

## BILL CURRIE Mouth of the South

### ACC Needs A-A Back

In recent years a whole gobful of consideration has been given in an effort to determine means by which football in the Atlantic Coast Conference might be upgraded. Cited ad nauseum has been the high academic requirements of the various member schools, and the demand for a 800 on the College Board Test required by the conference for an athletic grant-in-aid.

Doubtless many of the proposals to lower requirements or increase the number of athletes would be helpful. But if the conference wants to fill the stadiums the best and most effective way is to secure or develop an All-America back.

Not a defensive back, nor one who specializes in blocking. What is needed is a flashy, colorful, crowd pleasing, imagination stirring guy who can lead a team

There are some good backs in the league like Don McCauley at North Carolina, Leo Hart at Duke, or Ray Yauger at Clemson to name just three. But for all their ability, and it is considerably, these fellows are not the needed quantity.

## Heisman Trophy Back

The conference needs a guy who can compete for the Heisman trophy. It needs a man who can electrify a crowd, who is a hero to kids, and who has a boyish cleanliness about him.

Certainly I am not a hymn-singer or a blue nose, and I seldom crusade for ice cream over bourbon. But the fact remains that however jaded and cynical American society seems, it will respond to the challenge of the kind of fellow I'm talking about. Or at least to a fellow who SEEMS to be that way.

First though, he has to be a top athlete. A great guard or tackle or even an end won't do. He's got to be a back; a guy who runs and passes and catches passes. All-America teams are built around the offensive backs. Once these plumbs are landed, the rest of the team is built up in a sort of geographic sharing plan.

It may not be fair, but it is a fact. Look back over the years at the Heisman trophy winners and see how many guards, tackles and centers have won. Look at professional football and see who gets the most money. The ACC needs a stomp down good offensive back - or even better, several of them.

## **Duke's Ace Parker**

Think of Ace Parker. Here was a guy who played in the thirties, and yet when one runs a memory lane pattern on Duke football he comes up first and foremost with Ace's name.

Why do you think this is? Well, he was a break-away runner without peer, and what's more he kept North Carolina out of the 1935 Rose Bowl game with a sterling performance including a 103-yard touchdown gallop with the opening kickoff.

When Ace Parker was performing at Duke (now Wallace Wade) Stadium, it was full and those were days when \$2.50 for a ticket was big money, and there was not near the population to draw from which we have today. If Duke could produce another Ace Parker, the Blue Devil athetic coffers would overflow with goodies and

Think, if you will, of Charlie Justice. He played at North Carolina on a team studded with tremendous athletes

Art Weiner an All-America end if one ever drew breath; Kenny Powell, another. Irv Holdash at center. These were so many stars the sportswriters had problems displaying their ignorance. But without Justice, the blue chipper, there would have been just another football team instead of the wondrous aggregation which drew 44,000 into Kenan Stadium.

Hopefully, the point has been made. And even more hopefully, there is on some campus, perhaps two or three, an unborn star whose ability, personal traits, and good fortune will spring him forth as a real glittering star. That's what the ACC needs more than any revision of its rules.

# Davie War Eagles Open Season On Friday

The Davie County High football team will take on Albemarle in a non-conference opener at Albemarle on Friday night. Kickoff is set for 8 p. m.

Coach Bill Peeler has indicated that his starting lineup will include seven lettermen. Craig Ward will start at

quarterback. Bob Koontz and Arnny Riddle, both lettermen, and rookie John Munday will be

the running back slots.

Jerry Goodlett and Walter Ridenhour are expected to start at ends; Buck Halland Richard Crotts at the tackle positions; Ronnie Beauchamp and John Cartner at the guards. Paul Andrews is expected to get the

starting call at center. Coach Peeler, a veteran at Davie, is serving his first season as head football coach. He is being assisted by Earl Shoaf, Bob Henry, J. E. Suiter, Larry Groce and Jim Tutterow.

Davie's first home bame will be September 11th against

1970 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

#### VARSITY

September 4	Albemarie	There
September 11	North Stanly	Here
September 18	East Rowan	Here
September 25	North Iredell	There
October 2	North Mecklenburg	Here
October 9	West Rowan	There
October 16	Mooresville	Here
October 23	North Davidson	There
October 30	South Irdell	Here
November 6	North Rowan	There

Varsity will wear White at home-Orange or Black on the road. All games start at 8

J.V.

September 10	North Stanly	There
September 17	East Rowan	There
September 24	North Iredell	Here
October 1	North Davidson	There
October 8	West Rowan	Here
October 15	OPEN	
October 22	North Davidson	Here
October 29	South Iredell	There
November 5	North Rowan	Here
Games will start at 7:3	J. V. Team will wear Black	

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## Center Fair Is Slated For Sept. 12

The annual Center Fair will be held Saturday, September 12, at the Center Community Building and Center Arbor on Highway 64 West of Mocksville. All residents of Davie County are invited to enter exhibits in the Fair. Entries will be accepted from 5:00 o'clock p.m. Friday September 11, and until 9:00 o'clock a.m. Se Judging of the exhibits will begin at 10:00 a.m. Pit cooked barbecue will be on sale all day Saturday and a barbecue supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. Leo Williams, County Agent will be in charge of the program under the Arbor at 8:00 p.m.

### Mrs. Nichols **Feted With Shower**

Mrs. Conrad Nichols of Spencer was honored with a pink and blue shower, Tuesday, August 24 by Miss Vickie Spry of Salisbury at the home of Mrs. Nichols.

A large cake decorated with storks, peanuts, punch, and pickles was served to approximately twenty five guests who enjoyed both games and refreshments.

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