

ACC Teams Look Strong In Lines

Football games, the saying goes, are won or lost up front in the line. That being the case, the Atlantic Coast Conference teams may have a strong case for some winning seasons, for there are some standout interior linemen around the league this season.

Starting in the south with defending champion Clemson, consider the case of the offensive line that Frank Howard has at his disposal. Wayne Mass was an All-American selection last year at tackle, and his next door neighbor at guard, Harry Olszewski, was all-ACC. They are the feature characters of a group that would average over 220 pounds per man.

South Carolina feels that their center, Jimmy Gobble, is a quality player. In Tim Bice, a mini-linebacker, they have one of the better defenders in the conference.

North Carolina State's hope for a winning season rests largely on the performance of their defense. Tackle Dennis Byrd was all-American last year and looks at least as good. End Pete Sokalsky and linebacker Chuck Amato are just a shade behind. On offense, take a good look at

center Carey Metts, one of the best in many years at State. Duke feels that they may have the best center in the nation, Mike Murphy by name. Mike has been injury prone, but if he holds together a little better, he could become another in a long line of great ones. Bob Foyle, their middle guard on defense rates as the best at his job, and was all-ACC in '66.

Wake Forest believes that Robert Grant is one of the very best defensive players in these parts. Grant was all-conference tackle last year, now moves to end. He is big, fast and all the other things it takes to standout above the crowd.

North Carolina coach Bill Dooley has yet to see his charges under fire, but his two offensive tackles have the bulk to be among the better men at their job. Tom Ingle is down to 237 pounds, Mike Richey goes at 235. If they both go at full speed, the Tarheels may surprise.

At Virginia, notice must be given to offensive tackle Greg Shelly, a 235 pounder with speed to spare. Bob Buchanan is a better than average guard and linebackers Mal MacGregor and Bob Paczkoski could be the best the Cavaliers have had in quite a while.



Coach Bill Dooley (center) is beginning his first season as Carolina's head football coach while the nine senior players surrounding him are beginning their last. They are left to right: quarterback Jeff Beaver, tackle Jim Masino, end Charlie Carr, tackle, Tom Ingle, defensive back Jack Davenport, defensive end George Zadjeika, tackle Lou Pukal, linebacker Mike Horvat and tailback David Riggs.

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(Continued from Page 1) proved to be a very pleasant one for the Carolina coaches has been the play of sophomore Ron Lowery who will start at one of the defensive halfbacks.

"We've been tremendously impressed with the play of Ron," coach Dooley says. "He hits hard and covers a lot of territory. I think he's going to be a good one."

Joining Lowery in the backfield will be another sophomore at safety, Ken Price. Price was shifted to the defensive platoon after playing quarterback for the Tar Heel freshman last season.

Coach Dooley feels that he has an adequate first team offense and defense. "It's the total lack of depth that concerns me," he says.

One position at which the Tar Heels seem to be pretty well set is quarterback. Gayle Bomar was named to the starting role, earlier this week.

The two quarterbacks are about as opposite as night and day. Bomar is more of a running type while Beaver has the reputation as one of the finest passers in the conference. Beaver also has experience on his side so if Bomar encounters difficulty running the team, Beaver is sure to be called upon.

The Carolina-N.C. State game is the first half of a football double-header to be played here today Duke and Wake Forest will clash tonight at 7:30 in the second game.

OFFENSE

Ends—Peter Davis, Tom Cantrell
Tackles—Tom Ingle, Mike Richey
Guards—Ev Covan, Ed Chalupka
Center—Chip Bradley
Quarterback—Gayle Bomar
Tailback—David Riggs
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The schedule at Raleigh has Carolina and N.C. State in the first game and Duke and Wake Forest in the second beginning at 7:30 p.m.

South Carolina's opponent is Iowa State of the Big Eight. The Gamecocks are favored in the game that starts at 7:30 in Columbia.

Iowa State had only a 2-6-2 record last season but the Cyclones hope their new running attack will improve matters.

South Carolina struggled to a

1-9 slate under new coach Paul Dietzel in 1966. The recent loss of breakaway star Benny Galloway to injury hasn't helped matters in the Gamecock camp. Still, the backfield is outstanding, especially with Mike Fair at quarterback and Ben Garno at halfback.

Duke and Wake Forest rate about even. Both teams are vastly improved over last year when the Blue Devils were 5-5 and the Demon Deacons 3-7.

Duke has two fine quarterbacks to choose from and fullback Jay Calabrese handles the running chores. On defense there is All-ACC guard Bob Foyle.

Wake Forest features an all conference lineman of its own

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