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The determined Tar Heel

"We probably won't have

but he also sees nothing but a



A Boston newspaper printed last summer, just after Dennis Byrd had been cut by the AFL's Patriots, that the former North Carolina State tackle and first draft choice of the Pats in 1967 was the biggest super flop to ever enter the pros.

It went on to say that the out-of-shape Byrd was overrated and couldn't even make the Patriots, a perenial doormat of the American Football League.

The newspaper laid cause for the pre-pro build-up of super-Byrd, who was supposedly beaten out by a free agent from Boston College, with his college publicity office. That, of course, is the Sports Information Department at State.

Furthermore, the story said that the sports offices of North Carolina State and the University of North Carolina made habit of inflating publicity about some of their athletes who were, in fact, only mediocre.

Among the examples that the newspaper cited was the unjustified publicity afforded an "average" end at UNC named Bob Lacey, who was being "pushed" for All-America honors while two bona-fide candidates in Ken Willard and Chris Hanburger were being snubbed.

Maybe it's a good thing that Carolina hasn't had a "bona-fide" grid candidate for All-America since Danny Talbot, for the Boston paper may have had a point in Byrd's case.

The point not being whether Byrd was as good as his college clippings made him out to be. Any offensive tackle on a Wolfpack opponent of 1965 through 1967 can certainly attest that Dennis was, indeed, at least a super-college-Byrd.

Instead, the point being that those very clippings went right to Byrd's head at the precise time that the benefits of post-graduate living went right to his stomach. Byrd was a big man in Raleigh, so he thought he could be the same big man in Boston. Instead, he now finds himself where all the other birds in Boston reside-in the Commons eating peanuts.



**Carolina's Defensive Star Bill Richardson** ... Named DTH "Lineman of the Week"

Bill Richardson, junior occasion. His hard-nosed play

# Heels' Morale Still Strong

#### By RUSTY CARTER DTH Asst. Sports Editor

Very seldom has anyone heard a Carolina football booster praise the team's effort in the past few years, especially when the effort ended up in defeat. But even rarer have been the words of Coach Dooley, "we played well and think we should have won."

This was the outcome of the Carolina-State splashing battle Saturday, but again the Heels lost and they are the first to admit it. They played their hearts out to bring an opening victory to Chapel Hill but fell short. Yet, through the mud, blood, and defeat a glimpse of encouragement was seen.

Bill Richardson, junior defensive guard, was one of those muddy Heels who played his heart out only to witness the 10-3 defeat of the Heels. He was super on defense and was chosen "Lineman of the Week" by the coaching staff and the DTH, but to the modest guard, "my performance and the team's

Richardson and Jackson as the

sophomores, in holding the

played."

fact no matter how you put and stay loose. it," Richardson said. "No one is happy with his own came through real well and Heels. performance or that of the team because it just wasn't good enough because of a few mistakes that costs us the game.'

Dooley has had a similar summation of the State defeat but one thing he differs on is Richardson's superb defensive

"He was all over the field." the coach stated. "Wherever the ball was Richardson was there too."

As a junior on a defense of losing. They plan to win and seven sophomores, Richardson Richardson is the first to is a natural leader whether he admit, "the loss won't get us likes it or not. The 20-year-old down. letterman alternates with junior Rusty Ross and the game and the spirit is still sophomore Bill Bunting on calling defensive signals. And a winning season at Chapel Hill the veteran has nothing but and this loss surely won't praise for his sophomore-manned defense.

"The new boys did a great our offense and defense. We job on defense," he added. showed many good things "They make our defense a lot quicker and therefore greatly improved. Hyman, Webster, Bradford and all the others did fine job and anyone who knows any football can see we're greatly improved."

Still above all the praise, the 207 pounder, echos, "we weren't good enough. The leaders of the Tar Heel line and defense has more ways to score secondary play. Both than the offense," he noted, Richardson and Jackson led "fumbles, interceptions, punt the inexperienced, but talented returns, and so on. When the defense, which started seven offense gets bogged down as it did Saturday we have to score, touted Wolfpack attack to 166 and we didn't." yards and only one

Richardson feels the secondary role the few upperclassmen have to play in

addition to their prime objective of good tough

was 8 points not good enough, younger boys from tightening behind the mistakes we made. no matter how well we up. Everyone makes mistakes sees an even stronger foe at and when someone does they South Carolina this Saturday

'We lost, that's the main have to play that much better "The sophomores Saturday victory by the high-spirited

didn't get tense," he noted.

the "Lineman of the Week"

Fans may be encouraged by

"We met by ourselves after

strong," he noted. "We'll have

damage our morale. Personally,

it built up my confidence in

didn't get any pleasure out of

than by the hustling junior.

many Carolina fans pulling for Despite his praise for the us in Columbia," he said, "but sophomores and modesty we'll be ready mentally and about his own performance. Richardson's number 56 was physically. We plan to win for ourselves and Carolina fans." seen in nearly every pile-up in Richardson's subtle delight Carter Stadium. He was a key

in being named "Lineman of figure in the new defense and the Week" is overshadowed by could be no more deserved modesty and the fact that "we just didn't play well enough. You can't be happy or satisfied when you lose, and we aren't." Saturday's play but the team

> The Saturday star is confident and so are the coaches, fans and grandstand quarterbacks. There's no doubt a winning effort will be given in Columbia and no doubt that number 56 will for the second week be "all over the field."

As Richardson puts it, "We plan to play four quarters against South Carolina this year, not just three like last season."



-Take A Lesson, Ron

Maybe State's Ron Carpenter should take a lesson from Byrd-man's story. Anyone sitting in the Press Box praised the play of Richardson, for Saturday's State-Carolina game would have thought that Carpenter was the only Wolf in the 'Pack.

"How 'bout that Carpenter," was one comment. full season as a Carolina "When that Carpenter hits you, you know it," was defensive back, came up another. "It was Carpenter that hit him!" was the exclamation by a half dozen State people who didn't even see the John Swofford fumble that Wolfpack defensive end Bob Follweiler recovered.

The particular point of that game is that Carpenter was not that almighty awesome against some of Carolina's less publicized players. He was good, yes, but so were some others on both teams.

But Sports Information Directors, Sports Information Director's assistants, student sports editors and student sports editor's assistants were all yelling "Carpenter, Carpenter" so frequently all afternoon that a stranger would have thought that a bad leak needed fixing.

It's only natural for a publicity agency to give publicity. But it's abnormal for a publicity agency to give unwarranted raves. Here at Carolina, Sports Information Director Jack Williams beats a horse into the ground, if that horse deserves it. But should that horse be dead or dying, Williams knows to turn his attention elsewhere and let the public see that even athletes are human.

Remember the Byrd-man. He's alive and well, but eating peanuts on the Boston Commons.

Wolfpack fumble and made several key tackles in leading the defense to an inspired effort against a potent State ground attack.

defensive guard from

Annadale, Va., and David

Jackson, senior defensive

halfback from Jacksonville.

Fla., have been selected as the

Daily Tar Heel Lineman and

Back of the week, respectively,

for their outstanding defensive

play in Saturday's game with

linebacker, recovered a

Richardson, a converted

North Carolina State.

Head Coach Bill Dooley noting that he was "all over the field all day."

Jackson, starting his first quickly to jar State's pulsating runners, Charlie Bowers and Leon Mason, on more than one

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**Richardson And Jackson** 

Are Lineman, Back Of Week

in back of the Carolina line was

instrumental in limiting the

ground game of the Wolfpack.

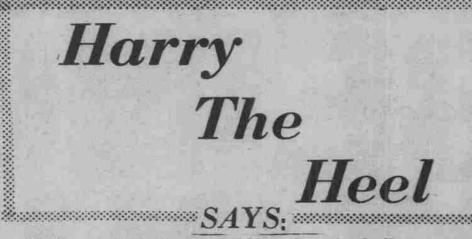
standouts on both offense and

defense in the well-played

game with State, the Carolina

coaching staff chose

Although there were many



Well, tough luck guys. You played a helluva game. It was the rain that beat you, not those farmers. Our passing attack got washed out, while theirs doesn't exist. It was just as I thought, God is a State fan. He knew that they needed rain to win, so He made it rain.

Anyway, I think the offense did a great job handling those defensive linemen that are supposed to be so tough. I was hiding under a table in the Press Box (because of the rain), and all the lizard State fans up there were yelling, "Go'dam, that's Carpenter all right. Go'dam, that's Hudson all right." What lizards! I think Hooley and Bounds did a great job with those two tons-of-lard.

## **Sensational Soph Reaves** Wins SEC Back Of Week

performances in the SEC

Saturday, including two other

Florida sophomores. Running

back Tommy Durrance caught

two touchdown passes and

scored one on the ground and

flanker Carlos Alvarez also

caught two scoring passes from

Reaves-one for 70 yards on

(UPI)-"We were so far ahead to eat their pads and pencils at the half," snickered Florida defensive coach Gene Ellenson, "That all I could hear on the bench in the last half was: 'Who're you dating tonight?' "

"We shut that off quickly," he added soberly. "We knew John had given us a cushion we needed. Houston can put up the points in a hurry."

He referred to dandy sophomore quarterback John Reaves, who today was named

GAINESVILLE, Fla. "Some sportswriters are going career threw more than four scoring passes in one game and never came near the 342 after tomorrow."

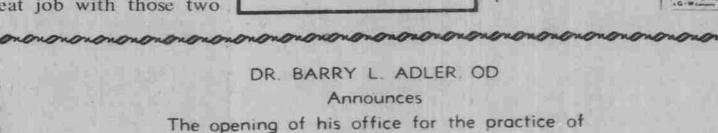
passing yards which Reaves Reaves' feat topped several amassed. other outstanding offensive

The telephone rang in the Florida dressing room at the half. Offensive coach Fred Pancoast answered to hear Spurrier offer congratulations for the big lead and to warn jokingly, "Tell that kid (Reaves) to cool it-I won't have any records left." Coach Ray Graves hesitates





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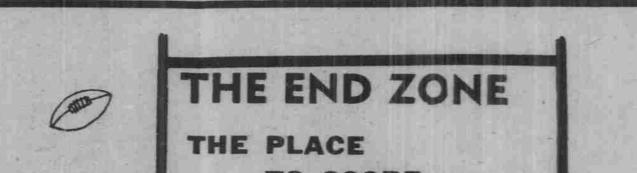
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UPI's first Southeastern Conference "Back of the Week" for the 1969 season.

performances in SEC history, Reaves tossed five touchdown Bulldogs clubbed Tulane 35-0 passes to lead underdog Florida and quarterback Archie to a 59-34 whomping of Manning scored a couple of favored Houston Saturday. His touchdowns in Ole Miss's 2-3 four first-half scoring throws victory over Memphis State. put Florida ahead 38-6 at intermission.

The Tampa, Fla., star, who the former Florida quarterback stands 6-3 and 209 pounds and won the Heisman Trophy in reminds one of handsome 1966, completed 18 of 30 Steve Spurrier, went on a local passes before he went out of television program the night the game after three quarters. before the game and said, Spurrier never in his college

the game's third play. to compare Reaves and Spurrier this early in the game. Quarterback Scott Hunter led Alabama to a hard-earned "Spurrier never had this kind of lead his sophomore 17-13 victory over Virginia In one of the finest rookie Tech, Georgia's Bruce Kemp year," said Graves, "and scored three touchdowns as the Reaves has never been in a ball game when we've been behind. He did a fine job but the real test comes when you've got the pressure on you.

"I still say we're a question mark," Graves added. "Any Reaves, as calm and team that depends so heavily collected as Spurrier the year on passing will have its bad days. "I'm delighted that our kids

were such a hungry team and I hope this game doesn't make them think it's always going to be easy."

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