

# SPORTS

## Bryant named USFL's MVP

From staff and wire reports

Former UNC running back Kelvin Bryant, whose rushing, receiving and blocking helped lead the Philadelphia Stars to the best record in the United States Football League's inaugural season, was named the USFL Player of the Year last week by The Associated Press.

The Tarboro native rushed for 1,442 yards and 16 touchdowns in his first professional season, second only to the New Jersey Generals' Herschel Walker in each category. He was also the Stars' second-leading receiver, making 53 catches for 410 yards and one touchdown.

Walker, who signed pro football's richest contract in February, rushed for 1,812 yards and caught 53 passes for 489 yards as the Generals ended the season with a 6-12 record.

Bryant, an introvert off the field, said the honor belonged as much to his offensive line as to him. "They open up the holes, and I just run through," he said.

Despite reports that he was injury-prone in college, the 6-2, 190-pound Bryant likely would have been a first-round choice in the National Football League. Instead, he chose to go with the new league.

"I didn't want to go to an NFL team that already had good running backs, where I'd have to sit out until I learned the system," said Bryant. "I might have started, but I didn't want to take any chances. I knew if I joined the Stars I would have a chance right away, and I liked the

way they ran the program up here. It was like North Carolina.

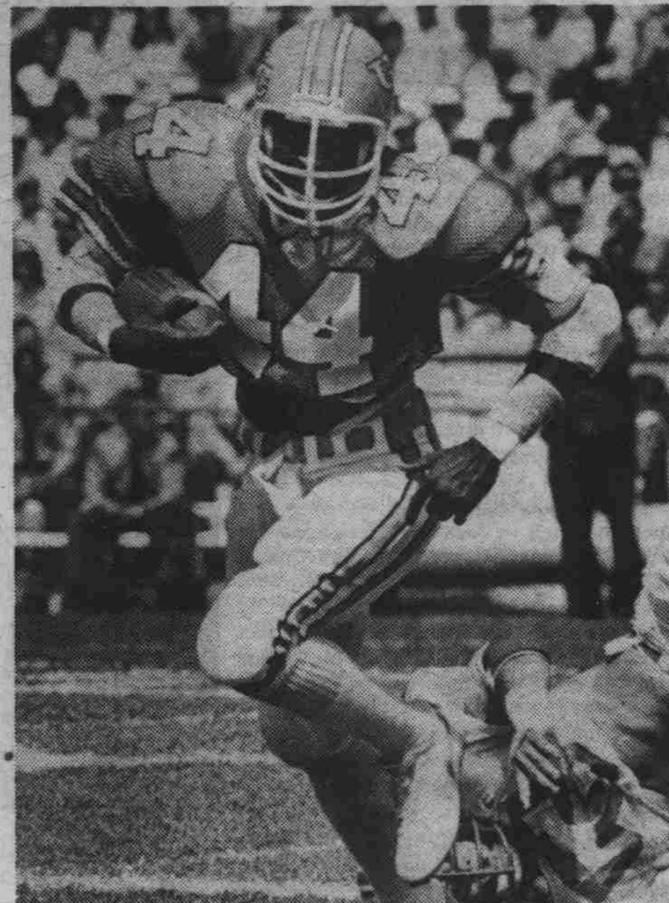
"I think this league is just getting started," Bryant said. "It's going to take a while because people just don't know enough about it yet."

Stars' General Manager Carl Peterson said the Stars had heard "the stuff about 'He's got all the tools, but ...,'" but Peterson said UNC coach Dick Crum straightened that out.

"Dick said he'd had unfortunate, crazy-type injuries," Peterson said. "And Randy Walker, his backfield coach in college, said Bryant has tremendous natural speed. Plus, he's got a sixth sense, making a change of direction at exactly the right time, the right place."

"People should know that Kelvin played in a physical game at a physical position," Peterson added. There were 11 people trying to blow his brains up. I always tried to point out, 'You don't have to worry about Kelvin. When he can go, he'll go.'"

Philadelphia finished the regular season at 15-3 and opened the league's playoff with a 44-38 overtime win over the Chicago Blitz Saturday. Bryant carried 24 times for 142 yards and two scores, one of which was a 1-yard dive at 7:02 of the sudden-death period to give the Stars the victory. They will play the Michigan Panthers in the championship game in Denver on Sunday. Michigan defeated the Oakland Invaders 37-21 in their playoff game last Sunday.



Tar Heel/File photo

Kelvin Bryant in his days at UNC

## ACC reviews golf tourney

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Atlantic Coast Conference faculty representatives, athletic directors and institutional heads were expected to discuss Tuesday whether allegations of racial discrimination will alter the site of the league golf championship.

Dr. Bruce R. Poulton, chancellor at N.C. State University, said he and UNC Chancellor Christopher Fordham had jointly asked the conference to confirm or deny allegations that Northgreen Country Club in Rocky Mount has racially discriminatory policies.

"Speaking for our respective institutions, we felt we had an obligation to let ACC Commissioner Bob James know there was no way we could support the situation as it has been portrayed in the newspapers," Poulton said Monday.

He said a conference telephone call "will give the conference the chance to report what it has found, and, depending on the report, there will be a discussion of the situation and the options we have."

James said no decision would be made about the tournament site until the next league meeting in October.

Northgreen's commitment to host the tournament until 1986 has been challenged by Rocky Mount resident Steve Rogers, who said the club refuses to allow black members. Rogers, who is black, said he wrote to ACC officials last November advising the conference that the league was enforcing racism by playing at the club.

Earle Elingburg, general manager at Northgreen, conceded that the club has no black members but said he had been assured by ACC Assistant Commissioner Marvin Francis that the tournament would return in 1984.

"We have told everybody that our basic membership policy is that we don't have black members," Elingburg said last Friday. "But we do feel we're a progressive club in that blacks have come to Northgreen for private banquets and parties and have played the golf course in industrial leagues, high school matches and in the recent North Carolina Amateur."

## Sports Briefs

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Pete Kumiega, who set UNC baseball records for home runs and runs batted in, has signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Cubs.

Kumiega, a first baseman from Longmeadow, Mass., was to report to the Cubs' Class A Appalachian League club in Pikeville, Ky., this week.

A second-team All-ACC choice last season, Kumiega hit .361 with 12 homers and 52 RBIs in his senior year. He had a .325 career average with 39 homers and 182 RBIs, both UNC records.

UNC's Matt Doherty and Duke's Mark Alarie are among 12 college basketball players

chosen to play for the USA Select team in a series of overseas tournaments beginning July 15.

The team, selected by the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States, began a week of training last Saturday at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

The team, coached by Samford's Mike Hanks, will play in several summer international tournaments in Korea, Kuala Lumpur and Japan.

Carolina swimmer Sue Walsh finished third for the United States in the women's 200-meter backstroke last Thursday at the World University Games in Edmonton, Alberta.

Walsh is a senior from Hamburg, N.Y.

Dave Drechsler, a former All-ACC and All-America guard on the UNC football team, has signed three one-year contracts with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.

Drechsler was selected by the Packers in the second round of the NFL's college draft in April.

John Kuester, who played guard for the 1973-77 Tar Heel basketball team, was expected to be named head basketball coach at Boston University earlier this week, according to *The (Raleigh) News and Observer*.

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