

Athlete's Feats

Jim Harper

Jim Tatum, North Carolina football coach: "As a coach, I feel I have to be optimistic and predict big things for each fall. After all, I'm not a millionaire today but that doesn't make me gloomy. I might inherit a bank tomorrow."

—Sports Illustrated, July 28, 1958

We talked with Coach Jim Tatum the other morning, and he didn't talk like a millionaire. Neither did he talk like he was expecting to inherit a bank in the near future. But he talked like a man who was going to field a good football team in September, with reservations.

The reservations dealt with this, the second session of summer school, for by August 23 he should have a good idea of how his first and second squad lines will look. Both Mac Turlington, the senior end from Dunn, and Don Stallings, the giant Rocky Mount tackle, are in school this session for a purpose—to regain eligibility for athletics this fall. Tatum was quite clear about the importance of these two men: "If Stallings and Turlington come through in summer school, then we should have a real good college football team. We couldn't call our shots, you understand, but we could go into any game with a good chance of winning."

Warming up to his subject, Tatum elaborated, "With Turlington eligible we would have four experienced ends; Turlington, Kemper, Goldstein, and Crist. And with Stallings out the others wouldn't be pushed enough." He made clear where the main emphasis of his football lay—in the line.

But two other summer school students were called to mind: "Jim Schuler is here this session. We found last year that he was a great break-away runner, and he will play plenty of ball. And Sonny Folckomer is here too. Last year as a freshman he was great, and he will certainly be a tremendous offensive threat."

We asked about the overall prospects for the coming season, especially concerning opponent strength. In way of introduction, Tatum replied, "We were encouraged by the spirit of the team last year; last season was a long shot, so to speak, because we had to depend on a lot of sophomores. We won three fine games: Clemson, Navy, and Duke, so we know that the talent is there. I would say that we're the darkhorse of the ACC this year. If we're good enough to beat State and Clemson—they're what I'd call the "hump" games—we'll be good enough for any team on a given Saturday. And I think that Clemson will be one of the top teams in the country this fall, but," he emphasized, "if we can beat them down there in Clemson then we'll be OK."

We asked the Coach what he considered the top game of the coming season, thinking of the traditional fray with Duke, or perhaps Notre Dame. "I just named it," he replied. "N. C. State."

Tatum went on to describe what seemed to us a great array of talent. "If the tackles and ends come around, we'll be OK in the line. We have depth at the guards with Russell, Swearingin, Lineberger, and Mueller. At the center we have Koes and Davis.

"We have the quarterbacks. Cummings, Lowe, Hollers, and Clements. No, it doesn't look like we can use Hathaway this season. He's still in his cast, and probably won't play. We can hold him out though and use him the following season. This year he'll probably help with coaching the backs and as the team leader. Halfbacks," and we distinctly heard him gloat, "look good. We have the so-called "veterans": DeCantis, Smith, Schuler, Goff, and Droze. Then we have Folckomer and Walton, who just got back from the service. We have another service man back at fullback, Klochak. And we have Coker, Lipski, and Schupin."

We thanked the Coach for his time, and for a very fine interview.

From our viewpoint, the football prospects looked rather good, at least until the season's opener with State. Or until August 23.

While in the office the other day, we were visited by one of Coach Walt Rabb's finer prospects for his pitching staff next spring. Henny Supplee brought the news that he and other Carolina baseball players (Carroll Bolic, Russ Hollers, Ben Harding, Johnny Johnson) were keeping in trim in the state semi-pro leagues. We had a nice talk, and received an invitation to the semi-pro tourney in Roxboro this week, "for some pretty sharp baseball."



WHERE'S THAT REACH, BOY? . . . fast action in this week's Junior Chamber of Commerce Tennis Tournament is shown here as one of the competitors dives for tough shot. Thousands of fans have been treated to this exciting brand of tennis since Tuesday's opening matches.



TWO OF THE BIG SHOTS AT THE COURTS . . . Ed Kensler, one of the major domos directing this week's tourney, and Billy Talbert are pictured here together on the number one court shortly before Talbert's exhibition match.

News-Feature Writers Will Meet Sept. 6

John Popham, former New York Times correspondent, and Bill Woestendiek, editorial director of the amazing new journal, Newsday, of Long Island, N. Y., will be main speakers at the 7th annual meeting of the N. C. Conference of News and Feature Writers, meeting at the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill, Saturday Sept. 6, it was announced today by Jim Chaney of the Raleigh News and Observer, chairman of the meeting.

Popham is now editor of the Chattanooga Times. He has covered the southern scene for years. His topic is "The Newspaper of 1953."

Woestendiek is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the Columbia School of Journalism. He worked on the Winston-Salem Journal, was a Nieman Fel-

low in Journalism at Harvard University, is a veteran of World War I and of the Korean War.

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nominal sum), and the groundskeepers."

Boyd went on to point out that the players in the tournament were indeed the top young tennis prospects in America. "Do you realize that some of these boys, perhaps 30 per cent or more, haven't been home since the first of June? They all have played in some tournaments before coming to Chapel Hill, and some have played in over five this summer, and this is the final big tournament for all of them. Two of the top players here, probably the winner and runner-up in the Junior division will be placed on the Junior Davis Cup team which will tour with Billy Talbert the rest of the summer."

Boyd said that the galleries had been very large for the first few days of the tournament, and that capacity crowds were expected for the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals.

Boyd explained that the 185 players were members of teams representing each state and territory. A team is comprised of four players, two in the Boys division and two in the Junior division. Not all of the states have full representation; Hawaii sent only one player, Puerto Rico three.

VALLEY DRIVE-IN

FRIDAY

And

SATURDAY

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The Hired Gun

With

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ANNE FRANCIS

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SUNDAY

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And

TUESDAY

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JOHN WAYNE &

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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Starring

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THURSDAY

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Starring/

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