



SPORTS

Sports Editor's Column

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It is probably no secret to anyone at SCC that in the past couple of years we have had a substantially less than successful newspaper. That obviously includes any former attempts at initiating a favorable sports column. I intend to change this. My actual journalistic knowledge is very limited, as is my experience. However, it is obvious that a prime intention of any newspaper is to inform its readers. That is precisely what I plan to do this school year.

Since the sporting events concerning and directly involving SCC students is a bit "dormant" until our basketball team begins its season, I intend to report on sports subjects that should stimulate all interests. This includes the national scene as well as state and local. The idea that sports topics should be confined to that of the school is unfair to the individual who may rely on his school publication to keep him informed.

Therefore I am going to attempt to keep all of you informed on sports events that may be taking place in our area. Everything from automobile races to college football games scheduled in the vicinity to closed circuit television broadcasts will be included. This gives all of us a chance to perhaps see one or more of these events, and hopefully serve as an aid in for (?) planning ahead to see them.

I also hope to provide information regarding television broadcasts. With the baseball playoffs and the World Series getting closer, and professional and college football seasons beginning, I think this can be quite an asset.

Above all, I will have columns with my own comments on subjects, and small capsule reports on major events. I encourage all of your advice and criticism by writing to the paper. In any event, I invite you to give me a try at reviving a good sports page in your paper.

1974 Football In North Carolina

1974 Football Schedule of Home Games for Area Schools

DUKE UNIVERSITY (Durham, N.C.)

Sept. 28 - Virginia

Oct. 5 - Purdue

Oct. 12 - Army

Nov. 2 - Georgia Tech.

Nov. 9 - Wake Forest

Nov. 23 - North Carolina

UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA (Chapel Hill, N.C.)

Sept. 14 - Ohio University

Oct. 5 - Pittsburgh

Oct. 19 - North Carolina State (possibly sold out)

Nov. 2 - Virginia

Nov. 16 - Army

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY (Raleigh, N.C.)

Sept. 14 - Duke (Night)

Sept. 21 - Clemson (Night)

Oct. 5 - East Carolina (Night)

Nov. 2 - South Carolina

Nov. 9 - Penn State

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY (Winston - Salem, N.C.)

Sept. 7 - North Carolina State

Sept. 14 - William and Mary (Night)

Sept. 21 - North Carolina

Oct. 26 - Virginia

Nov. 2 - Clemson

Nov. 23 - Furman

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY (Greenville, N.C.)

Sept. 14 - Bowling Green (Night)

Sept. 21 - East Tennessee (Night)

Sept. 28 - Southern Illinois (Night)

Oct. 26 - Dayton (Night)

Nov. 2 - Citadel

ACC Football In North Carolina

It is interesting to note that several games on the schedules of Atlantic Coast Conference teams should be evident in the national spotlight of this 1974 college football season. Several pre-season polls have predicted the Maryland Terrapins to finish as high as 12th in the national polls. The Terps will have the chance to rise even higher with the opportunity to play two teams who will probably finish better than 12th. Maryland will play Alabama at College Park, Md. in early September and then must journey up to University Park, University Park, Pennsylvania, November. nationally-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions. Should Maryland win all of their other nine games, and then pull a

major upset in either of the other two, it is quite possible coach Jerry Claiborne and his club will be playing in a major post-season bowl game.

North Carolina State has also been touted in the pre-season polls to place as high as 14th. The Wolfpack, however, has a finishing schedule no team in the country would envy. State plays at Chapel Hill on October 19 in a game the Tar Heels are probably already thinking about. In last year's contest at Raleigh, State slipped by with a narrow 28-26 victory. Playing the game in Chapel Hill could very possibly produce a Tar Heel upset.

After the contest with Carolina, State must then face in succession, Maryland (away), South Carolina and

Penn State at home, and then conclude their season away from home with one of the nation's most perennially offensive teams in the country - Arizona State. Should The Wolfpack escape with victories in all of these games, it could perhaps mean as much as an undefeated season and the chance to participate in that very important "12th game."

Meanwhile, the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest have the unenviable task of facing as many as 4 teams being tabbed for "Top Twenty" honors. After an opener with State, Wake's schedule includes a road trip to Oklahoma (regarded by many as the nation's number one team), Penn State, and last, but surely not least, Maryland. It makes

matters even more difficult with Wake Forest coming off a 1973 record of 1-9-1. Coach Church Mills should consider his team's road venture successful if the Deacons can just hold the three team's total output to under 100 points.

An oddity occurring on the schedules this year has Penn State, generally the East's primary power each season, playing three ACC teams. Two of them, Maryland and State, could prove to be serious obstacles in Joe Paterno's quest for his second consecutive undefeated season. Last year's Penn State victory over the Wolfpack was a narrow 35-29 decision which could very possibly be reversed in Raleigh.

For the past several years ACC football

appears as though it is on a definite incline. For the past 4 years the conference has sent representatives to post-season bowl games.

The professional ranks are also taking interest in individual talent. N.C. State alone had five players drafted by

the pros who are all seeing a lot of pre-season action. If this trend continues, perhaps we will

someday see ACC football share the same limelight already occupied by the greatest basketball in the country.