

1971 schedule

Sept. 11	Richmond Richmond 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Illinois Champaign-Urbana 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Maryland Chapel Hill 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	N.C. State Raleigh 1:50 p.m.
Oct. 9	Tulane Chapel Hill 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Notre Dame South Bend 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Wake Forest Chapel Hill 1:50 p.m.
Oct. 30	William and Mary Chapel Hill 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Clemson Chapel Hill 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Virginia Charlottesville 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	Duke Durham 1:30 p.m.

Still optimistic

Tougher task awaits Deacons

by Mark Whicker
Sports Editor

Was it a demonstration of "prayer power?" Were the referees really ordained Baptist ministers?

Or was Wake Forest really that good when it won its first ACC championship last fall?

Deacon Coach Cal Stoll obviously believed the latter explanation for Wake's success, and with 15 out of 22 starters coming back he's even more optimistic this season.

However, Wake must play two of its most crucial ACC games on successive weeks—at Carolina and at Clemson. The Deacs also won't enjoy the advantage this year of "hiding in the woods, sneaking up on people," as coaches like to say.

Outside of the two make-or-break games, on Oct. 23 and 30, Wake's

schedule is a waltz. The Deacs open with Davidson and travel to VPI the week after. Other non-conference games include a trip to South Carolina and "homers" against Miami, Tulsa, and William & Mary.

Wake Forest has good first-line talent, but little apparent reserve strength. In the backfield, the cinderella story of all-ACC quarterback Larry Russell is ready for another reading, with accompaniment from strong running backs.

Wake picked up 2,496 of its 3,352 yards on the ground in 1970. Larry Hopkins churned out 984 of them, but the fullback's most important move of the season came without the ball.

Films show rather clearly that Hopkins pushed Russell across the goal line for Wake's first touchdown in the 14-13 win over Carolina in Winston-Salem last October. That win gave Wake the

momentum to beat Duke and State and claim the title.

Russell's girl friend was killed in an auto accident early in the season, but he went on from there to pass for 671 yards and run for 649 to lead the Deac offense. The southpaw also has quick halfback Ken Garrett and 214-pound fullback Gary Johnson returning in his backfield.

At flanker, Steve Bowden returns and Junior Moore may replace departed Gary Winrow at split end.

The heart of the offensive line returns with all-conference guard Bill Bobbora the head troublemaker.

Although defensive linemen Win Headley and Mike Magnot are gone, Stoll has two sophomores and a junior transfer who weigh well over 220 pounds to call on. With 265-pound Dick Chulada and 247-pound John Phillips, these men may be hard to move.

Wake's opponents, however, took the easy way out; they passed for over 2,000 yards into the secondary. Frank Fussell and Pat McHenry return to join sophomores Kevin Byrnes and Carl Lowe.

All-conference linebacker Ed Stetz is back at linebacker, and Ed Bradley and Larry Causey round out an opportunistic trio.

Morale, not pure ability, carried the Deacons last year. Wake Forest played Duke and Carolina like Armageddon was just around the corner.

Certainly the starters are now more seasoned, and with the weaker teams replacing Florida State, Houston and Nebraska on the Wake schedule, last year's 6-5 record won't be difficult to improve.

The Deacons must win the conference title away from home this year, however, and that will be a tall order.

Still rebuilding?

ACC foes may be ready for contention now

"Rebuilding" is a euphemism used by football coaches and writers when a certain team has very little material at hand.

Some teams have been rebuilding for five and six years now. They hope that next season—or maybe the season after that—the process will be over and they can play without fear of keeping the margin of defeat down.

For the three rookie coaches in the ACC, and two others who have been in charge for two and three years, respectively, "next season" has arrived. Neither Cal Stoll nor Bill Dooley, coaches of the two main contenders for the league title, will discount the other five teams because all have profited from improved recruiting programs.

Mike McGee, at Duke, is taking over a squad that lost All-Americans Leo Hart and Wes Chesson, but has 32 lettermen returning.

Al Michaels, Earle Edwards' successor at State, banks hopes for recovering from a 3-7-1 year on two blossoming sophomore runners.

Don Lawrence, Virginia's new coach, has a good passing attack hidden within seven returning offensive starters.

Roy Lester, in his third year at Maryland, brings back 14 starters and an explosive running back.

But it's Hootie Ingram, at Clemson for

the second year, who may have the best chance to break the Carolina-Wake Forest axis this year.

Thirty-six lettermen, including 15 starters, return at Clemson with good rising sophomores at the key positions. The Tigers have Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn on their schedule again, but play only one conference game at the home field of an opponent.

Clemson was 3-8 last season after winning its first two games. Whatever glories Ingram experienced came from quarterback Tom Kendrick (1,407 passing yards), defensive back Don Kelley (three touchdowns on returns), and tailback Ray Yauger. Kendrick and Kelley return, and Ingram has already moved Don to flanker to join tight end John McMakin and split end Pete Galuska.

Mark Fellers complicates the situation, however. Fellers passed for 740 yards as a freshman last fall and will give the often erratic Kendrick some competition.

Ingram may not even miss Yauger, not with Mike (Smiley) Sanders coming up from the frosh. Sanders rushed for 492 yards and joins Rick Gilstrap and Dick Bukowsky in the backfield.

Wade Hughes, who averaged over 100 yards per game for two years at Ferrum JC, is also around this season.

Defensively, Ingram calls on 235-pound linebacker Larry Hefner, defensive back Ben Anderson and Jeff Siepe, and a small, quick line. This formula didn't work last year—in fact, it gave up almost 5,000 yards, and with Kelly on offense it could be up to sophomores.

Maryland was 2-9 last season but 37 lettermen return, most of any conference team. The most important returnee is junior Art Seymore, who gained 945 yards on 221 carries and caught 16 passes.

Coach Lester may be planning to use soph QB Tom Neville right away to see if his 1,286 passing yardage was just a freshman fluke. His favorite receivers, Dan Bungori and Bob Lane, caught 12 passes on the frosh.

These receivers have persuaded Lester to move Don Ratliff, (6-5, 210) to defensive end. So all-conference Guy Roberts, spectacular end a year ago, is now a linebacker.

On the line, Lester mulls over the possibility of using 6-8, 255 pound Dave Clough next to 265-pound Paul Vellano.

Hart, Chesson and Dick Riddle all departed Durham after almost bringing



Duke's Steve Jones



Duke's Ernie Jackson

Tom Harp a conference title. But Duke lost to Carolina, of course, and so monumentally that Harp was dismissed.

Now it's Mike McGee, former Outland Trophy winner under Bill Murray, who has returned to his home campus and is making grim preparations for Blue Devil success.

Duke has 32 returning lettermen, 13 of them starters. Two of them, fullback Steve Jones (854 rushing yards, out two games with injuries) and halfback Bill Thompson (457 yards) may carry the attack since Hart and Chesson graduated.

Quarterback Dennis Satyshur's most proven targets are flanker Brad Evans and tight end Bill Baker.

Center Dale Grimes, guard Bob Fitch, and all-conference candidate Willie Clayton will open most of the holes, but McGee needs more depth here.

On defense, Rich Searl and Ernie Jackson return to lead a competent defensive backfield, and tackle Bruce Mills and linebacker Lanny Murdock had good years in '70.

Duke's biggest problem is depth; the team has had a history of injuries and the only protected department is the offensive backfield, with Bob Zwirko and Art Bosetti toiling behind Jones and Thompson.

State scored only 90 points in 11 games last season; new running backs Willie Burden and Charley Young may be able to match that in the first three games. The Wolfpack opens with Kent

State and also has East Carolina on tap before travelling to Miami and Penn State.

Al Michaels, Earle Edwards' "Kemo Sabay" for so these many years, also has talented flanker Pat Kenney and six quarterbacks to pick from.

The Wolfpack has a young, strong defense featuring middle guard George Smith and defensive back Van Walker (seven interceptions). End Clyde Chesney and linebacker Bryan Wall were good sophomores in '70.

It should be a typical State team, lots of running, defense and stick-to-itiveness until the mistakes are gone.

Virginia's new mentor, Don Lawrence, inherits the mantle of George Blackburn, a smart offensive theorist. Blackburn's work in '70 produced a fine sophomore quarterback, Billy Troup (10 touchdown passes, 1,289 yards). Fleet receiver Dave Sullivan and reliable runners Jim Lacey and Gary Helman are back in Charlottesville, but seven defensive starters aren't, and Michigan and Vanderbilt are new on the schedule.

Actually, the schedule was Blackburn's strong point. Virginia lost all six conference games, yet posted a 5-6 record with non-league wins over Colgate, Virginia Tech and the like.

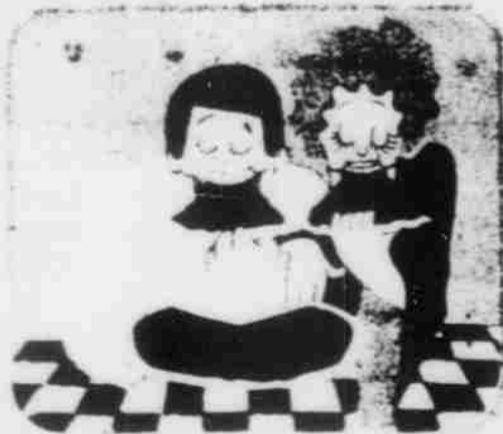
Lawrence will rebuild the defense around end Billy Williams, tackle Andy Selfridge and safety Robbie Gustafson. Virginia's games will at least be high-scoring—on both sides.

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