

Culbreth Lone Veteran In UNC Defensive Backfield

(Editor's note: With the annual Blue-White football game, climax of Spring practice, only a week away, the DTH has prepared a six-part report that examines Carolina personnel position by position. Today Coach Bill Dooley talks with Chris Cobbs about the Tar Heel defensive backfield.)

By Chris Cobbs
Sports Editor

The easiest way to lose a football game is to give up "the bomb."

Defending against the long scoring pass is as demanding a task as any a team or individual must perform.

These twin axioms of the gridiron are very prominent in the thoughts of Coach Bill Dooley this Spring. Carolina has only one man with a headstart on coping with them.

Last year's defensive secondary, which suffered its lapses, notably against Florida, but which served adequately on most occasions, has been broken up by graduation.

Without veterans David Jackson and Ken Price, both of whom played extensively for two seasons, the backfield obviously will lack experience.

Only Rusty Culbreth, the scrappy, quick little halfback who was a sophomore in 1969, has logged much action-time among current UNC backs.

"The other two positions in the secondary are wide open right now," Dooley reports. "We've got people capable of filling them, but inexperience hurts us back there at this point."

"The secondary is a troublesome place because you can get beaten there so quickly. You need physical ability plus game



Rusty Culbreth



Mike Serbousek



Richard Stilley

experience to be really effective, in most cases.

"We've been real pleased with the way Culbreth continues to improve, however."

"Rusty developed rapidly all last year and especially at the end of the season."

Culbreth, a 5-9, 165-pounder from Greensboro, had two interceptions in his rookie campaign.

He was matched with the likes of Carlos Alvarez, the Florida speedster who burned everyone he faced, and Atlantic Coast Conference receivers Fred Ziegler of South Carolina and Charley Waters of Clemson.

If Culbreth had indifferent success containing these elusive pass-grabbers, he was not alone in that department last year. He is, however, alone among Tar Heels who will be charged with

similar responsibilities in 1970.

Who are the candidates, and what are their qualifications, for the halfback spot alongside Culbreth?

"Lou Angelo has shown at times this Spring that he has the ability to be a starter for us," Dooley says. The redshirt soph., a transfer from Pitt, is small like Culbreth, but has his good reactions.

"Greg Ward and Richard Garrett have also looked good and are certainly in the running," the coach adds.

Ward, another redshirt, played a lot in the secondary as a freshman. Garret, stumpy junior from Durham, played sparingly last year with the specialty teams.

Others getting a look at halfback include Tracy Bridges, Mike Lemmons, Earl Bethea and Larry Throneburg. Throneburg is a non-scholarship athlete while Bethea was the leading pass catcher on the '69 frosh.

"At safety, we're looking real hard at Mike Serbousek, who we moved from defensive end because of his quick feet and quick reactions," Dooley points out.

"Richard Stilley, who will be a junior like Serbousek, is working out here, too, although we've just switched him from quarterback."

Stilley played behind Ken Price at safety last year as well as serving as a back-up signal caller.

Bill Sigler, second stringer on offense behind Don McCauley in 1969, and Doug Yeager, impressive as the frosh safety last year, are also trying for the starting spot.

Terp Hunters Collide As Runners Duel Gamecocks

By Mark Whicker
Sports Writer

Carolina and South Carolina, the ACC's most adequately armed terrapin hunters, will meet Saturday at Columbia in what should be the Tar Heels' closest dual meet of the season.

Both Terry Sellers and Dennis Suich will return to the fold this week. Hurdler Suich, who has a tough race ahead with USC's Billy Novo, is apparently just about over his hamstring injury.

Sellers again will anchor both the relay teams, one of which won without him against Maryland Saturday, and will team up with Don Wheless to carry UNC's hopes in the open 440 against Keith Eldison and Dick Harris.

The Gamecocks, like the

Heels, are loaded with young talent. They tied Carolina 50-50 indoors, but on that day John Jessup and Larry Widgeon were participating in another meet.

Jessup's shot-putting should be good enough to win Saturday, while Widgeon, Earl Owens, Clayton Lynch, Mark Gibson and Pat Grady will handle the distances against Algie Simms of the Gamecocks.

Bob Kazcka is the defending ACC 880 champ, and will be contending with UNC's Kenny Helms, who won the half-mile against Maryland. Another top Gamecock is pole vaulter Jim Scott, who will vie with Rick Wilson, who holds the Carolina record of 15'7".

Novo gives South Carolina strength in the hurdles, and in the sprint there is Jim Small,

who will match up with Mike Canzonieri, Hubert West and Bob Weaver of UNC. Canzonieri has made an excellent comeback this spring and captured two second places against the Terps. He should hit his peak before long.

Darryl Kelly, invincible so far in the triple jump, is favored over SC's Mike Haggard, who came in second to Kelly in the State-Record Relays two weeks ago.

Carolina's 95-49 loss to Maryland, as compared with the 126-19 shellacking the Heels caught last spring, was very encouraging, especially when the losses of Suich and Sellers are added in.

Champs

First-place winners from the James Residence College intramural weekend held recently have been announced and will receive dinners for two at local restaurants.

Winners in each division except ping-pong and bridge will be awarded the dinners.

The winners: Singles tennis—Bill McDonald, Fred Oliphant, David Petty.

Doubles tennis—Carl Wilke and Joe Priestley.

Mixed doubles tennis—Pat Newfield and David Petty; Cindy Kelly and Jeff Etchberger.

Softball—team captain, Butch Seymour, gold team.

As Heels Meet Wake

Diamond Comes To Light

By Ken Tilley
Sports Writer

There will be an unfamiliar glow on the horizon above South Campus tonight. The fire department need not be alerted—James and Morrison are not being ravaged by flames.

The cause of the glare on the skyline will instead be due to an event taking place between Ehringhaus and Avery dormitories—Carolina's first night baseball match on its home diamond.

Wake Forest will be the guests of the Tar Heels in this

unprecedented two-night doubleheader. The first game of the twinbill is scheduled to begin at 6:30. Both games will be seven inning battles.

Carolina boosted its conference mark to 2-3 with a Tuesday afternoon triumph over Duke. The 2-1 victory in Durham lifted the Tar Heels into sixth place among conference teams. Two wins over the Wake Forest squad could put UNC into the first division.

Entering the weekend matches with a 1-6 conference record, the Deacons are firmly entrenched in the cellar. After a Wednesday afternoon split with Virginia Tech, they stand 5-11 in overall play.

Coach Walter Rabb is still searching for some power in the Tar Heel attack. So far this season, Eddie Hill and Pres Ruddell are the only productive batters for Carolina. Hill is leading Carolina at the plate with a .458 average. His consistent hitting ranks

him second among conference batsmen.

The only other Carolina regular who is wielding an average above the .300 figure is Ruddell, who is now hitting at a .347 pace.

Who will draw the nod from Rabb for mound duty?

Certainly Hill will start in Saturday night. Hopefully, the one of the two contests, play of the Tar Heels will also probably be the opening game.

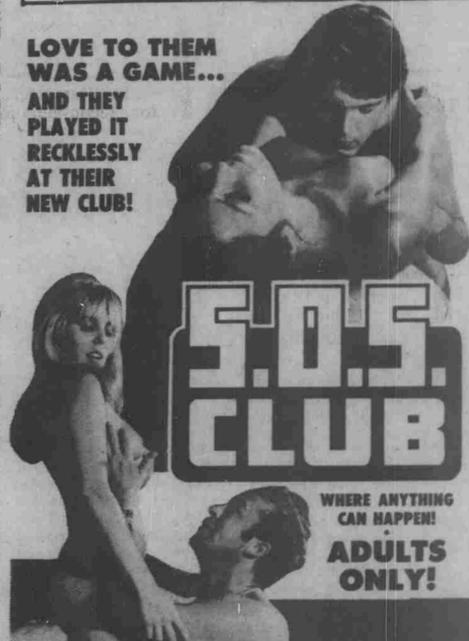
But there is considerable doubt as to the starter in the other

Rabb would like to use Jim Dunlap, who already has pitched a one-hitter this season. But the big righthander has had a leg injury, and may not be ready for action.

The lights will be on Saturday night. Hopefully, the play of the Tar Heels will also shine.

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Carolina, only other team to win it, captured the award in 1964 and 1966.

Maryland held only a three-point lead over Duke at the close of fall competition, but picked up 27 points by winning the swimming, wrestling and indoor track crowns and placing sixth in basketball.

The Terps now have 46½ points to 40 for the Tar Heels.

Heel Seniors Seek Revenge

By Howie Carr
Sports Writer

The Carolina lacrosse team today hosts Roanoke College on Fetzer Field at 2:00 p.m., in a game that will have special significance for the squad's twelve seniors.

The 1967 freshman team, led by people like Pete Kramer, Harper, Will "Boom-Boom" Verhoeff, and Jake Russell, was on its way to an undefeated season when it went to Roanoke. Playing against Roanoke's out-classed

club team, the Tar Babies quickly ran up a big lead, and Kramer began to put on a show in the goal.

This infuriated one spectator, and he began yelling to the Roanoke team, "Get that hot dog," as well as other, less printable exclamations.

Kramer did a slow burn, and during a timeout, he threw down his mask and gloves, and yelled to his heckler to come out of the stands and face him like a man. Pete had to be restrained when he found out the cat-caller was no less than Roanoke's athletic director.

The game today will be Carolina's last warm-up before playing Maryland, the probable national champs, April 27 in College Park.

UNC Coach Fred Mueller will again be counting on strong offensive performances from Harper Peterson, Pete Aitken, and Ray Seipp, who combined for five goals and seven assists against East Carolina. The Tar Heels carry a 6-1 record into this, their next-to-last home game of the 1970 season.

Anyone interested in becoming a lacrosse manager next year should phone Bryan Elliot, at 933-3424.

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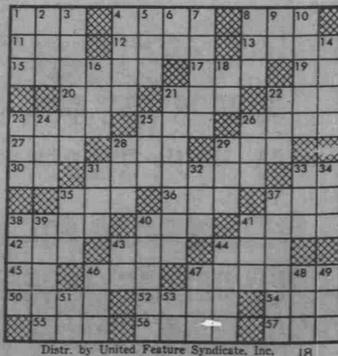
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