

Tony Fights For Job As Potential All-Star

By Chris Cobbs
Sports Editor

Along with his formidable physique and talent, Tony Blanchard presents a kingsized study in irony.

The son of the famed Doc Blanchard of Army, he has never lacked for press notices ... but they have not all been entirely complimentary.

A gifted receiver and blocker with the ideal physical qualities for a tight end, he has never really blossomed, in two years as a starter for Carolina, into the all-star most observers predicted he would be.

And now, as experienced rising senior and prime candidate for All-Atlantic Coast Conference citation, he is engaged in a fight for his job, according to Tar Heel Coach Bill Dooley.

Ken Taylor, up from the freshmen, and junior Johnny Cowell are both pushing the 6-3, 230-pound Blanchard for the first-team berth, Dooley *****

relates. "Tony is the fastest of our tight ends, has good hands and is a tremendous blocker when he really applies himself," the coach says.

"We think he is certainly a candidate for all conference and yet we've got a couple of boys giving him a battle for his job."

The challengers, Taylor and Cowell, have both been impressive in Spring practices, Dooley says, as well as performing adequately last season.

Taylor, 6-2, 204, caught some big passes for the frosh in 1969. Cowell, 6-4, 210, served as Blanchard's back-up last season.

Another good-looking prospect, soph Carter Sitterson, 6-1, 218, is concentrating on punting duties, which he is currently splitting with Don McCauley.

At split end, senior Ricky Lanier has good speed and is an experienced hand. He switched to the flank early last year after a year at quarterback. "Tricky Ricky" has polished his moves this Spring after an emergency hitch at qb in late '69.

Junior Steve Alvis, who divided the split receiver assignment with Lanier last year, remains a key figure.

Ben Berra, a lanky redshirt who played defensive end previously, and Tom Prestwich, another soph who has been held out, are also candidates.



Tight End Tony Blanchard

One Sent Peterson Here A Long Island Cherokee?

By Howie Carr
Sports Writer

Picture, if you can, a Cherokee Indian from the hills of western North Carolina, who somehow gets lost and ends up on Long Island.

Years later, just before his final journey west, his grandson, a lacrosse player, comes to his bedside to ask where he should attend college.

The old Indian, drawing his last breath, replies, "Son, I want you to return to the homeland and put lacrosse back where it belongs."

This is the way Harper Peterson, Carolina's senior attackman and two-time All-American, describes his decision to attend Carolina. Peterson, who is one-eighth Indian, likes to kid about his ethnic background.

Concerning his induction

into the Order of Golden Fleece last Friday, Peterson relates that he was sceptical at first. "I thought it was a drinking party," he says, "and you know, Indians and firewater ..."

Peterson, though, is serious about a lot of things, such as his lacrosse, his conversion to Christianity, and his budding interest in dramatics.

An anthropology major from Huntington, Long Island, Peterson is one of the major reasons for the lacrosse team's 7-1 record this season.

Peterson began his competitive lacrosse career in junior high, and after an outstanding senior season at Half Hollow Hills High School, he decided to come to Carolina, a decision he doesn't regret.

"Unlike some of the Baltimore area schools, lacrosse here is more easy-going. You can get from the sport what you want," he says.

"It would really establish Carolina as a power," says Peterson. "Also, beating Maryland would be a big boost to our recruiting."

Last summer, while traveling through the Pacific Northwest, Peterson spent a week with a friend at a

Christian commune in Eugene, Oregon. It was there, he says, that he first came into contact with Christianity, and when he returned to school last fall he joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Another new field of

interest for Peterson is dramatics. Awed by the creative talents of his close friends Kip Ward and John Haber, he tried out for and won parts in "The Weight" and some one-act plays sponsored by the Student Union.

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West Leading Title March

By Donovan Albright
Sports Writer

Marty West has proven himself to be a man to be contended with for Atlantic Coast Conference golf honors as his consistent game has continued to improve while the current season has progressed. A junior history major from Washington, D.C., West reached what was perhaps his peak last Friday in the Tar Heels upset win over powerful Wake Forest. His 67 was more than enough to sting Wake's Steve Walker, and it was fine enough to earn West his third medal of the season.

A 69 on Monday against State continued his fine play, as the Tar Heels marched closer to the ACC title.

In commenting on his game this year, West said: "No one aspect is really better than the other. My putting has been good so far, and on the whole I would say that my overall game is working out pretty well."

Although he doesn't force a professional golf career, West did say that he would hope to continue playing as an amateur. His primary reason for playing was the opportunity afforded "to share my relationship with Jesus

Christ. I know I could never play as well without his help."

Golf was not even introduced to West until he was thirteen. He explained his past: "My father was afraid I would become frustrated if I started too early, but since my thirteenth birthday I have played straight through the last eight years. After my junior year in high school, I seemed to lose my sense of dedication, and didn't regain it until I enrolled at Carolina."

He came to UNC through a desire to go South to play golf, but did not know how serious he would be about it. Chapel Hill was not a specific choice, but when he was accepted here, his decision was made.

Overall this season West has compiled a 6-1-1 record. His only loss was against South Carolina, and the tie was met at Davidson, the only team to best the Heels this season.

In looking over the outlook for his team for the remainder of this year, West was very optimistic. "We've done well because the team is working as a unit. For an individual sport, our desire to win as a team is the best I've seen in two years. As a whole, we want to win more, and I think our record will show the truth of this."

He said the team was looking toward the ACC Tourney at Pinehurst on May 7 and 8 with a "really good chance of winning it."

Sports In Brief

The 24th annual Big Four sports day will be held at Wake Forest next Wednesday, April 29, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, has been set as an alternate date in the event of rain.

Carolina won this event last year, sweeping four events, including horseshoes, table tennis, tennis and badminton out of a total of nine events.

The competition in the Big Four meet next week will feature: golf, handball, horseshoes, softball, table tennis, volleyball, badminton and bowling.

Thursday, April 23, has been set as the date for a playoff between those interested in playing table tennis. Court no. 7 at Woollen Gym at 6:30 will be the time and place.

A rolloff date for interested bowlers will probably be Friday night, April 24, or Monday night, April 27 at the Carolina Union lanes.

This event is an official function of the University and as such, excuses will be granted to participants who miss classes for the event.

Any questions concerning this schedule should be directed to the UNC Intramural Office in 215 Woollen Gym or by calling 933-1153.

The women's tennis team defeated Meredith College, 7-2, Tuesday for its fourth straight victory. Singles winners for the Tar Heels were Paula Hughey, Lailee McNair, Anne Underwood, Maureen Hassenfeldt, Judy O'Neil, and Cathy Tomlinson.

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