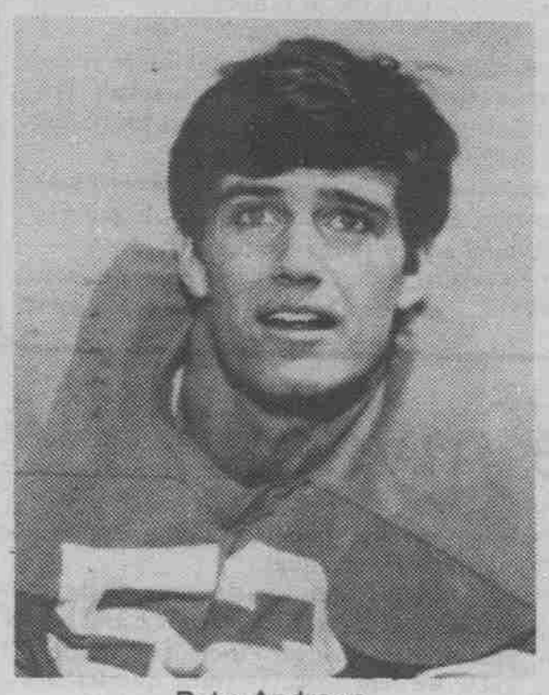
Seniors

Seven Tar Heels leave Kenan limelight



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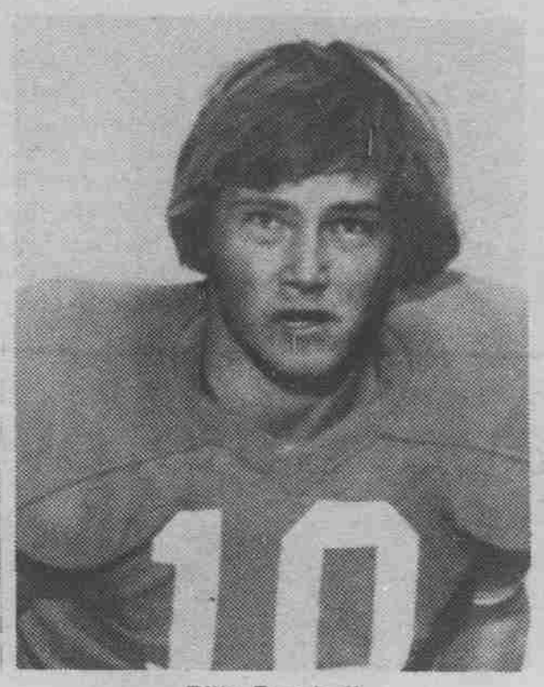
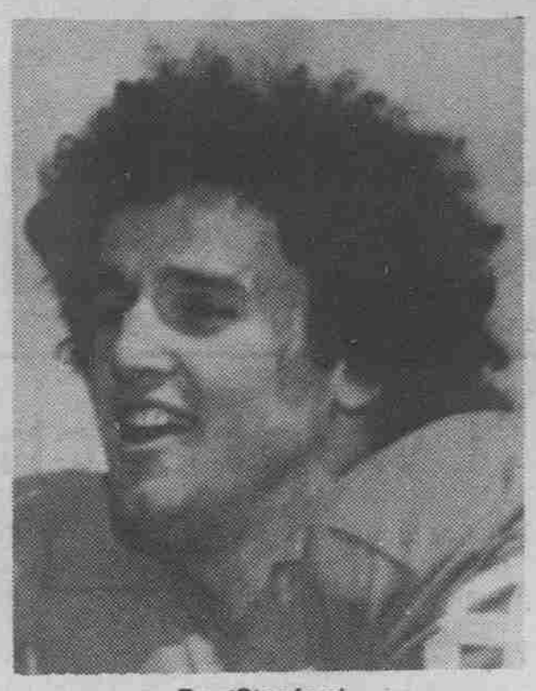


Billy Paschall



Ray Stanford

Bobby Trott

Carolina blue seats, empty most of the week, are supported by gray concrete. Players see them every day, either from the field or field house. The bright metal seats are neatly arranged in rows, with aisles dividing them into sections. White numbers are painted on each seat, corresponding to a ticket stub.

Fans who will fill the seats begin arriving in Chapel Hill the night before the game, but most drive into campus the following morning. Cars jam parking lots and edge the road like curbing. Policemen direct traffic, students wait for tickets, and many spread picnic lunches of chicken and the trimmings. Gradually everyone files into Kenan Stadium. There, they match the stub with the seat number for a day-long dose of Carolina football.

"It seems like a carnival when you play over there," said Bobby Trott this past week in his Ehringhaus dorm room, which is just across the road from Kenan. "But once the game starts, you don't realize it."

Ray Stanford said, "It's (Kenan's) sorta like home. I'm comfortable here."

Bill Paschall said, "What I'll remember most is the beauty of Kenan. Not the fans; they change so quick."

Today's game against Clemson is the last home game for seven seniors. Three are left from the 31 scholarship players who entered UNC four years ago in 1972 as freshmen. Seven more of the 31 should graduate next year, having been red shirted a year ago, but that leaves 24 who are no longer in the UNC program. The three are Paschall, Deke Andrews and James Betterson. Trott was a walk on.

The other seniors are Stanford, Roc Bauman and Mark DiCarlo, who hasn't played this year because of a knee injury. Red shirted a year, they entered the program in 1971.

"I try not to think about playing the last game in Kenan," Trott, a defensive back, said. "I know I'm going to miss football. I've been playing it since the seventh grade. I'll look back and be proud I played. I'll remember that at times nobody thought I'd play. I'll remember my teammates."

Since arriving at UNC, Trott said he has learned "how silly it is to be All-Carolina or All-State. Players are getting hit out there and can hardly breathe. You know they want to win real bad, but I don't think people realize it's just a game."

Paschall, a quarterback, said the most memorable aspect of his career "is just being associated with the players. That's good enough for me. Fans usually remember the bad things, like the missed two-point conversion at State. Maybe that's a bad view of people."

Offensive end Stanford said, "If at all, the coaches will remember me as the little guy with no speed, as the one who left his helmet for the Duke game (I just forgot to take it), and as the one who wore blue jeans to Tulane." The players are supposed to wear dress coats and slacks for road trips.

"I think it's the nature of people (fans) to remember winners. People will remember other people I care about. That's what matters most to me . . . my friends."

Stanford said he will most recall a catch against Army last year and his season as a freshman. That first year he caught 30 passes, lived in Teague Dormitory and didn't have the pressure of varsity competition.

Andrews, a center specialist, said with a laugh, "If I hadn't come to college, I'd probably have been a truck driver in Virginia or a gigolo in Monte Carlo.

"Seriously, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for football. I owe my whole college to football. I'll always be indebted to football."

So few seniors on this 1975 team has been often pointed out by UNC Head Football Coach Bill Dooley. He noted it in preseason interviews and in recent weeks has underscored it. Carolina has dipped to a 2-6 record, the worst mark these players have experienced. Two seasons ago the Tar Heels went 4-7, but every other year since 1971 has had a bowl game finale.

The 1972 freshmen were the first signees after the death of UNC football player Bill Arnold, who collapsed from heat exhaustion in 1971 in preseason practice. UNC was not held legally responsible for the incident, but UNC coaches have said it hurt recruiting.

"I think it had a big influence," said Paschall, adding that UNC didn't get many top high school players in 1972 and that among those signed, he remembered about a dozen quitting the first several weeks.

"It's been a long (senior) year," said Paschall. "It's the frustration of losing when you don't think you should. The whole season's been a disappointment."

Stanford said the season "situation has kind of forced us (seniors) together. There's going to be so much blame thrown on the seniors at the end of the season. I think it's fair. We weren't really sure how to act. We couldn't pattern ourselves after other years; we have so few seniors."

Stanford said he underestimated the impact of senior leadership. "We've got so many young people. They're not aware of what kind of effort you've got to give. Seniors know it's their last year and give their all. Some of the others might have the feeling that there's always next year."

Paschall said Dooley emphasizes senior leadership, but he should not necessarily rule out other players. "He's talked about the senior class. As seniors, we don't like that. There's just not a lot of senior football players around. And unless you sign some really super football players, they are not going to play as well when they're young. We've got good talent on this team; the attitude just went down."

Andrews, the only one as a freshman to play on the 11-1, 1972 varsity, said, "I hate to end like this. I know we're a better team than we're showing. We're still waiting to put it all together."

Concerning the final home game, Paschall said, "The fans haven't been that good to us lately. We'll see if we can't give them something to scream about.

"I haven't thought about it (last Kenan game) that much. It's really been pretty good to me there.

"I guess I'll remember the Carolina blue seats." He laughed jokingly.

— Susan Shackelford

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12 Hot
14 King of Bashan
15 Notwithstanding
17 Note of scale
18 Electrified particle
20 Platform
21 Study
22 Break suddenly
24 Shade tree
25 Wild plum
26 Weirder
28 Be present
30 Soak
31 Macaw
32 Stationary part of motor
35 Delicate gradation
38 Compassion
39 Period of time
41 Detach the affections of
42 Exist
43 Semi-precious stone
45 Unexploded shell
46 Sun god
47 Development
49 Compass point
50 Newspaper executive
52 Created disturbance
54 African gazelle
55 Ancient chariot

DOWN

1 Depart!
2 French article
3 Unusual
4 Beverages
5 Bed canopy
6 Mark of disgrace
7 Speck
8 Before
9 Teutonic deity
10 Violent desert wind
11 Din
13 Ate
16 Crony (colloq.)
19 Tell
21 Scrubbed
23 Fidelity
25 Stalk of grain
27 Scene of World War II fighting (init.)
29 Greek letter
32 Extra
33 Angry outburst
34 Esteem
35 Essence
36 Brought about
37 Finished
40 Rodent
43 Solar disk
44 Goddess of discord
47 Music: as written
48 Dawn goddess
51 Negative prefix
53 Symbol for tellurium

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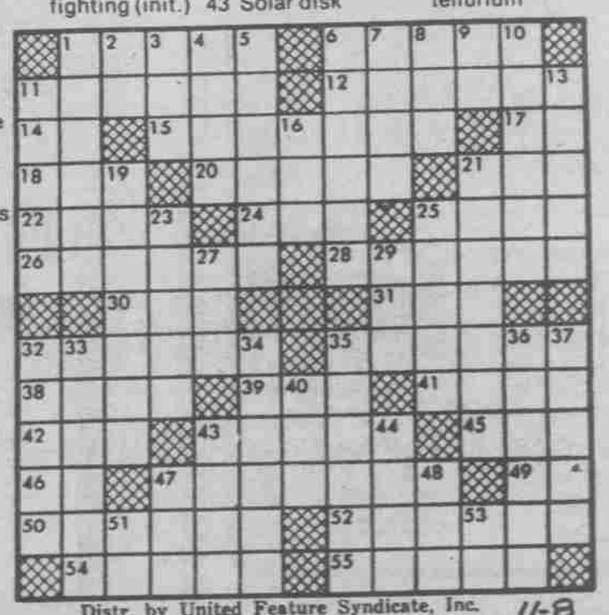

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