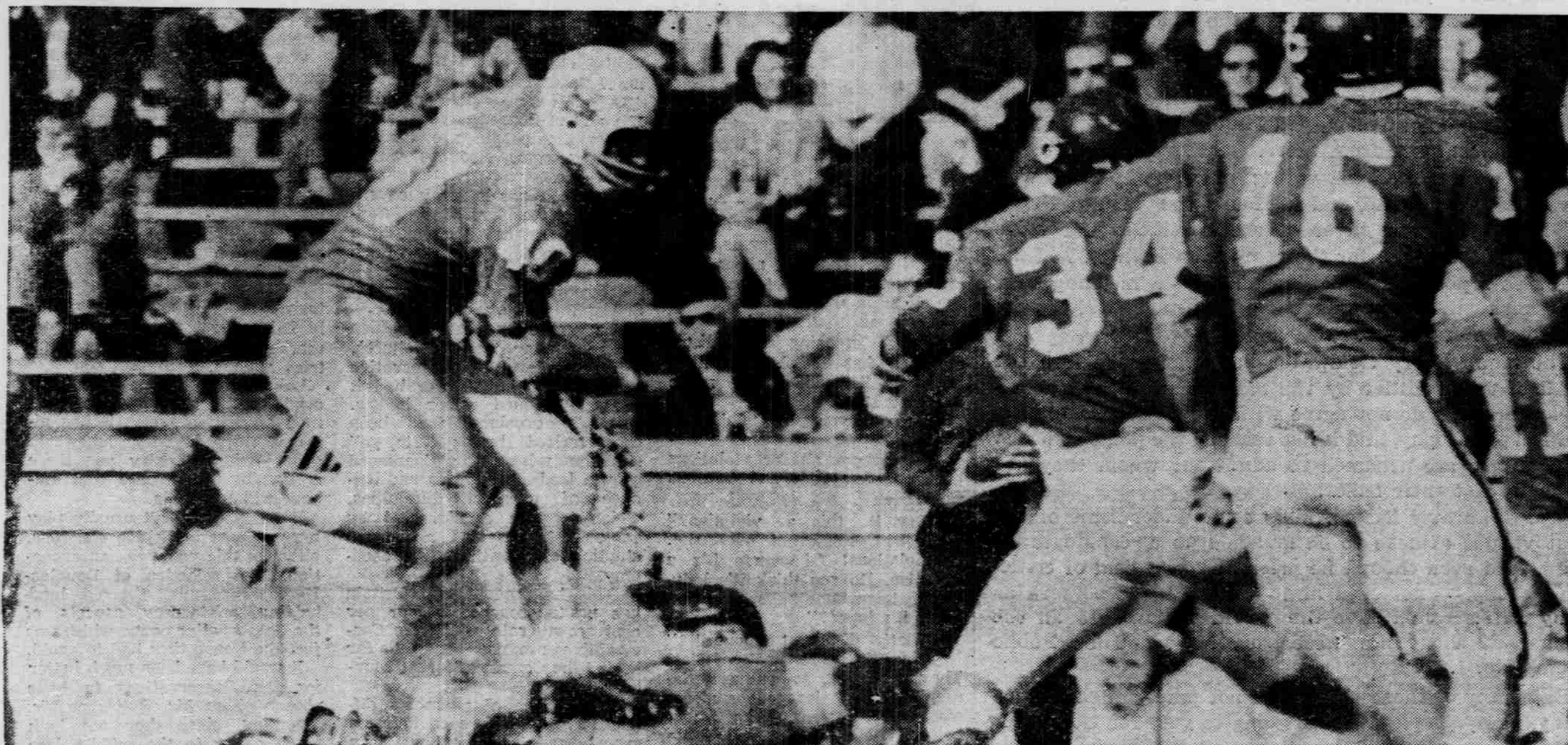


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"Two Platoon" Tar Heels Pluck Gamecocks, 24-6



Vaulting over Eddie Kesler, Ken Willard heads for paydirt. Ken gained 139 yards rushing. Photo by Jock Lauterer

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Using a new "two-platoon" system, that combined a flashy offense with a stubborn defense, the Tar Heels rolled to a smashing 24-6 victory over the South Carolina Gamecocks yesterday.

The offense, led by quarterback Gary Black, halfback Ken Willard and flanker Ronnie Jackson, lit the scoreboard for three touchdowns and a field goal while rolling up 446 total yards. The Chris Hanburger-led defense held the Gamecocks to one long scoring bomb, and made shreds of the USC running attack.

Earlier in the week, Tar Heel coach Jim Hickey decided to go with offensive platoons, and it turned out to be a stroke of genius. With both platoons getting regular rest, the Tar Heels almost ran the Gamecocks off the field.

For the second consecutive week, Black turned in a brilliant performance. The senior quarterback scored two touchdowns and passed for the other. For the day, Gary had 17 completions in 31 attempts for 206 yards.

Once again, Black's favorite receiver was little Ronnie Jackson. The Rocky Mount speedster bettered his season's total of receptions by grabbing 8 tosses for 123 yards, one a 53-yard touchdown bomb.

Big Ken Willard had his best game of the season for the Big Blue by amassing 139 yards, 84 in the first half, in 32 carries.

In that first half, the Tar Heels almost pushed the South Carolinians off the field. The Gamecocks could manage only one first down in the entire half while the Tar Heels were running and passing for 14.

The Black-led Heels wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard. After the defense had forced Jack McCallister to punt, the offense took over on their own 36. After Willard had picked up 16 yards in two carries on a new pitchout play Hickey had installed for the game, Black dropped back and threw long for Jackson. Ronnie was wide open on the 20 when he gathered the toss in and scored with 11:58 left in the first quarter.

After Dave Braine's kick was good, the Tar Heels were penalized 15 yards for holding and Max Chapman came in to kick the 35-yard extra point and the Tar Heels led 7-0.

Late in the quarter, the Heels began another drive from their 20. With Willard, Black and Eddie Kesler eating up the yardage the Tar Heels moved to the USC 27 in 9 plays. With third and seven at this point, Black and Jackson combined for a first down on the 9, but the attack bogged down there.

With fourth and goal at the 5-yard line, Braine came in and kicked a 21-yard field goal and the Tar Heels led 10-0 with 3:14 left in the quarter.

After a drive was stopped when Chapman missed a long field goal from the 35 yard line, the Tar Heels put together a

sustained drive of 78 yards for a score just before halftime.

After Kesler gained two yards to the 24, John Atherton made a great one-hand catch on a Black aerial that went for 13 yards and the Tar Heels were on the march.

With Black completing three

| | UNC | USC |
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| First downs | 25 | 10 |
| Rushing yardage | 240 | 78 |
| Passes attempted | 31 | 19 |
| Passes completed | 17 | 8 |
| Passing yardage | 206 | 135 |
| Total yards | 446 | 213 |
| Passes intercepted | 1 | 1 |
| Punts | 5 | 8 |
| Aver. distance punts | 40.6 | 34.3 |
| Fumbles lost | 1 | 1 |

RUSHING

| UNC | |
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| Willard | 42 for 139 |
| Kesler | 12 for 47 |
| Black | 6 for 37 |

USC

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| Branson | 5 for 27 |
| Rogers | 4 for 14 |
| Lamb | 4 for 12 |

PASSING

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| Black | 17-31, 206 yds. |
| Reeves | 8-19, 135 yds. |

PASS RECEIVING

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| Jackson | 8 for 123 yds. |
| Atherton | 2 for 26 yds. |
| Senter | 2 for 61 yds. |

TACKLES-ASSIST

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| Hanburger | 11-6 |
| Wood | 6-2 |
| Zarro | 5-3 |
| DiVenere | 8-4 |
| Dickinson | 6-2 |
| Gill | 6-0 |

key passes and Willard romping over would-be tacklers, the Tar Heels moved to a first down on the Gamecock 16. After runs by Black and Willard moved the ball to the 7, Kesler bulldozed his way to a first down on the 4. Willard tried tackle twice but could only move to the 2, and on third down, Black faked to Willard and turned his right end for the touchdown. Braine kicked the extra point and Carolina led 17-0 with 24 seconds left in the half.

The second half started off as if it was going to be a repeat performance. The Tar Heels took the kickoff and marched over the Gamecocks for their third touchdown. Taking the ball on the 27, Jimmy Eason gained four yards, then Black hit Jackson for 12 and a first down.

After a 5 yard penalty, Black dropped back to pass, found no one open, was seemingly trapped, but broke loose for a 28-scramper to the Gamecock 34. Willard picked up a first down at the 20 in two carries.

With fourth and two on the 12, Willard dove off tackle and made the first down by inches. After Black lost four yards, Willard smashed for five to the 9. Jimmy Eason then carried off tackle to the five where the Heels had fourth and goal on the five.

Black then rolled out dodged two tackles at the line of scrimmage, twists and turns and falls into the end zone for the score with 9:29 left in the third quarter.

With the Gamecocks on the ropes, Black missed with his knockout punch, a long pass that fell off Willard's hands, and South Carolina came back to score its only touchdown.

Taking the ball on their 7, the Gamecocks moved for a first down at the 18. With third down, the officials lost count of the downs and then Hickey sent in his punt-return team, but the officials finally decided it was third down, and penalized the Tar Heels for illegal substitution.

After a pass interference call gave the Gamecocks another first down, Reeves threw a 52-yard bomb to Dave Senter, who took the ball from the grasp of Dave Braine and Hank Barden. Chris Hanburger broke in to smear Reeves on the two-point conversion attempt and the scoring was over for the day with 1:58 to go in the third quarter.

Hanburger once again proved that he is one of the nation's top linebackers. Chris had his biggest day with 11 tackles and 6 assists.

Scoring by quarters:
South Carolina ... 0 0 6 0-6
North Carolina ... 10 7 7 0-24

Individual scoring:
UNC — Jackson, 53-yard pass from Black. (Chapman 35-yard kick.)

UNC—FG, Braine, 21 yards.

UNC—Black, 2, run. (Braine kick)

UNC—Black, 5 run (Braine kick)

USC—Senter, 52 pass from Reeves (run failed)