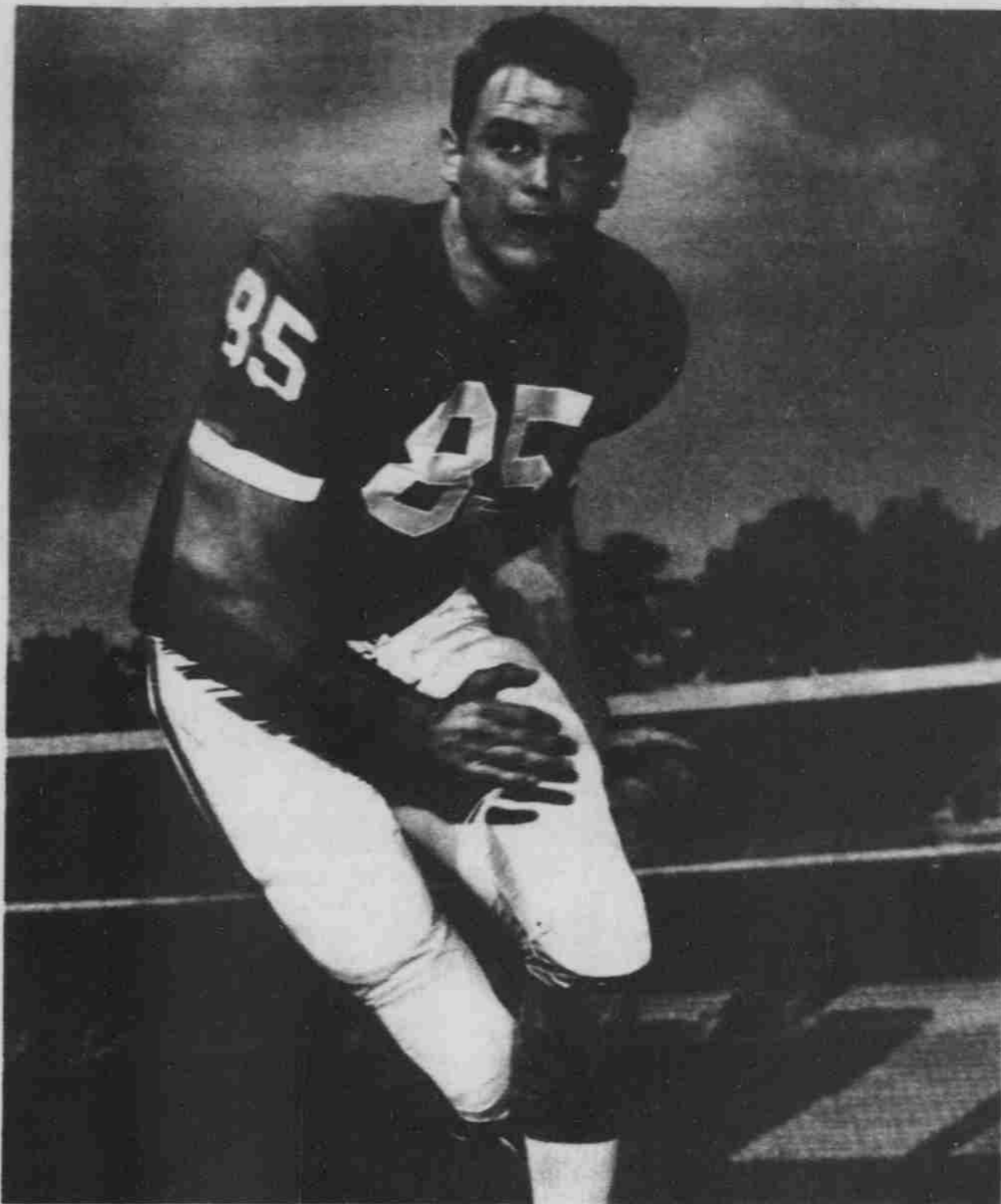


# Opponents Can't Ignore Brafford

## He's Carolina 'Other' Defensive End

by Mark Whicker  
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Defensive End Bill Brafford

"The coaches have done a great job of getting us mentally ready," lauds Brafford. "Last year, we were up for every game except Duke and Florida."

Obviously the Heels have been ready for each outing so far this fall. "The coach has to instill two things in the team—a sense of pride that will make us

fight for everything we've earned," Brafford says, "and respect for your opponent."

"We always know that the team we're playing has certain strong points. Now we know Vanderbilt will be the quickest team we've played, and we respect both them and their conference."

"I know many of the players on the South Carolina team," Brafford continues, "and they're really big and tough. Tommy Suggs is a tremendous quarterback under pressure, although on paper he really isn't all that impressive. He passes extremely well."

"I know I won't be able to sleep much during the nights before the South Carolina game," he promises.

Bill Dooley has had significant success against Southeastern Conference foes, except for the game at Florida last year. Brafford notes the prestige that any ACC team gains whenever it outscores a member of the SEC.

"When Kentucky scored its first touchdown on us," relates Brafford, "one of our players said to us, 'Welcome to the SEC'. About six or eight of our boys heard it, and it really got us psyched for the rest of the afternoon."

The Tar Heels won 20-10, and since then Kentucky has topped highly rated Kansas State and almost beaten SEC favorite Mississippi.

Head defensive coach Lee Hayley works with Brafford and the rest of the defensive ends in pre-game practices, and had them watching for Vanderbilt's six different option plays this week.

"There are a lot of different offenses these days," states Brafford, "but the problem of recognition isn't as bad for us as it is for a linebacker. Our primary job is just to get to the passer and turn in the running plays."

The articulate Bill Brafford does both these jobs extremely well, week after week. "Underrated" is too feeble a word to describe his performances.



# Inside The ACC: A Travelling Show

By Al Thomas

A \$60,000 golf tournament 150 miles from here, the Azalea Golf Tournament in Wilmington, is being heralded as the main sports event in the state this weekend, at least partly because none of the major college teams play at home.

With the football teams travelling to other sections of the country to do battle, sports activities for people in the central part of the state are non-existent. Many will undoubtedly wind their way to Wilmington or even to Tennessee to watch the Tar Heels fight Vanderbilt, but many more, because of the distances involved or a lack of funds, will be stuck in the Piedmont.

Sports writers in this area will be particularly hard-hit, with no games to see and no stories to write.

When slumps in activity such as this occur, a weekly phenomenon—the coaches' press luncheons—takes on additional significance.

The press luncheon is a strange sort of aberration, when sports writers gather to eat lunch compliments of the school's athletic department, and hear a coach say what the writers already knew he would say.

Except for the 10 or 15 minute talk by the coach, discussions among the feasting writers range from pro basketball to firls to why the Mets didn't win the pennant this year.

The coach's part of the luncheon rarely differs from week to week.

A coach begins by talking about "last week's game," faulting or praising his players for their most recent play, and finally making the upcoming opponent take on a flavor of being one of the best teams around and certainly a stern test for his team.

Ordinarily, the press luncheons are given a moderate amount of publicity in the papers, partly because it's the only time the coaches discuss upcoming opponents.

But when the luncheons are the only local events, such as this week, they are given a greatly increased amount of publicity. With Duke's luncheon on Monday, UNC's on Tuesday and State's on Wednesday, sports pages have little trouble being filled.

The UNC Luncheon Carolina's weekly luncheon has become one of the most popular this year, becoming even more popular as the season progresses. The reasons for this are two fold: good hospitality and food and UNC's winning ways.

The crowd at this week's luncheon was the largest of the year, and one of the most optimistic that UNC would beat it's upcoming opponent—until Coach Bill Dooley began his talk.

After Dooley had finished, and had warned of Vanderbilt's explosiveness, the audience lost much of its original security. Suddenly, Vanderbilt was a team to be taken seriously.

Dooley dispelled the festive air with one sentence describing Vanderbilt's quarterback Watson Brown. "He's a great passer."

With the Tar Heels' defensive secondary the biggest problem spot on the team, these words rang unusually deep.

Carolina has yet to meet even a good passing team, and has been able to crush what passing drive the other team fielded by a debilitating rush. Not only do the Tar Heels meet Brown and a 6-4 tight end, Karl Weiss, but also face one of the largest lines so far this year.

Dooley did hint, however, that the Tar Heels are quicker than the Commodores, and on an artificial turf that quickness becomes more important.

Another point in Carolina's favor this Saturday, according to Dooley, is that quarterback Paul Miller, who missed the Maryland game because of an injury, will be ready to play.

The next time you hear the Kenan Stadium public announcer proclaim that a Tar Heel linebacker has just made a tackle, make a mental note to credit defensive ends Judge Mattocks and Bill Brafford.

More often than not, they were the ones who refused the ballcarrier the right to take a path down the sideline, turning him in to meet adept linebackers John Bunting, Ricky Packard, and Jim Webster.

Everyone remembers Mattocks for his spectacular ransacking of the quarterback, but Brafford often remains unnoticed among the fans.

The coaches, however, know better. They praised Brafford profusely after his performance at Maryland.

"I didn't have too much trouble with their fullback—he was smaller than I was and didn't block me all that well," says Brafford. "I got to the passer a couple of times and managed to knock down a few passes, and of course that gets noticed in the films."

Brafford, a 6'2", 212 junior from Raleigh, has made a remarkable comeback from assorted injuries last season.

A dislocated shoulder knocked him out of three 1969 games, and a broken ankle held him out of spring practice. "I was worried about the ankle at the beginning of the year," says Brafford, "but so far it hasn't bothered me."

Like many other linemen, Brafford played quarterback during his high school career, at Raleigh Broughton. Clyde Walker, now the Heels' chief recruiter, coached Brafford in his first two years of prep play.

Bill also played linebacker in high school and ended up receiving about 15 offers. "Carolina was the only placed I ever wanted to play," asserts Brafford, and a Morehead scholarship helped him finalize his decision.

# McCauley Paces Rushing Derby

Carolina's Don McCauley, the nation's second leading rusher averaging 6.3 yards per carry, continues to pace the Atlantic Coast Conference running derby.

He has rambled for 454 yards and an average of 151.3 yards per game.

To equalize the statistical championship chances of most college players, regardless of how many games their team plays, the NCAA statistical bureau now ranks the player categories

on per-game average rather than total yards as in past years.

McCauley added 123 yards, his lowest total in three outings this season, as the Tar Heels plastered Maryland last week.

Duke's Leo Hart appears well on his way toward making a clean sweep of total offense and passing championships for the third straight year.

He is averaging 20.7 completions per game and has gained 713 yards through the air, averaging 240.3 yards per contest, in total offense.

South Carolina's Tommy Suggs is second at 179.7.

Jeff Shugars of Maryland has the second best completion average with a 12.3 figure while Suggs ranks third at 12.0.

Sophomore Steve Jones of Duke ranks

second to McCauley in rushing with a 90.3 average and leads the conference in both punting with a 42.1 average on 10 kicks and in kickoff returns with a 27.8 average.

UNC's Ike Oglesby stands fourth in rushing at 69.7.

Jones shares second place in the scoring race with Billy Ray Rice of South Carolina and Carolina's kicking specialist Ken Craven.

Each has accounted for 18 points while McCauley sets the pace with 24. Craven is the kick-scoring leader with nine extra points and three field goals.

Wes Chesson of Duke with 26 catches

for an 8.7 average has a good lead in the receiving department. Maryland soph Don Ratiiff is second with an average of five grabs per contest.

Rich Searl of Duke leads in punt returns with an 11.1 mark on eight returns. Bo Cavies of South Carolina leads in interceptions with three.



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