

Bud Wilkinson Praises Tar Heels After Close Victory

BISHOP'S BUNK

By Wayne Bishop

The University of North Carolina opened its 1955 football season victoriously yesterday afternoon in beautiful Kenan stadium as they held the powerful Oklahoma Sooners to a 13-6 win.

The Sooners were a 20 point favorite, but they found Coach George M. Barclay's Tar Heels to be much, much stronger than the oddsmakers whom credit to be. The Tar Heels flashed a terrific defense that held the Sooners cold in five plunges below their 30 yard line. Twice could they penetrate the double stripe markers, and one time they happened on fourth down.

For the Tar Heels it was a morale victory. Nearly all of the bookmakers preferred known as oddsmakers, figured the game as an easy one for the Sooners. Coach Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma said all he would be satisfied if his team could win by one point. For the time in the third period, it appeared that the score would wind up 7-6. The Sooners took a 7-6 lead after six minutes of the third period and held the one point margin until the final four minutes.

After the game, Wilkinson wiped the heavy line of perspiration from his forehead and exclaimed, "Wow, that was a rough one. I'm afraid for a long time that we would not pull it out of the fire. I mean they did not fumble, they did not have an intercepted kick, they did not have a blocked kick, and they did not have any bad punts from center. I thought they played a beautiful game. They impressed me a lot."

Coach Wilkinson was asked whether he was disappointed in the ending of his third-ranked nationally team, against a team that is not rated. His answer was honestly put, "Heavens, no! I was pleased with the end. Our team made a few mistakes, but they played good ball. We were playing against a very good team today, and our boys looked like they moved the ball good against a tough line, and I would have been pleased with our showing, particularly on defense."

On the other side of the coin, Coaches Marvin Bass and Ed Setzer were talking about the game. The two Tar Heel assistants also were pleased with the performance of their team. Coach Bass said the entire team looked good. The squad played a mighty fine game. We were up against a good team, and our boys came through with a win.

Coach George Barclay, mobbed reporters after the game, was continually pressed for his opinion on the Sooners. The head coach said he liked the way Dave Reed played himself, but that Buddy Sasser was still his number one man on the signal call post.

Big Bill Koman got his week's windsprints during the third period when he picked up an Oklahoma fumble (in the Sooner backfield) and ran 74 yards for a score. The play was called back, but Big Bill could not wait for many plays afterwards. Track coach Joe Hilton was checking his 50-yard dash time! . . . When Jack Maultsby, 225-pound tackle, was injured his little brother came in to take his position. Little brother's name is Tom Maultsby; he's only 212 pounds! . . . Ed Sutton's tremendous speed hurt him one time in the game yesterday. One of Will Frye's punts bounced around at the Oklahoma line. Sutton sped down the field so fast, with such intent to hit the Oklahoma runner, that he ran right past the ball as it dribbled off the Sooner players' finger tips. At that speed, Ed didn't have a chance of stopping! . . . Next Saturday is a big day for the Tar Heels. Besides the football game at State, Coach Dale Ransom's varsity freshmen cross-country teams meet the Wolfpack in the morning. It will be a big day for Carolina wins.

Tribe Clinches Second With Double Victories

DETROIT, Sept. 24 (AP) — The Cleveland Indians, who sat helpless in the rain yesterday while the New York Yankees grabbed the American League pennant, took revenge on the Detroit Tigers today with a pair of victories 8-2 and 7-0. The first triumph clinched second place for the Indians.

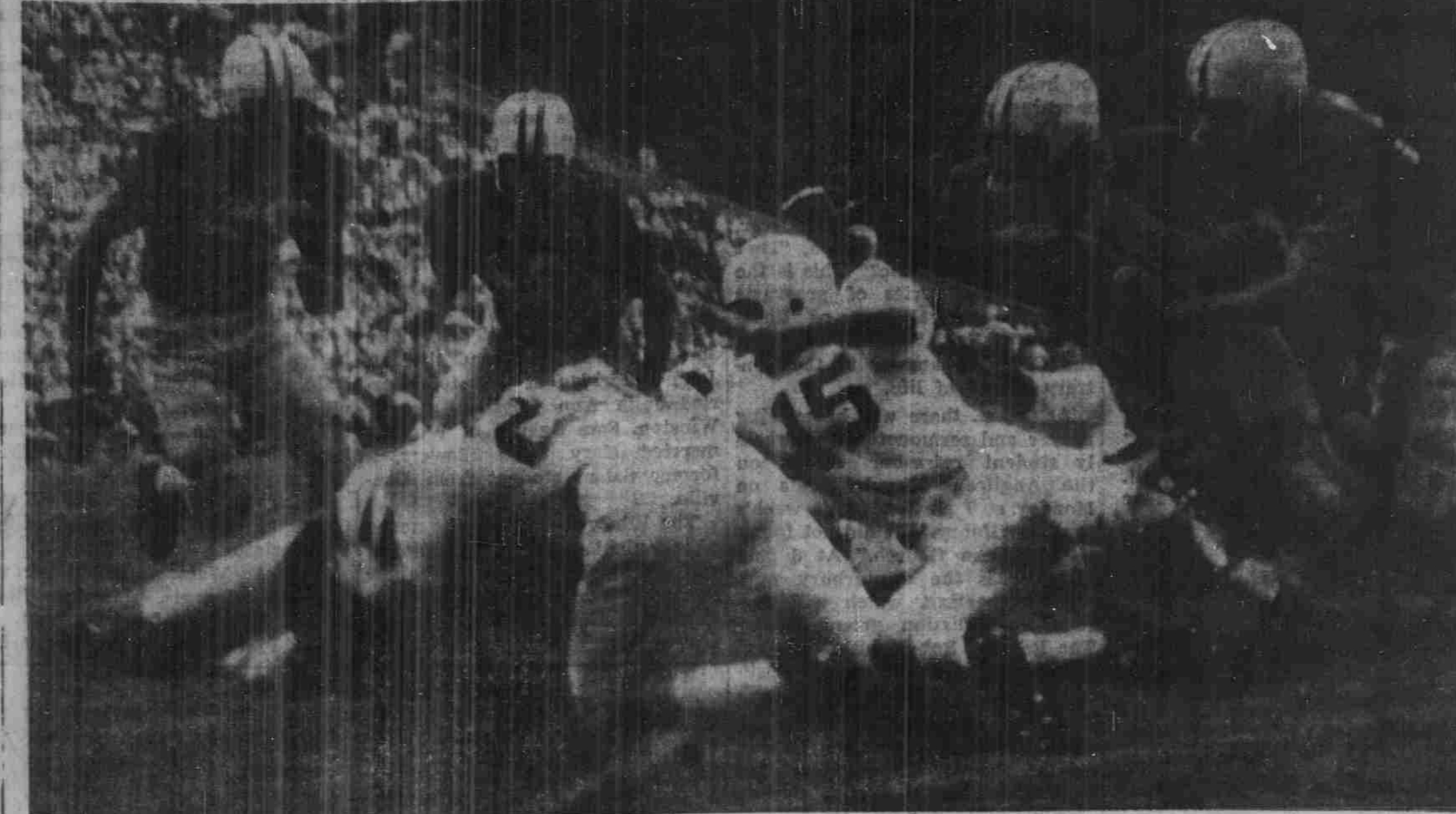
Only a week ago the Tigers won three in a row from the Indians, knocking them from first place and setting the stage for the Yankees' triumph.

Herb Score raised his season's strikeout total to 244, an all-time rookie record, by fanning nine of the Tigers in the opener and Hank Aguirre, a raw newcomer who drew a starting chance after second place was assured, set the Tigers down with a meager three hits in the nightcap.

Cleveland's hitters, woefully inept during the Indians' slide from the top, came to life with the pressure off and pounded out 25 hits, 12 in the first game, 13 in the second. Al Smith, Bobby Avila and rookie Bill Harrell had three apiece in the opener. Rocky Colavito smacked four in a row in the afterpiece as Manager Al Lopez sprinkled his lineup with new faces. The only bright spot for Tiger fans came in the first game when Al Kaline, the league's leading hitter, connected for a single and a triple, raising his season's total hits to 200. He's the first player in either league to get that many.

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Sooners Edge Tar Heels In Thrill Packed Tilt



John Bilich Scores Tar Heel TD

Tackle John Bilich (dark jersey) is shown clinching the football to his chest as he recovered an Oklahoma fumble in the end zone for the lone Carolina touchdown in yesterday's opener at Kenan Stadium. Other player in the photo are Don Lear (48) and Buddy Payne (66).

Leo Durocher Quits N. Y. Giants

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP) — Leo Durocher quit baseball today to go into private business and was immediately replaced as manager of the New York Giants by Bill Rigney.

The double announcement was made by Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants. He said he accepted Durocher's resignation with "deep personal regret," but was glad to have had a suitable replacement in Rigney, currently piloting the Minneapolis Millers in the American Assn.

"Leo Durocher has been a fine manager for the New York Giants," Stoneham said, "and he has done some of his best work during the previous season, when injuries and some playing failures imposed many handicaps." The retirement of the explosive manager after 17 years as a major league pilot, the last seven and a half with the Giants, came as no surprise to followers of the Giants. As far back as last May, he confided to several close friends he planned to quit after this season. Last June 23, amidst rumors

that Durocher was to be fired, the Associated Press wrote that Leo was sure to finish the season but intimated he would not be back in 1956.

"My decision to retire is not a last minute one," Durocher explained to reporters summoned to the Polo Grounds for a press conference. "I have been thinking about it for a long time, going back to last year. I might have quit last year but I already had given my word to Mr. Stoneham that I'd be back."

"No, the performance of the team had nothing whatsoever to do with my retirement," Leo said. "I would have left even if the Giants had won the pennant."

The 49-year-old former infielder he gave up his \$50,000 a year job in baseball to accept an executive position in California "which would keep me at home most of the time with my family."

He did not identify his new job but it was learned that Leo has been offered a distributorship by the Anheuser-Busch Brewery which supposedly will pay him as much as he earned as manager of

the Giants. In addition, Leo has an offer to telecast the 1956 Hollywood games in the Pacific Coast League for an additional \$12,500 per year.

Durocher said he would finish out the season with the Giants and would be in uniform for to-doubledheader with the Philadelphia Phillies. Rigney, currently involved in a battle for the Little World Series championship with Rochester, will not take over until after the end of the series.

"It's great to be back in the big league," Rigney exclaimed, when reached in Rochester. "I'm thrilled to get this opportunity. I'll give it a good try. It's great."

The 37-year-old former infielder of the Giants, who left the club to manage at Minneapolis last year, said he had heard rumors all summer but it was not until early this morning that he was first contacted.

"Mr. Stoneham telephoned me at 10 o'clock this morning to sound me out," the lean, bespectacled Rigney said. "Then came the clinching call at noon. The first

thing I did was telephone my wife in California."

Durocher's three coaches—Herbman Franks, Fred Fitzsimmons and Frank Shellenback—resigned along with him. Shellenback, however, will return as a scout.

One of the coaches, who will not be identified here, said he felt certain that Durocher would change his mind about retiring if he were offered a managing job by another club.

"It's got to come from a club that Leo feels has a chance to go all the way, however," the ex-coach said. "As for me, I go where Leo goes."

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point, and Oklahoma moved into a 7-6 advantage.

That score came after six minutes of the second half had gone by. From then on neither team could make much headway until late in the final stanza.

Oklahoma took the ball on the Carolina 39 after a weak punt from Will Frye. Clendon Thomas drove around right end for 28 yards to the Carolina 11 for a first down. There the Tar Heel forward wall stiffened. Barris banged over tackles for four yards and five yards on two successive plays. Harris tried a quarterback sneak, but was snowed under completely. Harris then faked a sneak, and pitched out to MacDonald who scooted over for the score. The PAT was wide to the left, but it didn't matter anyway.

SOONERS STALL FOR TIME

Carolina took the kickoff but could not move the ball. Frye punted out, but the Sooners hung on to the ball for the last three minutes with repeated running plays. The game ended with the Sooners on the Carolina 46, third down and 12 to go.

KOMAN LEADS DEFENSE

For the Tar Heels it was an all-out team effort. There were not any outstanding offensive stars, and everyone certainly played a good game on defense. Big Bill Koman, senior guard from Pennsylvania, stole the show on defense. The 216-pounder was all over the field making tackles. He recovered one fumble in the Oklahoma backfield and picked it up, racing the length of the field. The only catch was that he was called back, since it is illegal to run with a fumble recovered in the offensive backfield.

Ken Keller, Will Frye, Jack Maultsby, Roland Perdue, Hap Setzer, and John Bilich were some of the leaders, just to name a few. On offense Ken Keller and Ed Sutton bore the brunt of the attack. Sutton picked up 33 yards in ten carries, while Keller gained 31 yards in nine tries. Sophomore quarterback Dave Reed ran the

show for more than half the game, picking up 26 yards in five rushes. Buddy Sasser, the starter at the signal calling post gained only two yards in six rushes.

For Oklahoma, the running quarterback, Jim Harris, led the offensive show. The speedy junior netted 117 yards in 18 carries. Burris, MacDonald, and Thomas also picked up a lot of yardage in the game.

STATE COMES NEXT

The Tar Heels meet up against the North Carolina State Wolfpack next week in their traditional series. The Tar Heels go to Raleigh for the afternoon game.

Coach Barclay's gang went through yesterday's game without any major injuries, so they should be in top shape for the Wolfpack. Quarterback Buddy Sasser hurt his nose during the early stages of the game, but the damage is not known as yet. The little sophomore still played much of the game with the handicap. Coach Barclay said he was afraid the nose might be broken.

Sasser and Reed will be counted on to do almost all of the quarterbacking in the State game. If Sasser is forced to miss the game, it could be a big blow. Both quarterbacks looked alternately good and poor, but the Oklahoma line was a tough one to crack. Although the Tar Heels could not quite put together an impressive offense, they showed the best defensive play a Tar Heel team has made in the past several years.

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Middies, Army, Irish Take Wins In Big Saturday Games

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—William and Mary started out to show it would be tough by grinding out two quick first downs before the Navy defense stiffened and took over on the Navy 12.

The middies ripped off six ground plays to the W & M 56 before Welsh dropped back and lifted a 10-yard pass to end Jim Owen. On the next play, Welsh hit Barker at the goal line for the touchdown. Halfback Ned Oldham's conversion was good.

The Middies looked on that drive like the three-touchdown favorites they had been before the game.

The aggressive Indians got to work then and made a ball game of it before a crowd of 14,002.

Despite the game's closeness Nevy wound up with a sizable edge in statistics, out rushing the Indians 238 yards to 114, outpassing them 65 yards to 8, and registering 11 first downs to 6.

Navy almost scored again at the start of the second half when Oldham handed off the kickoff to Halfback Chet Burchett on the Middle 4. The little speedster dashed down the sidelines to Indians 45 before Quarterback Tom Scudles, the last man in his way, pulled him down.

The Middies got to the 30 before two passes from Welsh failed to click and W & M took over on downs.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 24 (AP) — Quarterback Paul Hornung ably stepped into All-American Ralph Guglielmi's shoes today by leading Notre Dame to a bruising 17-0 opening victory over Southern Methodist.

Running like a fullback and calling signals like a veteran, the 205-pound Hornung scored the first Irish touchdown, kicked a 38-yard field goal for a 10-0 halftime lead and then kept stubborn SMU on the ropes in the second half.

The breaks went entirely against the Texas Mustangs from Dallas in this game which was televised throughout the Middle West as they fumbled and had passes intercepted when it could have turned the ball game.

But, by and large, it was the same old Notre Dame chewing up yardage, blocking and tackling viciously and ball-hawking all over the field.

The clinching score, Notre Dame's second touchdown, came late in the third period on a bench-inspired play. Halfback Paul Reynolds, a speedy veteran, raced onto the field to replace Sherrill Sipes, with fourth down in SMU's 14.

Reynolds swept around SMU's right side in a delayed handoff from Hornung and raced un molested to score.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 24 (AP) — Army opened its 1955 football campaign by crushing Furman, 81-0, today in a game highlighted by the first appearance of Don Hollender at Quarterback for the Cadets.

The star end of last year handled the big Army team in smooth style despite the drizzling rain, and in the second quarter, with Army on Furman's 39, faded back to his 50, and threw a perfect pass to Art Johnson over the goal line.

The longest scoring play, however, was made by Pete Lash who

ran 73 yards in the third period. Lash, Dick Murland, and Bob Munger each made a pair of touchdowns in Army's scoring spree—the biggest opening day score in the annals of West Point.

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