Nets to stop.

Miller and George Lehmann also pressed the Net guards into frustration. At one point Carolina scored five straight points off the press, and you might have thought the game was being played in Carmichael Auditorium. The 6,000 sounded like 12,000.

The Nets, behind the histrionics of Coach Lou Carneseca, came back to win it behind their big man. Manning, probably Carolina's best defender, could do little about Barry's quick shot. In desperation,

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