

Sports Scope
with
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Since the last issue of THE BLACKBIRD the football picture has changed considerably.

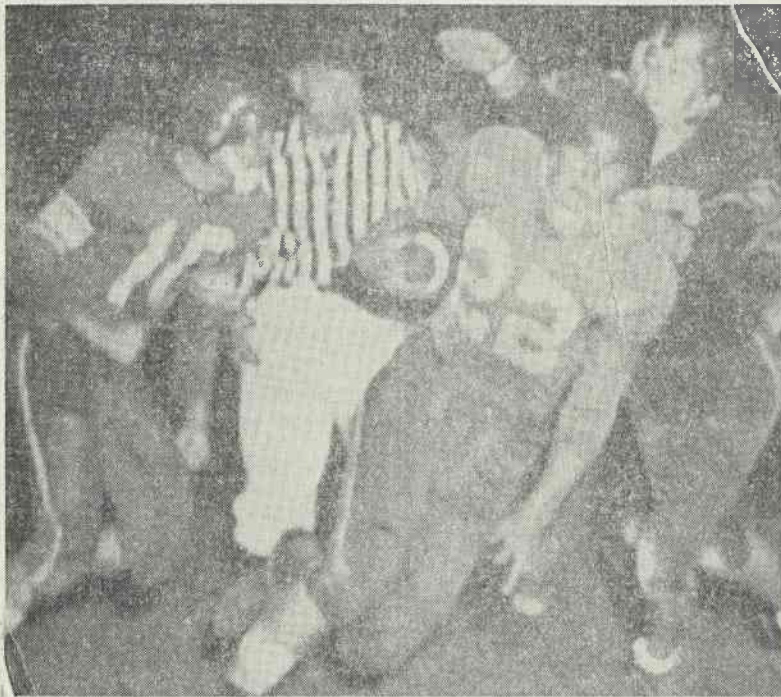
BIG FOUR—The football situation in the big four is not looking too bright. Duke continues to be the class of this group but the Blue Devils tumbled from 6 to 19 on the national ratings after losing to Army.

Carolina, Wake Forest, and State have all left much to be desired with their play. However, State appears to have the most improved team in the group. The Wolfpack looks as though they might give someone some trouble in the future.

BOWL PICTURE—The bowl picture, at present, is far from clear. The host team for the Orange Bowl is supposed to be the champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Maryland or Duke seem likely to gain this honor, although the Maryland team has taken quite a tumble from their last year's national number one rating. The "Terps aren't in the top twenty, after losing to UCLA and tying Wake Forest.

It looks from here as though Duke will represent the ACC unless there is an upset in the making. No N. C. team has been in a major bowl game since 1949.

Blackbirds Suffer Third Straight Defeat



ON THE MARCH — Fred Harris, fullback, closes in to make the tackle as a Fayetteville back picks up a first down in their march to the only score of the game.

Photo by Barringer

Backfield Injuries Hamper RM Team As They Fail To Win In Conference

Hampered by injuries, Rocky Mount was unable to break through Durham's defensive line and so lost the third straight game. Both teams played a tie ball game up till the final minutes of the third quarter when one of the Bulldogs ran for a touchdown. Durham didn't score anymore till the last three minutes of the ball game then they scored two more touchdowns and extra points.

Adkins Will Coach N. Carolina Team In Shriners Game

Coach "Knocker" Adkins will be after his third Shrine Bowl Victory in as many tries when he carries his North Carolina team to Charlotte to face a strong South Carolina foe, December 6.

In his previous years as coach of the North Carolina All-Stars he won in 1937 and again in 1951, being head coach at Rocky Mount both years. His assistant coaches will be announced later, as will the members of the team.

Although South Carolina is favored to win this season, many local fans won't be surprised to see Coak Adkins come back victorious. Previous games have shown that odds don't mean a thing in this battle of sister States.

In the Wilmington game Rocky Mount's hard driving backs withered before a savage Wilmington line here on October 1 as the birds suffered their first defeat 20 to 0.

The locals were hampered throughout the game by injuries to most of the starting backfield. This loss marked the second year in a row that the Birds were defeated in their homecoming game by shut-out scores.

In Fayetteville both teams played a body to body contest. Fayetteville, greatly favored over Rocky Mount, was unable to get but one touchdown in the game. Rocky Mount, pushing hard against the Fayetteville line, was unable to score any touchdowns. Almost everyone, expect Rocky Mount students, were surprised that the locals were not defeated any worse than they were. The final score in this thriller was 6 to 0 in favor of Fayetteville.

Rocky Mount was scheduled to play Washington on October 15, but destructive Hurricane Hazel would not let the Birds play. This game has been re-scheduled for October 29 at Washington.

The Blackbirds have two more games other than the one with Washington: one is with Wilson, and in this game two teams will be fighting to win the Shelton Looms' Trophy; the other game is with Raleigh, and this game will be played at Raleigh. The games are scheduled for November 5 and 12 respectively.

Local Tennis Stars Play Well In State Summer Tournaments

Tennis stars, Dwight Hinton and Fred Ruben, continued to play their favorite sport in the Men's Division of Tennis, during the summer vacation, with Dwight winning four games.

Also this summer Dwight played in the Junior Sandhill Tournament at Southern Pines and came out on top with the singles championship. He was the runner-up in the Eastern Carolina Junior Tournament in Durham, where

he was also doubles runner-up.

Fred, being a little modest in what he did in tennis this summer, finally broke down and told. He said that accompanied Dwight to all the tennis matches and was the runner-up in the Jaycees' doubles tournament at Fayetteville.

Each boy was a member of the first and second place state AAA doubles championship teams. Dwight's partner was Joe Lancaster and Bobby Wimberly. They played each other for the championship.

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