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Invitation To The Dance

With the football season almost over, sports department publicity men and the writers who sit behind desks in newspaper offices are getting busy with this and that "Bowl" selection. A middle of the week account had it that Wake Forest might receive a bid to the post-season El Paso "Sun Bowl". Indeed, Jim Weaver, Wake Forest's Athletic director, admitted that Sun Bowl officials have written to inquire if the Wake Foresters would be interested in meeting the Arizona State College team in such a game.

The Wake Forest team, although it has suffered defeats from Carolina, Duke and Clemson, leads the nation's ranking football teams in scoring, with 211 points gained in nine games and this record has brought the Baptist lads into the spotlight. Director Weaver says, however, that no formal Sun Bowl invitation has been issued to Wake Forest and that even if it does come, an acceptance or rejection will depend on reactions from the players themselves and from the Southern conference.

It is also understood that final decision would rest with the Wake Forest Athletic council. It will be recalled, too, that Southern conference rules, waived last year for Duke, prohibit playing of post-season games. Anyway, the Sun Bowl feiler ought to make the Wake Forest boys and alumni feel good and it would be nice if arrangements can be made all around.

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Duke - Carolina Once More

Last week we said something about saying goodby to the 1939 contest between Duke and Carolina, but yesterday morning we picked up the latest copy of "Time" magazine and discovered the leading sports item of the week was a commentary on our annual classic.

Starting off this way, "Time" reports:

"In every section of the United States last week the one-time rah-rah sport of football reached a state bordering on mass hysteria

"In North Carolina, where once only alumni cared who won the Duke-North Carolina game, last week's clash between the Blue Devils of Durham and the Tar Heels of Chapel Hill divided 3,000,000 North Carolinians into two camps. Sober business men, tobacco farmers and textile hands, many of whom never saw a college campus, bet like drunken sailors on either Carolina or Duke.

"For the 51,000 who were lucky enough to get into Duke's Stadium, this year's game was something to see. There were four triple-threats in the field: Duke's two famed McAfee Brothers and Carolina's equally famed "Sweet" Lalanne and George Stirnweiss. At half time, Carolina was leading, 3-to-0.

"Then, in the first few minutes of the third quarter, a Blue Devil, coming out of nowhere, blocked a Carolina punt. The ball bounced off his chest, rolled crazily toward the end zone and, before the bewildered crowd got to its feet, rolled over the goal line with a Blue Devil atop it. From that moment on, Duke played diabolical ball. They intercepted passes, smothered ball-carriers, finally scored another touchdown to shatter Carolina's dreams of the Southern Conference championship and a bowl game bid."



JIM RINGOLD

Jimmy Ringgold, Wake Forest's powerful blocking back, who many people are now picking for the best in the Southern conference. He will be watched closely against the Davidson Wildcats Thursday.

Conzelman Disagrees With Chicago University's Head

Chicago — Jimmy Conzelman, coach of the Washington university team, took down his long gray hair this week with some of the football views expressed by Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago.

"I am heartily in favor of what he says about overemphasis in intercollegiate football," Conzelman stated. "We don't put the stress on victory at our school. I can personally guarantee that no Washington university team will have an unbeaten system—not while using my system."

The gray fox of the Missouri Valley conference recalled that Dr. Hutchins had made some remark about the ephemeral nature of the grid game's values. He added:

"All I can show for my 20 post-graduate years is a little house with a mortgage, six white shirts and a toaster."

Conzelman contended, however, that he set great store by his ability to develop integrity among his men. He was especially proud of the sterling qualities of one of his eleven. But during a testimonial dinner an alumnus, extolling their high moral standards, mentioned a few "peccadilloes" of Conzelman's college career. The next speaker, inspired, told the audience:

"Damned if I don't believe that it takes a guy that never had any character to teach it."

Conzelman, whose outfit now rides the crest of the Missouri Valley strong wave, harked back to his first season at the St. Louis institution.

"We were playing Missouri," he related. "We received the ball and executed a modified rhumba

formation. The purpose of the shift was to keep the minds of the alumni off what happened when the ball was passed.

"Missouri was off-side three times in a row and was penalized 15 yards. One of the boys glanced at the bench and cried: 'Coach, we've got 'em on the run.' The next time they weren't off-side and we lost the 15 yards—the rest of the game was played between our one and four yard lines."

Conzelman thus regaled some 1,200 "blue plate" strategists who gathered each Monday at the Chicago Herald-American Quarterback club's luncheon and solve all the game's problems between soup and dessert.

Into the huddle go the football faithful—young and old, fat and forty, men who in their prime had played guard and tackle, fullback or the school band's drum.

But now, to the last man, they're quarterbacks.

Billiard Player Of Note To Play

Thomas Hueston, world's undefeated Pocket Billiard champion, will make an appearance here Wednesday night at the Tuxedo Billiard parlor, according to information received Friday. Holder of the title six times. Mr. Hueston is said to be the first billiard player to hold both pocket and three cushion titles at the same time.

Duke yesterday won from one of their old rivals, State college. This game ends the season for both clubs.

DEMON DEACONS TO MEET WILDCATS ON TURKEY DAY

Wake Forest, Nov. 25 — After resting most of last week, the Deacons of Wake Forest got down to serious work Tuesday afternoon preparing for their encounter with Davidson's Wildcats in Charlotte, Thanksgiving (Nov. 30).

Coach Peahead Walker has said he does not intend to give his boys another easy moment before this final tilt of the year. He's doing this because the Deacons will be favored to take the Wildcats in tow, and there's no telling what may result in a Deac-Cat Turkey Day classic, especially so this year with the Davidson club possessing two fine passers in Granny Sharpe and Dave Spencer.

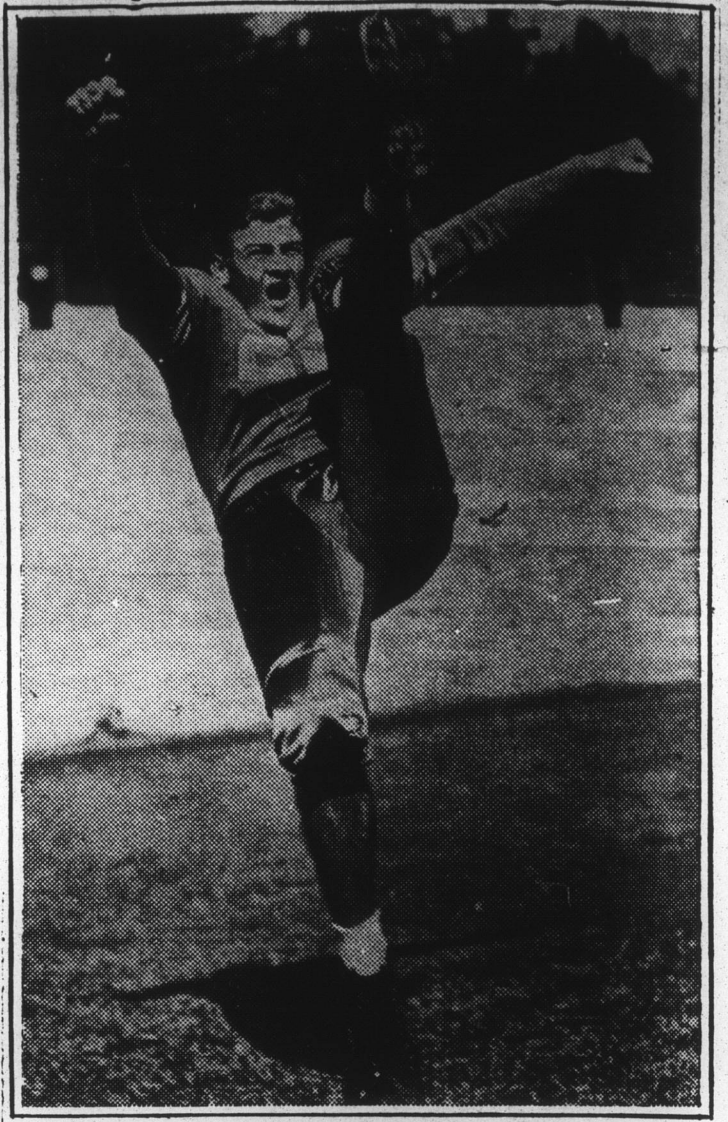
It's no secret that Wake Forest has been notable against most any semblance of a passing attack this year. Davidson has a fine aerial offense, there's no doubt about this. Against Duke, Sharpe and Spencer tossed heave after heave until it netted a touchdown. The Deacons are supposed to have a strong running game, but it could not score on Duke. North Carolina's aerial attack did not come close to scoring on Duke.

If the 'Cats can do that to the Blue Devils, what will they do to Wake Forest's glaring weakness?

Then, too, ever since this Wake Forest - Davidson series began back in 1908, there have been many occasions when one club or the other rose to great inspirational heights, even against seeming overwhelming odds. For instance, in 1937 the Deacons were conceded hardly any chance at all to upset the powerful Wildcats, quarterbacked by the flashy Tenney Lafferty.

But it's history now how the Deacons, with George Wirtz, now coaching at Roxboro, N. C., playing over their heads, swept aside the Davidson defense and pounded out a 19-7 victory. Go back to the 1936 tilt when Wake Forest was lead by the great passer, Walton Kitchen. Practically everyone thought the Deacons would make a rout of that setto, but it was Davidson instead of Wake Forest who did the routing—Wake was beaten by two touchdowns.

Now with Davidson being placed in the underdog's role, there's no doubt but that the Wildcats will be keyed to the highest possible pitch. They will be out to win, and if they can hit their mark with a few of those bullet-passes, who knows what will happen.



GEORGE MCAFEE

Here's that flashy Blue Devil who, we think, should make several of the All-America selections, if they really want speed and accuracy packed in one suit.

Roxboro Wins From Bethel Hill 14 to 6

Exciting Moments Of Important Game Come In Final Quarter.

By good, hard work in the last half of the game, especially in the final quarter, the Roxboro High School Ramblers won a colorful football victory from Bethel Hill high school Friday afternoon on the Roxboro gridiron by a score of 14 to 6.

With a record breaking crowd in attendance and with referee work being done by Dan Hill, former Duke star, and Harwood Smith, of the same institution, the Friday game here attracted almost as much attention as the Duke-Carolina game in Durham during the previous week.

During the first three quarters Bethel Hill, renewing the contest after a lapse of two years, led the feild by a score of 6 to 2. In the first quarter the first score was a safety on a blocked punt by Moore, of Roxboro, when the ball rolled over the goal to the outside line. In the second quarter both teams were on the defensive, with no scores.

In the third quarter Bethel Hill scored a touchdown on a pass from Shotwell to J. Wrenn. An extra point was attempted by Shotwell, who made a drop kick, but failed to make the point. The remainder of the third quarter passed without scoring by either team.

In the fourth, Cushwa of Roxboro went into action, intercepted one of Sam Shotwell's long passes, and ran about 35 yards before he was brought down by Clyde Sullivan. Lindsay Wagstaff put on some fine blocking at this time, which helped considerably in this long run. The alertness of Cushwa put the ball in a striking position for Roxboro.

Red Day then took the ball on a line play and went over for the locals' first touchdown. This put the Ramblers in the lead, 8 to 6. The try for the extra point failed.

In the middle of the fourth quarter Randolph King, young Roxboro end, intercepted another

of Shotwell's passes, so that Charles White, of the Ramblers, in several off tackle plays, carried the ball from Bethel Hill's 30 yard line across the goal line for Roxboro's second touchdown of the afternoon. Day tried again for the extra point, but the Hill-toppers were in on him too fast and he failed. With this the game ended, 14 to 6.

Good ball was played by members of both teams. Outstanding work for Roxboro was done by Lindsay Wagstaff, right tackle; Hassell Whitfield, left tackle; Wallace Moore, center; Herbert Allen, right guard; Fred Woods, left guard, and Buddy Clayton, left end. Noel Jones, starting right end, had his collarbone fractured in about the first play of the game, but his was the only major injury of the afternoon.

Lawrence "Gus" Holeman, regular right end, was out of the game due to injuries received in the Warrenton contest, but he sat on the side lines and made up in spirit for what he could not do in action. Henry Newell, Rambler blocking back, who has done great work during the entire season, played hard ball for the winning cause, as did little Milo Dixon, understudy of Red Day.

Members of the Bethel Hill team who deserve much credit are Earl Wrenn, tackle and captain; Claude Hall, Jr., end; Clyde Sullivan, quarterback; John Honeycutt, half back, and Sam Shotwell, fullback.

Honeycutt showed up well on defense, breaking through and throwing the Rambler backs for several nice losses.

Some excitement was caused by the collapse of one of the bleacher stands, although none of the spectators was injured. Numbers of the spectators came away from the game full of praise for the fine qualities of sportsmanship exhibited by both teams.

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