

# Heels' Year In ACC? USC, Duke Tough

## Schedules Expanded To 11 Games

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In the Tar Heels' bid to recapture the ACC conference title that has eluded them since 1963, they again face stiff opposition, particularly from defending champion South Carolina and a rugged Duke squad.

College football is in trouble financially, and the ACC is no exception. All eight conference members took advantage of the NCAA's eleventh-game ruling to add an extra non-league tilt to their schedules.

Thus the already challenging ACC slates reached new heights in masochism this year.

Clemson (outside opponents: Georgia, Georgia Tech, Auburn and Florida State), South Carolina (Florida State, Georgia, and Tennessee), Maryland (Syracuse and Penn State), and Duke (Ohio State, Florida, and Georgia Tech) can claim the dubious honors of having the toughest schedules.

Coach Paul Dietzel lost only six starters off his 1969 Gamecock squad, which recorded six straight conference victories before losing in the Peach Bowl to West Virginia.

Although 5-9 senior quarterback Tommy Suggs returns, the offense will suffer from the loss of the ACC's all-time leading pass receiver, Fred Ziegler, and the overrated fullback Warren Muir.

You may remember, Muir was named a Coaches' Association first team All-America (Dietzel is president of the organization) only to be among the first cut by the New York Giants in training camp.

Juniors Billy Ray Rice and Tommy Simmons will join Suggs in the backfield at tailback and fullback, respectively, but not without a challenge from 23-year-old



USC's Jim Poston

junior Bob Miranda, a late bloomer.

The interior offensive line is manned exclusively with tested seniors, including co-captain Dave DeCamilla, and ALL-ACC tackle, and the biggest center in the country, 6-5, 270 pound Danny Dyches.

Junior Jim Mitchell, a punt return specialist, is battling newcomer Mike Haggard for Zeigler's wide receiver slot, while two-year starter Doug Hamrick is being pushed by Billy Freeman at the tight end position.

The Gamecock defensive line is set with All-ACC tackle Jimmy Poston and senior Jimmy Pope. The linebacking crew is also well-stocked, with five lettermen vying for the three positions.

South Carolina's deep secondary likewise claims an overabundance of lettermen, led by Tyler Hellams, who missed last season with an injury, and Bo Davies, a junior rover.

Duke's senior quarterback Leo Hart led the ACC in total offense last year, and is a good bet to repeat again this season. Most of the time he'll either be throwing to receiver Wes Chesson, who snared 43 passes for 642 yards in 1969, or handing off to Bob Zwirko, a junior tailback who averaged over 100 yards a game rushing in the last half of the season.

Joining Zwirko in the backfield will be super-soph Steve Jones, one of the greatest prep stars ever produced by North Carolina.

The offensive line is Duke's most glaring weakness, with tackle Guy Johnson, the only returnee up front, out for the season for academic reasons.

The fate of the Blue Devils, however, rests with the defense, which has been bolstered by the return of All-ACC middle linebacker Dick Biddle. A pre-season All-America a year ago, he was sidelined for the season with a knee injury prior to the first game.

Pro scouts compare the 6-0, 215 pound senior with Blue Devil alumnus Mike Curtis, an All-Pro linebacker with the Baltimore Colts.

Biddle will be flanked by Larry Murdock and converted fullback Phil Asack.

Tackles Curt Rawley and Skeet Harris shore up an otherwise undistinguished defensive line. The secondary is superlative, with 9.6 sprinter Ernie Jackson and All-ACC Rich Searl returning.

For the first time since 1939, Clemson Coach Frank Howard will be watching

Tigers perform not from the sidelines, but from the stands. His successor, Hootie Ingram, inherits a team with 38 lettermen, yet over a third of the starters will probably be sophomores.

The Tiger offense returns two of the ACC's leading offensive performers: quarterback Tommy Kendrick, who ranked third in total offense, and tailback Ray Yaeger, the seventh-place finisher. Yaeger, who picked up 968 yards on the ground, led the loop in scoring with 68 points.

Senior end Jim Sursavage, a two-year regular, is supported by sophomores Jim Dorn, Steve Lewter, and John McMakin on the offensive line.

Clemson lost only two members of last year's defensive team, and most positions are covered by at least one letterman. All of which seems very impressive, until you remember that the Tiger defense surrendered 250 points in 1969.

North Carolina State's first game last year, a 22-21 upset loss to Wake Forest, set the tempo for the Wolfpack's dismal 3-6-1 season. Despite an easier schedule, (Penn State has departed, much to the relief of State fans) the 1970 outlook seems equally bleak.

Veteran quarterback Darrell Moody is being pressed by a newcomer, Purdue transfer Pat Korsnick. Fullback Dave Rodgers joins Moody, center Dan Sarik, and tackle Rick Starodub as the only returning offensive starters.

Sophomores expected to take up the slack include guards Bill Yoest and John Sanderson, and Heber Whitley, brother of State captain Jack Whitley.

On defense, All-American tackle Ron Carpenter will be hard to replace, an unenviable task which has fallen to 240-pound Roger McSwain.

The linebacking corps was decimated by graduation, but the secondary retains two starters, the elder Whitley, an All-ACC safety, and cornerback Jimmy Smithtwo starters, the elder Whitley, an All-ACC safety, and cornerback Jimmy Smith.

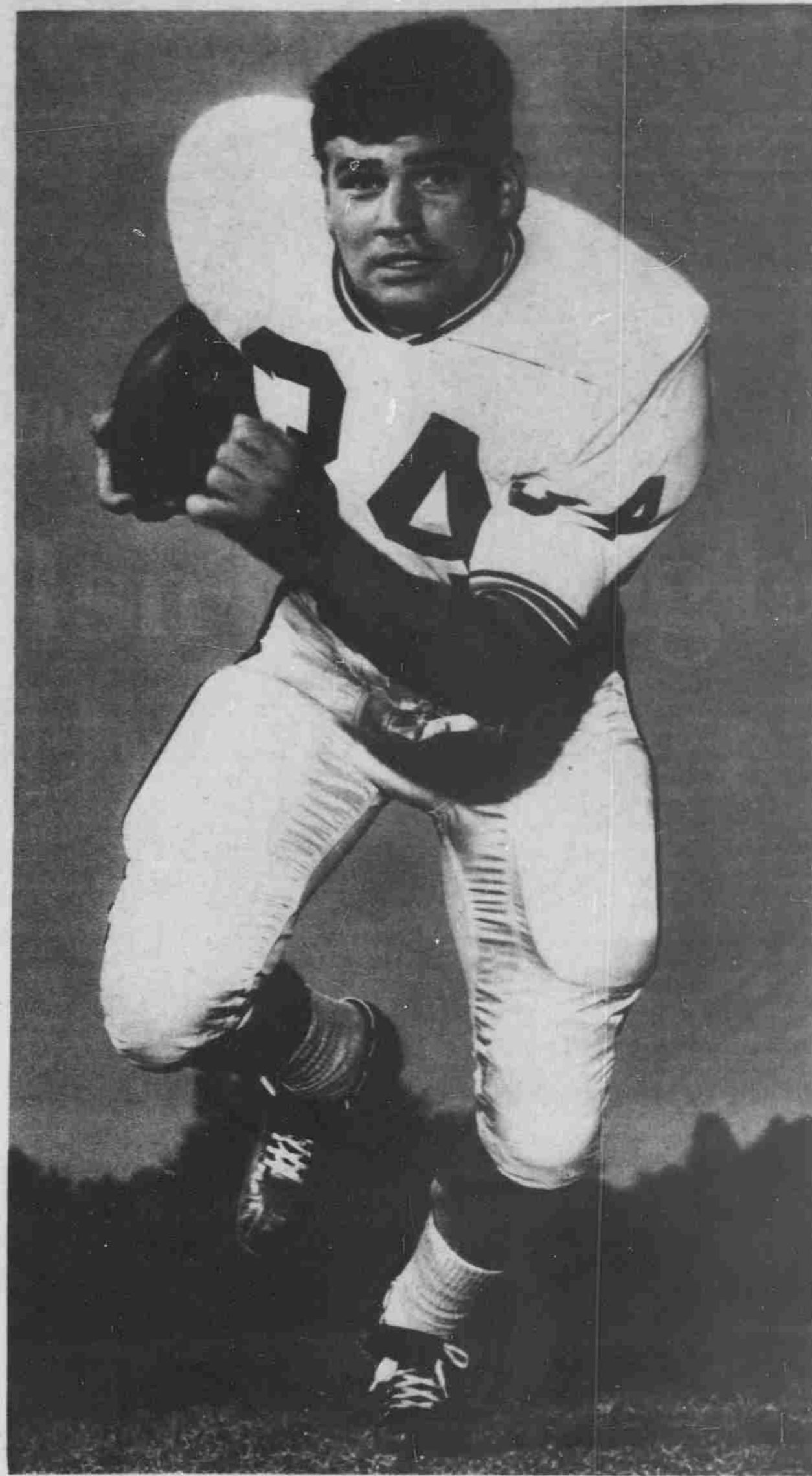
Virginia slipped to 3-7 record in 1969, including a 1-5 conference slate, despite the fact that the Cavalier defense ranked tenth in the nation.

Six starters are gone from that tough defensive unit which limited opponents to 3.7 yards per offensive play. Big, 240-pound tackle Randy Lestyk has been switched to defensive end, along with former linebacker Ed Kihm.

Most of the linebackers return, but the

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10. Stanford
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13. North Carolina
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15. Alabama
16. South Carolina
17. Houston
18. Air Force Academy
19. Florida
20. LSU



Clemson Tailback Ray Yaeger

secondary was wiped out with the exception of cornerback Andy Minton.

Red-shirt Larry Albert took over the quarterbacking chores when Mike Cabbage was injured in the spring. Junior Gary Melman, who ended up with 851 rushing yards despite a poor finish, returns along with running mate Jimmy Lacey.

The interior line, anchored by senior center Dan Ryzcek, returns intact, while 6-4 Bob Bischoff and flanker Chuck Mooser look like the two top receivers.

Wake Forest managed to pull off a couple of upsets, but overall, it was a poor season for Cal Stoll's Demon Deacons. They had to punt a record 73 times, and their leading scorer could manage only 29 points. To make things even worse, ten of the 22 Wake starters departed in June.

Quarterback Larry Russell and running back Steve Bowden are back but if it's what's up front that counts, then the Deacs are down and out. Senior tackle Vince Nedimyer is the only starter left from '69, and who will be filling the center and guard positions is anybody's guess.

The defensive prognosis is more optimistic, with All-ACC tackle Win Headley and 6-5 Roman Wxaelaki teaming with Dick Chulada with Mike Magnot to give the line a formidable outlook.

Junior linebacker Ed Stetz returns, as does safety Terry Kuharchek, whom Coach Stoll rates as the best at his position in the conference. The 1970 edition of the Maryland Terrapins will feature a souped-up passing attack, with

quarterback Jeff Shugars throwing to the man he replaced, ex-signal caller Dennis O'Hara and Hank Barnes.

The running chores will again be shouldered by fullback Tom Miller, who picked up 692 yards on the ground in '69. Three starters return to the offensive line.

The Terp defensive squad is inexperienced, but probably has more potential than its offensive counterpart.

Two junior college transfers, running backs Carl Shelton and Johnny Fisher, have been moved to the defensive secondary with the ACC's leading pass interceptor, Tony Greene, who runs a 9.7 hundred.

Senior linebackers Gary Van Sicker and John Syer will be joined by soph Ray Wethington. The Maryland line is green but talented.

## Football Is Big Business

# No. 1 Isn't Enough

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In the 101st year of the big business of college football, it is no longer enough to be No. 1.

The most successful teams, from a financial as well as an artistic point of view, will be the ones that deal most effectively with such contemporary

matters as the spiraling cost of living and student dissent.

With economics and politics injected more and more into the game, it is still relevant but not sufficient within itself to be national champion.

This may be the year of the quarterback, with people like Archie Manning, Rex Kern and, yes, Leo Hart gracing that position, but it also may be the year when the names of such diverse types as economist John Kenneth Galbraith and your favorite spokesmen for the revolution will be as much discussed as they were previously ignored.

Coaches have always played their games one at a time, so it may be assumed that they will pay their bills and muddle through social crises in like manner.

Only, can you succeed that way: Will the friendly men who carpeted your field with Astro Turf let it be if you miss a payment because steaks cost more and you've got to eat? Or will they come and unzip their rugs and take them home?

Will black players make increased demands, as they have done last year at Wyoming and this year at Syracuse? Will students disrupt campus games? What will be the response to all this?

This is not, of course, a revised list of Excedrin headaches.

These and related problems have no simple solutions, if they have any at all. And they are not going to go away with a good night's sleep.

Consider the situation at Notre Dame. The Irish accepted a bowl invitation last year, first time they had done it in 45 years, because they needed the money,

\$300,000 worth of Cotton Bowl bills. Desperately needed it.

Just a few years ago, when the team was declared national champion by virtue of, or despite that ungodly tie with Michigan State, the Notre Dame management would not condescend to even consider a postseason engagement. The take from a bowl was not, apparently, deemed worth the break with tradition.

Its reputation was relatively secure and its bank book balanced without venturing outside South Bend in January.

Things have changed at Syracuse, too. Producer of such gifted back runners as Jimmy Brown, the late Ernie Davis, Jim Nance, Floyd Little and Larry Csonka, the Orange had to fight to retain a single black player in 1970 because of an involved disagreement between Coach Ben Schwartzwalder and the team's black athletes.

Down at Alabama, Bear Bryant has catered to the demands of the business office by scheduling an 11th game with Southern California. That one was sold out in Birmingham, 72,000 tickets worth, in midsummer.

Bama has spent lavishly on athletics in the past decade, putting the money it made from football back into the games.

Maybe time and high finance have caught up with the Bear. Or, maybe as he says, the way to get back to the top of the heap, from which the Tide has fallen in three short years, is to beat someone who is there, like Southern Cal.

It still makes sense to kill two birds with one stone, doesn't it?

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