



# Heel Prints...

By Owen Davis

A little old lady stood behind a group of men in line Sunday at a noontime buffet in Greensboro and whispered to a counterpart. "Look at all these gentlemen. Must be some church group."

It was a bad guess. Several turtles, typewriters and towering young men contrasted the group from a Sunday morning Bible class.

Instead it was a collection of basketball players, coaches and writers gathered for the Atlantic Coast Conference-sponsored "Operation Basketball," a pre-season interview session.

Writers and players met first, and Duke guard Dave Golden sat down early. There was glib Golden in his three-piece suit, making a favorable impression with his candid comments.

"Boy we had no speed at all last year," he said. "And now without Lewis our guys don't hit the boards as well as they should."

We had heard that Golden has a tough reputation but conversation proved otherwise.

"What did you do this summer Dave," someone asked.

"I picked up garbage," he said. "It was a good job-I got to work outside. But it was smelly."

Carolina center Rusty Clark came next. Clark, a zoology major, announced that he wants to become a doctor.

But Rusty, what about the pros? "Basketball is just a game," he said. "I enjoy it, but I'm not really serious about professional basketball."

"Some killer ain't he," someone commented. "That guy could be making the big money shooting hoops and he gets a backache looking through a microscope instead."

Joe Serdich and Dick Braucher, N. C. State forwards, followed Clark.

You boys pre-Med too?

"Don't ask Dick and me what we're majoring in," answered Serdich.

Finally there was Maryland guard Pete Johnson. Johnson, the only Negro present, was nervous.

He held his hands together formally in his lap, stared down at the table and whispered his answers.

He was the leading scorer on his team, but his team was a loser.

Johnson felt awkward. The Terps won only eight of 24 games last season, four in the ACC. There wasn't much for him to talk about, at least anything positive.

Maryland's center is just 6-7, the Terps shot only 38.9 percent from the floor in 1967 and 15 of their games are on the road despite having the largest arena in the conference. And Maryland was 1-13 away from home last season.

Johnson quietly said the team should go to him more for points since he averaged 15 a game, but he didn't like to discuss himself.

Always polite, the thin 6-0, 170-pounder preferred to think about the times when Maryland came close to beating Carolina, such as the one-point loss in College Park in 1966 and the six-point setback in Chapel Hill last year.

That's how it is for a player accustomed to losing. The near-misses are important instead of the satisfying victories. You talk about the officiating and the home court advantage, which always seem to go against your team.

Johnson was no apologist, but he was sensitive to the derogatory remarks made about his team, predicted to finish last in the conference this year.

And for Johnson, it's been a whole life of sensitivity and missing the headlines.

Brought up just outside Washington, D. C., in Seat Pleasant, Md., Johnson was one of those kids who played basketball all year. He was small, but he could still shovel the snow off the neighborhood court in the cold winter, which he did often.

At Fairmont High School he was a good shooter and passer, and he was quick. Scholarship offers came from Wake Forest and West Virginia among others, but being the shy person he is, Johnson chose Maryland because it was close to home.

The transition to a big state university was like entering a strange new world. Now everybody was white and had money instead of black and wondering where the next dollar was coming from.

His sophomore year the Terps flew about a dozen times to their game sites, and Johnson had never been on an airplane before.

At first he didn't know whether he could like a life of traveling through the air, suspended in space with lots of room to fall.

It was far different from those backyard basketball games, the comforts of home, the feeling that you always had somebody around to take care of you.

But Johnson stuck it out because he was a basketball player and wanted to coach, or at least he thought he did until he saw what the job entails.

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# Beaten By 'Better Team,' 5-0 Booters Whitewashed By MSU



Carolina Booter Making A "Heads Up" Play ... In Soccer Team's 5-0 Loss To MSU Monday

## Saulis Zemaitis Is Ready To Show True Potential

By ART CHANSKY  
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Some people say that Saulis Zemaitis hasn't lived up to his potential, but actually he isn't to blame.

Zemaitis, the fireplug tailback from Hamilton, Ont., has displayed flashes of greatness over his short varsity career, but injuries and bad breaks have kept him from being the outstanding back that he may be before leaving Carolina.

The 5-9, 195-pound junior appeared headed for superb seasons in both freshman and sophomore years only to have frustrating injuries turn them into mediocre campaigns.

A hairline heel fracture put him out for most of his freshman year after gaining 179 yards in the opener against State. He didn't play again until the season's finale at Duke but still managed to be the team's leading ground gainer with a 5.3 yard average for each carry.

His frosh Coach, Fred Mueller, and former varsity head Jim Hickey sang the praises of Zemaitis and predicted greatness for the brown-haired Canadian.

When Bill Dooley took over the following year Zemaitis figured heavily in the coach's plans, and after a solid performance in the spring Blue-White Game, he was listed as a possible starter the next fall.

But again misfortune hit when he injured an ankle in last year's Maryland victory. He was finished for the season and once more had to start over in spring practice.

Zemaitis' performance

against Clemson Saturday, in which he gained 91 yards in 19 carries, has been called his best effort to date, but he may disagree.

"I don't think you can base a good game on just statistics," he said Monday. "Everyone says a good game is gaining a lot of yards, but I think it's when you run well but also feel good while blocking, too."

"Yardage wise, Saturday was my best performance, but I'd have to say that in last year's Maryland game everything fell into place."

Up until Saturday Zemaitis had been plagued by bad breaks and fumble-it-is. But his performance in Death Valley proved that he has cast away the bad breaks and, hopefully, the injuries and is ready to become the back that everyone said he would be.

"There isn't much left to this season," he said, "but I'm confident we will end on a good note. Next year will be different."

Asked if he thought the Tar Heels were down at all, Zemaitis simply said, "Look around," referring to the high spirited atmosphere of the Carolina lockerroom.

"I don't think we've been down at any point during this season," he said. "Besides we wouldn't be much of a team if we just laid down and died after a loss. This is just the sign of a team that wants to play football."

Saulis Zemaitis epitomizes the Tar Heel spirit, and he is one of the big reasons that Carolina football fortunes, although down, are certainly not out.

By RUSTY CARTER  
DTH Sports Writer

"We played well but we were beaten by a better team."

That was Coach Marvin Allen's reaction Monday afternoon to the Tar Heels soccer team's 5-0 loss to Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

The UNC booters, in their first tournament play ever, gave a championship effort in hustle but simply could not match the superior skill displayed by the defending NCAA national co-champions. The shot totals represented the trend of the contest. UNC took six shots opposed to Michigan's 37.

A slippery Fetzer Field hindered the play of both teams as the muddy booters missed kicks, slipped to the turf and only got their attacks organized in spurts.

Akron University Coach Stu Parry, whose team will face MSU Saturday, viewed the contest at Fetzer and told the story.

"Carolina hustled and played their best but Michigan State was decidedly better today. When they get their machine going they can't be stopped!"

The machine was muddy and wet but managed to fire up at intervals, leaving the Heels behind.

When opportunities came for the Tar Heels, mistakes also came. Alert Spartan defenders cleared the ball up field whenever the Heels penetrated, sending Carolina once again in pursuit of the speedy Spartan offense.

The Heels, who were used to seeing the ball on their end of the field, saw things just the opposite Monday. Michigan controlled everywhere.

Tony Keyes, a senior from Jamaica, and Tom Krefl from St. Louis, Mo., delivered the scoring blows to Carolina.

Keyes struck for three of the five Spartan goals and

Krefl the other two.

The opening quarter found the Heels even with the quick Spartan soccerman until 17:58. Then Keyes delivered the opening punch. After a brief mixup the Heel defenders, UNC goalie Tim Haigh had to go outside to take up slack. Keyes promptly booted the ball by him.

The Jamaican made it 2-0 early in the second period after a frustrating scramble in front of the UNC goal. Several shots were blocked and many shins kicked before Keyes took control and booted it in.

The Heels were still in it at the start of the third quarter but Krefl took over where Keyes had stopped and crushed the Heels.

His first tally came at 7:01 after an assist by Frank Morant on the left side of the net. Krefl skillfully booted the ball about 20 yards past UNC goalie, Haigh.

His second score at 21:32 was unassisted.

Coach Gene Kenney, Michigan State mentor, praised the Heels' effort.

"They really played well and never quit," he said. "Marv (Coach Allen) has done a great job and you have a lot to be proud of here at Carolina."

He also spoke highly of the play of UNC's Haigh.

"He is really tremendous and an excellent goal keeper."

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