

Meet All Seven ACC Foes

Heels Must Settle Family Fights For Winning Year

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Carolina's football schedule is not as tough as some of those in years past, but the Tar Heels must be successful against Atlantic Coast Conference playmates to have a respectable season.

And often family squabbles are the nastiest. Add this to the fact that Carolina has won only three conference games in the last two years.

The Tar Heels meet all seven ACC rivals, plus Southeastern Conference foes Florida and Vanderbilt and inter-sectional opponent Air Force.

Neither Vanderbilt nor Air Force is expected to have much, and both may be prime candidates to absorb UNC

defeats. Florida is a different story. The Fighting Gators are pre-season picks for the SEC championship and are listed in the Top Ten nationally.

Among kissin' cousins in the ACC, Clemson, North Carolina State and Wake Forest will provide the stiffest challenges while South Carolina, Duke, Maryland and Virginia should be tossups.

State is the only bowl team from last season, although Florida has almost been conceded the 1969 Orange Bowl coming up Jan. 1.

Carolina will face an unusual number of top runners. Florida's all-everything Larry Smith leads the pack, followed by South Carolina's Warren Muir

and Benny Galloway, Jack Dolbin and Freddie Summers of Wake Forest, Frank Quayle, Jeff Anderson and Gene Arnette of Virginia and Clemson's Buddy Gore.

The opposition: NORTH CAROLINA STATE—The Wolfpack are coming off a 9-2 season in 1967 and a Liberty Bowl victory, but 17 starters have graduated and Coach Earle Edwards has only a bare remnant remaining.

Edwards will count all victories over six an act of Providence.

The defensive unit will still wear white shoes, but the resemblance to last year's stingy outfit just about ends there. All-ACC end Mark Capuano returns, however, and 6-6 250 tackle Ron Carpenter advances from the second team with the potential to become State's finest interior lineman ever. Their presence alone may be enough to grab second spot in the conference.

Edwards also lost his quarterback, and his passing attack will suffer from last year's good one. Returning backfield starters Bobby Hall and Settle Dockery will move the ball on the ground, if not making for a top-heavy running game.

NCAA record-holder Gerald Warren will kick field goals again when the Wolfpack can't push it over the goal.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Peppodent Paul Dietzel flashes a wide grin when discussing the future, and the ex-LSU, ex-Army coach may even get in a few smiles this season.

The Gamecocks were 5-5 in 1967 and could do much better this year if a strong-armed quarterback appears. Dietzel has the runners and receivers but needs a thrower.

But any backfield with Warren Muir and Benny Galloway must be a good one. Fullback Muir rushed for more yards than any sophomore in conference history last year with 805. Galloway sat out last



FREDDIE SUMMERS



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season with a knee injury but was USC's best runner in 1966. End Fred Ziegler led the ACC with 35 pass receptions in 1967 but must find someone to loft the ball to him.

Dietzel's biggest pride is his defense, as it was with the Chinese Bandits at LSU. Thirteen lettermen return on the defensive unit, including all-ACC linebacker T Bice and every starter in the secondary.

VANDERBILT—The Commodores won only two games last year, but one of those was over Carolina. The Tar Heels will be after revenge this season on a Saturday night in Nashville, traditionally reserved for the Grand Ole Opry.

Vandy Coach Bill Pace will be singing the Opry blues this year. His nation's leading pass receiver, Bob Goodridge, has gone along with his quarterback. Their absence will ensure few points on the score board for the Commodores.

Vandy's defense will be better, and opponents will try to steer clear of 224-pound linebacker Chip Healey, a sure all-SEC bet. The defensive line anchored by Healey is experienced and will be tough to run against.

The Commodores have not won a conference game in

several years and must look outside for victories. This year will be no different.

MARYLAND—Probably the worst college football team in the country last year was Maryland. The Terps lost all nine games and their offense could not have busted through a plate glass window.

With Florida State, Syracuse and Penn State providing the non-conference opposition, 1968 could be another winless year in College Park.

Quarterback Alan Pastrana, who was injured all season last season after leading ACC passers in 1966, is the one bright hope for Coach Bob Ward. Pastrana can throw if someone can catch.

Fullback Billy Lovett will balance Pastrana's passing with inside rushing.

Maryland's big problem may be that 32 lettermen return, and they are the same players that failed to win a game last season.

FLORIDA—There is little doubt that the Gators will be the best team Carolina faces this season. Pre-season polls have put Florida as high as fourth nationally and an easy schedule makes the Gators title favorites in the SEC. Florida begins with fullback

Larry Smith, who has gained 1,683 yards in two seasons. He should join O.J. Simpson and Leroy Keyes in the 1968 all-America backfield.

But there is more to Florida than Smith. Experience and depth are all over the place.

Quarterback Larry Rentz tops a veteran backfield. Tight end Jim Yarborough at 6-8, 260 is an enormous target and a crushing blocker. All-SEC guard Guy Dennis at 252 combines with Yarborough on a powerful offensive line. The defensive line is big, led by 6-6, 236 Jim Hadley.

Physical presence alone may frighten many opponents, and the Gators will make up the rest with talent.

WAKE FOREST—It's the Year of the Offense for the Deacons, and Wake may play in several high-scoring contests. The defense isn't that good, but the Deac backfield is explosive.

All-ACC quarterback Freddie Summers heads the backs. He was the total offense leader in the conference last year. Summers is a quick runner and capable passer.

Joining him are bullish fullback Ron Jurewicz and halfbacks Fred Angerman and Jack Dolbin, both of whom have excellent speed.

Linebacker Carlyle Pate will be the best Deac defensively.

AIR FORCE—The Air Force Academy has managed to play its best game of the season the past two years against Carolina. Both times the Tar Heels have lost.

The Falcons suffer from inexperience this year but should have good speed and quickness.

The offense will not be very potent, but backs Curtis Martin and Ernest Jennings should provide a decent ground game. The defensive unit, filled with sophomores, should make many mistakes.

VIRGINIA—The best rushing backfield in the Atlantic Coast Conference resides in Charlottesville. Fullback Jeff Anderson and halfback Frank Quayle are the

two best runners in an ACC backfield, and quarterback Gene Arnette knows his way around.

Anderson and Quayle combined for over 1,500 yards in 1967.

The Cavaliers return nine offensive starters, who may make 1968 Virginia's best season ever.

Defense will be respectable, but not awesome.

CLEMSON—The Tigers were undefeated in the conference last season and return 38 lettermen. That may be enough for a record third straight ACC championship.

Coach Frank Howard is still shopping around for a quarterback, but the Baron lineup, and Duke must look to the future.

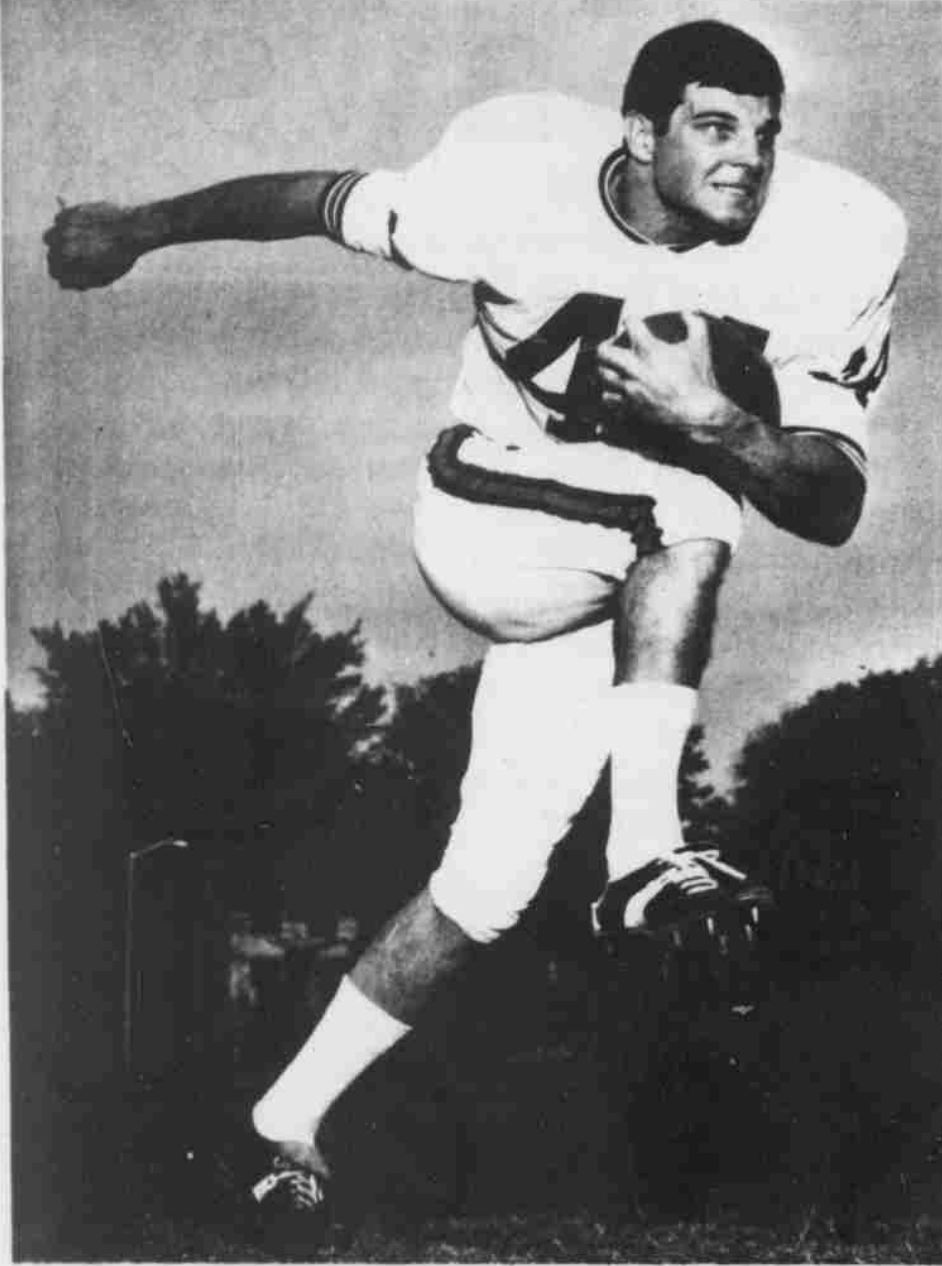
the ball. Even without a signal caller, 1967 ACC Player of the Year Buddy Gore will see to it that the Tigers advance on the ground. He gained 1,045 yards last year.

All but one defensive line starter returns. End Ron Ducworth and linebacker Jimmy Catoe are standouts.

This should be Clemson's year again in the ACC, as has been the case in recent seasons.

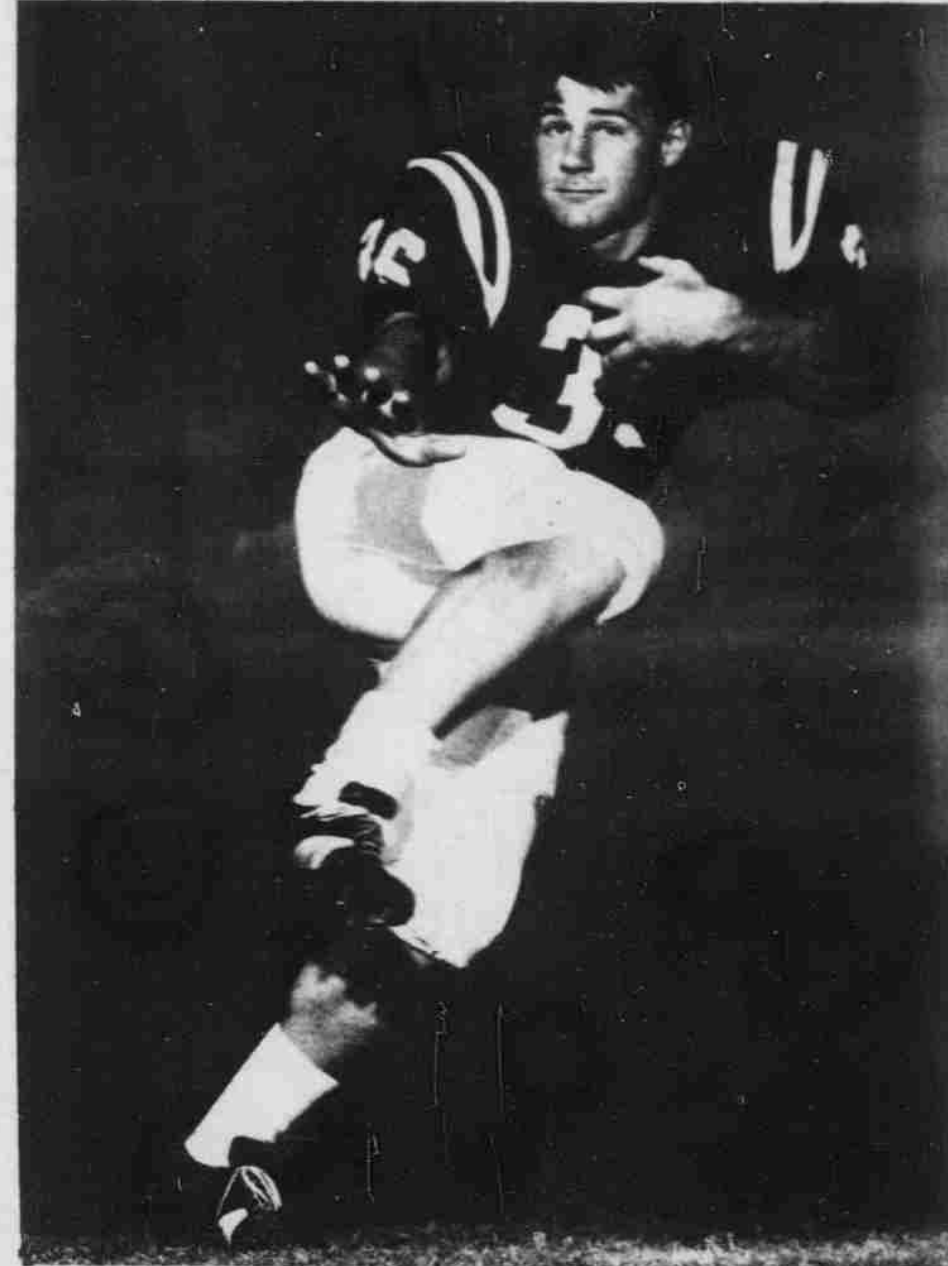
DUKE—What the Blue Devils didn't lose because of graduation, they lost due to the academic suspension of eight players.

Coach Tom Harp will have many fuzzy-cheeked sophomores in his starting lineup, and Duke must look to the future.



ACC Player Of Year Buddy Gore

...Clemson back will face UNC Nov. 16



Gamecock Fullback Warren Muir

...Led Conference Sophs in 1967

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