



N. C. State's Jack Whitley

Six Heels Among Carolina Dominates Pre-Season Offense

It doesn't take a lot of imagination to visualize Carolina at or near the top of the Atlantic Coast Conference standings this year.

A group of men who frequently rely upon their powers of imagination and a coach who rarely does, agree that the Tar Heels are the league's best bet in 1970.

The ACC's grid experts-newsmen from Clemson to College Park—recently completed their annual tour of the conference and came away with the firm conviction that Carolina and Carolinians bear much watching.

The writers predict UNC will win its first league championship since 1963 and the no fewer than six Tar Heels will win ALL-ACC recognition.

Significantly enough, Coach Bill Dooley doesn't object too strenuously to the prognosticating. "I believe we will be a contender," he says, which is a confession not to be taken lightly.

Dooley has never made extravagant remarks about anything not unlike a lot of coaches, and his present optimism is clear if understated.

Anyway, the grid writers, in their collective wisdom, foresee back Don

McCauley, offensive linemen Tony Blanchard, Paul Hoolahan, Jim Hambacher and defenders Judge Mattocks and Bill Richardson taking ALL-ACC laurels as the Tar Heels cop this year's title.

Their choices, as far as they go, seem reasonable. It may be, however, that names like Tom Cantrell and Jimmy Webster (should he succeed in beating out Ricky Packard for his old linebacker's job) will displace a couple of the pre-season choices.

Duke's Dick Biddle appears on the unit, although the well-regarded linebacker missed last year with a knee injury. He will have to re-establish himself, as will Webster, who missed half the season with a broken ankle.

Biddle is one of four Blue Devils selected by the writers. South Carolina, picked to finish second to Carolina in the title race, placed three while Virginia also had three nominated.

Duke's Leo Hart gets the call at quarterback in the scribes' preseason book while Clemson's Ray Yauger and Virginia's Gary Helman round out the backfield with McCauley.

Writers Choices



Anxious Face Belongs To Bill Dooley

It's Practically A New Game

The second 100 years of college football began Saturday with the game all but changed from the way it started a century ago.

While kicking is still a key part of the game, emphasis has been switched from the foot to the arm.

More scholarships and better all-around athletes have turned college football into a high-scoring sport and the way to put points on the scoreboard is through the air.

It has not always been so. For 100 years most coaches have favored running the ball instead of passing. Play good defense and have a time-consuming ground attack and you've got a winner, was the philosophy.

In fact, it has not been until the last decade and people like Jerry Rhome, Steve Spurrier, Gary Beban, Joe Namath, John Huarte and Bob Griese that passing has become a truly important phase of the game.

And, of course, there are good reasons for this. Just a look at the runners who have played the game during the first 100 years is enough to make any coach keep the ball on the ground:

Red Grange, Jim Thorpe, Jim Brown, Charlie Justice, Tom Harmon, O. J. Simpson, Mercury Morris, Steve Owens, Gayle Sayers, Ernie Davis, Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis, Floyd Little, Paul Hornung and Alan Ameche.

But, the game has changed. Defenses are more intricate and it is no longer possible to run the football down an opponent's throat. There has to be a passing threat.

And in this 101st year of the game, there are more and better passers than ever.

Heading the list, of course, is the pride of Drew, Miss.—Ole Miss' Archie Manning, the Darling of Dixie himself.

Manning led the Rebels to an 8-3 record last season, including a stunning upset win over Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl. He completed 58 per cent of his passes, ran for 502 yards, scored 14 touchdowns and threw for nine more.

With an easier schedule, those statistics should even be more impressive this season. Only LSU and Alabama pose strong opposition to Archie's Army. If the Rebels go undefeated, Manning is a sure bet for the Heisman trophy.

Despite all the hullaballou Archie has caused in the South with his Saturday heretics, he probably will not play pro football, passing it up for a pro baseball contract.

But, if the National Football League does lose Manning to baseball, there will be plenty of pro prospects to choose from.

Strong-armed Jim Plunkett of Stanford will certainly go high in the pro draft and should challenge Archie for the Heisman Trophy if the Indians can edge Souther Cal for the Pacific Eight championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl.

Plunkett smashed conference records last season for yards passing, total offense and touchdown passes. With all his receivers back plus some talented newcomers, he should be even better this year.

Duke's Leo Hart is a sure bet to be one of the top four quarterbacks drafted by the pros. He already owns almost every Atlantic Coast Conference passing and total offense record.

He completed 54 per cent of his passes last year and although several of his top receivers have graduated, he alone still makes the Blue Devils a threat in any game they play.

Duke's schedule will keep the Blue Devils from a winning record and will thus wreck Hart's chances for the Heisman Trophy.

If the Heisman voters look for a winner when casting their ballots, this year's top man easily could be Rex Kern, the quarterback for the powerful Ohio State Buckeyes. Kern is a masterful ballhandler, a quick and durable runner and an excellent passer.

Last year he threw for nine

touchdowns and scored nine himself. He ran for 583 yards passed for 1,002 more.

Junior Johnny Reeves of Florida was the nation's number two passer last season and with that experience should be even better this year.

Still, he'll have trouble making the All-Southeastern Conference team what with Archie, Alabama's Scott Hunter and Pat Sullivan of Auburn around.

And while these are the top

quarterbacks, there are others with almost as many fancy statistics.

There's Joe Theismann of Notre Dame, Chuck Hixson of SMU, Don Moorhead of Michigan, Lynn Dickey of Kansas State and Dennis Dummitt of UCLA, just to mention a few.

1970 has justly been called the year of the quarterback. The way it's starting, it may very well be the century of the quarterback.

Cross-Country Schedule

Sept. 28	3:00 p.m.	South Carolina	Columbia
Oct. 2	3:00 p.m.	Virginia & State	Raleigh
Oct. 10	11:00 a.m.	Maryland	Chapel Hill
Oct. 17	11:00 a.m.	Wake Forest, Clemson	Chapel Hill
Oct. 24	11:00 a.m.	Duke	Chapel Hill
Oct. 27	4:00 p.m.	East Carolina	Greenville
Oct. 31		NCAA District III	Atlanta
Nov. 2	4:00 p.m.	State Championships	Raleigh
Nov. 9	11:00 a.m.	ACC Championships	Chapel Hill

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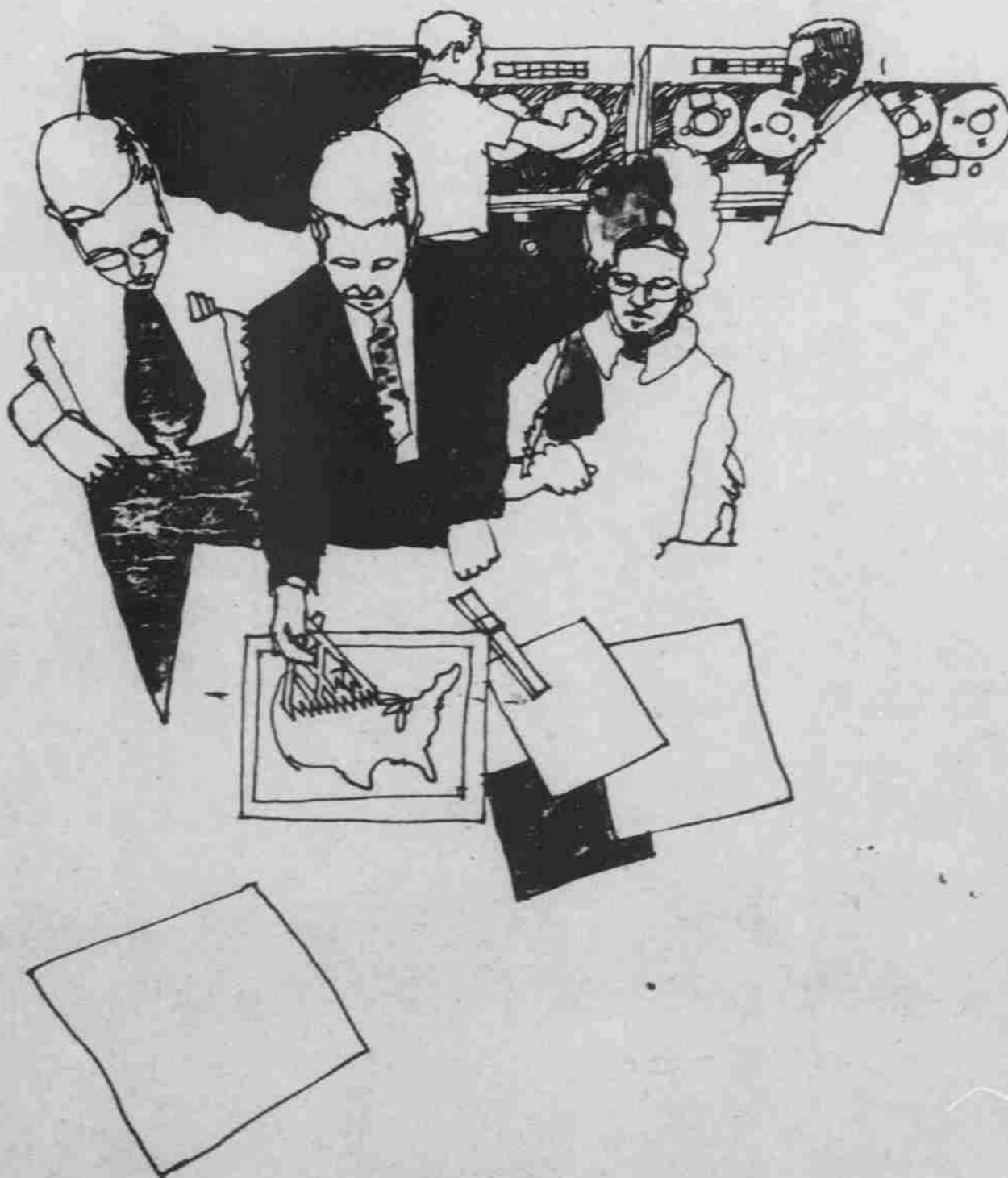
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