

# Tar Heels Should Have Won

By Al Thomas

"You boys beat Tulane tonight," a New Orleans cab driver told several UNC players Saturday night after Carolina fell to Tulane 24-17. "You beat 'em, but you didn't win. You should have."

This cabbie's words expressed not only his feelings, but also the feelings of most of the Tar Heel players and fans.

North Carolina beat Tulane, but didn't win the game.

Just two players on the Tulane team, David Abercrombie and Bob Marshall, had combined for an average of over 160 rushing yards a game. Against Carolina, the entire Tulane team could muster only 27 net yards rushing.

Carolina had more than twice as many first downs as Tulane, 19 to 9, and ran 84 plays to Tulane's 58. In almost every statistic, except passing and scoring, Carolina held a commanding lead.

Tulane scored three touchdowns and one field goal, with each score being set up by a long bomb. Sophomore quarterback Mike Walker completed only nine passes Saturday night, but it was the bomb that cracked the Tar Heels.

The Green Waves "won" the game with four plays, passes that went for 74, 43, 33, and 28 yards. Two of the bombs came with third down and long yardage.

Carolina now stands 4-2 overall

and 2-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Except for the Tar Heels' inability to shut off the pass that goes for 30 or 50 yards, that record could easily be 6-0.

## McCauley Wins

All was not lost in friendly New Orleans, however, with All-American candidate Don McCauley enhancing his rapidly spreading prestige.

McCauley rushed for 148 yards Saturday night in the Sugar Bowl, and in the process picked up several more accolades.

George Sweeney of the New Orleans News-Item described McCauley as "the best college back I have seen in 10 years. I've never seen a player so hard to tackle."

Marvin Kristynik, a former quarterback at Texas who is now assistant coach of the Green Waves, compared McCauley to the great Texas back Ernie Koy.

"McCauley, however, has more acceleration than Koy," Kristynik said. "He also has tremendous balance and knows when to cut after he hits the line."

Tulane head coach Jim Pittman joined in the chorus, saying, "McCauley is one of the best backs we've ever faced. He played a whale of a ball game."

McCauley has rolled up 860 yards rushing so far this year for an

average of 143 yards a game. His career total in two and one-half seasons is 2,297.

## Disappointed Heels

The outcome of the Tulane game was not all that disappointed several members of the Tar Heel team.

After the game, many of the players headed for the famous, or infamous depending on your beliefs, French Quarter.

"Come on in and see the ladies dance," hawkers beckoned to the players, standing out in their Carolina blue sport coats with "UNC" on the pockets. "Come on in and see the ladies at their best. They won't disappoint."

Large groups of Tar Heels were

at first interested in what these hawkers were offering, but soon walked away, sorely disappointed.

It seems, according to Louisiana law, these ladies may not reveal as much as the topless dancers in Raleigh. Topless in New Orleans does not literally mean topless.

There were enough other points of interest in the Quarter to keep most visitors from North Carolina happy, however, from Pat O'Brien's and his "Hurricanes" and "Shelalies" to Preservation Hall and its uncannily good music to other bars where dancers reminiscent of Mr. Bojangles were shuffling to the Dixieland beat.

Even when you lose in New Orleans, all is not lost.

## Devils, Deacons Grab Big Wins

by Mark Whicker  
Sports Writer

Duke and Wake Forest stuck to the basics Saturday to record important conference victories, while South Carolina succumbed to the Byrd Stadium jinx again to cripple its ACC title chances.

Before the 36-20 victory over Clemson was over, Wake fans were yelling "Go to hell, Carolina" in anticipation of this week's clash with the Tar Heels.

It is unlikely that the Deacs will use Tulane tactics, however. Quarterback Larry Russell and fullback Larry Hopkins led Wake to 444 yards rushing against Clemson, and Coach Cal Stoll probably feels that his triple-option runs can gain against any opponent.

Hopkins set an ACC record with 230 yards on 20 carries, while Russell and Ken Garrett were responsible for another 162.

Wake, like Carolina, is vulnerable to good passing. The Tigers' Tom Kendrick completed 21 of 34 for 242 yards.

If Wake can beat Carolina, Stoll will be thinking about a conference title.

But Duke will have to stumble first. The Blue Devils conquered State 22-6 in Raleigh Saturday as Leo Hart attempted only 12 passes, completing four.

Although Steve Jones and Bill Thompson gained 143 yards between them, Duke defenders Rich Searl and Ernie Jackson stole the show.

Searl ran an interception for 54 yards

to set up a Duke score, and both made many individual tackles.

Dave Wright set a conference record when he booted a 51-yard field goal.

The Devils are not known for their depth, but how many teams have got two different field goal kickers for long and short attempts?

Dave Pugh booted 29 and 22 yard three-pointers.

State's pedestrian offense was limited to 167 yards.

The Duke locker room was jubilant when news of South Carolina's 21-15 loss at Maryland, giving the Devils a one-game ACC lead.

Terp linebacker Ted Steiner blocked a punt in the end zone to break a 7-7 tie in the fourth quarter, then recovered a Doug Hamrick fumble to stop the Gamecocks' last drive.

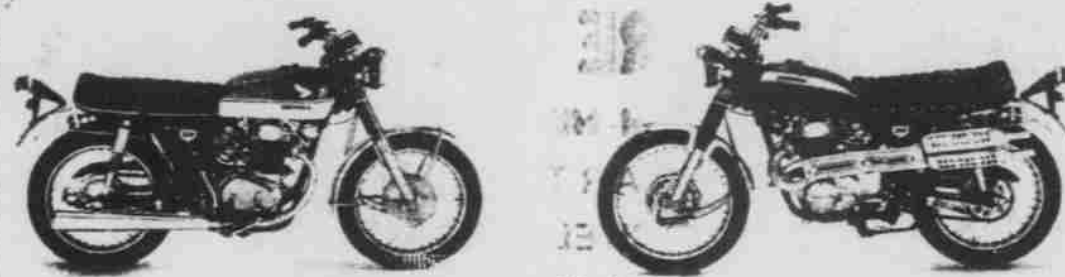
Maryland's defense took away South Carolina's running game, so Tommy Suggs hit 21 of 44 passes for 299 yards, including touchdowns to Hamrick and Jim Mitchell.

The most costly Gamecock error was committed by the unusually infallible punt returners. Don Bailey and Dick Harris collided while fielding a punt and Pat Burke recovered for the hosts.

Al Thomas scored to give Maryland its 21-7 lead late in the fourth period.

The comedy of errors probably cost the Gamecocks their second straight ACC title, after they had apparently wrapped it up last week in Chapel Hill.

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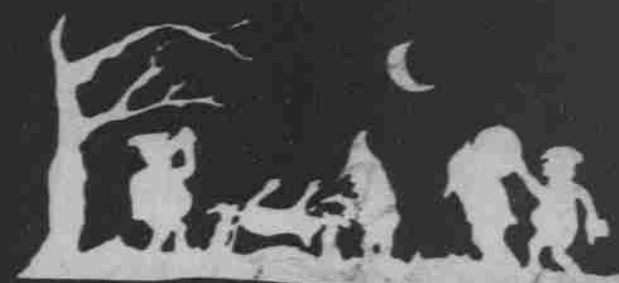
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