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Soph Ronnie Robinson: On his way

by Dennis Pittman
Staff Writer

The crowd waited anxiously for the opening kick-off of the new 1972 Carolina football season. Each fan waited to "check out" the performance of his individual stars. But after the first series of downs, either offensively or defensively, bewilderment flooded the faces of many Blacks who attended the game. There were NO Blacks on either of the starting units.

But how long can an oncoming star be held in reserve? Probably as long as he is not given the opportunity to show the fans and the coaches what he can do.

On the second series of downs, the bewilderment on Black faces brought on by no representation was alleviated. Ronnie Robinson, 6'2" and 247 pounds, was injected into the game. A sophomore from Burlington, N.C., "Big Ron," as he is called by most of his friends, was a high school

All-American. In the Tar Heels opening game, his performance was astounding. He made numerous tackles and assists. When he hit, he hit with brutal authority.

When asked to comment on his performance, "Big Ron" said, "I really can't tell yet how good my performance is because this is my first game, and I'm almost sure that the competition will be stronger in the future." An expert on the subject, Robinson speaks with truth, yet leaves an air of modesty. Regardless of his modesty, there is but one way to describe his initial performance - BAD!!!

Ronnie Robinson is a Black competitive athlete. He knows that because of the stiff competition in athletics today, an athlete only gets one chance to get into the action, or he sits back and watches indefinitely. Ron's performance indicates that he is on the upsurge. He has used his chance to prove that he deserves to be in the action.



Cookie Bell first Black majorette

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The first Black Majorette in the Carolina Marching Band's over 40-year history will make her debut on September 22 at the Carolina-State game.

Janine "Cookie" Bell, daughter of Mr. J.Y. Bell, band director at Andrews High School in High Point, N.C., and Mrs. R.P. Bell, will don the uniform of the Marching Tar Heels majorette squad. Cookie is a freshman and prospective clinical psychology major from Page High School in Greensboro.

N.C., where she played clarinet and performed with the Marching Band as a majorette for 3 years, one of which she served as co-Head Majorette. Twirling since the age of 12, she auditioned before Major Yesulatis in April, after making final plans to attend the University of North Carolina.

Bell's seasoned skill as a majorette and her amiable personality will be a definite asset to the Carolina Marching Band and a great step toward the recognition of Black talent on the UNC campus.

No Black QB: Baggett 'red-shirted'

by Emma Pullen
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Quarterback is a highly skilled position which is almost never held by Black players on predominantly white football teams. UNC has had only one Black quarterback in its entire history, Ricky Lanier, and he did not finish his career at that position.

Charles Baggett, a high school All-American player from Fayetteville could have been Carolina's second Black quarterback, but he has been "red-shirted" for the year. This means that although he has to attend every practice, he does not even dress at any of the games!

When asked his reaction to the news, Baggett replied, "I was disappointed."

His fellow Black students were more emphatic in their comments.

Earnest Adams: "It's a damn shame! Dooley could have given Baggett a chance, considering the fact that he could have gone to another school and been playing. He must have had an idea that Baggett had a good

Baggett splits

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Charles Baggett, the Black quarterback red-shirted by UNC's coaching staff, has transferred to Michigan State University. With him went all hopes that Carolina's athletic program would ever give full credit and recognition to a Black athlete, other than the exploitation of his abilities and the publicity value of having a few Blacks on the team of a predominantly white southern school.

Much has been talked about but little has been written about why Baggett was red-shirted. There's been no truthful comment from the coaching staff, only speculation from outsiders. There's been no pressure put on them to explain their actions. They can recite statistics and accounts of performances of the four contenders for quarterback but all this is merely a farce.

A quarterback is supposedly the smartest man on the field; and surely Carolina's football staff doesn't adhere to Arthur Jensen's theory of race as a determinant of intelligence. As far as football is concerned, Tommy Brown of Notre Dame, D.C. Nobles of Houston, sophomore Dennis Franklin of Michigan, and senior Eddie McAshan of Georgia Tech disprove that theory.

As one black player put it, "To start for whitey, you can't be JUST AS GOOD, you have to be TWICE AS GOOD."

But is that really good enough?



chance to be quarterback, but since he has two upperclassmen and two high school All-Americans, one of them had to go. I hope Bill Dooley knows what he is doing - for his sake and Baggett's."

Janice Mills: "I am angered by Charles Baggett's situation, but not surprised! This type of racism (and no one can deny the fact that this is what it is) is as much a part of Carolina's tradition as its colors - blue and white!"

Margaret Brewington: "That is really bad!"

Warren Carson, BSM Chairman: "Baggett, red-shirted? Or just arbitrarily set aside by Dooley because he is Black? I think that this act is one in a number of very racist acts put off by this university, of course in a very sly manner. They won't get away with it - I'll personally see to that!"

Walter "Tank" Smith: "I get upset every time I think about it! He really got a dirty deal."

Calvin Hamrick: "I was thoroughly unimpressed with the move made by Bill Dooley in

red-shirting Baggett. I think the only reason that he is recruiting Black players is to say that he has them on the team, because they aren't playing."

David Belton: "I am not surprised at this indecent act. Dooley's record, as far as Blacks are concerned, is disgraceful! I hope we Blacks will unite to get a Black coach to speak up for our supreme Black athletes."

Ruby Fuller: "I can't find any logic behind Dooley's reasoning to red-shirt Baggett. It seems that he isn't ready to accept the fact that a Black quarterback has the ability to call the plays under pressure. Baggett was an All-American player in high school, so obviously he is one of the best in the nation. I wonder why Dooley waited until the week before the first game to decide this. Was it to insure that Baggett would not transfer and play for another university? My first reaction was one of disbelief, but then I remembered that Dooley is a white man!"

Angela Page: "That's some SHIT!"

Racism - answer?

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The Tar Heels came to life in their first game with a victory over Coach Frank Jones' Spiders. Students and Alumni alike were enthusiastic about this game, but not as much as they would have been had Carolina not made so many careless mistakes.

Over in the end zone, sat a certain black man who was not very enthusiastic either. This man was Charles Baggett of Fayetteville, a former contender for the position of starting quarterback. Baggett had every right to expect to get this position. He played quarterback for two years in junior high school and three years at E.E. Smith High, wrapping up his high school years as an All-American.

When he arrived at Carolina last year, he shared the coveted position of starting quarterback with Chris Kupec, and helped to lead the Tar Babies to a 5-0 season. This year compared to the other three contenders, Nick Vidnovic, Chris Kupec, and John Klise, Baggett was the best ball carrier. Considering this record, surely there could be no doubt of Baggett's ability to perform

the job; however Bill Dooley did.

On Sept. 4, he disclosed the crushing news that Charles Baggett had been "red-shirted" for this year. This blow to Baggett is a blow as well to other Black people on this campus; because what he suffers, the rest of us will suffer too. All the talent this man possesses has been thrown out for a whole year and possibly longer. Although Baggett has been told that he will play next year, are we to believe that Dooley will replace Vidnovic with Baggett? (On Sept. 9, Dooley disclosed that Nick Vidnovic would be the starting quarterback.) Carolina has never made such a move before.

Why did Bill Dooley make this decision? Was he afraid to have a black quarterback because he felt the alumni wouldn't support the team? Dooley, himself, has the answers, but could not be reached for comment. We are now left to formulate our own opinions, and we cannot discard racism as a possible answer. At any rate, the sentiments toward Bill Dooley are very cool among Black people. As one coed from James stated, "Dooley ain't shit."