

Astrodome an appropriate place for Lawrence to end UNC career

HOUSTON — How appropriate for Amos Lawrence, of jukes and 360-degree spin fame, to end his North Carolina career in a magical place like the Astrodome, an indoor, artificial pasture that was called the eighth wonder of the world when it was constructed in the mid-1960s.

For certain, there are better and bigger running backs than "Famous" Amos Lawrence, just as there are better and bigger indoor football fields than the Astrodome.

In the Bluebonnet Bowl New Year's Eve, Lawrence carried the ball the last time for the Tar Heels, one of a bunch of seniors who wore Carolina Blue for the last time.

Not many would dispute that on the field Lawrence meant more to the Tar Heels during the last four years than any of the other seniors. There were other good players, excellent players. Lawrence Taylor, a linebacker, earned first-team All-America honors in 1980, something Lawrence did not accomplish.

But no one during the 40-plus months of Lawrence's Carolina football career received more attention — not only for a good day but for a bad one.

He's been accused of dogging it with injuries that other, tougher, players could have performed with. Others called him temperamental.

"I think people should be a little more positive when I get hurt," Lawrence said before the season began. "They know I can get the job done, and I know I can get the job done."

That Lawrence could run with the best was never in question. That his Carolina career might be somewhat tainted because of off-field talk is less certain.

Never skilled at dealing with the media — not an easy thing for a college athlete to do — Lawrence's latest trial with the press came hours before the Bluebonnet Bowl kickoff.

An Associated Press story stated that Lawrence said he would have attended UCLA, not UNC, if he could choose colleges again. The story said Lawrence felt he hadn't received due recognition as a Tar Heel.

The comment was on tape, and Lawrence did not deny saying it. But, he said, "The (writer) misunderstood me. He didn't get the real understanding of what I was trying to say."

"It got me really frustrated, and I think some of the guys on the team were really upset, too. I was really upset," Lawrence said. "If I could play with this same bunch of guys all over again, I would do it."

Fortunately, though, the nature of college sports means that people 10 years from now probably will not remember what Lawrence said days before Carolina defeated Texas, 16-7, in the 1980 Bluebonnet Bowl.

They'll remember how he ran: a 286-yard day against Virginia as a freshman; leading Carolina to a miraculous come-from-behind win over Duke in 1978; dashing to 1,000 yards for four seasons.

Bill Fields

A little run against Texas on the last day of 1980.

The play, Carolina's fourth from scrimmage, was a sprint draw to the left from the UNC 41. Lawrence got the ball, broke through a hole in the left side of the line and raced across the rug 59 yards for a touchdown.

Lawrence gained 104 yards and won an award as the most valuable offensive player of the game, finishing his Carolina career in style.

That style was one of speed, mystery and maybe most memorably, magic, when the football was tucked under his arm.



Amos Lawrence twists, trying to move ball for Carolina ... 'Famous' got 104 yards and a touchdown in Bluebonnet Bowl win

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"It was a matter of doing what we had to do in order to win," said UNC defensive tackle Donnell Thompson. "We didn't have a whole lot of sacks, but we didn't give (McIvor) a lot of time to throw."

All-American Lawrence Taylor said, "I was tired of watching them run, but toward the second half we just dominated their offensive line."

Lawrence, with 104 rushing yards, and Bryant, with 82, led the UNC offense, but at heart was sophomore quarterback Rod Elkins, who ended a Cinderella season in the best of fairy-tale fashion.

Elkins played with the jayvees much

of the 1979 season and took over when Chuck Sharpe, more experienced, injured his left knee before the season began. Elkins played steadily, passing for 1,000 yards and hitting 50 percent of his passes.

He passed for 121 yards against Texas—including four to tight end Mike Chatham for 54 yards—on an 11-of-18 performance.

"I was having a lot of fun out there tonight," Elkins said. "It's always fun when you can control and move the ball the way we did."

Yes, North Carolina, they play football in Chapel Hill.

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Women's Volleyball champ Parker "Super 7"

Meeting tonight leads IM into spring season

With registration over for most students, its time for the semester to start with a bang...or a whistle.

Tonight, the first of two important meetings for IM basketball team captains will be held at 7 p.m. in 304 Woolen Gym. To enter a team, you must be represented at one of these two meetings.

Tomorrow (Thursday) night prior to the 7 p.m. captain's meeting, the IM Unit Managers and Area Coordinators will meet in the same room at 6 p.m. Entries for basketball and squash are due by 5 p.m. Friday (the 16th), so this half-week is crucial for the IM participant.

Basketball obviously highlights the spring IM-Rec schedule, but the IM-Rec program offers much more. Activities are divided into team, all-campus individual and dual, special events and faculty-staff. Encompassing all of these areas, the IM-Rec program is offering almost 40 different activities for the semester.

Team competition is further divided into men's residence hall, fraternity, men's recreational, graduate/independent, women's competitive, women's recreational, co-rec competitive, and co-rec recreational. Team activities other than basketball offered this semester are bowling, racquetball, co-rec innertube basketball, golf, swimming and another triples volleyball tournament.

New this year in all-campus activities is the "Ersatz Boston Marathon," Associate IM-Rec Director Marty Pomerantz' tribute to the Boston Marathon. This run, one-tenth the distance of the real thing in Boston, will cover some of UNC's campus and in a 2.6 mile, 38.5 yard course.

Squash leads the all-campus events, followed by 1-on-1 basketball, tennis,

mixed doubles tennis, table tennis, mixed doubles table tennis, badminton and the marathon.

Highlighting the list of special events planned for next semester is the "Superteam Competition," slated for April 22. The competition will be open to the first 16 units to enter. Each unit (residence hall, fraternity or grad department) will enter one team for this single-elimination week-long activity involving the five major team sports and four minor ones.

Other special events are the "Valentine's Couples Competition," and the traditional "Big Four" and "Co-Rec sport days. The "All-nighter" that was cancelled last semester will be held if Fetzer Gym is completed in time.

Five sports will be offered in the spring faculty-staff program. Competition will be held in basketball, singles, doubles and mixed doubles racquetball, softball, squash and golf (medal and handicapp).

The faculty-staff program will also sponsor a 16-activity "Lifetime Leisure" program consisting of instructional and introductory clinics.

Most clinics will run about two hours and will be scheduled at the 6-8 p.m. time period. Registration will be held prior to each clinic and may be limited to a certain number of participants.

Hours for this semester's faculty-staff noon swim are: MWF 12:10-12:45 p.m., TTH 10:40-11:10 p.m., 12:10-12:40 p.m.

Hours for this semester's faculty-staff noon basketball are: MWF 11:45-12:45 p.m. on Woolen Courts 1 and 2.

Some university departments still need faculty-staff program liaisons. If interested contact Assistant IM-Rec Director Rob Frye at 933-1153.

Mon., Jan. 26—play begins in basketball, faculty-staff bowling and basketball and IM team, bowling...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular season IM basketball referees needed immediately...pay minimum wage, hours flexible, outstanding performance awarded with entry into the UNC Officials Association...contact Rick Fair, Supervisor of Officials, 215 WG, 933-1006...IM softball and innertube basketball officials will be needed this semester as well...

All officials, area coordinators and sports medicine employees should check with IM-Rec Secretary Barbara Hall for unclaimed payroll checks...

Wed., Jan. 14—First of two MANDATORY meetings for ALL IM basketball team captains, 304 Woolen Gym 7 p.m....each team must be represented at at least one of these meetings...

Thurs., Jan. 15—MANDATORY meeting for Area Coordinators and IM Unit Managers, 6 p.m. 304 WG...second of two MANDATORY meetings for all IM basketball team captains, 7 p.m. 304 WG...

Friday, Jan. 16—entries due for basketball, all-campus squash, faculty-staff squash and faculty-staff basketball...

Monday, Jan. 19—play begins in all-campus squash and faculty-staff squash...

Mon.-Thurs., Jan. 19-22—MANDATORY basketball referee clinics...each referee must attend two of these...

Wed., Jan. 21—entries due for IM team bowling...

Volleyball winners determined

Exams almost came upon UNC students before the 1980 IM volleyball and grail mural basketball champions were decided, as both activities were completed after the last IM Bulletin Board deadline and just before semester's end.

In volleyball, one of the major sports of the IM sport season, Morrison D "NFLO," Delta Upsilon, Kenan "Killers," and Association for International Students "Spikers of the World," lead the list of champions.

"NFLO," ranked second at the end of the regular season, upset another perennial power, top-ranked Teague "Syndicate" for the residence hall crown. Members of "NFLO" are Dave Ebert, Drue Head, Steve Menaker, Mitch King, Kevin Kirk, Harvey Leavitt and David Abshian.

Fourth-ranked DU "Ballbusters" added another championship to the fraternity's season total with a win over un-ranked Phi Gam for the fraternity championship. The "Ballbusters," the defending volleyball champion, consisted of Richard Hauser, Chris Riggs, Jim Owens, Don Shaw, Merl Baldwin, Clay Collier, Bill Manning and Tim Edwards.

Top-ranked "Spikers of the World" defeated second-ranked Teague Alumni "Squack Eaters" for the Grand/1st title,

and won the all-campus volleyball championship as well. That team consists of Jim Bryan, Paul Tuck, Hameed Alkhalil, Severino Albuquerque, Shrikant Bangdiwala, Janet Gebbie and Mark Southerland.

In the women's competitive division, top-ranked Kenan "Killers" defeated second-ranked Avery "Six Pack" for the championship. Members of the "Killers" are Tracy Turnbull, Lori Turnbull, Susan Hicks, Beth Wrenn, Eva Compton, Dee Faulkner, Lynn Spencer, Ann Lackley and Susan Sparks.

Un-ranked Morrison "Setbacks" captured the co-rec competitive division championship with a win over the also un-ranked "Vacant Lot Dogs" of the Geology Dept. The "Setbacks," consists of Johnny Chandler, Leila Dunbar, Val, Wall, Nancy Nailor, Kevin Kirk, Darcy Williamsen, Merl Baldwin, Chris Riggs and Terese Ferland.

Recreational division volleyball winners were MBA 2nd in the men's, Parker "Super 7" in women's, and Jamestown (N.C.) "Motley's Crew" in co-rec.

In grail mural basketball there were no surprises as the Dental "Healers," a familiar name in IM basketball swept to the men's competitive championship, while the P.E. Grad "Take Your Lumps," led by former UNC standout Bernie McGlade, won the women's competitive division.

The "Healers," led this year by Mike Mayhew and former Wake Forest guard Mark Dale, defeated the Law "Mudsharks" in the finals. McGlade and company defeated Granville South's "Grand South" for their championship. The United Christian Fellowship "Brothers" won the men's rec grail mural championship by defeating Alexander A.

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