

Recovers from injury

# Rusnak's blocking wins award

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For his outstanding line play in Carolina's 27-0 shutout of Illinois Saturday, the Sports Writer's Committee of the ACC voted Ron Rusnak the ACC offensive lineman of the week.

Ron, the 6-2, 222-pound tar heel right guard, hails from Virginia, where he was an all-star guard for Prince George High School near Richmond.

Prince George is a member of the tough Central Division of the I-A league, which is Virginia's counterpart to N.C.'s I-AA competition.

He performed so well in high school that Bill Dooley had assistant coach, Jim Armody scout him in his junior year.

A leader on the freshman team, Ron saw considerable action as a sophomore last year in the role of backup man to Jim Hambacher, all-ACC at right guard.

The potential was there, but there has been concern over Ron's availability because of an ankle injury. In fact, he did not see action in Richmond, and did not start the Illinois game. Ron is confident his injury was only temporary.

Judging from his performance last Saturday, all indications are he's right.

Because of his play last year and in practice, the coaching staff regarded him

before this season started as one of the finest players on the squad, and felt that he could develop into the top player on the offensive line. Their predictions have proven to be well warranted.

Jerry Sain, last week's ACC lineman of the week who plays next to Ron at right tackle, among others will give him more

than adequate competition for that role.

When asked about his performance in the Illinois game, Ron replied, "I had a lot of respect for Tab Bennett, their defensive tackle, and I was really up to give him my best."

The Carolina coaching staff will attest to that. For one, defensive line coach, Ron DeMelfi, was quoted as saying, "Ron more than handled his own with Bennett. Sometimes he would block him flat, and on a lot of plays, he would knock him back five yards or so."

Ron is a modest young man. When asked what he thought about the coaches' remarks, he noted, "I don't think Bennett played up to his potential. I don't think Ron will find anyone to concur with him."

Prior to the opening game at Richmond, the prognosticators weren't exactly raving over the inexperienced, young offensive line, and there were those who dispelled their efforts in the first game admirable, but not a real test.

Ron, affectionately known as "rooster" to his teammates, was aware of the doubtful uncertainty. "We know we're young and don't have the experience the defense has, but we wanted to prove to ourselves, and everyone else, that we could get the job done."

"We have as much pride as an

offensive unit as does our defense," Ron further added. "We knew we could beat Illinois, but we weren't really expecting a shutout. We have a fine defensive unit."

Ron is the first one to quote an old cliché, "It takes a team effort to win, but our offensive backfield really helps us look good. With Miller's faking, and each back capable of going all the way, the defense can't concentrate anywhere, that allows us, blocking up front, to beat our men."

Illini head coach, Bob Blackman, is inclined to give the Tar Heel front line more credit though. "Our spotters would report where they thought Carolina was going to run, and we were waiting for them, but they just executed perfectly."

Ron says, "The Maryland defense will offer a stiff challenge, because they are big, and fast, but we're getting it all together. Everybody has confidence in each other, and our sophomore starters have learned their assignments extremely well. They don't make those mistakes sophomores are supposed to make."

Maryland, through the first two games, leads the ACC in rushing defense, but they will face a tough assignment in Kenan today, if the offensive line continues the fine work they have displayed thus far. And if "Rooster" has anything to do with it, they will.



Ron Rusnak

# Reggie McAfee - talented distance man

Special to the DTH

Track, even to the most feeble imagination, is a unique sport. To exert one's body through a continual drain on the adrenal, strength and stamina seems futile to some.

But to Reggie McAfee, a sensational arrival to the Carolina track program, track is a source of positive reinforcement.

McAfee, a pharmacy transfer from

## Rugby club ready for Duke

The UNC Rugby Club plays its second game of the season Sunday against Duke.

The game is on Ehringhaus Field, and will begin at 2 p.m.

After last week's 27-0 defeat of James River, the team may find itself facing its first tough opposition of the year; Duke usually has some surprises, and is always a force to be reckoned with.

Some important Tar Heel players are unfit, David Parriss, the workhorse of the scrum, suffered a dislocated shoulder in the James River game and is out for the season. Adrian Wood, the exciting new fly-half from England, broke a finger in practice this week, which will incapacitate him for 3 weeks or so.

However more English talent is on hand, in the form of Serge Cantacuzene-Speransky, who will take Wood's place against Duke. Speransky played at centre for Harrow, one of England's top schools, but has had some experience at fly-half.

Spectators are more than welcome at the game tomorrow.

Brevard Junior College, is a veteran in the two-mile, the mile and the cross country events. His first start is Saturday on Finley Golf Course track as the Tar Heels host Virginia Tech and South Carolina.

Along with Lennox Stewart, who also transferred to Carolina, he has captured national honors in the last two years.

McAfee won the 1970 National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Meet in Vincennes, Indiana, with a time of 20:30.9 on the 4.179 mile course.

He became the first black American to run a four-minute mile, finishing fourth in the Martin Luther King Memorial Games in Philadelphia last May 16. This was overshadowed, however, by the heralded duel between Marty Liquori, the winner, and Jim Ryan.

McAfee, from Cincinnati, and Stewart are two of the reasons Coach Joe Hilton is openly pointing to a conference title this year, despite many veterans returning at Duke and Maryland.

Co-captains Larry Widgeon and Zack Osborne and sophomore Tony Waldrop, who won the state title as a yearling last fall, help complete a solid lineup for the Tar Heels.

McAfee says track relates to everything else in his life, viewing track as a job that requires maximum personal discipline.

"The more work you do in training," Reggie says, "the more work you're able to do."

He feels he can perform under outside pressure, which is fortunate considering

the close race expected in the conference this season.

McAfee was courted by many schools for his last two collegiate years, but finally chose Carolina over Oregon because of the Chapel Hill pharmacy school.

He would like to work as a pharmacist in a hospital to help his mother support the family, which is also track-oriented. In fact, a brother is running high school track and a ten-year-old sister is nationally ranked in her age group in the 440-yard run.

In preparation for the season, McAfee is keeping up his 100-mile-a-week training program after recovering from a throat infection.

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# Mark Whicker

## One at a time

Assorted thoughts, for what they're worth. After Carolina's 240 start, there's a lot of talk about the Oct. 8 game with Tulane in Kenan Stadium. Indeed, that may be the most exciting game of the season, along with the Wake Forest contest.

Both teams stand a good chance of going into that game unbeaten, since Tulane meets Rice and William & Mary and Carolina plays Maryland and State. That is, unless you prefer playing them one at a time.

In that case, today's Maryland game should be entertainment enough. At best the Terrapins have proved they can score this year, and Coach Ray Lewis, after all, led the biggest number of returning lettermen in the conference (37). The opening 21-3 loss to Villanova may be more of a testimonial to the Wildcats' strength, rather than Maryland's weakness.

The Cougars met Baltimore's Bullets in Winston-Salem tonight to open an exhibition season, with Tom Meschery in command. Also, Philadelphia's Hal Greer has signed a contract as the 76er's assistant player and coach—an inevitable step for one of the NBA's smartest guards.

Duke quarterback Dennis Saryshur has been the forgotten man for the 240 Blue Devils, leaving the headlines to fullback Steve Jones and defensive back Ernie Jackson. "I don't care about breaking Leo Hart's records for passing," Saryshur says. "All I want to do is win more games."

Last year's "super-sub," Dave Chadwick, is alive, well and scoring 28 points a game in Belgium.

In ten exhibition games, Dave is scoring proficiently and also averaging 10 rebounds per outing.

Chadwick, from Orlando, Fla., helped UNC to the NIT championship last March after regular forward Dennis Wuyck suffered a knee injury in the first-round game against Massachusetts.

The sports information department reports that tickets for the Duke game in Durham Nov. 20 will be on sale at the Carmichael ticket office at 8:30 Monday morning.

The game will be a sell-out again, and if early results hold through, it may have a great bearing on who wins the conference championship.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for dates. Each student must show up in person to buy his ticket.

This season has been a bust so far for the new-fangled, computerized football rating systems. They fix defensive and offensive power ratings for each team and predict games on that basis, with room for very few variables.

One well-respected system is called "Stat-Key." On Sept. 11, it said, "Florida 23, Duke 8—the Stat-Key report will tell you for sure."

On Sept. 19—"Oakland 23, New England 5"—and again it told us for sure.

Of course, no one was going to pick New England and Duke in those games, but it illustrates how a volatile sport like football resists the predicting machines.

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