

Beautiful Kenan Stadium Getting Artificial Turf, Maybe By Next Year

Possibly By '71 Season

New Turf For Kenan

By Chris Cobbs
Sports Editor

There's nothing like a new carpet to beautify a venerable living room. With this fact in mind, Carolina Athletic Director Homer Rice and Coach Dooley see a rug—artificial turf, that is—in Kenan Stadium's future.

The scenic ballpark, steeped in tradition, could get a new playing surface by next season, Rice believes.

"Artificial turf would not only enhance the beauty of the stadium," he said, "but would open up other University fields for intramurals, physical education and other varsity sports."

"It would mean that we could confine all our football activity to Kenan and we would no longer need Navy Field for football practice."

The proposed artificial turf would carry a price tag in the neighborhood of \$400,000, according to Rice. It would be paid off over several years, he said.

Biggest item standing in the way of the rug is the underground drainage system below the present Kenan turf.

Engineers are currently studying the



Homer Rice

problem of how deep to dig in laying the stone and asphalt base required for artificial turf.

"We had originally hoped to lower the playing surface to a sufficient depth so that spectators in the field level seats would have an unobstructed view, which

they do not have now," Rice explained.

"The underground drainage system, which serves the entire University made that an impossibility, however," the athletic director said.

"Now we are trying to determine just how far down we can go with the base so that the field will not collapse into the drainage system," he said, simplifying the engineering problem.

He said that if the problem could be resolved within a couple of months the go-ahead would be given for installing the carpet in Kenan by next year.

The 43-year-old stadium has undergone constant improvement since it was dedicated in 1927 with Carolina's 27-0 victory over Davidson.

Original seating capacity of 24,000 has been expanded to 47,000.

Improved parking facilities were recently further upgraded with the paving of an approach to a parking lot.

Last season saw the installation of new scoreboards on both the north and south sides of the stadium. These electronic scoreboards, the most modern that can be purchased, performed erratically, but Rice believes the bugs have been eliminated.

Impressionist Packard Out To Copy Hanburger

by Rick Brewer
Special to the DTH

Carolina linebacker Ricky Packard has become an impressionist—doing imitations of famous people, including his Tar Heel teammates.

Now Carolina fans are hoping he can impersonate Chris Hanburger on the football field this fall. And if his play in early workouts is any indication, Ricky may do just that.

Hanburger, of course, is the former UNC linebacker who now stars for the Washington Redskins of the National Football League. Packard is a 6-0, 180 pound junior from Clinton, N. C. who has been brilliant in fall practice.

Packard's name is not a new one to Carolina football followers. He started the final five games of the season last year after Jim Webster was sidelined with a broken leg.

In his first game as a starter, Packard intercepted two passes in a victory over Wake Forest. He also had two key interceptions in Carolina's win over Clemson.

Despite the fact he was one of the big reasons the Tar Heels won four of their last five games in 1969, Packard knew he would have to fight for a starting job this season.

"Everybody wants to be a starter," says Ricky, "but, I knew it would be tough to beat out Webster. Jim is just a super player."

However, Packard has been nothing short of sensational in pre-season workouts and is currently running ahead of Webster in their battle for the linebacking post opposite John Bunting.

Off the field Packard has been keeping his teammates loose with his impressions. He can impersonate most of the players, as well as people like Jimmy Stewart and James Cagney. The Tar Heels say he reached his pinnacle recently when he perfected the "Jim Papai walk." Papai is one of UNC's offensive guards.

Just a few years ago, however, Packard had no intentions of coming to Carolina.

"I grew up as a Duke fan," Ricky explains, "and that was where I wanted to go to school. But, when Bill Dooley became the Carolina coach, I began to consider UNC. My girlfriend's father was a Carolina alumnus and he, of course, wanted me to come here."

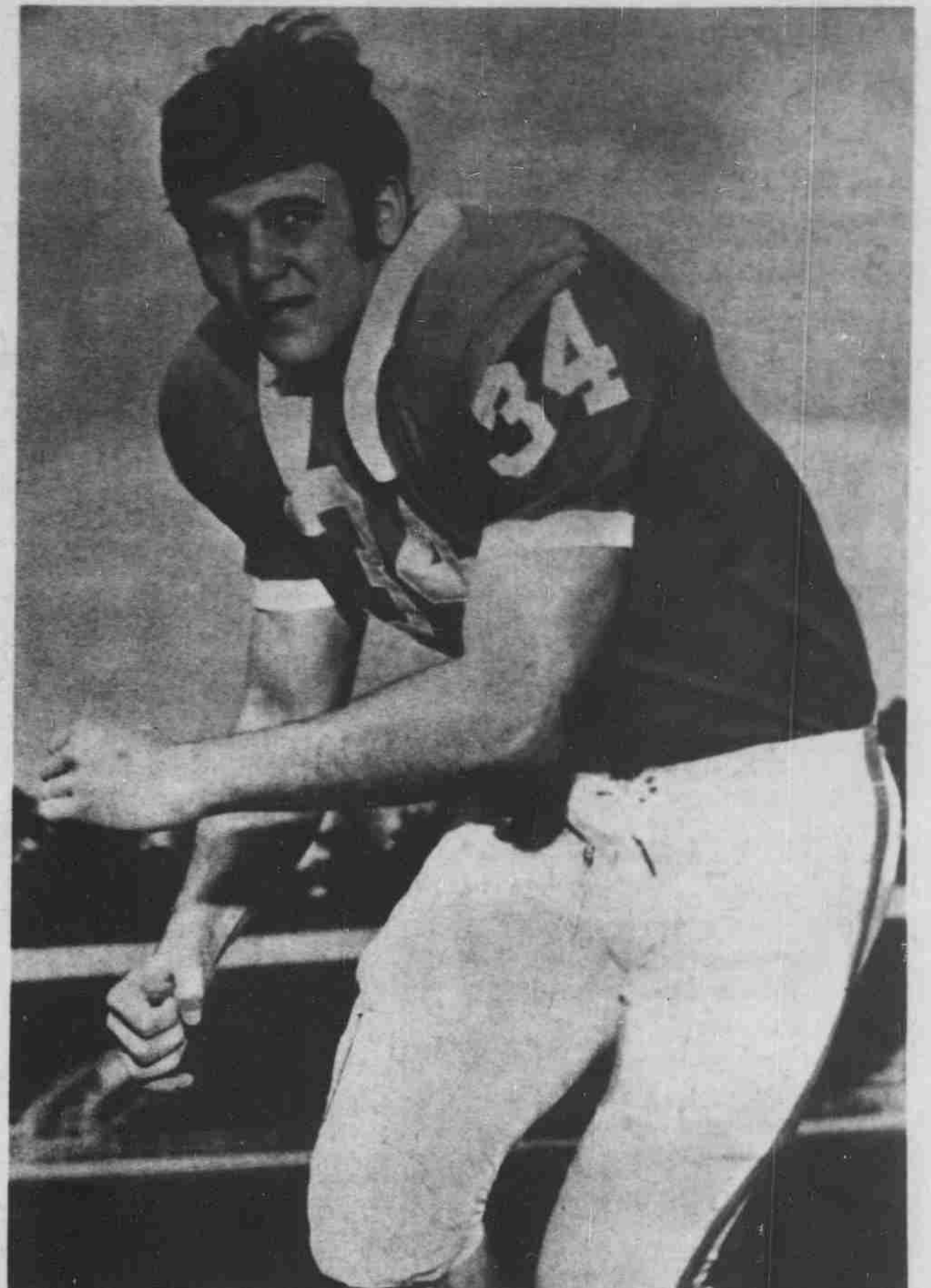
"In fact, on the day I drove up here to sign, I really wasn't sure where I was going—Durham or Chapel Hill. I was on Highway 54 and came to the intersection where one turns left to Chapel Hill or goes straight to Durham. I turned left and have never regretted it."

Neither has the Tar Heel coaching staff.

"Ricky did a fine job filling in last year and has had an outstanding fall practice," says Dooley. "He may be small for a linebacker, but he hits with authority."

Defensive line coach Jim Carmody says Packard "is the toughest 180-pounder I've ever seen in football."

Ricky, by the way, married his childhood sweetheart this summer—the same girl whose father helped persuade him to come to Carolina.



Linebacker Ricky Packard

Football Schedule

Sept. 12	1:50 p.m.	Kentucky	Chapel Hill
Sept. 19	1:50 p.m.	N. C. State	Chapel Hill
Sept. 26	1:30 p.m.	Maryland	College Park
Oct. 3	7:30 p.m.	Vanderbilt	Nashville
Oct. 10	1:30 p.m.	South Carolina	Chapel Hill
Oct. 17	7:30 p.m.	Tulane	New Orleans
Oct. 24	1:30 p.m.	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem
Oct. 31	1:30 p.m.	Virginia*	Chapel Hill
Nov. 7	1:30 p.m.	V.M.I.**	Chapel Hill
Nov. 14	1:30 p.m.	Clemson	Clemson
Nov. 21	1:30 p.m.	Duke	Chapel Hill

*Homecoming **Band Day

Heel Soccer Hopes

Riding On Bush Again

By Howie Carr
Sports Writer

With the beginning of another soccer season rapidly approaching, Carolina chances ride, as usual, with halfback Louis Bush, back for his final season.

Last year Coach Marvin Allen's hope for an ACC championship were dashed early in the season when Bush received a leg injury, and the Tar Heels slumped to a 6-4 record.

The 1969 team did record a first, though, beating Maryland 3-2 in the final game of the season to throw the conference championship to Virginia.

It was the first time in the history of the ACC that the Terps had not won or shared the title.

"The success of our season will depend on how well we can perk up our offense," says Coach Allen. "We played excellent

defense last year, but had trouble scoring."

Last year's defense is virtually intact with senior Tim Haigh, who has recorded eight shut-outs over the past two seasons, back in the nets. Junior Van Allen, of Wayne, Pa., and Al Merrell, from Livingston Manor, N.Y., should start again as fullbacks.

Bush, an All-American in his sophomore season of 1967, leads the returning halfbacks, and he will be joined by veteran Pete Seggel, also a senior.

Returning forwards include seniors John Kuchmay, from Media, Pa., Dave Feffer, of Washington, D. C., and Bill Kohler of Dallas, Tex.

Among others vying for starting berths on the line are sophomores Dan Arial, from Atlanta, Townie Anderson, from Middlebury, Vt., and junior letterman Karl Muster of Ridgewood, N.J.

WELCOME BACK

STUDENTS

T. L. Kemp Jewelry

University Square

**BUGGED?
DTH CLASSIFIED ADS
CAN SOLVE ALL
YOUR PROBLEMS —**

**HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION,
CLOTHING, EMPLOYMENT ...
EVEN DATING.**

\$1.25 for 25 words or less—5c for every word thereafter.

CALL 933-1163 or

Come By The DTH Ad Office

In Room 135, Carolina Union