

# Big Bill Bunting: Tar Heel 'Team Man'

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If there was every a sports anthology printed that defined various athletic terms, then the phrase "team player" would probably read: North Carolina's Bill Bunting.

It would likely read further as "a player that does what ever is needed to help the team."

This, even more precisely, fits the description of the Tar

Heels' lanky forward.

For two years Bunting has been mostly a rebounding and defensive player, averaging only eight points a game. But this season the senior from New Bern, N.C. is by his own admission "contributing offensively a little more" only because the Tar Heel attack requires better balance than in each of the past two campaigns.

"Each boy is shooting a little bit more this season to make up for the loss of Larry

Miller," Bunting said Thursday. "This team has much better depth, and we're not depending on any one man."

The fact that Miller's total shots are being divided among the other Tar Heels enables Bunting to shoot his very effective 10-12 foot jumper more frequently.

"I've always had confidence in my short jump shot, and I've felt I could make it," the bond-haired Bunting said. "This season I'm just getting the opportunity to shoot it

more often." And shoot it in, he has. In four games Bunting has scored 66 points for a better than 16 point average and a 60.5 percentage from the floor, highest on the Carolina squad.

But more importantly, Bunting's rebounding and defense have remained as strong as ever. The agile forward has pulled down 36 loose shots so far and is just behind Rusty Clark and Charlie Scott in that department.

Another responsibility of Bunting, and one that often

goes unnoticed, is that he usually draws the opponents' top offensive player.

"It's a little added pressure in regards to the possible outcome of the game," Bunting said modestly. "I usually try to hold the man I'm covering to below his game average for rebounds and assists as well as points."

Tar Heel Coach Dean Smith has said that Bunting does so much on defense that he rarely receives enough credit. Two tough assignments he has drawn in the past were Ohio State's Ed Hoskitt and Wake Forest's Dickie Walker, and Bunting stopped them both cold.

This season is still very young, and there are many other top players that Bunting will cover. But he welcomes the challenge that has to be met to assure Tar Heel success.

"In general I feel stronger than in the past two years," he said. "I feel more mature and aggressive, and I'm sure I can go longer than in my first two seasons."

But Bunting is a modest young man, and he always has a reason for everything, especially his success.

"Honestly, I haven't really had to work that hard for any of my points," he said. "I've had some great assists from the other players, and Rusty (Clark) makes my job a whole lot easier."

Bunting says that Clark's awesome presence makes him more free to "move around

under the basket, to release for breaks and to change from offense to defense.

"If I draw a tough shooter I can guard him a little closer because if he gets by me I know that Rusty's there," Bunting said.

Bill Bunting has played on two national finals teams the past two seasons, but he is convinced that this year's Tar Heel squad is the best he's played on at Carolina.

"I couldn't say for sure before the season," he said, "but now I know we have the potential to be the best team I've played on. Our offense is better than last year, but our defense hasn't quite reached its peak yet."

Bill Bunting hasn't quite reached his peak yet, either, but he's moving in leaps and bounds toward that day. And as he does, the Tar Heels grow every jump.



Carolina Forward Bill Bunting  
... Tough Defender Also Scoring Now

## UNC On The Line

Clemson and Virginia, two Atlantic Coast Conference teams on the rise, try to shoot down the high-flying North Carolina Tar Heels in showdowns here next week.

It'll be Carolina vs. Clemson on Monday night in Carmichael Auditorium and then Virginia moves in for a date with the Tar Heels on Tuesday night. Both games are complete sellouts.

Coach Dean Smith's Tar Heels, rated No. 2 in national polls, behind UCLA, will be trying to keep a perfect record in the conference battles. Carolina has swept four in a row, including impressive wins over Southeastern Conference powers Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

But Smith said before the season began that Carolina's biggest challenges might come right in the conference. And Clemson and Virginia could offer the toughest opposition so far.

The Tigers, coached by Bobby Roberts, turned back Georgia Tech in a seasonal opener before losing a tough, one-point game to Louisiana State.

Virginia stunned the ACC Wednesday night with an 81-75 victory over highly-rated Duke at Charlottesville. The Cavaliers' high-scoring Tony Kinn-poured in 29 points in that victory.

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The fifth starter is expected to be Eddie Fogler, junior guard from Flushing, N.Y., who has averaged 6.5 and has been a floor leader for the Tar Heels. Sub Lee Dedmon, a highly-promising sophomore, has a 9.3 average.

In the two games next week, Carolina will be opening defense of its Atlantic Coast Conference championship. The Tar Heels have won regular season and tournament championships in the conference the past two seasons. In that span, Carolina has won 30 out of 34 games against ACC teams. But Smith warns that both Clemson and Virginia will be rugged foes. "Bobby Roberts says he has a vastly improved team at Clemson,"

Smith says, "and the records so far prove that he is right. Then, there's Virginia. That team here in Atlantic Coast Conference warfare. And certainly proved how capable it is by defeating Duke the other night."

These will be the final tests for Carolina until after Christmas. Carolina's next action will come in the Holiday Festival at New York's Madison Square Garden Dec. 27 through Dec. 30. The Tar Heels meet powerful Villanova in the first round of that tournament.

The game with Clemson next Monday night will be on Broadvision and will shown on University television stations throughout the state. This means that the game will be televised a balanced scoring attack. All-America candidate Charlie Scott leads the way with an average of 23.8. He also is the team's leading rebounder with 43.

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Face William And Mary Saturday

## Hong Kong Flu Cancels Wrestling

By RUSTY CARTER

An epidemic of the dreaded Hong Kong flu at Washington and Lee has cancelled the wrestling match scheduled here tonight.

"They called and said they had been wiped out," UNC skipper Sam Barnes said yesterday. "The team has only six wrestlers left so it was impossible for them to compete."

Barnes noted that the cancellation will not be counted as a forfeit due to the flu epidemic.

"We won't reschedule the meet," he said, "because they cannot wrestle on either of our open dates."

The freshman preliminary had already been cut to only six wrestlers because of the flu. It has also been cancelled.

The grapplers will still go to William and Mary Saturday in hopes of capturing their second straight victory.

William and Mary was the Southern Conference champion last year and will have four all-conference champs in their lineup Saturday.

"They have a great team," Barnes said. "In the tournament in Atlanta they were by far the strongest team."

The Heels had troubles in the tourney so Barnes thinks they are "in for trouble" when they go to Fredericksburg on Saturday.

The Indians are now 2-0 and shut out Duke last week 33-0. "We are okay physically," the UNC mentor noted, "Keith Lyons is still a little hindered with a knee injury but will wrestle."

Fred Ball (177) broke his hand in the Atlanta tournament and is still out of the lineup. He is expected to be back after Christmas. Ball was the runnerup in the ACC last year.

Barnes indicated that Bob Crane at 123, Art Kepler at 130, Bob Hoke at 137, Luther Cartrell at 145, Keith Lyons at 152, Jim Glass at 160, Carver Rudolph at 167, Syd Wooding at 177 and Knox Tate at heavyweight will be the lineup.

A freshman preliminary will begin at 6:00.

The frosh grapplers will be Jack Broadhurst at 123, Jim Powell at 130, Bob Urquart at 137, George Crawford at 145, Lewis Lathan at 152, Kent Coe at 160, George Gramon at 167, John Parsons at 177 and Justin Thornton at heavyweight.

The William and Mary match is the last competition for the UNC matmen before the Christmas break. They will reopen with N.C. State Jan. 9.



SAM BARNES

## Florida Gridders Sign Negro Star

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (UPI)—University of Florida football coaches said Thursday the Gators will break the color line Dec. 18 with the signing of a powerful Negro fullback from Sarasota.

Willie Jackson, a 6-2, 210-pounder who attends Valley Forge Military Academy at Wayne, Pa., will sign when he comes to Florida for Christmas, said assistant head coach Gene Ellenson.

Jackson played his junior year at Sarasota High but was ruled ineligible to play in Florida this year due to two birth certificates.

One said he was 19 years old

and the Florida High School Activities Association said he would have to go out of state to play football.

So Jackson went north and was voted the top prep football player in the rugged football area around Philadelphia, Pa., and was presented the Maxwell Award for his playing on offense and defense.

"He runs with real authority and has outstanding moves," said Ellenson. "He is a great prospect."

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PLAYER	FIELD GOALS		FREE THROWS		PCT	REB	PF	TP	AVE		
	GM	MADE	ATT	PCT							
Bill Chamberlain	2	19	29	65.5	6	8	75.0	21	6	44	22.0
Dennis Wuycik	2	14	23	60.9	10	13	76.9	17	8	38	19.0
Steve Provis	2	10	18	55.6	5	10	50.0	4	6	25	12.5
Bill Chambers	2	8	12	66.7	4	8	50.0	6	1	20	10.0
Mike Earey	2	6	11	54.5	7	10	70.0	11	4	19	9.5
Kim Huband	2	7	17	41.2	1	2	50.0	5	0	15	7.5
Greg Corson	2	5	17	29.4	2	6	33.3	16	6	12	6.0
Dick Ramsey	2	2	3	66.7	2	2	100.0	2	1	6	3.0
Phil Dorroll	2	2	5	40.0	1	2	50.0	6	1	5	2.5
Charles Hicks	2	2	4	50.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	4	2.0
Bob Anders	2	1	4	25.0	0	0	0.0	2	0	2	1.0
Pete Sommerfeld	2	1	2	50.0	0	0	0.0	1	5	2	1.0
Roy Williams	2	0	2	0.0	1	2	50.0	2	2	1	0.5
Jimmy Wright	2	0	0	0.0	0	1	0.0	2	0	0	0.0
UNC Team Rebounds (Included in UNC Totals)											22
UNC TOTALS	2	78	148	52.7	39	65	60.0	120	43	195	97.5
OPP TOTALS	2	60	165	36.4	22	34	64.7	93	49	142	71.0
OPP Team Totals (Included in OPP Totals)											13

## Arkansas Coach In Line For Job

WACO, Tex. (UPI)—The name of Cecil "Hootie" Ingram, an aide to Frank Broyles at Arkansas, moved to the fore as a prospect for the Baylor head football coaching vacancy today as Virginia Tech's Jerry Claiborne lost some favor with Baylor officials.

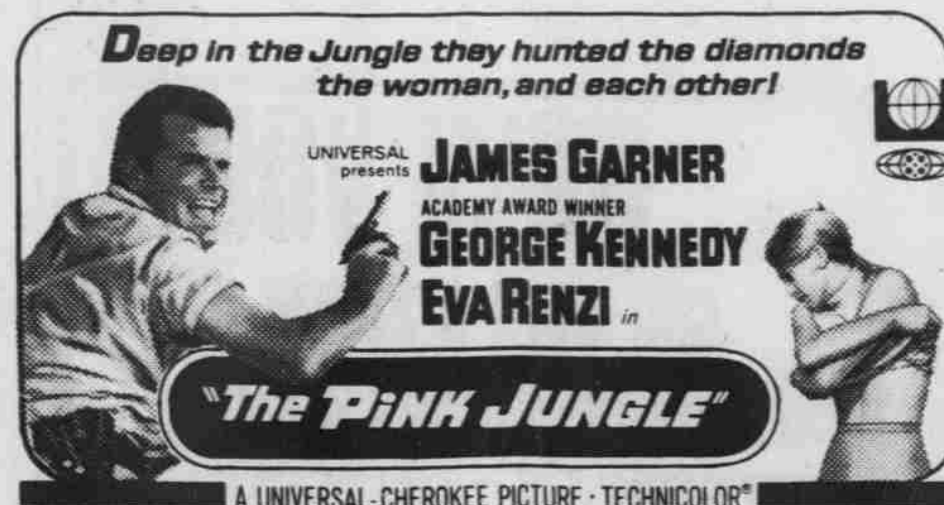
Claiborne had been the No. 1 prospect for the post vacated when John Bridgers was fired last week, but Claiborne's hesitancy to give Baylor a ready answer was reported hurting his chances.

Claiborne was virtually offered the job last weekend, but said he would await his teams Liberty Bowl date this Saturday against Mississippi.

A Baylor spokesman said the school realized Claiborne probably couldn't do anything officially until after Saturday, "But at least he could express a definite interest."

President Abner McCall said that he would not go so far as to say "we have removed Mr. Claiborne from consideration. But I think the fact he has manifested so little enthusiasm makes it appear he has removed himself."

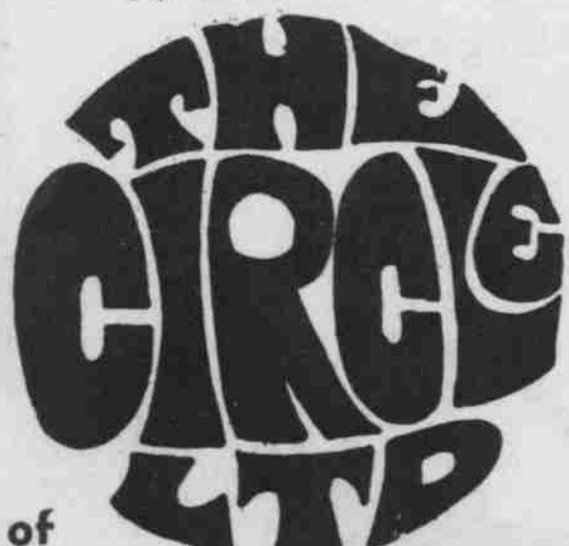
Ingram, who has coached under Claiborne and Vince Dooley of Georgia as well as Broyles, has visited with Baylor officials twice, but McCall declined to put any significance into this fact.



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