McGee not thinking about job

Duke-UNC: same situation in '77

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DURHAM — There is not much difference between the situation last year and the situation this year in terms of the Carolina-Duke pregame chatter. Only the records and the names have changed to protect those already graduated.

In 1976, Duke Head Football Coach Mike McGee was headed for the showers if the Blue Devils didn't produce a winner. He broke dead even, with a 5-5-1 mark. The final game proved to be one of the best college games ever played in this area, if not the entire country. The Tar Heels made a valiant fourth quarter rally to win 39-38 and capture a post-season invitation to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta.

This year, McGee is having his job scrutinized once more. One local television station went as far as to say Saturday that McGee would tender his resignation at the end of the season. He probably will not, but with a loss to Carolina, McGee will suffer his fourth sub-.500 season in his seven-year reign.

For Carolina, the season of 1976 was a comeback, a chance to prove that the previous off-year was just that, an off-year. The Heels rallied to a 9-2 record, the last victory over the Blue Devils, and the frozen confines of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

Head Coach Bill Dooley and his men are against staring a successful season in the face, a possible ACC championship and a probable bowl invitation waiting at the conclusion of the Duke game. The climax to all this starts at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, when the respective teams meet for the 63rd time in the history of the series.

Meanwhile, at McGee's press luncheon Monday, the Duke coach started out by praising signal-caller Mike Dunn, and pushed him as first team all-ACC quarterback.

"Dunn made a great performance under pressure," he said in reference to last Saturday's loss to N.C. State. "I doubt there is a better third down quarterback in the country. I doubt there is a better quarterback in the entire country than Dunn."

McGee said the Duke offense scored on drives that averaged over 75 yards per drive. "We did things that we needed to do to win," he said. He said the defense only could pin N.C. State to three yards in losses, a factor which made it hard for the Blue Devils to hold off the constant pressure of the Wolfpack offense, and kept pressure on the offense to score points.

As for the upcoming game, McGee emphasized the desire of the senior class playing their last game in Wallace Wade Stadium, which is sold out for the contest. He lauded the class for playing an outstanding brand of football over the past four years.

But McGee's thoughts were riveted on the game. "I doubt if there's a closer rivalry in the country now," he said. He praised the UNC offense, and called Amos Lawrence the best freshman running back he had seen.

"Their offense is in good shape. Kupec's passing accuracy had added to what Carolina is attempting to do." McGee also said the Tar Heel defense is the strongest he will face this year.

"Their defense is a combination of quickness and strength. They're playing with a lot of enthusiasm," McGee said. Despite the strength of Carolina's defense, McGee said he thought ball control would be the key to a Blue Devil win.

Asked if the UNC game was something exceptionally special, McGee said the game was always something special. As for the chance of ruining the Tar Heel bid for a bowl game, he shrugged off the issue.

"Those kinds of things don't mean all that much to us. We have a chance for a winning season."

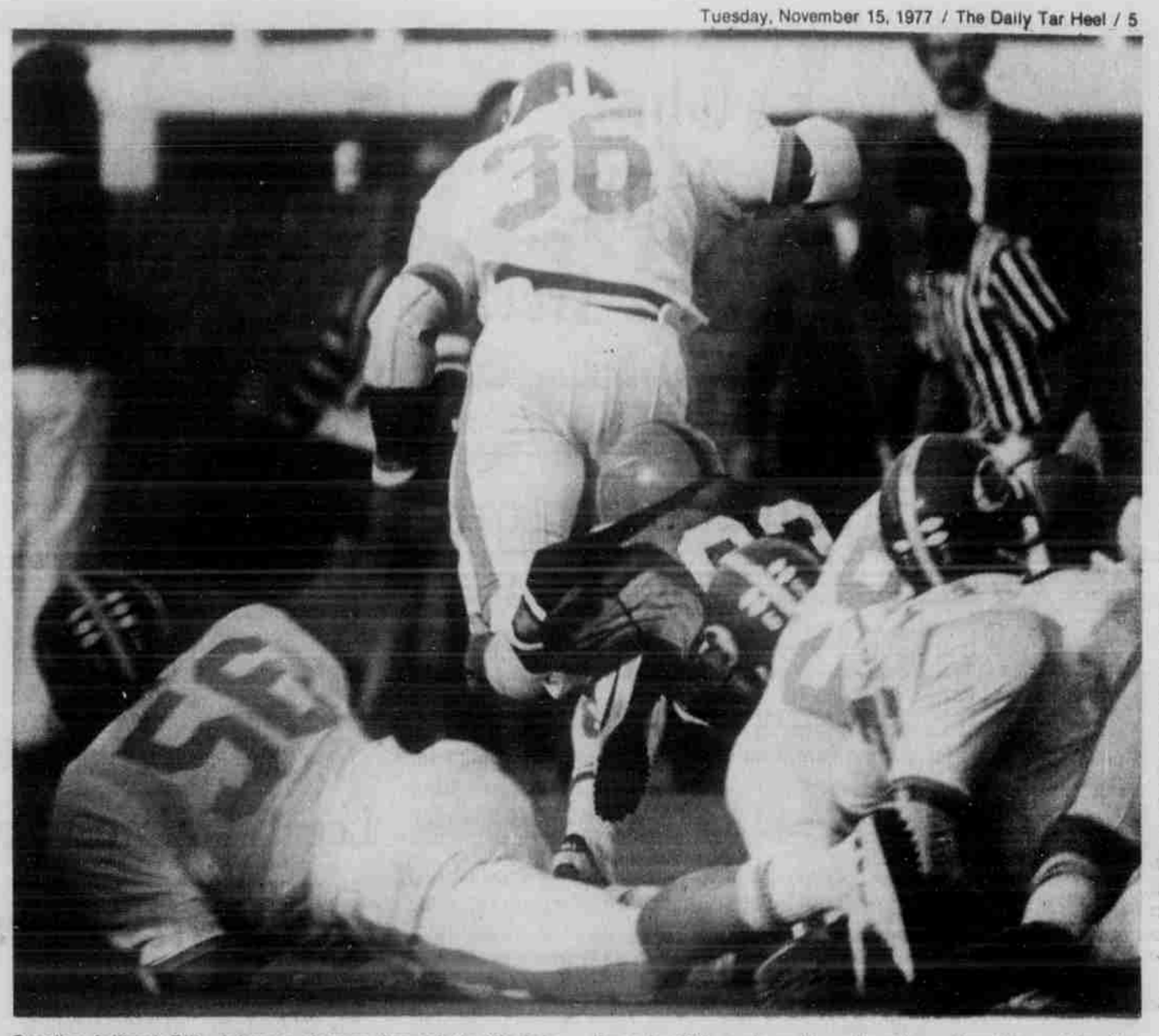
As for the possibility of resigning or being fired at the end of the year, McGee seemed oblivious to the chance of losing his job as head coach.

"We have a game this week, and that's where my thoughts and concerns are."

UPI honors Amos

Freshman tailback Amos Lawrence was named to the United Press International's Backfield of the Week for his record shattering performance Saturday at Virginia.

Lawrence broke Tony Dorsett's NCAA single-game rushing record for freshmen when he carried for 286 yards and two touchdowns. He broke Dorsett's mark by 21 yards and his performance was seven yards better than the ACC single-game record set by Don McCauley in 1972.



Carolina fullback Billy Johnson charges through the Virginia defense on his way to 61 yards on 11 carries. The Tar Heels defeated the Cavaliers 35-14. Amos Lawrence, Carolina's freshman tailback, sparkled in the Carolina win, rushing 35 times for 286 yards and breaking the national record for the most yards ever gained by a freshman. Staff photo by Joseph Thomas.

Tar Heels back into UPI Top 20

NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Press International Board of Coaches top 20 teams after the 10th week of the college football season with first-place votes and record in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. Texas (35) (9-0)	395
2. Oklahoma (1) (9-1)	314
3. Alabama (1) (9-1)	313
4. Ohio St. (1) (9-1)	279
5. Michigan (9-1)	209
6. Notre Dame (1) (8-1)	204
7. Arkansas (8-1)	159
8. Penn St. (9-1)	121
9. Pittsburgh (1) (8-1-1)	89
10. Nebraska (8-2)	66
11. Arizona St. (8-1)	13
12. Texas A&M (6-2)	10
13. Florida St. (8-1)	8
14. No. Texas St. (8-2)	4
15. Clemson (7-2-1)	**3**
16. UCLA (7-3)	2
16. NORTH CAROLINA (7-2-1)	**2**
16. Texas Tech (7-2)	2
19. Iowa St. (7-3)	1

Intramural notes

Anyone interested in officiating intramural basketball this winter should attend a clinic at 8 p.m. Wednesday in 304 Woollen Gym. Call Keith Head or Mike Pappas at 933-1153 or 933-1006 for more information.

Dee Stribling won the women's raquetball championship over Angela Lumpkin. Stribling is the No. 1-ranked women's raquetball player in North Carolina.

Margaret and Lou Wasson teamed to win the women's doubles tennis title over Libby Evans and Susan Donaldson, 6-2, 6-3.

FOR THE RECORD

Hofstetter makes nationals

Gary Hofstetter, a member of the UNC cross country team, qualified for the national championships with his performance in the District Three meet in Greenville, S.C. this weekend. UNC's Ralph King also qualified for the nationals, as reported in the *Daily Tar Heel* Monday.

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