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The purpose of this study was to present a history of intercollegiate football at East Carolina University from 1932 through 1975, showing the growth and development of the football program.

This study begins with Chapter 1 as the introduction. Chapter 2 through Chapter 7 pertains to the period 1932 through 1975 and each chapter covers a particular era. Chapter 8 includes a summary of intercollegiate football and findings and recommendations of the study.

The study reports that football began in 1932 when a group of 25 men reported to Coach Kenneth Beatty for the first football practice. It reveals how the program grew and became more specialized through the years.

The findings of the study were:

1. Lack of money for an adequate number of scholarships prevented East Carolina University from obtaining the necessary number of high quality football players.
2. Lack of sufficient number of assistant coaches in the earlier years hampered the football program.
3. Teaching load required of the coaches greatly hampered their time in which to do necessary recruiting.
4. The administration of East Carolina University has always employed football coaches with outstanding qualifications.

5. East Carolina University has always made a constant effort to improve the quality of their football program.

6. Businessmen, university administration, faculty, students, and citizens of Greenville have continuously cooperated with and supported the football program at East Carolina University.

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Chapter 1.

INTRODUCTION

Intercollegiate football had its beginning at East Carolina University in the Fall of 1932. In that first season, the team played a total of five games and lost all five without scoring a point. In fact, those first few years could be referred to as very lean years, but better times were ahead. After getting off to a somewhat unsuccessful start, there has been a constant effort to improve the program. Improvements have resulted in an increased and highly specialized staff, improved and more selective scheduling, financial aid for athletes, and increased recruiting.

This study attempts to show how the football program has been developed and improved over the years, and it attempts to describe some of the interesting highlights of the period from 1932 through 1975.

THE STUDY

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study was to present a history of intercollegiate football at East Carolina University from 1932 through 1975, showing the growth of and changes in the football program.

Importance of the Study

The data collected and presented in this study should be of interest and value to individuals in the Health, Physical Education,

and Recreation Department, to coaches, to alumni, to the East Carolina University Athletic Department, and to all people interested in the intercollegiate football program at East Carolina University. This study should be of value to those people in public relations and to the news media. This study should also be a valuable reference for those persons desiring information concerning the intercollegiate football program without having to conduct extensive research.

LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

This study was limited to intercollegiate football at East Carolina University from 1932 through 1975.

METHODS OF OBTAINING DATA

Sources of Data

Data were obtained from the following sources:

1. The Daily Reflector, Greenville newspaper;
2. The Fountainhead, East Carolina University student newspaper;
3. The Buccaneer, East Carolina University yearbook;
4. personal interviews with coaches, players, and observers; and
5. questionnaires to former East Carolina University coaches and players.

Presenting the Data

The history of intercollegiate football at East Carolina University is divided into eight chapters. The first chapter establishes an introduction to the study. Chapter 2 covers the period from 1932 through 1942, until the football program was interrupted by World War II.

Chapter 3 covers the period from 1946 through 1951, a reorganizing period for intercollegiate football after the war. The remaining chapters are divided into coaches' eras except for Chapter 6 which contains the short period from 1970 through 1973 in which two coaches were involved.

Chapter 8 provides a summary, findings, and recommendations of the study.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

East Carolina University is referred to as East Carolina Teachers College, as East Carolina College, and by the nickname of the Pirates and the Teachers.

The East Carolina University yearbook, The Buccaneer, is also referred to as The Tecoa.

The East Carolina University student newspaper, The Fountainhead, is also referred to as The Teco Echo and as the East Carolinian.

The term scholarship is defined as a grant-in-aid given to a student.

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Chapter 2

THE ERA FROM 1932 THROUGH 1942

1932

Saturday, October 29, 1932, marked the beginning of inter-collegiate football at East Carolina Teachers College.¹ At this time there were 72 men enrolled in East Carolina Teachers College, and about 25 of these men attended the first practice session.² The college administration was fortunate to obtain the services of Kenneth Beatty as its first head football coach. He played high school football at Mt. Holly, North Carolina, and his college football at Guilford College and North Carolina State College.³

Having only the very minimum of equipment, the team practiced on the baseball field of the college. There were available uniforms for only 18 players and all equipment was donated by R. C. Deal, Herbert Rebarker, Dr. Carl Adams, and Dr. Ronald Slay. Coach Beatty did not have enough men for two teams, so after selecting his first team he and the remaining players scrimmaged against the first unit. The average weight of the players ranged from 140 to 145 pounds per man.⁴

¹The Daily Reflector, October 20, 1932, p. 2.

²The Daily Reflector, October 19, 1932, p. 5.

³The Teco Echo, November 23, 1932, p. 6.

⁴The East Carolinian, December 5, 1932, p. 2.

There was no scheduling until school began in September. Two games were scheduled in October and the completed schedule resulted in East Carolina Teachers College playing a total of five games during the first season. Games were played with Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton, with the Teachers coming out on the short end of a 39 to 0 score. The first home game was on Saturday, November 5, 1932, with the Wake Forest College freshman team. The Teachers also lost that game by a 20 to 0 score. The season ended with the Teachers losing all five games without scoring a point. Very few people attended those first games.⁵ Although this would seem to be a dismal beginning, it was termed as being a successful season. The football schedule, while a difficult one for a light and small squad, had, in the opinion of the Athletic Committee, shown gratifying results. The manner in which the men had played and the showing they had made against strong teams had been most pleasing to the members of the committee. The first Athletic Council was composed of Mr. R. C. Deal, chairman, Dr. Adams, Dr. Frank, and Dr. Slay.⁶

1933

The Teachers embarked on their second year of football with about 40 men reporting for practice.⁷ The team was heavier than that of the previous season. This year the line averaged 180 pounds per man as compared to 157 pounds per man the past season. The backfield averaged 170 pounds per man compared to the past season's 150 pounds per

⁵Ibid.

⁶The Teco Echo, November 23, 1932, p. 1.

⁷The Teco Echo, September 27, 1933, p. 1.

man.⁸ Mr. "Chick" Schickles, a former Roanoke College star, was named to assist Coach Beatty. His primary responsibility was with the line.⁹ Again the schedule was not complete when school started in September.

The most eventful game of this season was on November 11, 1933. Until this time the Teachers had played all of their home games on the home field at the college. On this day the game with Campbell College was part of an Armistice Day celebration sponsored by the Pitt County Post of the American Legion. In order to accommodate a larger crowd, the game site was moved to the stadium at the Third Street athletic field in Greenville.¹⁰

The Teachers arose to the occasion and won their first collegiate football game by defeating Campbell 6 to 0. It also marked the first East Carolina Teachers College score since the beginning of football. "Crack" Rogerson of Ayden had the distinction of scoring the first touchdown in the history of East Carolina Teachers College inter-collegiate football. It was scored from the one-yard line on an off-tackle play.¹¹

Admission price for the game with Campbell College was 55 cents. Children and high school students were admitted for 25 cents.¹²

Although only one game was won by the Teachers during the 1933 season, the football season was termed to be a successful one. The last

⁸The Teco Echo, October 18, 1933, p. 3.

⁹The Teco Echo, September 27, 1933, p. 1.

¹⁰The Daily Reflector, November 11, 1933, p. 4.

¹¹The Teco Echo, November 22, 1933, p. 3.

¹²The Daily Reflector, November 10, 1933, p. 6.

game of the season was a losing 14-to-0 effort against Appalachian, but was reported to be the Teachers best-played game of the season.¹³

1934

East Carolina Teachers College started its third season with a new nickname and a new coach. The Men's Athletic Association of the college met on February 26, 1934, and voted to adopt the name "Pirates" for their athletic teams. The name Teachers had been used unofficially prior to that time, but the Association felt that Pirates would be more appropriate than Teachers.¹⁴

Mr. G. L. (Doc) Mathis was named as the new head football coach. He was a former Davidson College athlete and was named as an All-State guard in 1932.¹⁵

He started practice on September 25, 1934, and was met by only 15 men. In addition to being small in number, the talent was reported to be very mediocre.¹⁶

The National Rules Committee announced one change for the 1934 season. The short-axis circumference of the football was reduced from 22-22 1/2 inches to 21 1/4-21 1/2 inches. This change was expected to greatly aid the passer.¹⁷ This was evident in the fact that the Pirates scored two of their three touchdowns of the season on passes.

¹³The Teco Echo, December 13, 1933, p. 3.

¹⁴The Teco Echo, February 28, 1934, p. 3.

¹⁵The Teco Echo, October 3, 1934, p. 3.

¹⁶Ibid.

¹⁷The Teco Echo, April 11, 1934, p. 3.

Scheduling appeared to be improved this year. The complete schedule was announced on September 24, 1934. This was also the first week of practice.¹⁸

Again the Pirates managed to gain but one victory, along with one tie and four defeats. Three touchdowns were scored during the season. The first was on a pass from Hassell to Eason in the last quarter of a 27 to 6 loss to Appalachian.¹⁹ The second touchdown was another last-quarter pass from Hassell to Johnson for a 6 to 0 defeat of Presbyterian Junior College.²⁰ The only other score of the season was a five-yard run over left tackle by Francis Ferebee in a 7 to 6 loss to Louisburg College. Louisburg blocked the Pirates' point-after-touchdown attempted kick, resulting in the narrow defeat.²¹

1935

The East Carolina Teachers College Pirates opened their second season under Coach Doc Mathis on October 12, 1935, against Wingate College at Wingate.²² The lone score of the game was a third-quarter touchdown by Wingate. The next game was the first home game of the season for the Pirates. They lost to Oak Ridge Institute by the score of 6 to 2.²³

¹⁸The Daily Reflector, September 24, 1934, p. 4.

¹⁹The Teco Echo, October 31, 1934, p. 3.

²⁰The Teco Echo, November 14, 1934, p. 3.

²¹Ibid.

²²The Daily Reflector, October 3, 1935, p. 2.

²³The Teco Echo, January 14, 1936, p. 3.

In the next game with Chowan College the Pirates came up with their best offensive show of the year. After a slow start, leading 7 to 0 at the end of the first half, the Pirates came on strong in the second half to win by a 46 to 0 score. Durward Stowe scored three touchdowns for East Carolina Teachers College, and John Kapelic, Francis Ferebee, Clarence Cunningham, and Thornwall Gibson accounted for the other touchdowns.²⁴

Two safeties provided the margin of victory for the Pirates in their fourth game of the season with the Norfolk Division of William and Mary. The Pirates won the game at Norfolk, Virginia, by the unusual score of 10 to 6.²⁵ In the final home game of the season, played in a snowstorm, East Carolina Teachers College lost a close game to Appalachian State Teachers College, 14 to 6. The Pirates led 6 to 0 at halftime, but the fact that they were heavily outweighed by the Mountaineers began to take its toll in the last half.²⁶

In the sixth and final game of the season, East Carolina Teachers College traveled to Louisburg and came out victorious over Louisburg College 13 to 0. Thornwall Gibson, who had played for Louisburg before transferring to East Carolina Teachers College, scored all of the points for the Pirates.²⁷

After completing the 1935 season with three wins and three losses, the Pirates outscored their opponents 77 points to 32 and also led in first downs 54 to 35.²⁸

²⁴Ibid.

²⁵The Tecoan, 1936 Yearbook, p. 152.

²⁶The Teco Echo, January 14, 1936, p. 3.

²⁷Ibid.

²⁸Ibid.

1936

Prior to the beginning of the 1936 season, Coach Doc Mathis resigned from East Carolina Teachers College and moved to Catawba College as a member of their coaching staff.²⁹ The Pirates felt very fortunate in securing the services of Roland "Bo" Farley as their new head football coach. Farley had been an outstanding three-letter athlete at Duke University, having been named to the All-Southern basketball and baseball teams. He signed a contract to play professional baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals but his career was terminated by an injury. He then returned to his home in Danville, Virginia, to coach the three major sports at Danville High School for four years. He then moved to Greenville to manage the Greenville baseball entry in the Coastal Plain League, and later to coach at Greenville High School for one year before taking over as coach of the Pirates.³⁰

Scoring in every period, the Pirates won their opening game of the season 25 to 0 against William and Mary (Norfolk Division). Lex Ridenhour scored in the second quarter after he intercepted a pass and ran it back 70 yards into the end zone. Bill Pratt returned a kick in the final quarter for 58 yards for another touchdown.³¹ In the second game of the season Guilford outgained the Pirates 297 yards to 86, but due to several fumbles they were only able to come away with a 6 to 0 win over the Pirates.³²

²⁹The Teco Echo, October 13, 1936, p. 3.

³⁰The Tecoan, 1937 Yearbook, p. 177.

³¹The Tecoan, 1937 Yearbook, p. 178.

³²Ibid.

Although leading in practically all of the statistical departments, the Pirates came out on the short end of a 7 to 6 score against Western Carolina Teachers College in their next game. One apparent touchdown by the Pirates in the first half was nullified by an offsidess penalty. The Pirates scored on three pass plays after the second-half kickoff, but the kick for the extra-point try was blocked. Western Carolina Teachers College scored in the third quarter on a blocked punt in the end zone and the try for the extra point was good and provided the margin of defeat to the Pirates.³³

East Carolina Teachers College scored all of their points in the second half to defeat Louisburg College 19 to 0 in the Pirates' Homecoming game in Greenville on November 21, 1936. The first touchdown was a ten-yard scoring play on a pass from Bill Shelton to Thornwell Gibson, who lateraled to Tex Lindsey for the score. The second score was a 23-yard pass play from Shelton to Lindsey. Shelton ran into the end zone for the extra point. The final score was another Shelton to Lindsey pass, this time good for 20 yards.³⁴

1937

At the end of the Spring Term in 1937 Coach Bo Farley left the college to enter private business in Greenville. Mr. Joseph D. Alexander was hired as Athletic Director and new head football coach for the Pirates. Coach Alexander came to Greenville with excellent credentials. He starred for three years on football and basketball

³³The Tecoan, 1937 Yearbook, pp. 178-179.

³⁴The Tecoan, 1937 Yearbook, p. 179.

teams at Iowa State University and was mentioned on many of the football All-America selections. His coaching duties before coming to Greenville included positions at East Texas State Teachers College, Blackfoot Normal School, Lincoln Memorial University, and two years as freshman coach at Iowa State University.³⁵

Coach Alexander announced that he was installing a projection room in the Wright Building to show motion pictures of football to his squads, to aid in teaching the science of football. The coach stated that this was the natural way to show the fine points of the game. He possessed a very complete motion picture sports library. East Carolina Teachers College became the first teachers college in the south to use this system.³⁶

There were two football rules changes for the 1937 season. The first concerned kickoffs, which stated: "Only one kickoff will be allowed. If the ball is kicked out of bounds, it is to be put in play by opponents on their own thirty-five yard line, or ten yards in from the point where it crossed the sidelines--whichever is more advantageous." The other rule required that numbers be on both the front and back of the shirt of all the players.³⁷

Coach Alexander started two practices daily on Monday, September 20 with about 30 candidates present.³⁸ The linemen averaged

³⁵The Teco Echo, October 9, 1937, p. 3.

³⁶The Teco Echo, November 3, 1937, p. 3.

³⁷The Daily Reflector, September 10, 1937, p. 5.

³⁸The Daily Reflector, September 16, 1937, p. 6.

163 pounds, and most were freshmen.³⁹ The first game of the season was with Guilford and the only touchdown of the game came in the first quarter by Guilford as the Pirates lost 7 to 0.⁴⁰ In the second game with Campbell College, the Pirates were holding a 6 to 0 lead until Campbell came up with a surprise rally in the last quarter to edge out a 7 to 6 win.⁴¹ The 19 to 7 loss to Belmont Abby was described as the worst defeat of the season.⁴² The Pirates went on to lose the first five games of the season. Their first victory came over High Point College by a score of 19 to 7 as Bill Shelton highlighted the game by running the opening kickoff back 95 yards for a touchdown.⁴³ The Pirates finished the season with a 27 to 13 victory over Louisburg College on a rain-soaked field.⁴⁴

1938

Coach Joe Alexander started his second season at East Carolina Teachers College with only 9 men with previous college football experience and was confronted with the strongest schedule that a Pirate team had faced.⁴⁵

³⁹The Daily Reflector, September 30, 1937, p. 6.

⁴⁰The Tecoan, 1938 Yearbook, p. 192.

⁴¹The Tecoan, 1938 Yearbook, p. 193.

⁴²Ibid.

⁴³The Teco Echo, November 17, 1937, p. 3.

⁴⁴The Tecoan, 1938 Yearbook, p. 193.

⁴⁵The Tecoan, 1939 Yearbook, p. 158.

The Pirates lost the opening game to Belmont Abbey by a 19 to 0 score, and Coach Alexander was faced with more problems. Three of his starting players were in the hospital. Rock Venters, a guard, known as "Big Bertha" due to his near 300 pounds, was out with a pulled ligament. Milton Wagner, a tackle, was also in the hospital with an infection under his arm; and Earl Smith, with a leg injury, was out for the season.⁴⁶

After losing their second game to Campbell College 19 to 6, the Pirates had an open date on the next Saturday. On that day, Coach Alexander traveled to a football game between Appalachian and High Point while Assistant Coach Gordon Gilbert went to Norfolk, Virginia, to see William and Mary (Norfolk Division) play V.M.I. This is the first documented form of scouting by a Pirate coach.⁴⁷

The Pirates traveled to Cullowhee on Saturday, October 22, for their first out-of-town game of the season and their only win of the season. This was a 7 to 6 win over Western Carolina Teachers College. After a 20 to 7 loss to High Point College, the Pirates fought to a 7 to 7 tie with Guilford. Bill Shelton had one of his best days against Guilford. He completed 17 of 20 passes for 131 yards and averaged 45 yards punting with two of his quick kicks coming to a stop inside the ten-yard line.⁴⁸

After a 6 to 0 loss to William and Mary (Norfolk Division), the Pirates had played six games. Bill Shelton had played all 60 minutes

⁴⁶The Daily Reflector, October 9, 1938, p. 3.

⁴⁷The Daily Reflector, October 13, 1938, p. 5.

⁴⁸The Daily Reflector, November 7, 1938, p. 5.

of each game and had a 43-yard punting average for 103 punts.⁴⁹ The season concluded with two more Pirate losses. Bill Shelton passed to Jack Noe for 19 yards and the Pirates only touchdown in an 18 to 6 loss to Appalachian.⁵⁰ Shelton's touchdown and Lester Ridenhour's extra point were the total of the Pirates' scoring in their 32 to 7 loss to the Norfolk Naval Base.⁵¹

After the close of the 1938 season, a Greenville insurance agency conducted a most valuable player contest for the first time and this was won by Bill Shelton.⁵²

During November of 1938 a resolution was passed by the East Carolina Teachers College student body. It stated the following:

Be it resolved: That, We, the Student Body of East Carolina Teachers College in mass meeting assembled, do respectfully request that the administration of this institution place into effect, beginning with the Winter Quarter 1938-39 and thereafter, an Athletic Fee of \$1.50 per student per quarter, this fee to be collected by the Student Budget Officer and be used for the support of athletics and allied phases of campus activity. Be it further resolved: That the funds derived from these fees be appropriated as follows for the year 1938-39: Band Uniforms, \$1,200; Women's Athletics, \$800; and all the remaining funds be appropriated to the Men's Athletic Association for the support of intercollegiate and intramural Athletics.⁵³

1939

In March of 1939 Coach J. D. Alexander announced his resignation as coach and Director of Physical Education at East Carolina Teachers

⁴⁹The Daily Reflector, November 15, 1938, p. 3.

⁵⁰The Daily Reflector, November 21, 1938, p. 5.

⁵¹The Daily Reflector, November 28, 1938, p. 5.

⁵²The Daily Reflector, December 1, 1938, p. 3.

⁵³The Teco Echo, November 11, 1938, pp. 1 and 4.

College to become effective at the close of the Winter Quarter. He left Greenville on March 16, 1939, for Clarksville, Texas, to manage approximately 150 farms scattered throughout Texas and Oklahoma. Before leaving, he replied, "I like physical education, but an increase of \$800 a year isn't to be sneezed at."⁵⁴

Mr. O. A. Hankner was named head football coach for the Pirates and Mr. Gordan Gilbert returned as assistant coach. There was one new innovation on the practice field this year. A tackling dummy was installed for the first time.⁵⁵ The Pirates were hard hit with injuries from the beginning and it was to take its toll before the end of the season. Bill Davidson, who was expected to be a regular, was injured in practice before the season started and missed the entire season. Floyd Hinton was injured in the first game and missed the remainder of the season. Joe Williams, Bill Merner, Adrian Brown, and Bill Shelton missed several games due to injuries.⁵⁶ The Pirates finished a dismal season with no victories and eight defeats while scoring only 18 points as compared to 168 for their opponents.⁵⁷

The Pirates had a close game with Western Carolina Teachers College in their third contest of the season. With the score tied 6 to 6 at halftime, it remained that way until a Western Carolina player intercepted a pass on the last play of the game and ran it back 96 yards for the winning touchdown.⁵⁸

⁵⁴The Teco Echo, March 10, 1939, p. 3.

⁵⁵The Daily Reflector, September 26, 1939, p. 3.

⁵⁶The Teco Echo, December 7, 1939, p. 3. ⁵⁷*Ibid.*

⁵⁸The Daily Reflector, October 23, 1939, p. 3.

The Outstanding Player Contest this year was won by Mervin Frazelle of Richlands.⁵⁹

1940

As East Carolina Teachers College entered into its ninth season of intercollegiate football, it was to have its sixth football coach. Mr. John Christianbury was named as the head football coach. He was affectionately known as "Coach John" by all of his players.⁶⁰ Coach John called for practice to begin on September 8 and about 35 players reported for the initial practice. The Pirate line averaged 180 pounds per man.⁶¹

There seemed to be a new air of inspiration and enthusiasm in the Pirates' camp this year. The team began the season by winning their first three games and there was a great amount of interest throughout the student body. The Pirates enjoyed the best winning record of any football team to date at East Carolina Teachers College. The Pirates finished the season with five wins and three defeats while accumulating 143 points to the opponents' 70.⁶²

Saturday, October 5, 1940, marked the first night home game for the Pirates. They had played under the lights in some games away from home, but this was the first time in Greenville. The game was played at Guy Smith Stadium in Greenville.⁶³ O. A. Hanker, head of the

⁵⁹The Daily Reflector, December 20, 1939, p. 3.

⁶⁰The Tecoan, 1941 Yearbook, p. 161.

⁶¹The Daily Reflector, September 15, 1940, p. 5.

⁶²The Teco Echo, December 6, 1940, p. 3.

⁶³The Daily Reflector, October 2, 1940, p. 5.

Physical Education Department, rented buses to provide transportation for the students to Guy Smith Stadium. The buses departed from Wright Building on the campus and were provided by Mr. Paul Ricks, an ex-Government Professor at East Carolina Teachers College. The merchants of Greenville purchased blocks of tickets for the game and gave them away to customers with the purchase of merchandise from their stores.⁶⁴ This was another example of the various methods by which the people of Greenville supported the athletic teams. The game of October 25, 1940, with the North Carolina State College Freshmen was also played under the lights at Guy Smith Stadium, as well as the Homecoming game with High Point College.⁶⁵

At the close of the season, an insurance company in Greenville held a Best Blocker Contest. As a result, Russell Rogerson, a tackle, was presented with a trophy for being elected as the best blocker on the East Carolina Teachers College squad.⁶⁶

The 1940 season was not without its misfortunes. Joe Williams, one of the Pirate football players, was injured in an automobile accident when the car in which he was riding overturned near Raleigh. He was on his way to the East Carolina Teachers College-Guilford game in Greensboro. He suffered severe back injuries and missed several days of school. Exactly two weeks after that accident, Williams was on his way to Rocky Mount to see the Greenville and Rocky Mount high school teams play when he was in another auto accident. He

⁶⁴The Teco Echo, October 4, 1940, p. 3.

⁶⁵The Daily Reflector, November 18, 1940, p. 5.

⁶⁶The Daily Reflector, December 7, 1940, p. 5.

received facial cuts that required minor surgery.⁶⁷

1941

East Carolina Teachers College won all seven games of the 1941 season. This undefeated and untied season was the first and only one in the history of Pirate football. Coach John Christianbury had a squad of 25 players, of which the line averaged 183 pounds per man and his backs averaged 162 pounds per man.⁶⁸ He fielded a starting team with veteran players at every position.⁶⁹

The opening game of the season found Tusculum College of Greenville, Tennessee, playing on the Pirates' home field on September 27. The Pirates scored within the first five minutes on a two-yard pass play from Marshall Teague to Bob Young. Before the end of the first half, Don Marriot scored and Bob Young scored on a 40-yard reverse play. Stuart Tripp ran for 24 yards and a score in the final quarter to give the Pirates a 31 to 0 victory.⁷⁰ In the second game, Wilson Schuerholz scored three touchdowns as the Pirates took a 39 to 0 win over the Portsmouth Naval Apprentice School. The Pirates' defense showed excellent strength in these first two games.⁷¹ After two games, the opponents had managed a total net gain of only three yards.⁷²

⁶⁷The Teco Echo, December 6, 1940, p. 3.

⁶⁸The East Carolinian, December 5, 1952, p. 3.

⁶⁹The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 158.

⁷⁰Ibid.

⁷¹The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 159.

⁷²The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 158.

Western Carolina Teachers College visited Greenville next for the Pirates' Homecoming game. The first half was hard fought but scoreless. A punt was blocked by Billy Greene and covered by Charles Craven in the end zone for the first Pirate score. The score was soon tied by Western Carolina with a 49-yard pass play. East Carolina Teachers College scored next on a 28-yard pass play from Nick Zuras to Don Waddell. Don Marriot scored on a 19-yard run on the last play of the game as the Pirates won 19 to 6.⁷³

The Pirates last home game of the 1941 season was a 30 to 0 victory over the Norfolk Navy Hospital. Wilson Schuerholz scored the first touchdown, Nick Zuras scored the next two, Charles Craven scored the next, and Billy Greene scored in the closing minutes by intercepting a pass and going 50 yards for the final touchdown.⁷⁴

The Pirates played their last three games away from home. They traveled to Due West, South Carolina, and spoiled the "Jackie Todd Day" celebration in honor of the Erskine College departing coach. Erskine scored first and the Pirates tied the game at 7 to 7 in the third period when Teague passed to Greene who lateraled to Adrian Brown for the score. With just seconds left to play in the game and the Pirates on the Erskine 12-yard line, Teague faked a line buck to Schuerholz and passed in the end zone to Billy Greene for the 14 to 7 victory.⁷⁵

⁷³The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 159.

⁷⁴The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 160.

⁷⁵Ibid.

Playing before 9,000 fans, the East Carolina Teachers College Pirates defeated Bergen College 13 to 7 at Teaneck, New Jersey. This was the first defeat for Bergen in three years. Bergen scored first on a 67-yard run. On the following kickoff, Pirate Don Marriot took the ball from his own goal line 94 yards to the Bergen 6-yard line. From there Nick Zuras passed to Greene for the score. Jerome Butler broke through in the fourth quarter to block a punt on the 20-yard line and Floyd Woody covered it on the one. Schuerholz scored from there. The Pirates held Bergen for three downs on the one-yard line with 37 seconds to play to preserve the victory.⁷⁶

The Pirates closed out the season at Gastonia on November 13, 1941, with a 13 to 0 win over Belmont Abby. This was the first defeat in five years for the Crusaders on their home field. Schuerholz scored in the first quarter and Teague passed to Fred Cooper in the last quarter for the Pirates' touchdowns.⁷⁷

For the year the Pirates scored a total of 159 points while limiting the opponents to a mere 20 points. Wilson Schuerholz was the year's leading scorer with 42 points and Don Marriot followed with 32 points.⁷⁸

The Pirates were one of the thirteen undefeated and untied teams in the country.⁷⁹ They received national publicity for the first

⁷⁶The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 161.

⁷⁷Ibid.

⁷⁸The Teco Echo, December 5, 1941, p. 3.

⁷⁹The Tecoan, 1942 Yearbook, p. 157.

time. One issue of the Football News, a national weekly publication, carried a picture of Coach John Christianbury and quarterback Dan Waddell, along with a complete review of the season. The success of this team contributed greatly in aiding and attracting more and better athletes to East Carolina Teachers College.⁸⁰

1942

With prospects pointing to one of the best teams in the history of the school, East Carolina Teachers College was forced to drop varsity football because of a lack of opponents.

Coach Christianbury, at the beginning of the year, had both an excellent team and an impressive schedule. Then things began to happen. First, Erskine College, one of the strongest opponents, dropped football. Next in line came Western Carolina Teachers College, Tusculum, Belmont Abby, and Bergen. Of the remaining games on the schedule, three military establishments in Virginia cancelled their games with the Pirates. They were Fort Story, Camp Lee, and the Norfolk Naval Hospital. This left the Pirates with only three games on the schedule. School officials aided Coach Christianbury in futile efforts to build a new schedule and finally football at East Carolina Teachers College was dropped for the duration of World War II.⁸¹

⁸⁰The Teco Echo, December 5, 1941, p. 3.

⁸¹The Teco Echo, October 9, 1942, p. 3.

SUMMARY

Many changes were made in the football program from 1932 to 1945. There was a lack of continuity in regard to the coaches. There were six coaches in the period of ten football seasons and no one coach stayed more than two seasons. However, it did appear that the school was fortunate in securing coaches that were well qualified with a great deal of experience.

There appeared to be a growing amount of support from the town of Greenville during this period. Night football was also started during this period.

After beginning rather slowly without too many winning seasons, the Pirates were on the road to success when football was interrupted by the war. The Pirates did not have a winning, and only one break-even, season in the first eight years. They then had their first two winning seasons just prior to the war. The Pirates won 22, lost 41, and tied 2 games during this period.

Chapter 3

THE ERA FROM 1946 THROUGH 1951

1946

More than 50 men reported for opening practice for the 1946 season, the first since 1941 due to World War II.¹ Mr. Jim Johnson was the new head football coach for the first post-war team and also the first to install the T-formation offense at East Carolina Teachers College.² Coach Johnson reported that he was not expecting the team to be too outstanding because none of the players had ever played together before.³ Eight games were scheduled for the season, four of which were to be at home in Guy Smith Stadium. Special transportation was provided by the college for the students to and from the stadium.⁴

After winning the opening game by shutting out Presbyterian Junior College 20 to 0, there were changes on the home playing field at Guy Smith Stadium. The field had previously run in an east-west direction, but this was changed to a north-south direction. This new alignment was made to take better advantage of the permanent stands,

¹The Daily Reflector, September 4, 1946, p. 6.

²Ibid.

³The Daily Reflector, August 29, 1946, p. 6.

⁴The Daily Reflector, September 25, 1946, p. 6.

and made possible approximately 3,000 seats for the games.⁵ New entrance gates were used for more convenient access to and from the stadium.

In the next game after the stadium rearrangement, the Pirates, before a capacity crowd of 3,000 spectators, played to a 6 to 6 tie with Atlantic Christian College of Wilson. The Pirates put on a sustained 59-yard scoring drive in the first period, with Pete Everette scoring on a quarterback sneak from the one-yard line. In the third period, after the Pirates were guilty of two consecutive 15-yard penalties, Atlantic Christian College scored on a 25-yard pass play.⁶ The extra-point attempts by both teams were blocked, resulting in the tie score.

East Carolina Teachers College lost their next game to Elon. Most of the scoring was a result of the kicking game of both teams. Pete Everette scored in the first period for the Pirates and this held up for a 7-0 lead at halftime. In the third period, Ellie Fearing returned an Elon punt 75 yards for an apparent touchdown, but it was nullified because of a clipping penalty.⁷ Elon scored twice in the third period. One of the touchdowns came as the Elon kicker was back to punt on a fourth down and 25 yards-to-go situation, and he was rushed so effectively by the East Carolina Teachers College end that he was forced to run instead of kick. He ran 55 yards for a touchdown.

⁵The Daily Reflector, October 3, 1946, p. 6.

⁶The Daily Reflector, October 7, 1946, p. 6.

⁷The Daily Reflector, October 14, 1946, p. 6.

Coach Jim Johnson described this as the most disappointing loss of his career at East Carolina Teachers College.⁸

The Pirates went on to win their next three games. The first was a 21-7 win over Erskine, with Ellie Fearing scoring two touchdowns and Pete Everett the other.⁹ The next win was a 19-7 victory over the Newport News Apprentice School. Everett and Fearing both scored touchdowns in the first half, and Keith Kilpatrick scored the final one on a 68-yard run after a pass interception.¹⁰ The Pirates brought the Bohunk Trophy back to Greenville after defeating Atlantic Christian by 26-6 in Wilson. The Bohunk Trophy was an "Old Oaken Bucket" that was used as a symbol of victory between East Carolina Teachers College and Atlantic Christian College. Ellie Fearing of Elizabeth City scored a touchdown in each of the first three periods. The third-period score was an 86-yard runback of the opening kickoff of the second half.¹¹ E. S. Pittman scored the final touchdown of the night.

The final two games of the season saw the Pirates lose two heartbreakers. After being behind all day by 7-0 and 7-6, the Western Carolina Catamounts came back with a last-minute score to spoil the Pirates' Homecoming Day 13-7.¹² The Pirates lost their final contest to Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory. Ellie Fearing broke loose for what would

⁸Jim Johnson, Questionnaire, May 17, 1976.

⁹The Daily Reflector, October 21, 1946, p. 3.

¹⁰The Daily Reflector, October 26, 1946, p. 4.

¹¹The Daily Reflector, November 11, 1946, p. 3.

¹²The Daily Reflector, November 18, 1946, p. 4.

have been the winning touchdown, or at least a tie, but he ran into an official and was knocked down, as the Pirates lost that one 6-0.¹³

1947

In a meeting on May 20, 1947, in High Point, N. C., the North State Conference voted unanimously to invite East Carolina Teachers College into the North State Conference.¹⁴ East Carolina Teachers College formally accepted the invitation in June, 1947. Although some people at East Carolina Teachers College were opposed to the college entering the conference, Dr. Carl L. Adams, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, thought that membership in the North State Conference would offer East Carolina Teachers College a wider participation in inter-collegiate sports.¹⁵ Other members of the conference were Lenoir Rhyne, Guilford, Elon, Atlantic Christian, High Point, Catawba, Western Carolina, and Appalachian.

Due to conference rules, 11 East Carolina Teachers College players were not eligible to play in the conference games. The Pirates won only three games in 1947, and two of those were non-conference games in which the conference-ineligible players were allowed to participate.¹⁶ Three of these players, Pete Everette,

¹³The Daily Reflector, November 25, 1946, p. 7.

¹⁴The Teco Echo, May 30, 1947, p. 3.

¹⁵The Teco Echo, June 27, 1947, p. 3.

¹⁶Jim Johnson, Questionnaire, May 17, 1976.

Slade Phillips, and Ellie Fearing served as student assistants to Coach Johnson that year.

Coach Johnson was given three hundred dollars that year for the purpose of securing players that otherwise would not have come to East Carolina Teachers College. That sum was divided among three or four boys. Two of the boys came from Red Banks, New Jersey, and they came with the understanding that they would receive part of the three hundred dollars.¹⁷ If this could be called scholarship money, it was the first known financial aid to any East Carolina Teachers College football players.

The Pirates lost their first game to Lenoir Rhyne 27-9, but gained possession of the Bohunk Trophy by defeating Atlantic Christian 12-7 in the second game.¹⁸ In the Atlantic Christian game, all of the scoring was in the first half. Atlantic Christian scored first for a 7-0 lead. With about six minutes left to play in the first half, the Pirates scored a touchdown but missed the try for the extra point to trail by only a point. Just moments later, Roger Thrift, the East Carolina Teachers College quarterback, intercepted a pass and ran 88 yards for what eventually was to be the winning touchdown.¹⁹

In the next game, on a wet and soggy field, the Pirates lost to Elon 7-0 in a hard-fought, defensive game.²⁰ The Pirates then

¹⁷Nephi Jorgenson, Personal Interview, March 11, 1976.

¹⁸The Daily Reflector, October 6, 1947, p. 6.

¹⁹Ibid.

²⁰The Daily Reflector, October 13, 1947, p. 7.

traveled to Due West, South Carolina, and lost to Erskine College by a 14-0 score. Erskine had given out 40 football scholarships that year so the Pirates felt fortunate in being able to hold the score that close.²¹

The next game produced a victory for the Pirates over the Naval Apprentice School of Newport News. The score was 14-6, with Ellie Fearing and C. O. McMullen each scoring a touchdown for the Pirates.²² The Pirates then defeated the Special Troops team of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg by the score of 12 to 2. Pete Everette and Jack Davis scored the two touchdowns.²³ The Pirates closed out the season by losing their next three games to the Little Creek Virginia Amphibs 31-7, the North Carolina State Freshmen team 20-12, and to Western Carolina, 28-0.

1948

East Carolina Teachers College started the 1948 season with the first practice session on September 1, 1948, with 20 lettermen returning from the previous year. The 1948 season eventually became the most disastrous year in East Carolina Teachers College football history. Coach Jim Johnson had recruited several good football players when he came to Greenville in 1946. He had planned to keep them together through the 1948 season. When the Pirates entered the North State Conference in 1947, most of these boys were declared ineligible

²¹The Daily Reflector, October 20, 1947, p. 5.

²²The Daily Reflector, October 27, 1947, p. 6.

²³The Daily Reflector, November 3, 1947, p. 6.

to compete because they had played at some other college before coming to East Carolina Teachers College. Coach Johnson had protested entering the North State Conference, knowing that most of his players would be ineligible, and furthermore minimizing his chances of producing a respectable team.²⁴ The Pirates lost all nine games that season, going scoreless in four games and producing more than one touchdown in only one game.

After losing the first five games and scoring only three touchdowns, Coach Johnson decided to try something different. On a Tuesday before the Friday night game with the Duke B team, Coach Johnson went to the equipment room and checked out heavy practice gear for himself. During practice that day, he acted as the quarterback and ran the team on offense and played tackle on defense.²⁵ This seemed to encourage the players and they played their best game of the season against Duke, losing 19-13. Mickey Wetherington scored on a 45-yard pass from Frank Maennle and Maennle scored on a short pass from Bill Darby.²⁶ But after that game, the Pirates continued on to lose the last three games, scoring only one more touchdown while their opponents scored 83 points.

Jim Johnson resigned as football coach after the end of the season but agreed to stay on at school until the end of the school year.²⁷

²⁴Jim Johnson, Questionnaire, May 17, 1976.

²⁵The Daily Reflector, October 27, 1948, p. 6.

²⁶The Tecoan, 1949 Yearbook, p. 117.

²⁷The Teco Echo, December 15, 1948, p. 3.

1949

William E. (Bill) Dole was named as the new head football coach of the Pirates. Coach Jack Boone, who had served the previous year as assistant coach to Jim Johnson, remained as backfield coach.²⁸ Bill Dole was a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and had been a high school coach at Fayetteville, North Carolina, for the previous three seasons. He came to East Carolina Teachers College with an impressive high school record of 28 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie.²⁹

Concurrently with the acquisition of Coach Dole, Chairman Ed Rawl and a 23-man committee had been raising twenty-five thousand dollars for a new football stadium for the college.³⁰ The stadium was completed in the Spring of 1949 and ready for the beginning of the fall season. The stadium was located on the campus where the Fletcher Music Building now stands. Wooden stands were constructed on both sides of the field, with a maximum seating capacity of 5,000. A press box was also erected that would accommodate approximately 16 people.³¹

This was the first year that the coaches had been provided with scholarships and permission to actively recruit. Coach Jim Johnson had been instrumental in persuading the Educational Foundation to provide scholarship money for athletes.³² Coaches Bill Dole and

²⁸The Teco Echo, February 12, 1949, p. 3.

²⁹Ibid.

³⁰The Teco Echo, May 6, 1949, p. 3.

³¹Nephi Jorgenson, Personal Interview, March 11, 1976.

³²Jim Johnson, Questionnaire, May 17, 1976.

Jack Boone went to the first annual High School All-Star game at Greensboro in August.³³ They recruited several players from that game to attend East Carolina Teachers College.

Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairman of the East Carolina Teachers College Board of Trustees, tossed out a football to dedicate the new stadium on September 15, 1949, as the Pirates opened the season with the Cherry Point Marines.³⁴ With the inspiration of a new head football coach and a new stadium, the Pirates went on to win their first game in two years, 24-0. Roger Thrift passed to Doug Bryant and Dwight Shoe for touchdowns and Johnny Smith scored the other two touchdowns on running plays.³⁵

In the first conference game of the season, the Pirates lost a heartbreaker to Lenoir Rhyne, 21-20. Roger Thrift threw three touchdown passes. He threw one each to Shoe, Tanner, and Kovach, and Jim Danks' two conversions accounted for the Pirate scoring.³⁶ After this loss, the Pirates continued on to make it a four-game losing streak. Thrift's touchdown pass to Bryant was the only Pirate score as Hampden Sydney defeated the Pirates 20-7.³⁷ In the next game, which was Homecoming in Greenville, Jack Benzie set a record in his first conference game by returning a punt 65 yards, and on the next play he

³³The Teco Echo, September 9, 1949, p. 3.

³⁴Ibid.

³⁵The Tecoan, 1950 Yearbook, p. 78.

³⁶Ibid.

³⁷Ibid.

caught a 14-yard pass for a touchdown. The Pirates led 7-0 at that time, but Elon went on to win the game 33-7.³⁸ The next game was a 19-6 loss to Western Carolina Teachers College, the eventual conference champions, at Canton, North Carolina.³⁹

The Pirates returned to the win column for the next two weeks. In a game that saw the lead change five times, the Pirates finally defeated the Newport News Apprentice School 26-21 on Bill Darby's 20-yard touchdown run. Roger Thrift also accounted for two scores on touchdown passes to Benzie and Tanner.⁴⁰ A driving rain in the second half of the next week's game with the Edenton Flyers could not force the Pirate supporters to leave, as the Pirates won that one 67-0.⁴¹

In the only other loss of the season, the Pirates had an exciting game with the defending champions, Appalachian. Appalachian jumped off to an early 21-0 lead, but the Pirates scored twice to cut the score to 21-12 at the end of the first half.⁴² Appalachian finally won the game 35-18.

In the next game at High Point College and with five seconds left to play, Roger Thrift passed to Tanner for a touchdown to tie the score at 26-26. Jim Danks' attempt for the extra point was ruled no good, as many East Carolina and High Point fans questioned the ruling.⁴³

³⁸Ibid.

³⁹Ibid.

⁴⁰The Tecoan, 1950 Yearbook, p. 79.

⁴¹Ibid.

⁴²Ibid.

⁴³The Tecoan, 1950 Yearbook, p. 80.

In the closing game of the season, the Pirates retained possession of the Bohunk Trophy as they defeated Atlantic Christian College 6-2. Coach Dole surprised everyone by installing a running game for the entire contest instead of their famous passing attack.⁴⁴ Frank Maennle ran for 141 yards in that game and scored the only touchdown of the game in the third quarter to overcome a 2-0 deficit.

The Pirates finished the season with an overall record of 4 wins, 5 losses, and 1 tie and a conference record of 1 win, 4 losses, and 1 tie.

1950

By winning seven games and losing only three in 1950, East Carolina Teachers College had its best season since resuming play after World War II.

The first two games were away from home and both were victories for the Pirates. The opening game with the Newport News Apprentice School started off as a defensive battle with neither team scoring in the first half. The Apprentice School scored in the opening minutes of the second half for a 7-0 lead, but the Pirates took over after that. Tom Swain, a 222-pound fullback, scored first for the Pirates. Then Dwight Shoe and Jack Britt both scored, as Buck Hardee converted on all three extra points and the Pirates won 21-7.⁴⁵ The Pirates then traveled to Hickory for a game with Lenoir Rhyne. It was another close game until the final quarter. The score was 20-19, with East Carolina

⁴⁴Ibid.

⁴⁵The Teco Echo, September 22, 1950, p. 3.

Teachers College ahead in the last quarter, when Bill Smith intercepted a Lenoir Rhyne pass and ran for a touchdown to insure the Pirates win of 27-19.⁴⁶ Roger Thrift completed 13 of 30 passes for 235 yards.

In what was considered an upset, Hampden Sydney defeated East Carolina Teachers College by 38-26. The Pirates were winning going into the last quarter, but Hampden Sydney scored three touchdowns in the last quarter to take the win.⁴⁷ The Pirates' first conference loss came as they were defeated by Elon 26-16. The game was played in a slow misty rain, but Roger Thrift managed to complete 21 of 48 passes for 324 yards.⁴⁸

The largest crowd ever, 7,000, was at College Stadium for the Homecoming game with Western Carolina Teachers College. The Pirates responded with a 36-6 victory. The scoring was well divided among the Pirate players. Fullback Johnny Smith ran seven yards for the first touchdown. Roger Thrift passed to Dwight Shoe, and Jack Benzie passed to Frank Maennle for a 20-6 Pirate halftime lead. Buck Hardee kicked a field goal, Jack Britt ran for a touchdown, and Billy Smith returned a punt 58 yards for the final score.⁴⁹

Next the Pirates defeated Guilford 26-7. The most outstanding play of the game was a 60-yard touchdown pass from Thrift to Britt.⁵⁰ The Pirates later defeated the Cherry Point Marines by an impressive

⁴⁶The Tecoan, 1951 Yearbook, p. 127.

⁴⁷Ibid.

⁴⁸Ibid.

⁴⁹The Tecoan, 1951 Yearbook, p. 128.

⁵⁰Ibid.

20-12 score. Thrift again had a good passing day, completing 17 of 33 passes for 298 yards.⁵¹

East Carolina Teachers College's passing game ran into trouble when they went to Boone to play Appalachian in the snow and mud. This resulted in a 20-0 victory for Appalachian.⁵² However, the Pirates rebounded to defeat High Point the next week in a cold and rainy game, 26-0. Roger Thrift scored one touchdown and passed to Frank Maennle for another one. Johnny Smith and Tom Swain also scored one touchdown each.⁵³ Everyone played a great game in the final game of the season. East Carolina Teachers College defeated Atlantic Christian 54-7 and returned the Bohunk Trophy to Greenville.⁵⁴

The Pirate players received many honors for their 1950 accomplishments. Roger Thrift was named to the North State All-Conference Team, the All-State Team, and was named Honorable Mention Little All-America.⁵⁵ He was also voted by the coaches as the most valuable player in the conference.⁵⁶ Dwight Show and Don MacKenzie both were named as honorable mention on the All-Conference Team.

⁵¹Ibid.

⁵²Ibid.

⁵³Ibid.

⁵⁴Ibid.

⁵⁵The Tecoan, 1951 Yearbook, p. 125.

⁵⁶The Tecoan, 1951 Yearbook, p. 127.

1951

April 6, 1951, was another date toward the advancement of the status of the college. On that date, the North Carolina General Assembly changed the name of East Carolina Teachers College to East Carolina College.⁵⁷ Two more assistants were added to the football coaching staff for 1951. Along with Head Coach Bill Dole and Assistant Coach Jack Boone, W. M. Morrison and George (Buck) Hardee were added.

Mississippi Southern started the season off on a sour note for the Pirates by defeating them 40-0.⁵⁸ But the Pirates came back the next week to defeat the Newport News Apprentice School 32-6. With the game only one minute and 18 seconds old, Illard Yarborough ran 49 yards for the Pirates first touchdown. Jack Benzie scored the next two touchdowns on five-yard and three-yard runs. Sandy Siler passed to Britt and Hodges for the other two touchdowns.⁵⁹ Siler's strong passing game brought the next victory over the Naval Air Station, 7-6. He completed 16 of 30 passes that day for 191 yards. His touchdown pass to Jack Britt and Hawk Grissom's extra point provided the margin of victory.⁶⁰

The Pirates lost the next two games, to Elon and Western Carolina, by identical scores of 34-20. They later came back for a 19-14 victory over Guilford. The Pirates were behind 14-13 in the final period

⁵⁷The Teco Echo, April 13, 1951, p. 1.

⁵⁸The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 142.

⁵⁹The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 143.

⁶⁰The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 144.

when Sandy Siler passed to Claude King for the winning touchdown.⁶¹

Probably one of the best teams that the Pirates had faced in several years was Coach Clarence Stasavich's Lenoir Rhyne Bears. They soundly defeated the Pirates in Greenville 41-14.⁶² The Pirates also lost the next game at home to Appalachian, 24-20. Appalachian started off strong and held a 24-0 lead at the end of the first half. East Carolina College scored three touchdowns in the second half, while holding the opponents scoreless, but it was not quite enough to catch up.⁶³

Always seeming to do well against the service teams, the Pirates defeated the Cherry Point Marines, 45-0. Once again the scoring was well divided among the Pirate players. Jack Benzie and Jack Britt scored two touchdowns each. Sandy Siler passed for two touchdowns, one to Dwight Shoe and the other to Tom Allsbrook. Claude King scored the other Pirate touchdown.⁶⁴ The Pirates finished the season with a 21-7 loss to the Citadel.

In a genial and sincere manner, Coach Dole had this to say about the 1951 season, "East Carolina undertook the most difficult schedule in the history of the school. We brought the school a tremendous amount of publicity by playing the Citadel and Mississippi Southern. The Citadel is the first Southern Conference school we have ever played." He continued, "I felt our season from the standpoint of

⁶¹The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 147.

⁶²The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 148.

⁶³The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 149.

⁶⁴The Tecoan, 1952 Yearbook, p. 150.

wins and losses would have been more successful had we not experienced as many injuries to many of our key personnel." He concluded by saying, "The North State league is an extremely good small college league and it is impossible to win with a large percentage of freshmen. However, when others fell it was left in the hands of the freshmen, and while they made the usual costly mistakes, they improved with every game and gained valuable experience for the fall of 1952."⁶⁵

SUMMARY

Many changes took place at East Carolina Teachers College in the first six years after World War II. The Pirate football team had two coaches in this period, each serving three years.

This period saw East Carolina enter the North State Conference. Although some opposed its entry, most people considered it a definite advancement for the college. The college also changed its name, by dropping the word Teachers from its title and became East Carolina College.

One big move was getting a new football stadium on the campus. Prior to this time it was necessary for the college to provide transportation for the students to Guy Smith Stadium. This problem was now eliminated.

This period also saw the beginning of financial aid being given to football players in the form of athletic scholarships. This was a great aid in attracting more talented football players to the college. For the first few years after World War II, the majority of the boys

⁶⁵The Tecu Echo, December 7, 1951, p. 4.

were getting their education paid for under the G. I. Bill. After a few years, when most of the boys entering college were not veterans, the scholarship aid saw its beginning.

The first three years of this period saw Coach Jim Johnson have only one winning season and a three-year total of 7 wins, 18 losses, and 1 tie. The last three years saw Coach Bill Dole have only one winning season also but an overall three-year winning record of 15 wins, 14 losses, and 1 tie. It seemed that East Carolina College was continuing to build a strong foundation for its intercollegiate football program.

Chapter 4

THE ERA OF JACK BOONE (1952-1961)

1952

Coach Bill Dole did not return in 1952 and Robert Lee (Jack) Boone was named the head football coach at East Carolina College. Coach Boone had served the past three seasons as an assistant coach.

Coach Boone graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth Virginia, where he played football and baseball. He was captain of the Virginia All-State High School team of 1937.¹ He then attended Elon College and was an outstanding football player. He was named to the All-Conference team in each of the last three of his four years and was named to several "Little All-America" teams his senior year. Boone was then drafted in the professional football draft by the Cleveland Rams, where he remained until he was called into active service by the United States Navy.² After being released from service, he coached and played with the Portsmouth Pirates of the Dixie League. Clyde Biggers came to East Carolina College as Coach Boone's assistant from Fayetteville High School and the Green Bay Packers.³

¹The Teco Echo, April 25, 1952, p. 3.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

At the beginning of this era in East Carolina College football, the football program really seemed to begin to show growth. Scheduling improved with a full ten-game schedule in 1952. More scholarships were available and there was a continued growth each year under the guidance of Coach Boone.

The Pirates' first game was with the Naval Air Station of Norfolk, Virginia, a team that included many ex-college football stars. The Pirates took an early 7-0 lead as Jack Benzie intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown.⁴ However, the Navy team scored in both the second and third periods to win the game 13-7. In the next game, the Pirates defeated the Newport News Apprentice School 37-6. Claude King scored two touchdowns and Painter, Gay, and Stanley, one each as Grissom converted on all extra points.⁵

In their first conference game, the Pirates lost a close game 7-6 to the defending conference champion, Lenoir Rhyne. The Bears scored early in the game, but they were contained after that by the outstanding defensive play of the Pirates. Claude King scored the only Pirate touchdown late in the game.⁶ In the first contest ever with Catawba, the Pirates fought to a 7-7 tie. Catawba scored in the first period and dominated the game until late in the fourth quarter when Gay scored on a pass from quarterback Dick Cherry to produce the tie.⁷

⁴The Buccaneer, 1953 Yearbook, p. 161.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Ibid., p. 162.

After a disappointing homecoming game with Catawba, the Pirates went on to win the next four games. They first spoiled Elon's Homecoming Day. Elon took a 9-0 lead in the first half, but Dick Cherry and Sandy Siler's passing game stopped Elon's hopes. Yarborough, King, Gay, and Cherry each scored for the Pirates. Highlights of the game were several goal-line stands by the Pirate defensive team and an 85-yard touchdown pass from Cherry to Gay.⁸ In one of the roughest games of the year, East Carolina College defeated Western Carolina 21-7. A blocked punt by Don Burton set up one touchdown by Yarborough and Cherry passed to O'Kelly for two touchdowns.⁹ The Pirates had a field day against Guilford 41-0, scoring at least once in every quarter. Paul Gay scored two touchdowns and Hal O'Kelly, Illard Yarborough, Dwight Shoe, and Dick Cherry scored one each.¹⁰ Two more Pirate touchdowns were nullified because of penalties.

The Pirates also spoiled the Appalachian Homecoming Day celebration by defeating the Mountaineers 22-19. Cherry scored the first Pirate touchdown on a quarterback sneak and Grissom kicked a field goal for an early 9-0 Pirate lead. Appalachian scored two touchdowns and took a 12-9 lead at the end of the first half. Dwight Shoe and Bobby Hodges scored touchdowns in the final quarter to produce the East Carolina win.¹¹

⁸Ibid.

⁹Ibid., p. 163.

¹⁰The Teco Echo, October 31, 1952, p. 3.

¹¹The Buccaneer, 1953 Yearbook, p. 163.

It seemed as though this was the year for the Pirates to provide the homecoming opposition for many teams. They traveled to Deland, Florida, to play in Stetson University's homecoming and had a 19-19 tie game. Stetson scored first and then Claude King scored for the Pirates to gain a 6-6 tie. Stetson went ahead for a 19-6 lead, but the Pirates scored two touchdowns in the last quarter to bring about the tie. Siler passed to Yarborough for a touchdown and Gay returned a punt 88 yards to tie the game in the closing minutes.¹² In the last game of the season in Greenville, the Pirates defeated West Virginia Tech 34-7. Yarborough, Hayes, Shoe, and Gay scored touchdowns in the first half. West Virginia Tech's only score came late in the fourth quarter, and Yarborough scored again just before the end of the game.¹³

After a successful season of six wins, two defeats, and two ties, the Pirates were invited to play in the Lions Bowl game at Salisbury, North Carolina. Their opponent was Clarion State Teachers College of Clarion, Pennsylvania. Sandy Siler scored the first touchdown of his college career and the score was tied 6-6 at halftime. Clarion State took the second-half kickoff and marched downfield to get the only other score of the game as the Pirates were defeated 13-6. Two key injuries played a large part in the Pirates' loss. Claude King left the game early in the first period due to an injury and Illard Yarborough had to be carried from the field later with a broken ankle.¹⁴

¹²Ibid., p. 164.

¹³Ibid.

¹⁴The Tecu Echo, December 19, 1952, p. 3.

The Pirates finished second in the North State Conference standings in 1952 with a 4-1-1 conference record. East Carolina College placed three players on the All-Conference team. They were: Dwight Shoe, Willie Holland, and Dick Cherry. The greatest honor of all was Coach Jack Boone being named Coach of the Year in the North State Conference.¹⁵ Another honor was bestowed upon Dick Cherry when he was named as Player of the Week by the Greensboro Daily News. Other than Charlie Justice of U. N. C., Cherry is the only other freshman ever to win this honor.¹⁶

1953

Two new assistant coaches joined head football coach Jack Boone to form the East Carolina College coaching staff for 1953. They were Earl Smith and James Mallory.¹⁷ Earl Smith was a former player for East Carolina Teachers College. Coach Boone was allotted 24 football scholarships which amounted to a budget of \$13,800 for the year.¹⁸

One of Coach Boone's new innovations this season was the use of the platoon system when substituting. A complete team was substituted at one time instead of one or two players at various times. This seemed to work well as the Pirates opened the season at home with an impressive 41-0 win over Wilson Teachers College. Quarterback Dick Cherry started the scoring parade late in the first quarter by scoring from one yard

¹⁵The Buccaneer, 1953 Yearbook, p. 160.

¹⁶Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

¹⁷Ibid.

¹⁸Ibid.

out on a quarterback sneak. Boyd Webb passed to Rhodes for a touchdown early in the second period for another score and the score remained 12-0 for the rest of the first half. Early in the second half, Dick Cherry came up from his defensive halfback position to tackle a Wilson runner in the end zone for a safety. Cherry also passed 12 yards to Bobby Hodges for the next touchdown. Emo Boado scored on a 17-yard sprint and Tom Allsbrook on a 37-yard run before Hodges scored the last touchdown on a pass from freshman Boyd Hooper. Carlton Matthews added three extra points to complete the scoring. The Pirate defensive team was also outstanding, holding the opposition to a minus 32 yards rushing and only 14 yards passing.¹⁹

Even the driving rain could not stop the powerful offensive and defensive units as the Pirates took on the defending conference champion Lenoir Rhyne in their next game. The Pirates were victorious 34-0. Dick Cherry completed 10 of 13 passes for 231 yards and four touchdowns. Bobby Hodges caught two of the touchdown passes and Emo Boado caught the other two. Paul Gay ran 22 yards for the final touchdown. Again, the Pirates' defensive team was superb. They gave up only 30 yards rushing and 30 yards passing.²⁰

The Catawba Indians provided East Carolina College with their first close game of the season. The Pirates scored their first touchdown on the first possession of the football. They marched 54 yards in nine plays with Bobby Hodges scoring the touchdown on a pass from Cherry. It was a defensive battle until Catawba scored on a pass

¹⁹The Daily Reflector, September 21, 1953, p. 6.

²⁰The Daily Reflector, September 28, 1953, p. 8.

interception in the fourth quarter to tie the score at 6-6. On the fourth play after the resulting kickoff, Cherry passed to O'Kelly for 56 yards down to the one-yard line. Cherry scored on a quarterback sneak to give the Pirates a 13-6 win.²¹

The next game for the Pirates was East Carolina College's homecoming contest with Elon College. A crowd of 10,000 people witnessed what many thought was the wildest North State Conference game in many years. With both teams scoring recklessly, the Pirates were the winners 45-25. Elon scored on the fifth play of the game for a 6-0 lead. The Pirates came right back as Claude King scored on the sixth play after the resulting kickoff, and then kicked the extra point for a 7-6 Pirate lead. The Pirates maintained the lead for the rest of the game. Boyd Webb scored on a 50-yard punt return and Dick Cherry scored on a two-yard run to give the Pirates a 21-6 lead at halftime. Just after the second-half kickoff, Cherry scored his second touchdown of the night on a three-yard quarterback sneak. Elon came back with two quick touchdowns and Cherry passed to Hodges to bring the score to 33-19. After Elon's last touchdown, the Pirates scored two touchdowns in the last four minutes. One was a Cherry-to-Hodges pass and the other was on an eight-yard run by Stanley.²²

A determined Western Carolina College team held the Pirates to a 7-7 halftime tie, but the Pirates came back in the second half to spoil the Catamounts Homecoming Day. The Pirates' only first-half score was a 15-yard pass from Cherry to Hodges. The Pirates' winning

²¹The Daily Reflector, October 5, 1953, p. 8.

²²The Daily Reflector, October 11, 1953, p. 6.

margin was credited to their running game in the second half. Jack Britt, Paul Gay, and Johnny Daughtry scored second-half touchdowns. The defensive unit of the Pirates was again outstanding as they allowed only three first downs and no yards passing.²³

The Pirates continued their strong running and passing games as they defeated Guilford 40-0. The first touchdown came on a 12-yard pitchout to Paul Gay. Claude King scored two touchdowns on runs of nine yards and three yards to give the Pirates a 20-0 lead at the end of the first period. Pirate reserves played most of the second period and kept the score at 20-0 until halftime. Cherry passed for two touchdowns in the second half. The first was a screen pass to Bobby Hodges that was good for 65 yards and the other was a 14-yard pass play to Gay. Harold O'Kelly scored the final touchdown of the game on an eight-yard run. Guilford ran and passed for a total of only 86 yards while the Pirates gained 385 yards rushing and 118 yards passing.²⁴

The Pirates continued their winning ways with a 40-7 victory over Appalachian. Cherry passed for four touchdowns while Milton Collier passed to O'Kelly for one score. The only Pirate touchdown scored on a running play was an outstanding 53-yard run by Paul Gay in the opening minutes of the game. Cherry's touchdown passes went to Toppy Hayes, Larry Rhodes, Emo Boado, and Bobby Hodges. The lone Appalachian touchdown came in the third period after the Pirates had built a 34-0 lead. The victory was, however, a costly one for the

²³The Daily Reflector, October 19, 1953, p. 6.

²⁴The Daily Reflector, October 26, 1953, p. 6.

Pirates when Dick Cherry received a twisted knee as he was tackled after a 44-yard run late in the game.²⁵

After winning their first seven football games, the Pirates traveled to Florida and suffered their first defeat to Tampa University 18-13. Tampa scored two touchdowns in the second quarter for a 12-0 halftime lead. The Pirates scored two times in the third quarter and Tampa scored once more to preserve the margin of victory. The first East Carolina College score came on a 14-yard pass from the injured Dick Cherry to end Larry Rhodes. Ted Barnes scored the other Pirate touchdown after going over tackle and running 55 yards. This game also took its toll of injuries for the Pirates. In addition to the already injured Cherry, Paul Gay had to leave the game due to a knee injury. Left-end J. D. Bradford had to leave the game with a severe ankle injury and tackle Thurston Callahan sustained a knee injury.²⁶

The Pirates ended their regular season by traveling to Florida again the next week. This time it was to Deland, Florida, to play the Stetson University Hatters and this time it was a more pleasant trip. The Pirates won this one 40-6 as they completely dominated the game in the second half. The Pirates' scoring came from many sources. Larry Rhodes scored first on Dick Cherry's seventeenth touchdown pass of the season. Claude King scored on a 22-yard run and Boyd Webb scored as he intercepted a pass and ran 65 yards for a score. The next two touchdowns came on runs of three yards by Emo Boado and 18 yards by Harold O'Kelly. The final Pirate touchdown was scored by Tom Allsbrook

²⁵The Daily Reflector, November 2, 1953, p. 6.

²⁶The Daily Reflector, November 9, 1953, p. 6.

on a 19-yard pass from Boyd Hooper. Carlton Matthews kicked two extra points and King and Hodges kicked the other two.²⁷

East Carolina College won the North State Conference championship in 1953 with a perfect six wins and no losses in conference play. Coach Boone considered this one of the highlights of his coaching career. Defeating Appalachian 40-7 this season was one of the most satisfying games of his career at East Carolina College.²⁸ Coach Boone's 1953 team scored 292 points, for an average of 32.4 points per game, while limiting their opponents to 69 points for the season. Coach Boone's most disappointing game was the 18-13 loss to Tampa. This loss cost the Pirates a bid to the Tangerine Bowl in Florida.²⁹ However, the Pirates played in the Elks Bowl game in Greenville on January 2, 1954, and lost to Morris-Harvey in that game 12-0.³⁰

There were numerous post-season honors for the Pirates in 1953. Quarterback Dick Cherry and end Bobby Hodges received Honorable Mention Little All-America by the Associated Press. Cherry, Hodges, and Paul Gay were named to the Greensboro Daily News All-State team. Cherry, Hodges, and Gay, along with Holland, Hallow, Faircloth, and Lee were selected for the North State All-Conference team. Cherry was a unanimous choice. Rhodes and King received Honorable Mention to the All-Conference team.³¹

²⁷The Daily Reflector, November 16, 1953, p. 6.

²⁸Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

²⁹Ibid.

³⁰The Buccaneer, 1954 Yearbook, p. 166.

³¹Ibid., p. 171.

1954

The 1954 football season began when 56 men reported to Coach Boone for practice on September 1, 1954.³² The number of football scholarships for 1954 was increased to 33 for a total budget of \$18,975.³³

The Pirates received some bad news before the 1954 season began. Dick Cherry was to be out for the entire season with a broken foot.³⁴

The Pirates began the season by defeating the Norfolk Naval Air Station 21-0. Tippy Hayes scored the first touchdown of the 1954 season as he ran 69 yards for the score in the first period. The second score came in the second period when quarterback Boyd Webb passed six yards to end Larry Rhodes. Undoubtedly the outstanding play of the game had to be the Pirates last touchdown. The Pirates had the ball on their own 18-yard line midway through the period. Webb faked two handoffs and passed to Hayes on about the 40-yard line. Hayes ran the rest of the way for an 82-yard touchdown play.³⁵

The Pirates' first loss of the season was to West Chester by the score of 6-4. All of the scoring took place in the second half. West Chester scored first for a 6-0 lead. Soon after that, Pirate tackle Charles Smith blocked a kick in the end zone for a safety and later in the fourth quarter another safety brought the final 6-4 loss.³⁶

³²The Daily Reflector, September 1, 1954, p. 6.

³³Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

³⁴The Buccaneer, 1955 Yearbook.

³⁵The Daily Reflector, September 13, 1954, p. 6.

³⁶The Daily Reflector, September 20, 1954, p. 6.

In their first away game, the Pirates won a close game from Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory. Milton Collier's extra point provided the 7-6 win. The Pirates' only touchdown was set up by a brilliant 56-yard punt return by Emo Boado to the Lenoir Rhyne seven-yard line. Toppay Hayes scored the touchdown on the next play and Collier's extra-point kick gave the Pirates a 7-0 lead. Lenoir Rhyne scored in the second period, but the hurried extra-point attempt was wide and the first half ended with the Pirates ahead 7-6. Neither team could score in the final half and the Pirates had defeated the powerful Lenoir Rhyne team for the second year in a row.³⁷

East Carolina College won their second conference game of the season by defeating Catawba 26-7. Catawba scored with the game just three minutes old and made the extra-point attempt for a 7-0 lead. The Pirates exploded in the second quarter for the victory. Quarterback Gary Mattocks' 40-yard pass from James Henderson and the missed extra point brought the Pirates to within one point. O'Kelly's nine-yard run around left end put the Pirates in the lead 13-7 and his 27-yard run straight through the middle gave the Pirates a 20-7 halftime lead. A fourth-quarter pass from Mattocks to Bobby Perry accounted for the Pirate final score.³⁸

Elon surprised the Pirates 20-6 for their first conference loss of the season. A fourth-quarter 59-yard pass play from Collier to Boado averted a shutout.³⁹

³⁷The Daily Reflector, September 27, 1954, p. 6.

³⁸The Daily Reflector, October 4, 1954, p. 6.

³⁹The Daily Reflector, October 11, 1954, p. 6.

The Pirates appeared to be at an emotional peak the next week as they defeated Western Carolina 27-13. Boyd Webb completed six of ten passes and three of the passes were for touchdowns. J. D. Bradford caught two of the touchdown passes and Toppy Hayes caught the other for 46 yards and a touchdown. Harold O'Kelly scored the other Pirate touchdown on a pass from Milton Collier.⁴⁰

In the first meeting ever between the Pirates and independent East Tennessee, the game ended in a 6-6 deadlock. East Tennessee scored in the first quarter and East Carolina tied the score in five plays after the second-half kickoff. Claude King scored on a 37-yard run. Both teams attempted field goals in the final quarter but neither was successful.⁴¹

Appalachian scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to defeat the Pirates 13-7 and win the North State Conference championship. The Pirates' only score came in the third quarter when Toppy Hayes ran around his own right end for nine yards and the touchdown. The highlight of the first half was a tremendous 88-yard punt by Pirate fullback Claude King. He was standing just inside his own end zone and quick kicked to the Appalachian three-yard line. The game was played in a very cold twenty-degree temperature and the field was soggy from a two-inch snow on the previous night.⁴²

The Pirates finished the 1954 season much in the same fashion as the previous season. They played the same two Florida teams and the

⁴⁰The Daily Reflector, October 18, 1954, p. 6.

⁴¹The Daily Reflector, October 25, 1954, p. 6.

⁴²The Daily Reflector, November 1, 1954, p. 7.

results were basically the same. The Pirates traveled to Tampa, Florida, and the 27-14 score by which Tampa was victorious did not truly indicate the closeness of the game. Tampa scored two quick touchdowns in the first period to take a 14-0 lead. The Pirates' first score came in the second period on an 18-yard pass from Collier to Boado. The second Pirate touchdown came in the opening minutes of the fourth period to tie the score at 14-14. It was a beautiful 91-yard run by Harold O'Kelly. Tampa scored two quick touchdowns in the last three minutes of the game for the victory.⁴³

The Pirates ended the 1954 season in Greenville with a 26-7 win over Stetson University. The Pirates scored two touchdowns in the first eight minutes of play. Tom Allsbrook scored on a 14-yard run and Claude King scored on a two-yard plunge over the middle. King scored once more in the first half on a pass from Boyd Webb to give the Pirates a 19-0 halftime lead. Jim Henderson scored for the Pirates in the last period just before the Hatters scored their lone touchdown in the closing minutes of the game. The East Carolina College backfield had one of their best running games of the season. They rushed for 404 yards. Claude King contributed 108 yards, Toppy Hayes 73 yards, Tom Allsbrook 60 yards in 11 carries, and Jim Henderson 65 yards.⁴⁴

The Pirates finished the season with three wins and two losses in the conference for a third-place finish. The overall season record was five wins, four losses, and one tie. Senior Willie Holland was named to three honorary post-season teams. He was chosen on the

⁴³The Daily Reflector, November 10, 1954, p. 10.

⁴⁴The Daily Reflector, November 15, 1954, p. 6.

All-North State Conference team, the Greensboro Daily News All-State team, and along with Claude King, received honorable mention rating on the Little All-America team.⁴⁵

1955

Coach Jack Boone started the 1955 season with practice beginning on September 1, 1955. Fifty-one men reported for the three-a-day practice sessions. The Pirates had sessions on the practice field at 6:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. They also had a 2:30 P.M. session in the gym.⁴⁶

The Pirates opened the season at home with the Norfolk Navy team on September 10, 1955, and came away with a 6-0 victory. The rains started about 20 minutes prior to the game and continued throughout the game. It was a scoreless duel until the last 60 seconds of play. Pirate end Bill Helms blocked a Norfolk Navy punt to set up the winning touchdown. On the first play after the blocked punt, Dick Cherry passed 34 yards to fullback Harold O'Kelly for the winning touchdown.⁴⁷

The Pirates then traveled to West Chester, Pennsylvania, for a 9-0 loss to the West Chester Golden Rams. A Pirate fumble near the end of the first period set the stage for West Chester's only touchdown. The Rams added a safety in the fourth quarter.⁴⁸

⁴⁵The Buccaneer, 1955 Yearbook.

⁴⁶The Daily Reflector, September 1, 1955, p. 6.

⁴⁷The Daily Reflector, September 12, 1955, p. 6.

⁴⁸The Daily Reflector, September 19, 1955, p. 6.

Again the Pirates played on a rain-drenched field as they lost a close game to Lenoir Rhyne 7-6. Lenoir Rhyne scored after only four minutes of play and the extra-point attempt was successful. The Pirates executed a 77-yard touchdown drive midway the second period that ended with Dick Cherry scoring the touchdown. The unsuccessful extra-point attempt by the Pirates was short and that proved to be defeat for the Pirates.⁴⁹

The Pirates lost their second conference game in a row the next week at Salisbury by losing to Catawba 13-7. The game was only four minutes old when Catawba intercepted a Pirate pass and went 25 yards for a touchdown. East Carolina College's only score came in the third period when Cherry passed to Bobby Perry on a fourth-and-five situation that tied the score at 7-7. Catawba completed only one pass in the game and that was the one in the last quarter to defeat the Pirates.⁵⁰

The Pirates' first conference win was over Elon 13-0, as 7,000 fans attended the homecoming contest in Greenville. The Pirates scored late in the second quarter on a 21-yard pass from Milton Collier to Perry and again in the fourth quarter on a two-yard run by Cherry.⁵¹

East Carolina College won their second conference game of the season at Cullowhee with a 14-6 win over Western Carolina. Dick Cherry scored the first touchdown for the Pirates in the first period and Emo Boado went nine yards in the third period for the second Pirate touchdown. Western Carolina's only score came in the last quarter to avert

⁴⁹The Daily Reflector, September 26, 1955, p. 6.

⁵⁰The Daily Reflector, October 3, 1955, p. 6.

⁵¹The Daily Reflector, October 10, 1955, p. 6.

the shutout as the Pirates won in an upset.⁵²

The Pirates lost the next game in Johnson City, Tennessee, to East Tennessee State. The first Pirate touchdown was a four-yard pass from Milton Collier to Emo Boado on the Pirates' first possession of the football. Harold O'Kelly scored from the four-yard line at the beginning of the second period for a 13-0 lead that stunned the opponents. Bobby Perry scored on a 30-yard run, sandwiched in between two East Tennessee touchdowns, for a 20-14 Pirate halftime lead. But East Tennessee State was in command for the entire second half, scoring three touchdowns while holding the Pirates scoreless.⁵³

The final conference game of the season for the Pirates was a 13-0 victory over Appalachian. Both touchdowns came in the last half. Fullback Bob Maynard went over right tackle for the first score in the third period. Harold O'Kelly went five yards around his own right end on the first play of the final period for the other score.⁵⁴

The Pirates closed the season at home with a 33-14 loss to Tampa University. East Carolina College held a brief 7-0 lead after the first two minutes of play when Cherry passed 35 yards to Perry for the Pirates' only lead in the game. Bob Maynard scored the Pirates' only other touchdown early in the third period.⁵⁵

East Carolina College finished the season with a three and two conference record and runner-up to the conference champion. The overall

⁵²The Daily Reflector, October 17, 1955, p. 6.

⁵³The Daily Reflector, October 24, 1955, p. 6.

⁵⁴The Daily Reflector, October 31, 1955, p. 6.

⁵⁵The Daily Reflector, November 7, 1955, p. 6.

season record was four wins and five losses. The Pirates' rugged center Lou Hallow was named to the Little All-America team.⁵⁶

1956

East Carolina College opened the 1956 season by playing the strong Southern Conference team Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech returned the opening kickoff for 90 yards to the two-yard line and then scored on the next play. It appeared that the Pirates never recovered from the shock as the Virginians went on to a 37-2 victory. The only Pirate score was a safety later in the game. Two key Pirate players received injuries that prevented their participation in several games, and it appeared that this might have been a warning of things to come. Jerry Brooks, a 230-pound tackle received an ankle injury and Ed Emory, a 220-pound freshman, was put out of action with a bruised knee.⁵⁷

In the next game with Stetson, the Pirates rushed for 106 yards and Stetson rushed for 105 yards. It was just that type of football game as the two teams fought to a 7-7 tie. Neither team could score until late in the game. Late in the fourth quarter fullback Kemp Wickizer scored the Pirates' only touchdown and Bubba Matthews kicked the extra point. Stetson tied the score with just seconds remaining in the contest.⁵⁸

The Pirates lost the next contest 27-13 to Catawba. Bobby Perry scored both touchdowns for the Pirates. The first came on a

⁵⁶The Buccaneer, 1956 Yearbook, p. 54.

⁵⁷The East Carolinian, September 21, 1956, p. 3.

⁵⁸The East Carolinian, September 28, 1956, p. 3.

71-yard pass play from quarterback Gary Mattocks. The next touchdown was on a 14-yard run to give the Pirates a 13-0 lead at the end of the first half. As far as the Pirates were concerned, this virtually ended their play for the day. The Indians came back with 27 points in the second half to take the win.⁵⁹

Perhaps the most disturbing news came in the next few days. The Pirates' outstanding quarterback Dick Cherry dropped out of school. Family problems at home were reported as the reason. Both of Cherry's parents were in bad health and he had played the first few games of the 1956 season under a terrific amount of pressure.⁶⁰

The Pirates won their first football game of the 1956 season at Elon by the 19-7 score. The three Pirate touchdowns were scored by Bob Maynard, Tommy Nash, and James Speight.⁶¹

The Pirates continued their winning way before 12,000 homecoming fans. This was the largest attendance ever to view a football game in Greenville to date. The Pirates responded with a 20-19 victory over Western Carolina. All of the scoring took place in the first half with James Speight setting the pace with a 67-yard touchdown run.⁶²

For the first time since the beginning of the previous season, the Pirates were unable to score a point as they lost to Morris-Harvey 28-0. The Pirates also lost the next three contests, beginning with a

⁵⁹The East Carolinian, October 4, 1956, p. 3.

⁶⁰Ibid.

⁶¹The East Carolinian, October 11, 1956, p. 3.

⁶²The East Carolinian, October 18, 1956, p. 3.

22-19 loss to Appalachian as the injuries mounted. They lost the next game to Lenoir Rhyne by 57-12 in what the Lenoir Rhyne coach Clarence Stasavich described as his best game of the season. Stasavich's team held a 26-0 lead at the halftime. East Carolina College's first touchdown came in the third period when Tommy Nash went 80 yards on a pitchout. Gary Mattocks scored the only other Pirate touchdown on a one-yard plunge. This was physically the roughest game of the season. Four Pirate players had to leave the game due to injuries. James Speight had an eye injury. Dick Monds suffered a fractured elbow. Ray Pennington received a hip injury and Tommy Waggoner left the game with a sprained ankle.⁶³ The Pirates closed the season by losing to the University of Richmond 45-7.

End Ray Pennington was named to the first team All-North State Conference. Bobby Perry also received honorable mention.⁶⁴ The Pirates ended the season with a dismal record of two wins, six losses, and one tie.

1957

Two new assistant coaches joined with head football coach Jack Boone and assistants Jim Mallory and Earl Smith to increase the East Carolina College staff to five coaches. Thus, East Carolina College started the 1957 season with the largest coaching staff in the history of the college. The two new coaches were Frank Madigan and Bill McDonald, both former football players for the Pirates. After playing

⁶³The East Carolinian, November 5, 1956, p. 3.

⁶⁴The East Carolinian, December 6, 1956, p. 3.

with the Pirates, Frank Madigan had served as coach for High Point High School and Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh. McDonald played with the Pirates from 1949 through 1952. He played and coached at Shaw Air Force Base in 1954 and was selected as the outstanding coach in the Armed Service football in 1956.⁶⁵

The Pirates opening game was a losing 40-7 effort to the University of Richmond and it appeared that the beginning of the 1957 season was going to be continuation of the 1956 season. The Pirates only score was a three-yard run by Bob Maynard near the end of the game.⁶⁶

The Pirates continued on to one of the worst losing streaks in many years. The next game was with former Coach Bill Dole's Davidson Wildcats and the Pirates lost this one 19-7. The game was played in a cold rain. The Pirates only score came on a 47-yard run by James Speight in the closing minutes of the first half.⁶⁷

The next loss was to Catawba 36-14. James Speight went around left end for 12 yards to give the Pirates a 7-0 lead. Ralph Zehring scored on a quarterback sneak in the third period for the only other Pirate touchdown.⁶⁸

The Pirates celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary Homecoming at College Stadium in Greenville by playing Elon College. The Pirates

⁶⁵The Buccaneer, 1958 Yearbook, p. 312.

⁶⁶The East Carolinian, September 19, 1957, p. 6.

⁶⁷The Daily Reflector, September 30, 1957, p. 6.

⁶⁸The Daily Reflector, October 7, 1957, p. 6.

were defeated 21-12 before approximately 10,000 spectators. It was the first East Carolina College homecoming loss in six years. Zehring scored on a 12-yard run in the first period when he could not find a receiver open. With less than two minutes left to play in the game, George Slaughter scored the last Pirate touchdown.⁶⁹

James Speight scored on a 39-yard run to give the Pirates a 7-7 tie with Western Carolina at halftime. However, the Catamounts went on to win the game 20-7 in the second half.⁷⁰

The Pirates fell victim next to the Newberry Indians by the identical score of 20-7. At the end of a 98-yard sustained drive in the third period, fullback Bob Lilley went into the end zone from the three-yard line for the only Pirate touchdown of the game. This tied the game at 7-7, but the Indians scored two times in the final period for the win.⁷¹

In a very close game, the Pirates lost to Appalachian 7-6. East Carolina College scored first in the second period when James Speight ran 17 yards for the score. The 6-0 lead looked good until Appalachian intercepted a pass for a touchdown and the successful extra-point attempt was the margin of victory.⁷²

The last home game of the season was a disastrous one for the Pirates. The Pirates could manage only one touchdown, an eight-yard pass

⁶⁹The Daily Reflector, October 14, 1957, p. 6.

⁷⁰The Buccaneer, 1958 Yearbook, p. 318.

⁷¹The Daily Reflector, October 28, 1957, p. 7.

⁷²The Buccaneer, 1958 Yearbook, p. 320.

from Zehring to end Charlie Vaughan in the second period. Lenoir Rhyne scored frequently for the 55-7 win.⁷³

After what seemed to be a very frustrating season, the Pirates finally won their first football game of the season when they defeated Presbyterian 6-0 to close out the season. When halfback Lee Atkinson caught Ralph Zehring's pass and went into the end zone, the clock showed three seconds left to play in the contest.⁷⁴ The Pirates concluded the 1957 season with one win, seven losses, and one tie.

1958

East Carolina College opened the 1958 season on Saturday, September 13, 1958, with a 12-0 victory over Emory and Henry. The Pirates took advantage of two fourth-quarter Emory and Henry fumbles and turned both of them into touchdowns. Bobby Perry went around end for eight yards for the first score. Ralph Zehring passed 25 yards to Charlie Bishop for the other touchdown and the Pirates had equalled their total wins of the previous season.⁷⁵

The Pirates lost their next game 24-16 to Presbyterian. The Pirates were facing a 24-point deficit before they managed the first score with eight minutes left in the final period. Bobby Perry scored both Pirate touchdowns within four minutes. The first was an 18-yard run and the other was a 23-yard pass from Zehring. The Pirates were successful on both two-point conversions.⁷⁶

⁷³The Daily Reflector, November 11, 1957, p. 6.

⁷⁴The Daily Reflector, November 18, 1957, p. 6.

⁷⁵The Daily Reflector, September 15, 1958, p. 6.

⁷⁶The Daily Reflector, September 22, 1958, p. 7.

An open date before the Catawba game appeared to help the Pirates as they defeated the Indians 6-0. After capitalizing on a Catawba fumble in the third period, Jerry Carpenter scored the lone touchdown of the game as he bucked over from the one-yard line.⁷⁷

The Elon Christians appeared to have the Pirates beaten as they held a 6-0 halftime lead and it stayed that way until the final period. Bobby Perry took command in the final period, scoring two touchdowns as the Pirates won their third game of the season 14-6. Perry's two touchdowns were on running plays, the first for 22 yards and the other for 43 yards.⁷⁸

Bobby Perry also scored two touchdowns in the next game. It was Homecoming Day for the Pirates and Perry scored both touchdowns in the second period as the Pirates downed Western Carolina 18-7. The first touchdown came on a six-yard run while the other was a 36-yard runback of a pass interception. Zehring passed eight yards to Randell Holmes in the final quarter for the Pirates' other score.⁷⁹

The Pirates' second loss of the season came when they lost to the Indians of Newberry College 28-6. The Pirates gained a total of 137 yards rushing and James Speight was responsible for 113 yards of that total. The Pirates' only score came on a 67-yard drive with Speight going the final six yards for the score.⁸⁰

In their poorest offensive showing of the season, the Pirates

⁷⁷The Daily Reflector, October 6, 1958, p. 7.

⁷⁸The Daily Reflector, October 13, 1958, p. 7.

⁷⁹The Daily Reflector, October 20, 1958, p. 7.

⁸⁰The Daily Reflector, October 27, 1958, p. 7.

lost the next game 14-0 to Appalachian. One highlight of the game for the Pirates was the kicking of Randell Holmes. His punting averaged 43 yards despite a muddy field.⁸¹

East Carolina College suffered their worst defeat of the 1958 season when they lost by 59-14 to Lenoir Rhyne. Bobby Perry scored the first touchdown of the game in the second quarter and for a brief period of time the Pirates held a 7-0 lead. The only other Pirate touchdown was scored by Walter Hanford in the final quarter.⁸²

The next Pirate victory came as they defeated Randolph Macon by the score of 36-6. Halfbacks Lee Atkinson and Walter Hanford scored two touchdowns each for the Pirates. Bobby Perry accounted for the other Pirate touchdown.⁸³

East Carolina College defeated Guilford 20-0 on Thanksgiving Day to end the 1958 season. The Pirates returned the opening kickoff to their own 23-yard line and from there Ralph Zehring passed to James Speight for a 77-yard touchdown play. Speight and Lee Atkinson scored the Pirates' other touchdowns on short runs.⁸⁴ Outstanding defensive play by Ed Emory, Charles Cook, Bill Cain, David Thomas, and Charles Gordon kept the Quakers offense under control.⁸⁵ The Pirates finished the 1958 season with six wins and three losses.

⁸¹The Daily Reflector, November 3, 1958, p. 6.

⁸²The Daily Reflector, November 10, 1958, p. 7.

⁸³The Daily Reflector, November 17, 1958, p. 7.

⁸⁴The Daily Reflector, November 28, 1958, p. 7.

⁸⁵The Buccaneer, 1959 Yearbook, p. 325.

1959

One new assistant coach, George Tucker, was added to the East Carolina College coaching staff for the 1959 football season.⁸⁶ The Pirates lost the opening game of the season to Presbyterian by an 18-13 score. Presbyterian scored in the first period, but Glenn Bass scored with just 45 seconds remaining in the first half to give the Pirates a 7-6 halftime lead. There was no scoring in the third period. Presbyterian scored first in the final quarter to take a 12-7 lead. Then Beale scored on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Zehring to give the Pirates a brief lead before Presbyterian scored the winning touchdown.⁸⁷

East Carolina College scored in every period to defeat Albright 45-0 for their first win of the season. Glenn Bass scored two touchdowns in the first half. He scored on a 32-yard run in the first period and excited the Pirate fans with a 90-yard run in the second period. Sonny Basinger scored on a 32-yard screen pass from Ralph Zehring to give the Pirates a 20-0 lead at halftime. Mac Thacker scored the first touchdown of the second half. Just four plays later, Basinger returned an Albright punt 75 yards for another touchdown. Henry Kwiatkowski kicked a seven-yard field goal in the final period and Tommy Matthews scored on a 16-yard pass from Cary Parker on the last play of the game.⁸⁸

The Pirates had their second shutout in three games as they defeated Guilford 27-0. Glenn Bass scored on a 45-yard run in the first minute of the game to provide the margin of victory. Carpenter

⁸⁶Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

⁸⁷The Daily Reflector, September 14, 1959, p. 7.

⁸⁸The Daily Reflector, September 21, 1959, p. 7.

intercepted a pass for a 35-yard scoring play and Speight ran over from the four-yard line to build up a 21-0 halftime lead. Glenn Bass scored his second touchdown of the game in the third period and the final period went scoreless.⁸⁹

Catawba scored first for a 7-0 lead and from that point the Pirates went on to a 34-7 victory. Speight carried the Indians' kickoff back to the 32-yard line and on the next play Glenn Bass ran 68 yards for a Pirate touchdown. Bass scored again on a six-yard run and Speight scored on a nine-yard run to extend the Pirates into a 20-0 lead at halftime. Speight scored his second touchdown in the last period and quarterback Bert Stafford finished the scoring by getting a touchdown on the last play of the game.⁹⁰

The Pirates won their third North State Conference game by defeating Elon 31-8 in the Pirates' homecoming game. This was the first North State Conference game to be televised and the first time that an East Carolina College football game had been on television. James Speight scored the first touchdown on a five-yard run. The next score came on a 52-yard pass from Zehring to Bass. Basinger returned a punt for 57 yards to give the Pirates a 20-0 lead midway the second period. Kwiatkowski's 14-yard field goal and a 22-yard touchdown pass from Zehring to Speight in the last half accounted for the Pirates' other scoring.⁹¹

⁸⁹The Daily Reflector, September 28, 1959, p. 7.

⁹⁰The Daily Reflector, October 5, 1959, p. 7.

⁹¹The Daily Reflector, October 12, 1959, p. 7.

The following week Western Carolina battled the Pirates to a 14-14 tie at halftime and then scored 20 points in the last half to defeat the Pirates 34-14. James Speight scored the first Pirate touchdown on a six-yard run. The Pirates' other score came on a 15-yard pass from Zehring to Bass.⁹²

The next game was also a loss for the Pirates in a 34-7 game with Newberry. The only Pirate score was a four-yard run by James Speight late in the second quarter.⁹³

The following game was also a 28-0 loss to the Appalachian Mountaineers. Appalachian scored in all but the third period for the victory.⁹⁴ This was one of Coach Boone's most disappointing losses as it eliminated any chance that the Pirates may have had to win the conference championship.⁹⁵

The Pirates came within one point of upsetting the number-one ranked small college team in the nation when they lost to Lenoir Rhyne 22-21. Ralph Zehring passed to Tommy Matthews and the Pirates made good on a two-point conversion to tie the score at 8-8. Lenoir Rhyne scored next to take the lead at 14-8, but Zehring threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Glenn Bass to give the Pirates a 15-14 halftime lead. Bass ran for a 56-yard touchdown in the third period to extend the Pirates' lead to 21-14. Lenoir Rhyne scored a touchdown with less than two minutes left in the game to narrow the Pirates margin to one point. The

⁹²The Daily Reflector, October 19, 1959, p. 7.

⁹³The Daily Reflector, October 26, 1959, p. 6.

⁹⁴The Daily Reflector, November 2, 1959, p. 7.

⁹⁵Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

excitement came when Lenoir Rhyne attempted a two-point conversion. The Lenoir Rhyne back tried to run and appeared to be stopped by two Pirate tacklers. He finally threw an underhanded pass to a receiver in the end zone. A controversy developed when one official said the play was over when the ball carrier was stopped and the other official signalled that the two-point conversion was good. After much confusion and debating, the two points were ruled valid and the Pirates were defeated.⁹⁶

The Pirates appeared to take revenge on the Newport News Apprentice School the next week by trouncing them 74-0. Speight scored four touchdowns and Rogers scored two more. One touchdown each was scored by Bumgarner, Basinger, Bass, Seymour, and Holland. Game statistics show the Pirates with 429 yards rushing and 218 yards passing for a total of 647 yards gained during the game. Twenty-six points were scored in the first half and 48 points in the last half.⁹⁷

The final game of the season resulted in a 20-13 loss to Wofford. Glenn Bass received the opening kickoff and ran 97 yards for the first score of the game. Bass also scored the Pirates' only other touchdown on an inside reverse running play for 13 yards.⁹⁸ The Pirates concluded the 1959 season with five wins and six losses.

1960

Practice sessions for the 1960 football season began on September 1, 1960, as 65 men reported to Coach Boone. Odell Welborn

⁹⁶The Daily Reflector, November 9, 1959, p. 7.

⁹⁷The Daily Reflector, November 16, 1959, p. 7.

⁹⁸The Daily Reflector, November 23, 1959, p. 11.

began his first year as an assistant coach replacing George Tucker. Tucker moved to Elon as the new head football coach.⁹⁹ The number of football scholarships was increased to 40 in 1960 and the total football budget was approximately \$34,000.¹⁰⁰

The opening game of the season was at Newport News Apprentice School. This was scheduled to be a pre-season game for the Pirates, but the Virginia newspapers reported it as a regular season game. However, Coach Boone used his first team players sparingly and used this game as a chance to take a look at his new recruits. The Pirates won the game 21-6. Glenn Bass only played about ten plays in the game, but it was enough to score all three touchdowns for the Pirates. He caught a 65-yard pass from Bert Stafford in the second period for the first score. Bass scored the other touchdowns in the second half on running plays.¹⁰¹

The Pirates' opening game in Greenville was with Guilford and the Pirates were victorious 7-0. Glenn Bass scored the only touchdown of the game on a ten-yard run in the first quarter.¹⁰²

The next victim of the Pirates was Catawba by a score of 28-0. Neither team was able to score in the first half. The Pirates exploited their running game by rushing for 337 yards, of which 260 yards came in the second half. Glenn Bass scored on a 13-yard run. Fullbacks Nick

⁹⁹The Daily Reflector, September 1, 1960, p. 13.

¹⁰⁰Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

¹⁰¹The Daily Reflector, September 19, 1960, p. 7.

¹⁰²The Buccaneer, 1961 Yearbook, p. 342.

Hilgert and Billy Strickland scored on six-yard runs and Sonny Basinger scored the final touchdown on an eight-yard run.¹⁰³

The Pirates then traveled to Elon for a 14-8 win in a game that was hampered by extremely bad weather and attracted only about 2,000 people. Elon scored in the first period and converted for two points for an 8-0 lead. Billy Strickland scored both touchdowns for the Pirates, one in the second period and the other in the final period.¹⁰⁴

On a hot and sticky homecoming afternoon, the Pirates defeated Western Carolina 7-6 before a capacity crowd of 9,000 people. Moe Thacker intercepted a Western Carolina pass in the second quarter and had a 90-yard runback for the Pirate touchdown. The extra-point kick by Henry Kwiatkowski provided the margin of victory.¹⁰⁵

The Pirates gained their first victory in four meetings with Newberry by the score of 21-0. Tommy Matthews scored on a 62-yard pass from Dan Rouse in the first period and Rouse scored the other first-half touchdown on a seven-yard run. Freshman halfback Richard Jackson added the other touchdown in the fourth period.¹⁰⁶

The first loss of the 1960 season came at Boone when Appalachian defeated the Pirates 21-17. Kwiatkowski's nine-yard field goal and Sonny Basinger's two-yard run accounted for the Pirates first-half scoring. Climaxing a 71-yard drive in the third period, Dan Rouse

¹⁰³The Daily Reflector, October 3, 1960, p. 7.

¹⁰⁴The Daily Reflector, October 10, 1960, p. 7.

¹⁰⁵The Daily Reflector, October 17, 1960, p. 9.

¹⁰⁶The Daily Reflector, October 24, 1960, p. 8.

went over from the one-yard line.¹⁰⁷

The Pirates were eliminated from any chance of winning the conference championship when they lost a 17-0 decision to a strong Lenoir Rhyne team. Best efforts by the Pirates' rushing attack were Basinger's 66 yards in ten attempts and Bass' 47 yards in 13 attempts.¹⁰⁸

East Carolina College suffered their third straight defeat by losing to Presbyterian 27-7. The Pirates' only touchdown came on a 22-yard pass from Cary Parker to Sonny Basinger in the second period.¹⁰⁹

The Pirates were host to the Richmond Spiders for the last game of the 1960 season and it appeared that not much was in their favor. The Pirates had lost their last three games, they were outweighed by at least 15 pounds per man, and they were definitely favored to lose. But the Pirates were not to be denied as they won 22-7. Henry Kwiatkowski kicked a 35-yard field goal in the first period for a 3-0 Pirate lead. Richmond also scored in the first period to take the lead for the first time at 7-3. Following the Richmond touchdown, Glenn Bass returned the kickoff for 96 yards to put the Pirates in the lead. Dan Rouse threw two touchdown passes in the second period to insure the Pirate victory. One was a 38-yard pass to Glenn Bass, and the other was a 27-yard pass to end Richard Huneycutt on the last play of the first half. Although the Pirates lost five fumbles in the game, they were able to contain the Richmond offensive attack in the last half to preserve the 22-7 victory. Neither team scored after the halftime

¹⁰⁷The Daily Reflector, October 31, 1960, p. 7.

¹⁰⁸The Daily Reflector, November 7, 1960, p. 9.

¹⁰⁹The Daily Reflector, November 14, 1960, p. 7.

intermission.¹¹⁰ This was the most satisfying game that Coach Jack Boone encountered during his tenure at East Carolina College.¹¹¹ The Pirates' 1960 record was seven wins and three losses.

1961

Newberry College joined with the present members of the North State Conference to form a new conference called the Carolinas Conference. Newberry was the only conference member from South Carolina. The North Carolina teams along with East Carolina College were Appalachian, Catawba, Elon, Guilford, Lenoir Rhyne, and Western Carolina.¹¹² Coach Boone red shirted 22 players for the 1961 season. This had been a common practice in many schools. This maneuver permitted a player to practice with the team but not play in any games during the season. This would later give each player one more year in which to complete his eligibility. It was expected that East Carolina College would be admitted into the Southern Conference in a year or two and Coach Boone wanted to have a strong squad and enough depth on the team when admitted.¹¹³

East Carolina opened the 1961 season with a 19-6 win over Indiana State Teachers College from Indiana, Pennsylvania. Tom Michel scored all three touchdowns in his first varsity game with the Pirates. His first touchdown was a 75-yard run. The second score was on a pass

¹¹⁰The Daily Reflector, November 21, 1960, p. 11

¹¹¹Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

¹¹²The Daily Reflector, September 1, 1961, p. 7.

¹¹³Jack Boone, Questionnaire, February 6, 1976.

from quarterback Cary Parker and the other was a 13-yard run in the final quarter.¹¹⁴

The Pirates' next contest was a 17-15 win over Guilford. After Guilford scored first, a 37-yard touchdown pass from Dan Rouse to Tom Michel tied the score at 7-7. Bob Muldrow's eight-yard field goal gave the Pirates a short-lived lead as Guilford came right back to take a 15-10 lead. Billy Strickland scored the winning touchdown for the Pirates with less than four minutes left in the game.¹¹⁵

The Pirates' next win came over Catawba 16-0 at Salisbury. East Carolina College completely dominated play as they marched 96 yards in the first quarter for their first score. The touchdown came on a pass from Dan Rouse to halfback Tom Matthews. Nick Hilgert climaxed a 50-yard drive by scoring from the one-yard line for the second touchdown. Bob Muldrow added an 11-yard field goal to complete the scoring for the night. All of the scoring came in the first half.¹¹⁶

The Pirates held off a late Elon rally to defeat the Christians 22-20 in a homecoming victory. The halftime score was 7-0 as the Pirates' Billy Strickland scored from the one-yard line at the end of a 65-yard march. In the second half, Larry Rudisill ran 13 yards for one touchdown and Frank Galloway returned an Elon punt 55 yards for the winning touchdown.¹¹⁷

¹¹⁴The Buccaneer, 1962 Yearbook, p. 369.

¹¹⁵Ibid., p. 370.

¹¹⁶Ibid., p. 371.

¹¹⁷Ibid., p. 372.

The first loss of the 1961 season for the Pirates came at Cullowhee in a driving rain. Western Carolina was the winner 7-6. The Catamounts scored early in the first period and the successful extra-point attempt proved to be the margin of victory. The Pirates scored in the fourth quarter when Nick Hilgert went over for the touchdown and the Pirate extra point was blocked. The Pirates missed an opportunity when they fumbled on the Western Carolina 14-yard line late in the game.¹¹⁸

Playing in Newberry, South Carolina, the Pirates defeated Newberry 13-7 in another close football game. After a scoreless first half, Newberry took a 7-0 lead midway the third period and Tom Matthews' 11-yard run gave the Pirates a 7-7 tie shortly thereafter. Dan Rouse passed to Huneycutt in the closing seconds of the game for the Pirate victory.¹¹⁹

After being behind 9-0 at halftime, the Pirates came back in the second half to make it close before finally bowing to Appalachian 16-14. Rouse completed two touchdown passes for the Pirates. One touchdown pass was to Tom Matthews and the other was a 40-yard pass to Rudisill. Losing four fumbles was a major cause of the Pirates' defeat.¹²⁰

Losing to powerful Lenoir Rhyne in the last minute of play marked the second such East Carolina defeat in three years to the

¹¹⁸Ibid., p. 373.

¹¹⁹Ibid., p. 374.

¹²⁰The Daily Reflector, October 30, 1961, p. 7.

Bears. It was another typical East Carolina-Lenoir Rhyne football game. In the second period, Tom Michel plunged over from the one-yard line to climax a 56-yard drive. A two-point conversion gave the Pirates an 8-0 lead. The Bears also scored in the second period, but a missed extra-point attempt preserved an 8-6 lead for the Pirates. A third-quarter touchdown gave Lenoir Rhyne a temporary lead at 12-8 until Matthews' touchdown put the Pirates back into the lead 16-12. Lenoir Rhyne scored again in the fourth period to take the lead at 18-16 and Bob Muldrow came right back with a field goal for a 19-18 Pirate lead. Later the Pirates drove to the Lenoir Rhyne six-yard line before they lost the football on a fumble. Eight plays later and with 12 seconds left to play showing on the clock, Lenoir Rhyne scored the winning touchdown for a 24-19 victory.¹²¹

In the next-to-last game of the season, Furman scored a quick touchdown for an early 7-0 lead. Larry Rudisill's 59-yard touchdown run and Tommy Matthews' two-point conversion put the Pirates ahead 8-7, but that was the last scoring of the game for the Pirates. The Paladins of Furman went on for a 29-8 victory over the Pirates.¹²²

The 1961 season ended with the Pirates traveling to Spartanburg, South Carolina, and a 20-20 tie with Wofford. Dan Rouse passed for all 20 of East Carolina's points. The left-handed Rouse passed 32 yards to Matthews early in the game for a 6-0 lead. Matthews later caught another touchdown pass and then Wofford scored two touchdowns for a 14-12 lead. The Terriors scored once more for a 20-12 lead. With time running out,

¹²¹The Buccaneer, 1962 Yearbook, p. 376.

¹²²Ibid., p. 377.

Rudisill cuaght another Dan Rouse pass and Rouse passed to Matthews for a two-point conversion to bring about the tie.¹²³ This concluded the Pirates' 1961 football season with a record of five wins, four losses, and one tie.

With the increase in attendance at home games and the move underway to be admitted into the Southern Conference, it became apparent that East Carolina College would soon need a larger football stadium. There was a feeling among some people to enlarge College Stadium, but it became obvious that it would be impossible to provide ample parking space.¹²⁴ After much deliberation, the present site of Ficklen Stadium was decided upon. A fund-raising drive was underway to reach a goal of \$250,000 to build the new stadium. An intensive drive was held among the Greenville businesses that netted \$210,000. Dr. Leo Jenkins announced on Saturday, November 4, 1961, that a fund-raising drive would begin among the East Carolina alumni in an attempt to raise the balance of the money needed. Before the day was over, seven alumni had already pledged \$1,000 each.¹²⁵

Summary

Coach Jack Boone brought a most colorful and exciting era of football to East Carolina College. He also produced a winning era by winning 49 games, losing 42, and tieing six.

¹²³Ibid., p. 378.

¹²⁴Nephi Jorgenson, Personal Interview, March 11, 1976.

¹²⁵The Daily Reflector, November 6, 1961, p. 5.

The Pirates played in two bowl games during this period. They were the Elks Bowl and the Lions Bowl.

The Administration made a decision to put an emphasis on all sports at East Carolina College and this produced a definite advancement in the football program. More coaches were added to the staff and the entire athletic budget showed tremendous growth. Dr. Nephi Jorgenson, Director of Athletics, and Coach Jack Boone directed a combined effort to upgrade the football program. Formal application was made for admittance into the Southern Conference in 1954 and still no decision had been reached at the end of Coach Boone's era. Under the direction of these two men, the scheduling was greatly improved.

There was also improvement in the game equipment. The old leather helmet was replaced by a lightweight plastic helmet and face masks were added to the helmets. The low-cut leather shoes replaced the high-top shoes. This era also saw the first use of protective pads for the hands and arms.

With the availability of more financial aid, a major emphasis was placed on recruiting during this era. There was no specified number of scholarships allotted. Instead, the football program was given a certain amount of money for this purpose and it was allotted at the coach's discretion. The time element was one disadvantage for the football coaches. Each coach was required to teach at least a two-thirds teaching load during the football off-season and a one-half teaching load when football was in season. This limited the amount of time that they could spend recruiting.

This period in East Carolina College football history produced the first football player to be named to All-America status. He was

Lou Hallow of Goldsboro, North Carolina. In addition, plans were already being made to construct a new football stadium in anticipation of joining the Southern Conference.

Chapter 5

THE ERA OF CLARENCE STASAVICH (1962-1969)

1962

The 1962 season began another outstanding era in East Carolina College football history. Clarence Stasavich was named as the new head football coach. Coach Stas, as he was commonly known, played his college football and graduated at Lenoir Rhyne. After graduation, he coached for three years at Campbell College before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach for four years. During World War II he served in the U. S. Navy and returned as head coach of the Lenoir Rhyne Bears in 1946. He built Lenoir Rhyne into a national football power in just a few years. During the previous seven seasons, Coach Stas' Bears had won seven consecutive conference championships. Stasavich was named as National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics after his 1959 undefeated season.¹ His career record at Lenoir Rhyne was 120 wins, 37 losses, and 7 ties. Coach Stas was elected to the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame in 1960. In addition to his coaching duties at East Carolina College, Coach Stasavich was an associate professor in the Physical Education Department. He received a salary of \$7,500 as an associate professor and an additional \$4,500 was paid by the Athletic

¹The Daily Reflector, November 27, 1961, p. 1.

Committee for a total of \$12,000 during his first year.²

In his first season at East Carolina College Coach Stasavich had four assistant coaches. Odell Welborn and Ray Pennington were retained from the previous year. Coach Bob Gantt was named as the new offensive backfield coach. He was a native of Albemarle and played four years of outstanding football at the University of North Carolina. Coach Henry Vansant joined the staff as freshman football coach. He was a former Pirate football player and had been coaching at Hopewell High School in Hopewell, Virginia.³

East Carolina College opened the 1962 season at Richmond by losing a close 27-26 contest. Richmond gained a 13-0 lead in the first quarter and it appeared that the Pirates were in for a difficult time. Nevertheless, the Pirates bounced back with three second-quarter touchdowns to take a 20-13 lead. Bill Cline scored the first Pirate touchdown. Vince Eiduke passed to Larry Rudisill for the second Pirate touchdown and a 14-13 lead. Bill Cline passed 40 yards to Dave Bumgarner to give the Pirates a 20-13 halftime lead. Jerry Tolley returned the second-half opening kickoff 80 yards for a Pirate touchdown and a 26-13 lead. Richmond came back with two late touchdowns and conversions to hand the Pirates a heartbreaking 27-26 loss.⁴

The Pirates gained a 15-14 decision over Catawba in their home debut in Greenville before a crowd of 6,500 people. Bill Cline scored

²Ibid.

³1962 East Carolina College Football Handbook, pp. 4-5.

⁴The Buccaneer, 1963 Yearbook, p. 151.

two touchdowns on runs of 20 yards and seven yards and passed to Larry Rudisill for a two-point conversion. This gave the Pirates a 15-0 halftime lead. Catawba came back in the second half to score 14 points, but one of their two-point conversions failed and that proved to be the deciding points of the game.⁵

This was the beginning of a year of close games. East Carolina College lost the next game to Elon 23-19. Bill Cline again led the Pirate offense as he contributed a 12-yard touchdown in the second period and passed to end Dave Bumgarner for another touchdown in the final period. Jerry Tolley ran 54 yards on a reverse play for the Pirates' other score. Elon scored the winning touchdown with only 20 seconds left to play in the game.⁶

East Carolina College then traveled to Cullowhee and lost a hard-fought game to Western Carolina College by a 20-16 score. Co-captain Dave Smith gave the Pirates a 2-0 lead when he trapped a Catamount back in the end zone for a safety. Bill Cline scored on a 15-yard run to give the Pirates a 9-0 halftime lead. Western Carolina scored two quick touchdowns in the third period to take a 13-9 lead, but Bill Cline scored his second touchdown of the game to put the Pirates back in the lead at 16-13. However, Western Carolina came right back with an 89-yard touchdown drive the defeat the Pirates.⁷

Over 7,000 fans watched as the Pirates enjoyed a successful homecoming victory over Newberry 36-8. Newberry scored first and held

⁵The Daily Reflector, October 1, 1962, p. 9.

⁶The Buccaneer, 1963 Yearbook, p. 153.

⁷Ibid., p. 154.

an 8-0 lead in the second period, but Bill Strickland scored for the Pirates to cut the Newberry lead to 8-6 at halftime. East Carolina College completely dominated the second half to bring about the Pirate victory.⁸

The Pirates ended a six-year losing streak to Appalachian by defeating the Mountaineers 29-16 in Greenville. Tom Michel and Bill Cline scored touchdowns in the first period to give the Pirates a 15-0 lead. Tom Michel scored again in the second period on a 78-yard run to increase the Pirate lead to 21-0. Appalachian scored their first touchdown just before the half ended and the Pirates held a 21-8 halftime lead. Bill Cline passed to Dave Bumgarner in the fourth period for the final Pirate touchdown and the same combination was good for the two-point conversion. Appalachian scored once more as the game ended with a victory for the Pirates.⁹

The Pirates traveled to Hickory the next Saturday for an encounter with Coach Stasavich's former Lenoir Rhyne Bears. With four minutes left to play in the first half, Bill Cline ran for 51 yards to the Bears' three-yard line. From there fullback Tom Michel went over for the score. After the missed conversion attempt, the Pirates led 6-0 at halftime. A fourth-quarter touchdown and successful extra-point attempt gave Lenoir Rhyne a 7-6 win over the Pirates.¹⁰

The Pirates came back with a 41-9 rout over the Wofford Terriers. East Carolina College held a conservative 7-3 halftime lead, but exploded

⁸Ibid., p. 155.

⁹Ibid., p. 156.

¹⁰Ibid., p. 157.

for four touchdowns in the third period. Tom Michel returned an intercepted pass for a touchdown and just minutes later this same act was repeated by Bill Cline. Bill Cline passed to Johnny Anderson for another touchdown and Tom Michel's powerful running accounted for the other third-period touchdown by the Pirates. When the third period ended, the Pirates held a 35-0 lead. Both teams scored one touchdown each in the final period. The Pirates' score was by Billy Strickland.¹¹

The Eastern Kentucky Maroons, undefeated champions of the Ohio Valley Conference, came to Greenville for the Pirates' final contest of the season. The Maroons scored first for an early 6-0 lead. Just a few minutes later, Larry Rudisill broke through right tackle for a touchdown, and the two-point conversion gave the Pirates an 8-6 lead. This lead was short-lived as Eastern Kentucky marched 80 yards for a score to hold a 12-8 halftime lead. An outstanding three-touchdown fourth quarter provided a 29-12 victory for the Pirates. Vince Eiduke scored the first final-quarter touchdown. A 56-yard run by Michel followed, and the final touchdown came when Richard Huneycutt recovered an Eastern Kentucky fumble in the end zone.¹² This game was reported to be the most satisfying game of the season for the Pirates.¹³ Coach Stasavich's first season at East Carolina College proved to be a winning season as the Pirates finished the season with five wins and four losses.

¹¹Ibid., p. 158.

¹²Ibid., p. 159.

¹³Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

1963

A new 16,000-seat football stadium was completed on the East Carolina College campus prior to the beginning of the 1963 season. Ficklen Memorial Stadium was named in honor of the late James Skinner Ficklen, a native of Greenville. The new stadium included equipment and real properties valued in excess of \$350,000. The concrete-and-steel structure was designed to increase the seating capacity to more than 40,000 as the football program grew. There were 384 lighting fixtures of 1500 watts each on six 162-foot towers. A new field house was added adjacent to Ficklen Memorial Stadium and named the Scales Field House in honor of William M. (Booger) Scales. The steering committee that successfully acquired the gifts and pledges for the erection of the stadium were all Greenville businessmen. Along with Dr. Leo Jenkins, President of East Carolina College, the committee was composed of: W. M. Scales, Jr., Chairman; David J. Whichard, III; Dr. E. B. Aycok; J. T. Little; Howard Hodges; J. Con Lanier; S. Reynolds May; and R. W. Howard.¹⁴

The 1963 football season proved to be one of the most successful in the history of East Carolina College. The Pirates traveled to Richmond, Virginia, for their opening game of the season and their only loss of the season. Tailback Bill Cline ran around left end for the Pirates' only score in the first half. Two other Pirate touchdowns were nullified due to penalties. The score was tied at 7-7 at the end

¹⁴East Carolina 1963 Football, p. 32.

of the first half and remained that until a fourth-quarter field goal gave Richmond a 10-7 victory.¹⁵

Saturday, September 21, 1963, was designated as the dedication game for the new Ficklen Memorial Stadium. A crowd of 17,000 spectators were in attendance as Governor Terry Sanford turned over the deed for the stadium to Robert B. Morgan, Vice-Chairman of the East Carolina College Board of Trustees. This marked the first time that a governor had attended an athletic contest at East Carolina College. There were also many other dignitaries in attendance who participated in the pre-game activities. Approximately 120 guests, including Governor Sanford, were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins at a buffet at their home preceding the game. More than 50 legislators and their wives were entertained at a local restaurant.¹⁶

After the dedication ceremonies, the Pirate football team really made it a successful night by defeating Wake Forest University of the Atlantic Coast Conference by the score of 20-10. Wake Forest took a 3-0 lead in the first few minutes of the contest, but Michel scored to give the Pirates a 6-3 lead. The first half ended with the Pirates holding a 12-10 lead. The Pirates took the second-half kickoff and marched 55 yards in 13 plays for another touchdown. A two-point conversion gave the Pirates a 20-10 lead and this was also the final score of the game. The Pirates had a net gain of 190 yards rushing and 71 yards passing.¹⁷ This was said to be the most satisfying game of

¹⁵The Daily Reflector, September 16, 1963, p. 7.

¹⁶The Daily Reflector, September 23, 1963, p. 1.

¹⁷The Buccaneer, 1964 Yearbook, p. 139.

the 1963 season for the Pirates.¹⁸

A rainy Saturday night in Greenville could not stop the Pirates as they defeated Wofford 34-7 for their next victory. The powerful defense of the Pirates forced four Wofford fumbles. These fumbles and a blocked punt on the Wofford 12-yard line gave the Pirates good scoring opportunities. Although Wofford scored first, the Pirates retaliated with a 62-yard scoring pass play to Bumgarner to give the Pirates the lead. The Pirates never relinquished this lead as they gained 356 yards in total offense while completing seven of ten passes.¹⁹

The Pirates then traveled to Clinton, South Carolina, for a 24-7 victory over Presbyterian. Presbyterian scored first for an early 7-0 lead, but they were unable to score again. Dink Mills of Ayden scored on a 50-yard run on a reverse play and the two-point conversion gave the Pirates an 8-7 halftime lead. Bill Cline passed to Bumgarner for the Pirates' second touchdown and Mills' second touchdown of the night in the final quarter closed out the scoring.²⁰

For 56 minutes the Pirates and Elon fought a scoreless battle in Ficklen Memorial Stadium. With just four minutes remaining in the game, Bill Cline went off tackle for the only score of the night as the Pirates scored another victory 6-0. The Pirates' defensive team played outstanding football as they once stopped an Elon drive on the two-yard line.²¹

¹⁸Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

¹⁹The Buccaneer, 1964 Yearbook. p. 140.

²⁰Ibid., p. 141.

²¹Ibid., p. 142.

The East Carolina College offensive team had their greatest showing of the season as the Pirates easily defeated Western Carolina in a 50-0 homecoming win. By the end of the first period, fullback Tom Michel, end Dave Bumgarner, and wingback Dink Mills had scored touchdowns to give the Pirates a commanding 23-0 lead. Buddy Bovender's touchdown and Johnny Anderson's touchdown on a 17-yard pass from Cline gave the Pirates a 36-0 halftime lead. Jerry Tolley returned the opening kickoff of the second half for 82 yards and Tom Michel scored from the four-yard line to give the Pirates a quick score in the third period. Bovender scored another touchdown in the final quarter to complete the scoring for the day. The Catamounts were able to cross the midfield line only once during the entire game.²²

East Carolina College continued their winning streak in Charleston, South Carolina, by defeating The Citadel 20-6. The defensive team of the Pirates had another outstanding day. The Citadel punter had a 42.5-yard average entering into the game. The defensive line of the Pirates forced such pressure on the punter that he finished the day with a mere 29-yard average and had one punt blocked. The Pirate defense also recovered two Citadel fumbles. While the defense was containing the cadets, the Pirate offensive team compiled 385 yards in total offense. On the ninth play of the game, Dink Mills scored the first touchdown of the game on a 28-yard pass play from Bill Cline. Just four minutes later Tom Michel ran 54 yards for the second Pirate touchdown. The first half ended with the Pirates holding a 14-0 lead. Jerry Tolley scored the Pirates' last touchdown in the final

²²Ibid., p. 143.

period. The Citadel's lone score came with about one minute left to play in the game.²³

Both the offensive and defensive units of the Pirates combined once again for a convincing 28-0 win over a strong Lenoir Rhyne team. The defensive team held Lenoir Rhyne to just 38 yards passing and 84 yards rushing. The only first-half score came as Buddy Bovender scored following the recovery of a Bears' fumble by Ralph Royster. Tom Michel scored on a five-yard run early in the third period. The Pirates' next touchdown came on a bit of deception. Left end Dave Bumgarner was moved to the right side of the line, thus making the left tackle Colon Quinn an end and an eligible receiver. Bovender's 32-yard pass to Quinn was good for the Pirates' third touchdown of the day. With just 20 seconds left to play in the game, Whitty Bass scored on a 33-yard pass from Cline. After losing the previous eight games to Lenoir Rhyne, this was a joyous day for the Pirates.²⁴

The final game of the regular season was a trip to Tampa, Florida, and a 14-8 victory over Tampa University. A first-half touchdown by Tom Michel and a third-period touchdown run by Buddy Bovender accounted for the Pirate win.²⁵

As a climax to a successful season, the Pirates were invited to participate in the Eastern Bowl with Northeastern University as their opponent. Despite the intense cold and frozen field, the Pirates were victorious by a 27-6 score. Michel scored the first Pirate touchdown

²³Ibid., p. 144.

²⁴The Daily Reflector, November 11, 1963, p. 7.

²⁵The Buccaneer, 1964 Yearbook, p. 148.

on a 15-yard run in the first period. Two field goals by Northeastern tied the game at 6-6; but from then on, the game belonged to the Pirates. In the second half, Michel took a lateral and ran 82 yards for the tie-breaking score. In less than three minutes, Larry Rudisill scored on an 81-yard pass play from Bill Cline. An 18-yard pass from Bovender to Allen gave the Pirates their final touchdown of the day. Tom Michel was voted as the game's best back and Frankie Galloway was voted as the most valuable player of the game.²⁶

Coach Clarence Stasavich suffered a heart attack in mid-season and line coach Odell Welborn finished the season as head coach and athletic director.²⁷ The Pirates finished the season with a record of nine wins and only one loss. During the last six games under Coach Welborn, the Pirates gave up a total of only 20 points and only two touchdowns.²⁸

1964

The dressing rooms in the Scales Field House had not been completed for use prior to the 1963 season. They were completed prior to the 1964 season and were used for the 1964 season. During the 1963 season, the teams had dressed in Memorial Gymnasium and had to utilize tents at Ficklen Stadium for half-time meetings.²⁹

²⁶Ibid., p. 149.

²⁷Odell Welborn, Questionnaire, April 8, 1976.

²⁸Ibid.

²⁹Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

East Carolina College reached another milestone in 1964 as they were finally admitted to the Southern Conference. This had been a goal of the Pirates' football program for several years.

The season opener for 1964 was in Greenville with the Catawba Indians and the Pirates emerged with a 25-0 victory. The Pirates' first score came late in the first period on a one-yard plunge by Dave Alexander. Early in the second quarter, following a 44-yard pass from Richardson to Anderson, Alexander ran around end for his second touchdown. Dave Bumgarner scored on a four-yard pass play for the third Pirate touchdown in the first half. George Richardson scored the final touchdown for the Pirates late in the game.³⁰

The Pirates' second victory of the season came at West Chester, Pennsylvania, as they defeated the West Chester Rams 33-7. Bill Cline scored two first-half touchdowns to give the Pirates a 13-7 halftime lead. Dink Mills scored on a pass play early in the third period, and Dave Alexander added two more touchdowns to climax the Pirate scoring.³¹

The Pirates had to come from behind in a hard-fought contest to defeat Howard 31-20. Bill Cline scored the first two touchdowns for the Pirates. The first was on a ten-yard run and the other was on a one-yard run. Cline also accounted for two other touchdowns, both on passes to Dink Mills. One was on a 24-yard pass play and the other was for six yards. Dave Alexander scored the final touchdown on a 93-yard run.³²

³⁰The Buccaneer, 1965 Yearbook, p. 101.

³¹Ibid.

³²The Daily Reflector, September 28, 1964, p. 9.

The Pirates' winning streak continued with a 21-0 victory at Wofford. Cline scored from the three-yard line and Alexander scored late in the second period to give the Pirates a 15-0 halftime lead. Norman Swindell scored on a pass from Cline for the final touchdown.³³

Traditional rival Lenoir Rhyne became the fourteenth straight victim of the Pirates by a 33-14 score on the Bears' home field. The Pirates were held scoreless in the first period as Lenoir Rhyne took an early lead on a 75-yard punt return for a 7-0 lead. Dave Bumgarner's 35-yard pass reception tied the score at 7-7. Cline scored on a 44-yard run, and Alexander ran in from the 17-yard line to give the Pirates the permanent lead. Alexander scored his second touchdown on a 20-yard run and Bill Cline finished the scoring for the night for the Pirates when he scored a touchdown after taking a lateral from Dave Alexander.³⁴

East Carolina College's 14-game winning streak was stopped as the Pirates lost to Richmond University 22-20. Taking advantage of a Pirate fumble on the Pirate three-yard line, the Spiders scored in the first three minutes of play. The Pirates retaliated when Dave Alexander intercepted a pass and returned it 31 yards for the touchdown and a 7-7 tie. A safety and two touchdowns gave Richmond a 22-6 halftime lead. The Pirates fought back with two second-half touchdowns. The first score climaxed a 56-yard drive and the second score was a 39-yard drive in two plays. Dave Alexander scored both of the touchdowns, but both two-point conversion attempts were unsuccessful as the Pirates were

³³The Buccaneer, 1965 Yearbook, p. 102.

³⁴Ibid., p. 103.

left two points short of victory.³⁵ This was the most disappointing game of the season. Numerous mistakes had cost the Pirates their only loss of the season.³⁶

The Pirates spoiled Homecoming Day for Furman by handing the Paladins a 34-13 defeat. Furman scored first, but the Pirates were in control after that. Dink Mills scored first for the Pirates on a 74-yard pass play. Norman Swindell scored the next Pirate touchdown on a five-yard pass play. Alexander and Cline also scored first-half touchdowns for the Pirates. Alexander scored the final touchdown for the Pirates before the reserves came in and had an admirable performance in holding the Paladins to only one touchdown.³⁷

The Pirates' next encounter was a 19-10 victory over the Citadel Bulldogs. Climaxing a 68-yard drive, Jerry Tolley scored on a 14-yard pass play for the first score of the game. The Citadel came back with a touchdown to gain a 7-7 tie at halftime and went into a 10-7 lead with a third-quarter field goal. Norman Swindell's 12-yard pass reception for a touchdown gave the Pirates the lead again and George Richardson assured the victory by scoring from the one-yard line for the final touchdown.³⁸

The Pirates put on a dazzling offensive show in the last regular season game before a homecoming crowd of 14,322 spectators as they defeated Presbyterian by a 49-8 score. Bill Cline rolled

³⁵Ibid., p. 104.

³⁶Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

³⁷The Buccaneer, 1965 Yearbook, p. 105.

³⁸Ibid., p. 106.

around right end for six yards and the first Pirate touchdown. Dave Alexander scored two times within three minutes during the second quarter. The first was a three-yard plunge through the middle of the line and the next score was an eight-yard run over left tackle. Dave Bumgarner scored on a 33-yard pass play to put the Pirates into a 28-0 halftime lead. Presbyterian's only score came near the beginning of the third period and the two-point conversion was good. The Pirates' initial second-half score came as Johnny Anderson caught an 18-yard Bill Cline pass for a touchdown. The next Pirate touchdown came when Harold Glaettli intercepted a Presbyterian pass and returned it 46 yards for the score. Alexander scored the final touchdown late in the fourth period. Peter Kriz added his fifth extra point of the game for the final points of the day.³⁹

East Carolina College and the University of Massachusetts were invited to play in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida, on December 12, 1964. This game was billed annually as the NCAA Atlantic Coast Small College Championship. The Redmen of Massachusetts scored in the second period for a 7-0 halftime lead. They scored again in the third period on a 61-yard pass play and it appeared that the Pirates were in for a long trip back to North Carolina. When the kick for the extra point was wide and the Redmen held a 13-0 lead, very few people realized how costly that missed extra-point attempt would be. After the kickoff and an exchange of punts, the Pirates drove to the three-yard line with George Richardson going in for the touchdown from there. The Pirates decided to try for a two-point conversion and the referee ruled that

³⁹Ibid., p. 109.

Bumgarner had trapped Cline's pass, and the score remained at 13-6. In the fourth period the Pirates climaxed a 90-yard drive with Bill Cline going around end for nine yards and the touchdown. Trailing by 13-12, the Pirates again elected to go for the two-point conversion. This time Cline's pass to Pete Crane was successful and the Pirates won the Tangerine Bowl by a 14-13 score. Bill Cline was named as the outstanding player of the game.⁴⁰

After a second straight season with nine wins and one loss, several Pirate players received post-season honors. Bill Cline was named to the Associated Press Small College All-America team. Dave Bumgarner and Ted Day received honorable mention to the same team.⁴¹ Coach Clarence Stasavich was named College Division Coach of the Year for 1964 by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.⁴² In appreciation for his contribution to East Carolina College athletics, the Pirates' Century Club presented Coach Stasavich with a new 1965 automobile.⁴³

1965

The opening game of the 1965 football season was played in Greenville with the West Chester Rams as opponents. Before a capacity Parents' Day crowd, the Pirates defeated the Rams 27-6. The Pirates

⁴⁰The Daily Reflector, December 14, 1964, p. 9.

⁴¹The Daily Reflector, December 1, 1964, p. 9.

⁴²The Buccaneer, 1965 Yearbook, p. 113.

⁴³Ibid., p. 108.

scored on the first play of the game as sophomore tailback Neal Hughes ran 71 yards for the touchdown. Dave Alexander scored on a seven-yard run later in the first half to give the Pirates a 14-0 halftime lead. West Chester scored its only touchdown of the game in the third period as the result of a blocked punt. Dave Alexander later scored his second touchdown of the game and a 12-yard pass from George Richardson to Nelson Gravatt accounted for the Pirates' final score.⁴⁴

Furman proved to be the only team to defeat the Pirates in 1965. The Paladins won by the score of 14-7 on their home field. Furman scored two times in the second period for a 14-0 halftime lead. The lone Pirate score came in the third period when Dave Alexander scored from the two-yard line to climax a 54-yard drive.⁴⁵ This was termed as the most disappointing game of the season as it prevented the Pirates from having an undefeated season.⁴⁶

East Carolina College avenged four straight losses to the University of Richmond by defeating the Spiders in Richmond 34-13. Alexander scored the first touchdown in the opening minutes of the game on a one-yard plunge. Richmond tied the score at 7-7, but the Pirates took the lead again when Alexander caught a 43-yard Bill Bailey pass for a 14-7 lead at halftime. Bailey continued his passing attack in the second half. A ten-yard pass to Tom Grant accounted for one touchdown and a 14-yard pass to Abernathy accounted for his third touchdown pass of the night. Both teams scored in the final period, with the

⁴⁴The Buccaneer, 1966 Yearbook, p. 126.

⁴⁵Ibid., p. 127

⁴⁶Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

final Pirate score coming on a one-yard run by George Richardson.⁴⁷

The Pirates traveled to Kentucky for their next victory as they defeated Louisville University 34-20. Louisville scored in the first period to gain a 7-0 lead, but the Pirates came back with a 20-point second period to overtake the Cardinals. Dave Alexander scored first on a three-yard run. Tom Grant recovered one of his teammates' fumbles in the end zone for the second score. Grant scored his second touchdown on an 11-yard pass from Richardson to give the Pirates a 20-7 lead at halftime. Both teams scored once each in the third and fourth periods. Grimes scored on a 29-yard pass play from Richardson in the third period and Ruffin Odom scored the final touchdown on a nine-yard pass from Alexander.⁴⁸

East Carolina College recorded the first of three shutouts in a row when the Pirates defeated The Citadel in Greenville 21-0. The Pirates held a 14-0 halftime lead when Alexander went into the end zone from the five-yard line and on their next ball possession Norman Swindell took a six-yard pass from Richardson for the score. The final East Carolina College touchdown came in the third period when Richardson went 14 yards for the touchdown. Soccer-style kicker Pete Kriz kicked all three extra points.⁴⁹

The Pirates had little trouble in defeating Northeastern Louisiana 45-0 in Monroe, Louisiana. Richardson scored on a ten-yard pass from Alexander, Richardson scored on a three-yard run, Alexander

⁴⁷The Buccaneer, 1966 Yearbook, p. 128.

⁴⁸The Daily Reflector, October 18, 1965, p. 7.

⁴⁹The Buccaneer, 1966 Yearbook, p. 129.

scored, Pete Kriz kicked a 26-yard field goal, and Richardson scored again to put the Pirates in the lead at 31-0 at halftime. Alexander scored two more touchdowns in the last half to add to the Pirates' total.⁵⁰

Playing Lenoir Rhyne for the last time, the Pirates ran away with a 44-0 victory. Churchill Grimes scored the first touchdown on a 27-yard pass from Richardson for the touchdown and a 77-yard punt return by Robert Ellis gave the Pirates a 13-0 first-period lead. A 28-yard field goal by Kriz and Alexander's three-yard plunge finished the first half scoring for a 23-0 lead. Neither team scored in the third period. Passing accounted for the first two touchdowns in the final period. Richardson threw three yards to Ruffin Odom and Alexander threw 20 yards to Tom Grant for a touchdown. The final score came as the game ended and Charlie Forbes dived into the end zone from three yards out.⁵¹

In a remarkable comeback, the Pirates next defeated a strong George Washington team 21-20. The Colonials were off to an impressive start by scoring three touchdowns in the first period to take a 20-0 lead. The Pirates' first score came in the second period when Richardson passed 15 yards to Jim Abernathy in the end zone for the score. It was the fourth quarter before the Pirates could manage another score. Robert Ellis recovered a fumble on the George Washington 39-yard line. In four plays, Richardson scored the touchdown from the two-yard line. A few minutes later a 67-yard drive resulted in a touchdown by Dave

⁵⁰Ibid., p. 131.

⁵¹The Daily Reflector, November 8, 1965, p. 7.

Alexander which tied the score. Pete Kriz added his third extra point of the day to provide the margin of victory.⁵² This was later reported to be the most satisfying game of the season.⁵³

The Pirates closed out the regular season with a 35-10 win over Howard College at Birmingham, Alabama. A 35-yard field goal by Howard was the only scoring in the first half. A last-half rally by the Pirates produced the victory. Dave Alexander scored two touchdowns in the third period on runs of 15 yards and three yards. He was also responsible for all three Pirate touchdowns in the final period. He passed to Ruffin Odom for one touchdown and scored the last two touchdowns on runs of one yard and 25 yards.⁵⁴

Highlighting the 1965 season was another invitation to play in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida. The Pirates successfully defended their Tangerine Bowl title by defeating the University of Maine 31-0. Dave Alexander ended his college football career by scoring two touchdowns, gaining 206 yards in total offense, and winning the trophy for the best offensive player of the game. The first score of the game was a 24-yard field goal by Pete Kriz and the first touchdown of the game was a 35-yard pass from George Richardson to Jim Abernathy. The Pirates led 10-0 at halftime. After the second-half kickoff, the Pirates drove for 67 yards with Alexander going over from the one-yard line. Just minutes later, Todd Hicks intercepted a Maine pass to set up another touchdown. This time it was a five-yard scoring pass from

⁵²The Buccaneer, 1966 Yearbook, p. 133.

⁵³Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

⁵⁴The Daily Reflector, November 22, 1965, p. 13.

Alexander to Churchill Grimes. For the final touchdown of the day and of his collegiate career, Dave Alexander broke through the right side of the line and ran 56 yards for the touchdown. It was the third consecutive bowl victory in as many years for the Pirates and the second straight Eastern Regional NCAA championship.⁵⁵ It was also the third straight season that Coach Stasavich's Pirates had finished the season with nine wins and only one loss.

Two Pirates came in for post-season honors. Dave Alexander was named on the All-Southern Conference offensive team and also on the Little All-America team. Norman Swindell was presented the Jacobs Blocking Trophy which is presented each year to the most outstanding blocker in the Southern Conference.⁵⁶

The joyous season was soon followed by tragedy. Norman Howard Swindell, 21-year-old senior co-captain of the Pirates, drowned near his home in New Bern while home for the Christmas holidays. A dedication page appeared in the 1966 Buccaneer, the East Carolina College yearbook, as a memorial of his outstanding contributions to the college.⁵⁷

1966

In the first year of eligibility in the Southern Conference, the Pirates tied with William and Mary for the conference championship. Ironically, this was the first losing season for Coach Stasavich at East Carolina College and the first for the Pirates since 1958. The

⁵⁵The Buccaneer, 1966 Yearbook, p. 136.

⁵⁶East Carolina Football 1966, p. 36.

⁵⁷The Buccaneer, 1966 Yearbook, p. 135.

Pirates finished the 1966 season with four wins, one loss, and one tie in the conference and four wins, five losses, and one tie for the overall season record.⁵⁸

The opening game of the 1966 season was at Williamsburg, Virginia, with the William and Mary Indians and resulted in a 7-7 tie. This was a defensive battle between the two teams that were picked as pre-season favorites to win the Southern Conference championship. William and Mary had a 95-yard punt return in the second quarter to put the Indians in the lead. The equalizing score came in the third period when Robert Ellis returned a punt 75 yards for the Pirates and the tie score.⁵⁹

East Carolina College lost its home opener to Northeast Louisiana by the score of 21-14. Northeast Louisiana took the lead in the first period, but Bill Bailey's nine-yard run in the second period brought about a 7-7 tie at halftime. Jim Flowe scored on a plunge from the three-yard line in the third period to give the Pirates a brief 14-7 lead. However, the opponents scored in the same period for a 14-14 tie and again in the last period for the victory.⁶⁰

The next game was also a home game for the Pirates and this time they defeated Furman 17-0. With just two minutes elapsed in the contest Jim Flowe scored the first touchdown. Bob Faris increased the Pirate lead to 10-0 with a six-yard field goal with just over six minutes remaining in the game. On a fourth-down play, with just 36 seconds

⁵⁸The Buccaneer, 1967 Yearbook, p. 121.

⁵⁹Ibid., p. 122.

⁶⁰Ibid., p. 123.

remaining in the game, Neal Hughes scored the final touchdown of the game.⁶¹

Playing Davidson for the first time since 1957, the Pirates won their homecoming game 40-7 before an overflow crowd in Ficklen Stadium. After a scoreless first period, the Pirates had a 20-0 lead at halftime. George Gay scored the first of his three touchdowns with just two minutes elapsed in the second period. Bill Bailey, on a lateral from Gay, went 19 yards for the next touchdown. Bailey's ninth pass completion of the day was good for another Pirate touchdown. Davidson's only score of the game came early in the third period, just before George Gay scored on a 52-yard run. Gay's third touchdown of the day came just before the end of the third period to increase the Pirates' lead to 33-7. Dennis Young scored the Pirates' final touchdown of the day in the last period.⁶²

A trip to the nation's capital, Washington, D. C., was a disappointing one for the Pirates. They were defeated by George Washington 20-7. A touchdown in the first period and a field goal in the second period gave the Colonials a 10-0 halftime lead. Another field goal and a touchdown in the third period produced a 20-0 lead. A 61-yard touchdown pass play in the fourth period from Dennis Young to Jimmy Adkins prevented the shutout.⁶³

The Pirates returned to the victory trail the following week in Charleston, South Carolina, as they defeated The Citadel 27-17. George Gay's three-yard touchdown run was all that the Pirates could put together

⁶¹Ibid., p. 124.

⁶²Ibid., p. 125.

⁶³Ibid., p. 127.

in the first half as they trailed 17-6 at halftime. Jim Flowe scored from one yard out and Dennis Young's fourth-period touchdown put the Pirates in the lead. Jim Flowe's one-yard plunge on a fourth-down play near the end of the game insured the victory.⁶⁴

East Carolina College contained Southern Illinois for almost three periods but, hampered by injuries to key personnel, fell to a 31-13 defeat in the fourth period. Jim Flowe scored the first Pirate touchdown on a three-yard dash and Mike Bridges ran for a 35-yard touchdown to put the Pirates into a 13-7 lead at halftime. The Salukis scored one touchdown in the third period and a big 20-point final period brought defeat to the Pirates.⁶⁵

Back in Greenville for the last conference game of the season, the Pirates defeated the University of Richmond 28-16. Richmond took a 3-0 lead by virtue of a field goal. Jim Flowe's one-yard plunge for a touchdown and a 22-yard touchdown pass from Bill Bailey to Nelson Gravatt gave the Pirates a 14-9 lead at halftime. One Richmond touchdown and two touchdowns by the Pirates in the final period produced the victory. Jim Flowe scored again from the one-yard line and the Pirates' final touchdown came on a 57-yard pass play from Bailey to Tom Grant with two minutes remaining in the game.⁶⁶

In a non-conference game, the Pirates lost by a 35-14 score to Southern Mississippi University. The Pirates scored in the first period when end Bob Withrow picked up a teammate's fumble and went 35

⁶⁴Ibid., p. 128.

⁶⁵Ibid., p. 129.

⁶⁶Ibid., p. 130.

yards for a touchdown. A touchdown and extra point by Southern Mississippi left the Pirates trailing by only 7-6 at halftime, but a 29-point second-half surge by the Southernns was too much for the Pirates to overcome. The Pirates' only second-half score was a 20-yard pass from Bill Bailey to Jimmy Adkins in the final period.⁶⁷

The Pirates closed out the 1966 season with a 21-7 loss to the University of Louisville at Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville scored late in the first half for a 7-0 halftime lead. Jim Flowe climaxed a 49-yard drive by going over for the touchdown from the one-yard line to bring about a 7-7 tie at the end of the third quarter. Once again it was the final period that spelled defeat for the Pirates as Louisville came up with two touchdowns in that period.⁶⁸

East Carolina College placed four men on the All-Southern Conference team after the close of the season. Guard Walter Bostic and center Johnny Crew were named to the offensive team. Tackle Kevin Moran and back Bobby Ellis were named to the defensive team. All four men also received honorable mention All-America.⁶⁹

1967

In 1967, under the guidance of Dr. Leo W. Jenkins as chancellor, East Carolina College became East Carolina University. The fringe effects of Hurricane Doria could not stop the Pirates as they opened the 1967 season at Williamsburg, Virginia, with a 27-7 win over William and

⁶⁷Ibid., p. 131.

⁶⁸Ibid., p. 132.

⁶⁹East Carolina University Football 1967, p. 43.

Mary. The Pirates held a 7-0 halftime lead by virtue of a second-period ten-yard touchdown pass from wingback Tom Grant to Bob Withrow. After three quarters of play, the score was tied at 7-7, but the Pirates erupted for 20 points in the final period for the win. Starting fullback George Gay received a broken leg early in the first period, but he was ably replaced by Butch Colson. Colson's two touchdowns, one on a 40-yard run, sparked the Pirates' last-half rally.⁷⁰

The Pirates then traveled to Richmond for a 23-7 victory over the Richmond Spiders. The only Richmond score came in the third period. Butch Colson scored two touchdowns to lead the Pirates and Dwight Flanagan scored the other on a pass from Neal Hughes. Don Tyson added the final score on a 24-yard last period field goal.⁷¹

The Pirates traveled next to Davidson for a convincing 42-17 triumph over the Wildcats. Davidson returned the opening kickoff of the game for an early 7-0 lead, but the Pirates scored 14 points in each of the first three periods to tame the Wildcats. Grant's 36-yard run and Colson's four-yard run accounted for the Pirates first-period scoring. Two touchdown passes gave the Pirates their second-quarter scoring. Dennis Young's 58-yard pass play to Jimmy Adkins and Hughes' 12-yard pass to Withrow gave the Pirates a 28-17 halftime advantage. Colson's 14-yard run and Todd Hicks' 24-yard pass interception return was all the scoring for the last half.⁷²

The first home game of the season for the Pirates was a contest

⁷⁰The Daily Reflector, September 17, 1967, p. 13.

⁷¹The Daily Reflector, September 24, 1967, p. 13.

⁷²The Daily Reflector, October 1, 1967, p. 15.

with Southern Illinois. Fella Rhodes intercepted a Salukis' pass and returned it 61 yards in the second period for a 7-0 Pirate halftime lead. Butch Colson plunged over from the one-yard line in the third period and Bill Cothren did the same in the final period. The only Southern Illinois score of the night came after the Pirates had taken a 21-0 lead in the final period.⁷³

The Pirates' winning streak of the 1967 season reached five games with an 18-13 defeat of Louisville. A 36-yard touchdown pass play from Grant to Adkins and a 53-yard touchdown run by Hughes produced a 12-6 halftime advantage for the Pirates. Tom Grant added a third-period 13-yard touchdown pass from Neal Hughes to complete the Pirate scoring as Louisville added a last-period touchdown. This was the Pirates' best effort of the year to date.⁷⁴

The Pirates traveled to Fairfield, Ohio, the next week and came away with a 27-26 victory over the nationally ranked small college, Parsons. Neal Hughes was a Pirate standout as he scored three touchdowns and passed for the fourth touchdown. His six-yard touchdown run in the second period pulled the Pirates into a 6-6 halftime tie. He passed four yards to Paul Schnurr in the third period to take a 13-7 lead. Hughes then electrified the partisan crowd with an 88-yard touchdown run to push the Pirates into a 21-6 lead. Parsons tallied two quick touchdowns before the third period ended to narrow the Pirates' lead to 21-19. Parsons scored on a 42-yard pass play in the final period to take a 26-19 lead, but Hughes came back with an eight-yard touchdown pass to Colson

⁷³The Daily Reflector, October 8, 1967, p. 13.

⁷⁴The Daily Reflector, October 15, 1967, p. B-2.

for the winning touchdown.⁷⁵

In their most disappointing game of the season, the Pirates lost their homecoming game 21-19 to The Citadel. This loss cost the Pirates a chance to win the Southern Conference championship.⁷⁶ Butch Colson bulled over from the one-yard line in the first period and the Pirates held a 7-0 lead at halftime. The Citadel took the lead at 8-7 in the third period when they scored a touchdown and added a two-point conversion. Colson came right back with another touchdown to regain the lead for the Pirates at 13-8. The Citadel rallied for two last-period touchdowns for a 21-13 lead. Colson went into the end zone for his third touchdown of the day, but the Pirates' attempt for a two-point conversion to tie the score failed. Butch Colson was the Pirates' workhorse of the day as he carried the ball 34 times for 153 yards. The Pirates were leaders in all game statistics except for the final score. Most notable was the 423 yards total offense as compared with 246 yards for The Citadel.⁷⁷

The Pirates bounced back in their next home game with a 34-29 victory over Furman. A 28-7 Pirate lead in the second period dwindled away and Furman took a 29-28 lead in the fourth quarter. With time running out, the Pirates drove for the winning touchdown with Neal Hughes passing 17 yards to Tom Grant for the final touchdown and the victory. The Pirates gained 321 yards rushing and 142 yards passing. Furman could only gain 55 yards rushing, but their great comeback was sparked

⁷⁵The Daily Reflector, October 22, 1967, p. 14.

⁷⁶Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

⁷⁷The Daily Reflector, October 29, 1967, p. 13.

by a part of their total 335 yards passing.⁷⁸

The Pirates' last home game of the season was a 37-13 loss to West Texas State. The Buffaloes turned their 16-7 halftime lead into a rout in the second half. Butch Colson had one touchdown and 102 yards rushing in the first half before receiving a leg injury. With Colson on the bench for the entire second half, the Pirates' total rushing yardage for the day was only 120 yards. Hughes completed ten of 18 passes, but the overall speed of West Texas was too much for the Pirates.⁷⁹

The 1967 season came to an end as the Pirates defeated Marshall 29-13. Hughes' 12-yard touchdown run and Colson's one-yard plunge gave the Pirates a 15-0 lead at halftime. In the third period the Pirates gained a first down on their own 30-yard line. On the next play, Tom Grant tossed a short five-yard pass to Heal Hughes and he sprinted the remaining 65 yards for the touchdown. Colson's second touchdown of the day in the final period closed out the Pirates' scoring for the game and for the season. Colson also set a new Southern Conference record for a single season rushing as this game brought his season's total to 1,135 yards.⁸⁰

Three Pirate players received post-season honors. Butch Colson, Kevin Moran, and Neal Hughes were named to the All-Southern Conference team. Butch Colson was named as the Southern Conference Player of the Year. Kevin Moran received the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the best blocker

⁷⁸The Buccaneer, 1968 Yearbook, p. 98.

⁷⁹Ibid., p. 99.

⁸⁰The Daily Reflector, November 19, 1967, p. 13.

in the Southern Conference.⁸¹ The season record for the Pirates was eight wins and two losses. The Pirates finished the season in second place in the conference standings with four wins and one loss.

1968

The only change in the coaching staff for the 1968 season was the addition of Bill Cain as the freshman coach. Cain was a former Pirate co-captain and coached high school teams in Suffolk, Virginia, and Albemarle, North Carolina, before returning to East Carolina University.⁸²

A partisan home crowd of 16,687 spectators was stunned as Parsons completed a 70-yard pass play on the first play of the 1968 season to take a 7-0 lead over the Pirates. However, the Pirates soon recovered and went on to a 37-7 victory. Don Tyson's first period 30-yard field goal narrowed the Parsons' lead to 7-3. Bill Wightman's ten-yard touchdown run and Fella Rhodes' 28-yard touchdown pass to Jim Adkins gained the Pirates a 17-7 lead. The third period was scoreless, but the Pirates exploded for 20 last-period points to increase the margin of victory. Colson and Rhodes scored on runs of one yard and 43 yards respectively. Mike Boaz ended the scoring with a 16-yard runback of a pass interception.⁸³

The Pirates next suffered a 14-0 defeat by the William and Mary Indians. This was the first time that the Pirates had been shutout since

⁸¹East Carolina University 1968 Football, p. 8.

⁸²Ibid.

⁸³The Daily Reflector, September 15, 1968, p. 15.

Coach Stasavich joined the Pirates and the first time a team of Coach Stas' had been shutout in 11 years. The Pirates managed to gain only 64 yards passing and 37 yards rushing.⁸⁴

Coach Stasavich made ten line-up changes for the game at Louisiana Tech, but to no avail, as the Pirates were soundly defeated 35-7.⁸⁵ The Pirates' only touchdown was a last period 36-yard pass from Mike Mills to Jimmy Adkins.⁸⁶

The Pirates next suffered the worst defeat since the 1932 season as they were badly beaten at Southern Mississippi 65-0. Southern Mississippi used 57 players in the defeat and each played as relentless as the other.⁸⁷ In this most disappointing loss, the Pirates were held to a minus rushing yardage and were held to no first downs for the entire game.⁸⁸

Two open dates in a row proved to be of little help to the Pirates as they were defeated by the Richmond Spiders 31-7. A 24-yard touchdown pass from George Gay to Jimmy Adkins in the closing minutes of the game prevented another shutout.⁸⁹

The Pirates bounced back on the victory trail with a 24-13 win over Furman. George Gay's one-yard plunge in the second period gained the Pirates a 7-0 halftime lead. Tyson's 34-yard field goal and Colson's

⁸⁴The Daily Reflector, September 22, 1968, p. 13.

⁸⁵The Buccaneer, 1969 Yearbook, p. 87.

⁸⁶The Daily Reflector, September 29, 1968, p. 15.

⁸⁷The Daily Reflector, October 6, 1968, p. 13.

⁸⁸Odell Welborn, Questionnaire, April 8, 1976.

⁸⁹The Daily Reflector, October 27, 1968, p. 13.

one-yard-touchdown dash stretched the Pirate lead to 17-0 after three quarters of play. After two Furman last-period touchdowns that narrowed the Pirates' lead to 17-13, Bill Wightman scored on a 12-yard run for the Pirates' last touchdown.⁹⁰

Butch Colson led the Pirates to three first-half touchdowns only to see the Pirates suffer a 28-21 disappointing loss to Tampa. Colson passed six yards to Jimmy Adkins for a first-period touchdown and scored on runs of one yard and 44 yards in the second period for the 21-0 halftime lead. Tampa scored all 28 points in the third period. A 79-yard punt return to tie the score appeared to be the one that took the spirit out of the Pirates and the 15,000 rain-soaked homecoming fans.⁹¹

In a high-scoring game, the Pirates defeated the Thundering Herd of Marshall 49-20. Bill Wightman scored the first two touchdowns for the Pirates on runs of 18 yards and 68 yards. Tommy Bullock returned a punt for 67 yards and a 22-0 lead for the Pirates at the end of the first period. Marshall had one second-period touchdown and Colson later had a one-yard touchdown run for the Pirates to bring the halftime lead to 29-7. Three touchdowns in the third period ended the Pirates' scoring for the day. Colson and Mills scored on one-yard plunges and Gay's six-yard dash rounded out the Pirates' total for the day. Marshall scored two last-period touchdowns after the game was out of reach.⁹²

The Pirates traveled next to Charleston, South Carolina, and

⁹⁰The Daily Reflector, November 3, 1968, p. 13.

⁹¹The Daily Reflector, November 10, 1968, p. 13.

⁹²The Daily Reflector, November 17, 1968, p. 13.

earned a hard-fought 23-14 decision over the Citadel Bulldogs. The Citadel took an early 7-0 lead before Tyson's 33-yard field goal narrowed their lead to 7-3. Another Bulldog touchdown and Butch Colson's one-yard plunge maintained The Citadel advantage at 14-10 at halftime. The Bulldogs were held scoreless in the last half as touchdowns by Adkins and Colson produced the Pirates' fourth victory of the season.⁹³

The 1968 Pirate season came to an end at Johnson City, Tennessee, with a 17-7 loss to East Tennessee for the sixth loss of the season. East Tennessee scored all 17 points in the first half. The only Pirate touchdown came in the final period when Stu Garrett returned an intercepted pass for five yards. East Tennessee recovered four Pirate fumbles that proved decisive in the defeat.⁹⁴ The Pirates finished the season with two wins and two losses in conference play for a third-place tie in the final conference standings.

1969

"Disappointing" had to be the key word for the 1969 season. With 27 returning lettermen, the Pirates were picked by most football experts and news media to finish no lower than third place in the Southern Conference final standings and some were even predicting a conference championship.⁹⁵ But such was not to be. The Pirates ended the 1969 season with two wins and seven losses and finished in fifth place in the Southern Conference standings.

⁹³The Daily Reflector, November 24, 1968, p. B-1.

⁹⁴The Daily Reflector, December 1, 1968, p. 13.

⁹⁵The Buccaneer, 1970 Yearbook, p. 310.

The Pirates traveled to Johnson City, Tennessee, for the season's opening game with East Tennessee. For three quarters it was a defensive battle with neither team being able to generate any great offense. East Tennessee finally managed one touchdown with just five minutes remaining to be played in the game to gain a 7-0 victory over the Pirates.⁹⁶

Louisiana Tech came to Greenville for the Pirates' first home game of the 1969 season and left with a 24-6 victory over the Pirates. Louisiana Tech was led by All-America quarterback Terry Bradshaw, now with the Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Bradshaw completed 13 of 23 passes against the Pirates and three touchdowns. The Pirates only score came in the second period when Bill Wightman scored from the three-yard line.⁹⁷

The Citadel Bulldogs scored in the first period and never relinquished the lead as they defeated the Pirates 31-13. Bill Wightman scored on a 13-yard run and Butch Colson scored on a one-yard plunge for the Pirates. Both of these touchdowns came in the third period as the Pirates closed the score to 17-13, but two last-period touchdowns by the Bulldogs widened the margin of victory.⁹⁸

The Pirates lost their fourth game in a row as they were defeated by the Richmond Spiders 24-7 in Richmond, Virginia. Butch Colson plunged over from the one-yard line in the first period for the Pirates' only score of the night.⁹⁹

⁹⁶Ibid., p. 312.

⁹⁷East Carolina Football 1970, p. 44.

⁹⁸Ibid.

⁹⁹Ibid.

The Pirates' first victory of the 1969 season came at Carbondale, Illinois, as they defeated Southern Illinois 17-3. East Carolina University's first touchdown came in the first period when Jack Patterson passed 17 yards to Richard Corrado. Davis' 19-yard field goal gave the Pirates a 10-0 lead at halftime. The Pirates' final touchdown came in the last quarter on an eight-yard run by Colson to insure the victory.¹⁰⁰

The Pirates won their second game in a row when they defeated the Furman Paladins 24-21 on a rain-soaked Ficklen Stadium field. Bill Wightman scored first on a 53-yard run, but Furman rebounded with an 85-yard kickoff return to tie the score at 7-7. Furman scored again to take the lead at 14-7 at the end of the first period. A second-period 34-yard Davis field goal brought the Pirates close and Patterson's 39-yard touchdown pass to Dwight Flanagan gave the Pirates a 17-14 half-time lead. Bill Wightman scored his second touchdown of the night on a 77-yard run and Furman returned the next kickoff for 94 yards and a touchdown. This was the last scoring of the night as the Pirates held on for the victory.¹⁰¹

The Pirates excited their homecoming fans by leading the Davidson Wildcats 27-0 midway through the second period. Colson scored the first touchdown on an eight-yard run for the only first-period score. Bill Wightman scored three touchdowns in succession in the second period on runs of ten yards, one yard, and five yards for the 27-0 Pirate lead. Davidson scored before the half ended to bring the halftime score to 27-7. The Pirates were stunned into submission in the final half when

¹⁰⁰Ibid.

¹⁰¹Ibid., p. 45.

Davidson scored five touchdowns, while holding the Pirates scoreless, for a 42-27 Davidson victory.¹⁰² Although the Pirates lost several games this season, the Davidson loss was the most disappointing of the 1969 season.¹⁰³

After the demoralizing defeat by Davidson, the Pirates traveled to Huntington, West Virginia, and lost a 38-7 contest to Marshall University. The Pirates' only touchdown came in the third period on a five-yard pass from Colson to Corrada. The game was played in a snow-storm as Marshall scored on its second play from scrimmage and was never threatened by the Pirates.¹⁰⁴

The final game of the 1969 season was a close contest with Southern Mississippi at Ficklen Stadium. Southern Mississippi scored touchdowns in the first and second periods for a 14-0 halftime lead. Flanagan fell on one of his own teammates' fumbles in the end zone to bring the Pirates to within one touchdown but that was all of the scoring for the day as the Pirates lost their final game of the season 14-7. Butch Colson set an East Carolina University single game record for most carries when he carried the ball 41 times for 170 yards.¹⁰⁵

Coach Clarence Stasavich resigned as head football coach at East Carolina University at the end of the 1969 season. He remained at the university and assumed fulltime duties as Athletic Director.¹⁰⁶ In

¹⁰²Ibid.

¹⁰³Robert Gantt, Questionnaire, April 7, 1976.

¹⁰⁴The Buccaneer, 1970 Yearbook, p. 316.

¹⁰⁵East Carolina Football 1970, p. 45.

¹⁰⁶The Buccaneer, 1970 Yearbook, p. 317.

the summer of 1970 Coach Stasavich was elected to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.¹⁰⁷

Summary

Coach Clarence Stasavich's era was one of the most exciting eras in East Carolina University football history. The strong football program that began under Coach Jack Boone continued to flourish in this period. The building of a new stadium and the change from college to university status were evidence of the continued support that the athletic program was receiving from the administration, alumni, and the citizens of Greenville.

One of the biggest changes in the game of football itself was the new substitution rule that permitted the two-platoon system in football. Football was becoming a game of specialists and not many players were playing on both offense and defense. The new pneumatic helmets were introduced in this period and restrictions were placed on the length of cleats on the football shoes.

Coach Stasavich used the single-wing type offense. This system was considered to be antiquated by most coaches, but Coach Stas employed it and employed it successfully. His record at East Carolina University was 50 wins, 27 losses, and one tie. During his tenure with the Pirates, Coach Stasavich produced five winning seasons and three losing seasons.

The use of the single-wing offense presented a unique recruiting situation to the program. Most all high schools were using the T-formation

¹⁰⁷Ibid., p. 133.

offense, and this made it uncertain as to whether a high school boy could adapt himself to the change. Most players were recruited primarily by the recommendations of high school coaches and by a review of high school game films. A certain amount of money was budgeted for scholarships during this period rather than a guaranteed number of scholarships. Thus, this amount of money was broken into partial grants according to an athlete's ability and needs. In the latter part of this era, the amount was approximately \$60,000. Very few full grants were given.

The most serious obstacle to the development of the football program during this period was the lack of financial aid. The increased entrance requirements of the University were also an obstacle to be considered in recruiting. The East Carolina University standards were more demanding than those stipulated by the NCAA.

Chapter 6

THE ERA FROM 1970 THROUGH 1973

1970

Michael Burnette McGee, better known as Mike McGee, was named as the new head football coach at East Carolina University to replace Coach Stasavich. It seemed that again the university had secured a man with quality credentials. Mike McGee was a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and played his college football at Duke University. While at Duke, in 1959, McGee received the Outland Award which was symbolic of the National Lineman of the Year. In 1959 he was also named to the Time and Look All-America teams. He received the McKelvin Award as the 1959-60 Atlantic Coast Conference Athlete of the Year. McGee played three years of professional football with the St. Louis Cardinals before serving as an assistant coach at Duke, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. He came to East Carolina University as one of the youngest head football coaches in the nation.¹

Five new assistant coaches joined Coach McGee to form the new coaching staff. The defensive coordinator was Coach McGee's twin brother, Jerry McGee. Jerry McGee also played college football at Duke University and held coaching positions at Kansas State University and

¹The Buccaneer, 1970 Yearbook, p. 317.

and Southern Illinois University before coming to East Carolina University. Carl Reese joined the staff with the duties of coaching the defensive line and the linebackers. Reese played college football with the University of Missouri and was the starting fullback on the 1965 Missouri Sugar Bowl team. His previous coaching duties were at Missouri and Northern Michigan.² Sonny Randle's duties included the receivers and the coordination of the offense. His college football was played at the University of Virginia where he was an honorable mention All-America. Randle was a former National Football League All-Pro receiver with the St. Louis Cardinals. Al Ferguson was named as the offensive line coach. He was a former college quarterback at Auburn and Florence State. Ferguson coached at DePauw, Washington University, and Maryland before coming to East Carolina University. Henry Trevathan was named as the freshman coach. This was his first college coaching job after 15 years as a successful high school coach. His Rocky Mount High School teams won three state championships and his Wilson Fike High School teams won an unprecedented three straight state championships.³

Some changes were made in 1970 relative to scholarship aid. A total of 60 scholarships were available. For the first time in East Carolina football history, all freshmen recruits were given full grants.⁴

Recruiting was greatly expanded under Coach McGee. Questionnaires were sent to prospects and coaches traveled to visit the prospects.

²East Carolina Football 1970, p. 4.

³Ibid., p. 5.

⁴Mike McGee, Questionnaire, May 3, 1976.

Prospective recruits were also invited to visit the campus.⁵

The Pirates' opening game of the 1970 season was a 35-2 loss at Toledo. Les Strayhorn rushed for 110 yards for the Pirates and John Casazzo completed 12 of 28 passes in the losing effort. Butch Britton managed to stop a Toledo runner in their own end zone for a safety and the Pirates' only score of the game.⁶

The Pirates' home debut was with East Tennessee and both teams struggled to a stalemate for three quarters. A fourth-quarter touchdown and field goal gave East Tennessee a 10-0 victory over the Pirates.⁷

The Pirates continued to go scoreless as they were defeated at Charleston, South Carolina, by the Citadel Bulldogs 31-0. The Bulldogs built up a 24-0 lead at halftime and scored one last-period touchdown for their total.⁸

The next encounter was with West Texas State University at Canyon, Texas. Although the Pirates finally showed some offensive power, they again were defeated by the score of 43-30. The Buffaloes scored early on a 66-yard punt return for a 7-0 lead. Earl Clary's field goal and a touchdown by Billy Wallace gave the Pirates a 9-7 lead at the end of the first period. A three-touchdown second quarter eventually spelled defeat for the Pirates as they were behind by a 28-9 score at halftime. George Whitley scored on a five-yard run and Bill Wallace went for 21

⁵Ibid.

⁶East Carolina University Football 1971, p. 44.

⁷The Buccaneer, 1971 Yearbook, p. 137.

⁸East Carolina University Football 1971, p. 44.

yards to bring the Pirates within five points as the final period began. West Texas State came up with two touchdowns in the final period and East Carolina scored once as Bill Wallace scored his third touchdown of the night.⁹

The Pirates traveled to Raleigh for their first encounter ever with the North Carolina State Wolfpack. It was an almost even game in the statistics, but the Wolfpack took a 23-6 victory while leading only 7-0 at halftime. The only Pirate score came in the final period on an 11-yard pass from John Casazza to Dick Corrado. In total rushing and passing yardage the Pirates led by 11 yards and they also led in first downs 16-12. The Pirates lost four fumbles while North Carolina State lost three fumbles. A crowd of 28,350 people witnessed the game.¹⁰

East Carolina University almost broke into the win column in their Homecoming Day game with the Southern Illinois Salukis. Southern Illinois scored two times in the first period for a 14-0 halftime lead. Bill Wallace scored touchdowns in the third and fourth periods as the Pirates lost the game 14-12. The Pirates attempted a two-point conversion after both touchdowns but neither was successful. Dick Corrada set two East Carolina University records in the loss. One was for the most receptions and the other for yardage. He caught 14 passes for a total of 169 yards.¹¹

The East Carolina University and the University of Richmond football game was played as part of the Tobacco Festival celebration in

⁹Ibid., p. 45.

¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹Ibid.

Richmond, Virginia. There was, however, no celebration for the Pirates as they came out on the short end of a 38-12 score. Richmond gained a 31-0 lead at halftime. Billy Wallace scored one touchdown for the Pirates on a three-yard run and Tim Dameron scored the other on a 29-yard pass from Casazza. Both Pirate touchdowns came in the last period. The Pirates had a minus four yards rushing. Many mistakes added to the Pirates' troubles as they lost three fumbles and had five passes intercepted.¹²

The first victory of the season for the Pirates came during a rainstorm in Greenville as the Pirates defeated Furman 7-0. It was a scoreless game until the last period when Les Strayhorn crashed over from the two-yard line.¹³ A stubborn Pirate defense halted Furman on a fourth-and-goal situation at the Pirate three-yard line with just four seconds remaining to be played in the game.¹⁴

The enjoyment of victory was short-lived as the Pirates lost their next game to West Virginia 28-14. The two teams played on even terms during the last half, but a halftime lead of 14-0 by West Virginia was the margin of victory. Casazza's 33-yard pass to Carl Gordon gave the Pirates their first touchdown in the third period. The Pirates' other score came in the last period on a 66-yard pass from Casazza to Billy Wallace. West Virginia also scored a touchdown in each of the last two periods to match the efforts of the Pirates.¹⁵

¹²Ibid.

¹³Ibid., p. 46.

¹⁴The Buccaneer, 1971 Yearbook, p. 139.

¹⁵East Carolina University Football 1971, p. 46.

In the last home game of the season the Pirates defeated Marshall University 17-14 for their second win of the season. John Casazza scored the first touchdown of the day on a six-yard run in the second quarter. Marshall scored on an 81-yard pass interception to gain a 7-7 tie at halftime. Billy Wallace scored for the Pirates in the third period, but Marshall followed with another touchdown for a 14-14 tie going into the final quarter. A 24-yard field goal by Tony Guzzo in the last quarter provided the margin of victory for the Pirates.¹⁶

Before the end of Saturday, November 14, 1970, the Pirates' victory over Marshall University became a fact of little importance. Soon after the afternoon game, school officials and many loyal Marshall fans, along with the players and coaches, boarded the chartered jet plane for the return trip to Huntington, West Virginia. Just outside of Huntington the plane crashed on its approach to the airport. All 75 persons aboard were killed.¹⁷ When the tragic news reached Greenville, mild shock was the emotional state of almost everyone. Coach McGee said this was the "most tragic time in my sports career." On Sunday, Robert Morgan, Clarence Stasavich, coaches Mike McGee and Jerry McGee, Pirate co-captains George Whitley and Steve Davis, and several others, flew the North Carolina Governor's plane to Huntington, West Virginia, for memorial services.¹⁸ Memorial services were also held on the East Carolina University campus.

¹⁶Ibid.

¹⁷Ibid., p. 2.

¹⁸Mike McGee, Questionnaire, May 3, 1976.

The Pirates closed the 1970 season with a 36-18 victory over Davidson. Les Strayhorn scored for the Pirates in the first period on a 14-yard run. Patterson scored in the second period for the Pirates and the Pirates took a 12-10 lead. Tony Guzzo had a 34-yard field goal in the third period, but Davidson scored a touchdown in this period to put the Wildcats in an 18-15 lead at the end of the third quarter. A great three-touchdown last period brought the Pirates a season-ending victory. Billy Wallace scored on a 56-yard run and Rusty Scales scored on a 42-yard run. Jack Patterson completed the scoring when he went into the end zone from the two-yard line.¹⁹

The Pirates finished the season with three wins and eight losses. The conference record was two wins and two losses and a fourth-place finish in the standings. Coach Mike McGee's stay at East Carolina University lasted less than one full year. He resigned on December 10, 1970, to accept the position as head football coach at his alma mater, Duke University.²⁰

1971

Ulmo Shannon (Sonny) Randle, Jr., was promoted from assistant coach to head football coach at East Carolina University prior to the 1971 season. Assistant coaches Carl Reese and Henry Trevathan were retained from the previous coaching staff and five new assistants were added. Vito Ragazzo came to the Pirates coaching staff as offensive coordinator. He was a former star at William and Mary and also played

¹⁹East Carolina University Football 1971, p. 46.

²⁰The Buccaneer, 1971 Yearbook, p. 136.

professional football in the Canadian Football League. Ragazzo was head football coach at Virginia Military Institute for five years before coming to East Carolina University.²¹ Dick Kupec assumed the duties as coach of the offensive line. He was a former football and hockey player at the University of Connecticut. Kupec was an assistant coach for six years at the University of Virginia before moving to Greenville. John Matlock played football at Georgia Tech under Coach Bobby Dodd. He coached at Randolph-Macon for two years before coming to East Carolina University to coach the defensive line and the linebackers.²² Paul Weathersbee was a former East Carolina University linebacker. He assumed the duties as head scout. George Rose joined the coaching staff as freshman football coach. He was a former All-America at Auburn. Rose played professional football with the Minnesota Vikings, New Orleans Saints, and the San Francisco 49'ers before retiring due to a knee injury.²³

There was a crowd of 16,000 spectators in Ficklen Stadium for the opening game of the 1971 football season with Toledo. The fans sat in disbelief as two Pirate fumbles early in the game resulted in two Toledo touchdowns. The Rockets had several long touchdown runs on their way to a 45-0 win over the Pirates.²⁴

The Pirates lost their next game to William and Mary by the score

²¹East Carolina University Football 1971, p. 6.

²²Ibid., p. 7.

²³Ibid., p. 8.

²⁴The Buccaneer, 1972 Yearbook, p. 112.

of 28-10. The game began as if it were a repeat of the previous game. Two first-period fumbles resulted in two William and Mary touchdowns. The first score for the Pirates came on Bob Kilbourne's 35-yard field goal. Carl Summerell passed eight yards to Tony Maglione to cut the Indians' lead to 14-10 at the halftime. Carlester Crumpler was injured in the closing minutes of the first half and did not play the entire second half. The momentum was gradually shifting in favor of William and Mary when Pirate defensive captain Rich Peeler was injured midway through the third period. William and Mary went on for two last-half touchdowns while holding the Pirates scoreless.²⁵

The Pirates lost their third game in a row when they traveled to Bowling Green, Ohio. Bowling Green defeated the Pirates 47-21. Bowling Green capitalized on Pirate mistakes in the first half and were in a commanding 33-7 lead at halftime. The Pirates managed two touchdowns in the last half but were matched when Bowling Green also scored two last-half touchdowns. Les Strayhorn scored one of the touchdowns on an eight-yard plunge and Billy Wallace scored the last touchdown on a 45-yard run. After the game, Coach Randle stated that there would be changes in the starting line-up for the next game.²⁶

The next game provided the Pirates with their first win under Coach Randle as they defeated The Citadel 31-25. Kilbourne's 24-yard field goal and Billy Wallace's 57-yard touchdown run gave the Pirates an early 10-0 lead, but The Citadel closed the gap 10-9 by halftime. Carlester Crumpler led the Pirates to victory by scoring three touchdowns

²⁵Ibid., p. 114.

²⁶Ibid., p. 115.

in the last half. The Citadel scored two last-half touchdowns to make it close, but the rugged Pirate defense held the Bulldogs on the ten-yard line as the game ended with a Pirate win.²⁷

A rain-soaked field in Greenville slowed everything down and the Pirates lost their second conference game to Richmond 14-7. The Spiders scored two touchdowns before the Pirates' Carlester Crumpler managed to get a last-quarter touchdown.²⁸

The Pirates traveled next to Morgantown, West Virginia, to battle the University of West Virginia. The Pirates were behind 30-0 before they were able to get the first touchdown. Summerell, Wallace, and Dameron scored one touchdown each for the Pirates in the second half. The Pirates were defeated 44-21 by the Mountaineers.²⁹

In a stunning upset, the Pirates defeated the North Carolina State Wolfpack 31-15 in Raleigh. After giving up their traditional fumble and touchdown in the first quarter, the Pirates tied the score at 7-7 when Carl Gordon scored on a nine-yard pass from Casazza. Two touchdowns by Les Strayhorn gave the Pirates a 20-7 halftime lead. A safety and Kilbourne's 38-yard field goal increased the Pirates' lead in the second half before a touchdown and two-point conversion by State narrowed the Pirate lead to 25-15. The Wolfpack tried an on-side kick after their touchdown and the ball rolled out of bounds. On the very next play, Wallace broke up the middle for 57 yards and the Pirates' last score of the game. The Pirate fans regarded this win as East Carolina University's

²⁷Ibid., p. 116.

²⁸Ibid., p. 117.

²⁹Ibid.

greatest victory to date.³⁰

In another cool and rainy night in Greenville the Pirates defeated Furman 26-13. The Paladins scored a first-quarter touchdown to take a 7-0 lead, but John Casazza's 72-yard pass play to Tim Dameron tied the score at 7-7 at the end of the first half. In the third period it was another Casazza-to-Dameron touchdown pass and a touchdown run by Crumpler that gave the Pirates a comfortable 20-7 lead. A 17-yard touchdown run by Crumpler and another Furman touchdown finished the scoring for the night.³¹

In a close Homecoming Day battle, the Pirates defeated Davidson 27-26. Wallace scored first for the Pirates, but a Davidson touchdown tied the score at 6-6. Davidson then scored again, and Crumpler's touchdown tied the score at 13-13 at the half. Davidson captured the lead early in the third period, but Crumpler's touchdown and a two-point conversion gave the Pirates a 21-20 lead. Davidson scored in the last period to take a 26-21 lead with just over four minutes left to play in the game. After completing two passes, Casazza completed a ten-yard pass to Dameron in the end zone for the Pirates' victory. Davidson was on the march toward another score when an interception by Rusty Markland halted the threat.³²

The 1971 football season ended in Tampa, Florida, as the Spartans exploded for a 43-7 victory over the Pirates. Tampa had a 43-point lead

³⁰Ibid., p. 119.

³¹Ibid.

³²Ibid., pp. 120-121.

before Summerell's two-yard touchdown pass to Stan Eure prevented a shutout.³³

The Pirates ended the season with four wins and six defeats. The conference record was three wins and two losses and a fourth-place finish in the final conference standings. Three Pirates were named to the All-Southern Conference defensive team. They were Rich Peeler, Monty Kiernan, and Jack Patterson.³⁴

1972

The Pirates began the 1972 football season by defeating Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, by the score of 30-3. Virginia Military Institute took an early 3-0 lead with a field goal in the first period, but it turned out to be their only score of the day. Carl Summerell's 83-yard pass play to Tim Dameron brought the first Pirate touchdown in the first period. Crumpler's two-yard touchdown run in the second period gave the Pirates a 14-3 lead at halftime. Summerell's third-period touchdown pass to Dameron increased the Pirates' lead to 21-3. Summerell's third touchdown pass of the day to Stan Eure and a last-period safety completed the Pirates' scoring.³⁵

Freshman Rick McLester's three second-period field goals proved to be all that was needed to defeat Southern Illinois 16-0. His three field goals were for 37 yards, 25 yards, and 25 yards. A third-period touchdown by Carl Summerell was the only touchdown of the night. A

³³Ibid., p. 121.

³⁴East Carolina 1972, p. 60.

³⁵East Carolina Football 73, p. 26.

rugged Pirate defensive team held the Salukis to a minus seven yards rushing.³⁶ After this game the Pirates were the number-one team in the nation in both total defense and rushing defense. The nickname of "Wild Dogs" was given to the defensive team, and it remained with them for the entire season. Coach Randle's comment after the game was, "We are for real."³⁷

The Pirates won their third game in a row by defeating Appalachian 35-7. The Mountaineers scored a touchdown in the first period for a brief 7-0 lead. Summerell's 42-yard touchdown pass to Dameron tied the score at 7-7. Summerell and Crumpler scored second-quarter touchdowns to give the Pirates a 21-7 lead at halftime. Summerell passed for two last-half touchdowns to complete the scoring. One was to Dameron for 14 yards and the other was for four yards to Vic Wilfore.³⁸

The "Wild Dogs" were credited with another shutout as the Pirates defeated Richmond 21-0. Crumpler scored on a first-period touchdown for a 6-0 halftime lead. The "Wild Dogs" defense was credited with a third-period safety and Summerell's nine-yard pass to Wilfore gave the Pirates a 15-0 lead after three quarters of play. A 42-yard and a 37-yard field goal by McLester in the final period finished the scoring for the day.³⁹ Coach Randle's post-game comment was, "Our youngsters have grown."⁴⁰

³⁶Ibid., p. 27.

³⁷The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

³⁸East Carolina Football 73, p. 27.

³⁹Ibid., p. 28.

⁴⁰The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

In their first television appearance, the Pirates defeated The Citadel 27-21. It was the American Broadcasting Company's TV Game of the Week. McLester's 32-yard field goal and Crumpler's three-yard plunge gave the Pirates a 10-0 lead at the close of the first period. A 31-yard touchdown pass play from Summerell to Dameron and a McLester 25-yard field goal built the lead to 20-0 at halftime. The Bulldogs rallied for 21 points in the last half while the Pirates' only touchdown came on an 18-yard run by Summerell.⁴¹ Coach Randle's post-game comment: "We won, but that's about all."⁴²

The Pirates first loss of the season came in Raleigh as they lost to North Carolina State University 38-16. Crumpler scored first for the Pirates but the Wolfpack gained a 7-7 tie near the end of the first period. The Wolfpack scored again and McLester kicked a 33-yard field goal for a 14-10 Wolfpack lead at halftime. State exploded for 28 points in the second half, while a touchdown by Crumpler was all that the Pirates could muster.⁴³ Coach Randle commented after the game, "A lot of people were not ready to play tonight; not in State's league."⁴⁴

Furman's Homecoming Day was spoiled when they were defeated 27-21 by the Pirates. Two first-period touchdowns gave the Paladins an early 14-0 lead. Summerell's seven-yard pass to Stan Eure cut the Paladin lead to 14-7 at halftime. Crumpler's one-yard plunge in the third period tied the score at 14-14 and his fourth-period touchdown gave the Pirates

⁴¹East Carolina Football 73, p. 28.

⁴²The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

⁴³East Carolina Football 73, p. 28.

⁴⁴The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

a 21-14 lead. Furman rebounded to tie the score again at 21-21.⁴⁵ The Pirates' margin of victory came on a seven-yard pass from Summerell to Vic Wilfore with just 32 seconds remaining to be played in the game. The "Wild Dogs" had another good game as they limited Furman to a mere 11 yards rushing.⁴⁶

The Pirates enjoyed their Homecoming Day as they defeated the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga 33-7. Carlester Crumpler scored two first-half touchdowns for a 13-0 Pirate halftime lead. A ten-yard touchdown pass from Summerell to Wilfore increased the lead and Les Strayhorn and Bob Voight added last quarter touchdowns.⁴⁷ Summerell completed 11 of 20 passes for 152 yards. Crumpler gained 130 yards rushing while Strayhorn gained 113 yards rushing. Coach Randle's comment was, "A fine tune-up for our championship game with William and Mary."⁴⁸

The Pirates and William and Mary were undefeated in conference play and the winner of this game would be the conference champion. Crumpler carried the football 34 times for 124 yards and scored all three of the Pirates' touchdowns, two of which came in the first half for a 14-0 Pirate lead at halftime. The Indians scored 15 points in the last half, but the "Wild Dogs" defense arose to the occasion and preserved the Pirates' 21-15 victory.⁴⁹ Coach Randle's ever-present

⁴⁵East Carolina Football 73, p. 29.

⁴⁶The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

⁴⁷East Carolina Football 73, p. 29.

⁴⁸The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

⁴⁹East Carolina Football 73, p. 30.

post-game summary was, "I would appreciate it if we got credit for having one helluva football team."⁵⁰

The last home game of the season was a close 24-22 victory over the University of Dayton. The Pirates held a 10-7 lead at halftime and had to struggle to stave off a strong comeback by Dayton. Crumpler led the Pirates' attack by running for 169 yards and scoring two touchdowns. Coach Randle said, "I expected the letdown; and all the talk of a bowl bid had its effect too."⁵¹

The Pirates' second loss of the season was to another Atlantic Coast Conference team, the University of North Carolina, by a score of 42-19. The score was tied at 7-7 during the second period and the Pirates trailed by 21-7 at halftime. Crumpler scored two touchdowns for the Pirates, one on a 13-yard run and the other on a 45-yard run. Strayhorn scored the other Pirate touchdown on a 51-yard run in the final period.⁵² Coach Randle summed it all up when he said, "We were outmanned and out-everythinged, but not out-spirited."⁵³

In addition to winning the Southern Conference championship with a perfect record of six wins and no losses, the overall season record was nine wins and only two losses. Post-season honors were numerous for the Pirates. Coach Sonny Randle was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year. Pirates named to the All-Southern Conference team were running back Carlester Crumpler, linebacker Danny Kepley, quarterback

⁵⁰The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

⁵¹Ibid.

⁵²East Carolina Football 73, p. 30.

⁵³The Buccaneer, 1973 Yearbook, p. 12.

Carl Summerell, tight end Stan Eure, guard Greg Troupe, and defensive back Rusty Markland. Named to honorable mention on the All-America team were Crumpler, Kepley, and Summerell. Two of the highest honors went to Carlester Crumpler when he was named the Southern Conference Football Player of the Year and also the Southern Conference Athlete of the Year.⁵⁴ Crumpler carried the ball 340 times during the season for a net yardage gain of 1,309 yards and scored a total of 17 touchdowns. Summerell completed 86 of 197 passes for the season for 1,275 yards and 12 touchdowns.⁵⁵

1973

There was considerable change in the football coaching staff for the 1973 season. The only coaches returning to Coach Sonny Randle's staff were Carl Reese and Henry Trevathan. Frank Novak joined the staff as offensive coordinator, after serving as assistant coach at his Northern Michigan alma mater for six years.⁵⁶ Larry Van Der Heyden was named the new offensive line coach. He played college football at Iowa State University. His assistant coaching positions, in addition to his alma mater, included Drake University and Indiana State University. Warren Klawiter came to East Carolina University as the defensive line coach. He played college football at Kansas State University and also served as assistant coach after graduation. Klawiter's last position was at

⁵⁴East Carolina Football 73, p. 26.

⁵⁵Ibid., p. 31.

⁵⁶East Carolina Football 73, p. 8.

Southern Illinois University.⁵⁷ Ted Schoch, new head scout, played football and coached at Southern Illinois University before coming to East Carolina University.⁵⁸

The opening game of the 1973 football season was a disappointing 57-8 loss to North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The 45,000 people in attendance was the largest ever to witness a game in Carter Stadium. The Wolfpack led at halftime 37-0 and completely dominated the game. The only Pirate score came on a last-period 18-yard pass from Carl Summerell to Stan Eure.⁵⁹ Coach Randle commented after the game, "Put the blame on me for not getting them ready."⁶⁰

The Pirates rebounded the next week with a 13-0 win over Southern Mississippi. The first touchdown came in the second period on a 12-yard pass from Summerell to tight end Benny Gibson. Jim Woody kicked two third-period field goals of 22 yards and 36 yards to complete the scoring.⁶¹

The Pirates next traveled to Carbondale, Illinois, for a resounding 42-25 victory over Southern Illinois. East Carolina University's first score came when Summerell went over from the two-yard line to climax a 90-yard drive. At this point the famed "Wild Dogs" defense took over. On the next two Southern Illinois possessions, Danny Kepley and Cary Goddette recovered bad punt snaps in the Southern Illinois end zone for

⁵⁷Ibid., p. 10.

⁵⁸Ibid., p. 11.

⁵⁹Pirates 74 East Carolina Football Guide, p. 86.

⁶⁰The Buccaneer, 1974 Yearbook, p. 238.

⁶¹Pirates 74 East Carolina Football Guide, p. 87.

back-to-back touchdowns and a commanding 20-0 lead. As a result of another Summerell touchdown and two Salukis' touchdowns, the Pirates held a 27-18 halftime lead. Two third-period touchdowns closed out the Pirate scoring for the day. One was Summerell's third touchdown of the day and the other came on an eight-yard pass from Bob Bailey to Benny Gibson.⁶²

The first conference game was a sluggish 14-3 win over Furman. After a scoreless first half, the Pirates produced a touchdown in the third period and another in the final period. Ken Strayhorn scored the first on a five-yard run and Don Schink bulled over from the two-yard line with just over one minute remaining in the game.⁶³

In the next game the Pirates' "Wild Dogs" defensive team was the hero in a 45-0 triumph over Davidson. The Wildcats of Davidson were held to a minus 11 yards rushing. Ken Strayhorn had his finest game of the season, rushing for 156 yards on 15 carries, including an 88-yard burst in the second period. He had two other touchdown runs of 12 yards and six yards. Summerell connected with Eure for two long touchdown passes, one for 58 yards and the other for 54 yards. Jim Woody's kicking was near perfect as he converted on six of six extra-point attempts and kicked a 38-yard field goal. Jimmy Howe accounted for the other score on a one-yard plunge.⁶⁴

Virginia Military Institute surprised the Pirates with an early 7-0 lead, but the Pirates were not to be denied as they came back with a

⁶²Ibid., p. 88.

⁶³Ibid., p. 89.

⁶⁴Ibid., p. 90.

42-7 victory. Ken Strayhorn tied the score with a 23-yard run, and then he and Summerell scored touchdowns to increase the lead. A 21-point final period outburst assured the victory. Stan Eure scored on a 33-yard pass from Summerell, while Crumpler and Ingram tallied the last two touchdowns on the ground.⁶⁵

The "Wild Dogs" defense recorded another shutout as the Pirates defeated The Citadel 34-0. It was also a good offensive day for the Pirates. Carl Summerell set a school record by completing 12 of 14 passes but, oddly enough, all scoring came on running plays. Ken Strayhorn and Carl Summerell scored first-period touchdowns and the previously injured Carlester Crumpler returned in excellent form to score three touchdowns.⁶⁶

The Pirates then went to Chapel Hill in what turned out to be the most exciting game of the year as they lost to the University of North Carolina 28-27. The Tar Heels took the opening kickoff and drove 73 yards in 12 plays to take an early 7-0 lead. Later the Carolina quarterback fumbled in the end zone for what was an apparent Pirate touchdown but which was eventually ruled a safety. Jim Woody kicked two field goals to give the Pirates an 8-7 edge early in the second period. Carlester Crumpler capped an 88-yard drive by scoring in two plays from the six-yard line to give the Pirates a 21-7 halftime lead. The Tar Heels scored two touchdowns early in the final period to gain a 21-21 tie. Determination by the Pirates and Crumpler's touchdown gave the Pirates a 27-21 lead, but the extra-point attempt was blocked. This generated a Tar Heel rally that led to a final touchdown and the extra-point kick

⁶⁵Ibid., p. 91

⁶⁶Ibid., p. 92.

was the deciding factor of the game. The Pirates had one last desperate chance on a field goal attempt from midfield as the game ended, but it was not successful. Once again, Coach Randle summarized the situation when he said, "I've never been any prouder or sadder in my life. The one thing we wanted was for these people to respect us, something they've never done. But if you tell me there was one person here today who didn't respect us, I'd say he ought to see a psychiatrist."⁶⁷

Back in their own conference again, the Pirates defeated William and Mary 34-3 in Greenville. The Indians had a field goal for an early 3-0 lead, but that was all their scoring for the night. Crumpler's nine-yard run and a touchdown pass from Summerell to Mike Shea gave the Pirates a 14-3 lead. Second-half touchdown runs by Crumpler, Summerell, and Howe increased the Pirates' margin of victory.⁶⁸

An all-time East Carolina University attendance record of 21,251 was established as the Homecoming Day fans watched the Pirates clinch the Southern Conference championship by defeating Richmond 44-14. The Pirates' first score came on a 68-yard pass play from Summerell to Vic Wilfore, but Richmond soon tied the score at 7-7. Ken Strayhorn plunged over from the one-yard line for a first period 14-7 lead for the Pirates. Eure extended the lead with a 13-yard touchdown pass reception from Summerell. Jim Woody's three successive field goals extended the Pirate lead to 30-7 at halftime. Woody's field goals were for 46 yards, 44 yards, and 31 yards. Crumpler's 41-yard touchdown run and Shea's

⁶⁷The Buccaneer, 1974 Yearbook, pp. 241-242.

⁶⁸Pirates 74 East Carolina Football Guide, p. 94.

two-yard touchdown pass from Summerell rounded out the Pirates' touchdown parade in the second half, while Richmond added one more tally. Carl Summerell was named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance. Danny Kepley, named Defensive Player of the Week, was also honored as the Associated Press National Defensive Player of the Week.⁶⁹

The Pirates closed out the 1973 season in appropriate style as they defeated Appalachian State 49-14 in Greenville. Carlester Crumpler's three touchdowns earned him the Southern Conference Player of the Week award. Summerell tossed two touchdown passes, one to Stan Eure for 40 yards and the other to Jimmy Howe for seven yards. Strayhorn scored on a three-yard run, and as a fitting climax to a spectacular season, Danny Kepley tallied the last touchdown on an 85-yard interception return. Jim Woody's seven consecutive extra-point kicks established a school kicking record. Carlester Crumpler added to his honors when he was named to the United Press International Backfield of the Week. Crumpler ended his college football career ranked as the Southern Conference top career and single-season rusher. He also established Southern Conference and East Carolina University records for most points and most carries, scoring 37 touchdowns for 222 points in 659 carries.⁷⁰

In addition to winning the Southern Conference championship with a perfect record of seven wins and no losses, the Pirates ended the second straight season with nine wins and two losses. The Pirates

⁶⁹Ibid., p. 95.

⁷⁰Ibid., p. 96.

were bestowed with many post-season honors. Coach Sonny Randle was again named Southern Conference Coach of the Year, this year sharing the honor with Furman's Art Baker. Eight Pirates were named to the All-Southern Conference team. They were running back Carlester Crumpler, wide receiver Stan Eure, offensive guard Greg Troupe, linebacker Danny Kepley, defensive end Cary Goddette, defensive back Mike Myrick, quarterback Carl Summerell, and kicker Jim Woody. Summerell, Crumpler, Woody, and Kepley were named to the Greensboro Daily News' Collegiate All-State team. Summerell, Crumpler, and Troupe participated in the annual Blue-Gray All-Star game.⁷¹ Carl Summerell was named as the Southern Conference Football Player of the Year and the Southern Conference Athlete of the Year.⁷² Coach Sonny Randle resigned after the 1973 season to assume the same position at his alma mater, the University of Virginia.

Summary

This four-year span of East Carolina University football saw two head football coaches come and go as both returned to their alma maters. Coach Mike McGee's team won only three games while losing eight. A part of his troubles would have to be attributed to the transition from the single-wing offense to the T-formation. Coach Sonny Randle was known as a very outspoken person and never at a loss for words. His three years as head coach produced 22 wins and ten losses. During this period, the Pirates won two Southern Conference

⁷¹Ibid.

⁷²Ibid., p. 100.

championships and became respected as a solid Southern Conference power.

Financial aid continued to be the drawback in the development of the athletic program. It was generally believed that East Carolina University was getting the quality football players but they were just not getting enough of them. The continued success of the football program was credited to the tremendous support from the students, the university administration, and Chancellor Leo Jenkins in particular.

Chapter 7

THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA (1974-1975)

1974

Patrick Fain Dye became the thirteenth head football coach at East Carolina University. Pay Dye had an outstanding playing career at the University of Goergia and served as an assistant coach for nine years with the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama.¹ After accepting the coaching job, he reported that his goals were not short-term goals. His main goal, which would be a continued, progressive-type thing, was to develop a growing program, one which improved each year and one that was competitive with teams on the schedule. Coach Dye was impressed with Dr. Jenkins and was convinced that he was behind the athletic program one hundred percent and that he wanted to upgrade athletics along with academics. He believed that Dr. Jenkins had proved to be an aggressive and progressive educator in both athletics and academics. Dye was convinced that East Carolina University had the academic background to recruit top athletes, to upgrade and build toward the tradition which had already been started.²

Henry Trevathan was the only assistant coach to remain at East

¹Pirates 74 East Carolina Football Guide, p. 10.

²Ibid., p. 11.

Carolina University and join the new coaching staff. Six other assistant coaches joined Coach Dye's staff. Wright Anderson was in charge of the offensive backfield. He was a native of Burgaw, North Carolina, and played college football at Elon. His previous coaching duties included positions at Wake Forest University and Wichita State University.³

Watson Brown was named to coach the quarterbacks. He played football and served one year as assistant coach at Vanderbilt University.⁴ Jim Fuller was assigned to coach the offensive line. He played football at the University of Alabama and coached at Jacksonville State University.⁵

Ben Grieb was named defensive line coach. He was a three-year letterman at East Carolina University from 1966 to 1969. Before joining the Pirate staff, Grieb was a graduate assistant coach at Louisiana State University.⁶ The new defensive backfield coach was Lanny Norris. He was a former player at the University of Alabama before joining the Pirates.⁷ Frank Orgel was assigned to coach the linebackers. He played football for the University of Georgia and the professional Buffalo Bills. Orgel served as graduate assistant coach at Florence State University in Alabama before coming to East Carolina University.⁸

The Pirates opened the 1974 season in Greenville by defeating Bowling Green 24-6. Don Schink and Raymond Jones scored first-period

³Ibid., p. 12.

⁴Ibid., p. 13.

⁵Ibid., p. 14.

⁶Ibid., p. 15.

⁷Ibid., p. 16.

⁸Ibid., p. 17.

touchdowns to give the Pirates an early 14-0 lead. Jim Woody's 24-yard field goal extended the lead to 17-0 at halftime. The Pirates' last touchdown came on a three-yard run by quarterback Mike Weaver. Bowling Green's only score came in the fourth period.⁹

In their next outing, the Pirates handed East Tennessee State University a 24-8 defeat. Bobby Myrick scored the first two touchdowns of the game, both on one-yard plunges. A 45-yard field goal by Jim Woody gave the Pirates a 17-0 halftime lead. Mike Weaver tossed a 37-yard pass to Theodore Ashford for a third-period touchdown. For the second week in a row, the opponent's only touchdown came in the last period. Pirate linebacker Danny Kepley was credited with ten tackles and two assists, earning Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors.¹⁰

The Pirates barely edged Southern Illinois by a 17-16 score in their next home game. The Salukis built a 13-0 lead and it appeared that the Pirates were in for a disappointing night. Bobby Myrick crashed over from the two-yard line to narrow the lead to 13-7 at halftime. A Pirate safety in the third period cut the Salukis' lead to 13-9. With just under seven minutes remaining in the game, Mike Weaver's touchdown gave the Pirates their first lead at 17-13. Ken Strayhorn's two-point conversion eventually proved to be the winning play. The Salukis added a field goal to narrow the final margin to one point.¹¹

⁹Pirates '75 East Carolina University Football Guide, p. 71.

¹⁰Ibid., p. 72.

¹¹Ibid., p. 73.

The Pirates then suffered a disappointing defeat to the North Carolina State Wolfpack 24-20. Two first-half touchdowns by Strayhorn and Weaver gave the Pirates an impressive 14-0 lead, but a State touchdown cut the Pirates' halftime lead to 14-7. The Wolfpack tied the score at 14-14 with a third-period touchdown. A fourth-period touchdown and field goal pushed the Wolfpack into a 24-14 lead. Bobby Myrick scored from the five-yard line to narrow the lead, but the game ended before the Pirates could gain another score.¹²

The next game was a thriller, as the Pirates seemed doomed to defeat and rebounded to overcome Furman 15-12. The only first-half score was a Furman field goal. By the end of the third period, Furman held a 9-0 lead. Another field goal by Furman had the Pirates down by 12 points in the final period. A 13-yard run by Weaver and a one-yard plunge by Schink for two late touchdowns provided the Pirate victory.¹³

The Pirates traveled to Boone for another close game, but this time Appalachian was the victor 23-21. Two touchdowns and two field goals in the second period gave Appalachian a 20-0 halftime lead. Two third-period touchdowns by Ken Strayhorn closed the Mountaineers' lead to 20-14. A 65-yard run by Jimmy Howe gave the Pirates a 21-20 lead and an apparent victory. With only 32 seconds remaining to be played, a 48-yard field goal by Appalachian handed the Pirates their first conference loss.¹⁴

¹²Ibid., p. 74.

¹³Ibid., p. 75.

¹⁴Ibid., p. 76.

The Pirates spotted Dayton a 6-0 halftime lead and then stormed back for a 34-6 victory. Kenny Strayhorn took matters in his own hands and scored four last-half touchdowns. They came on runs of four yards, three yards, ten yards, and one yard. Linebacker Butch Strawderman returned a pass interception 54 yards for the final Pirate touchdown.¹⁵

The Pirates gained their second conference victory with a 41-21 win over The Citadel. It was the last home game of the season. The Pirates' home game winning streak was not interrupted and the seniors would leave school without ever having lost a game in Ficklen Stadium. Jim Woody kicked a 28-yard field goal for a first-period 3-0 Pirate lead. Don Schink's 23-yard touchdown run and Bobby Myrick's 35-yard touchdown run pushed the Pirates into a 17-7 halftime lead. Schink's two touchdown runs, Weaver's touchdown run, and Woody's 32-yard field goal in the last half assured the Pirates of their Homecoming Day victory.¹⁶

Although the score was close at times, the Richmond Spiders managed to pull out a 28-20 win over the Pirates. Don Schink scored two Pirate touchdowns on one-yard plunges and Bobby Myrick's 50-yard run accounted for the Pirates' scoring, but it was not quite enough. The Spiders seemed to score at will and four Pirate fumbles aided in their own downfall.¹⁷

All systems appeared to be in operation for the Pirates in their next game with William and Mary, as they defeated the Indians 31-10.

¹⁵Ibid., p. 77.

¹⁶Ibid., p. 78.

¹⁷Ibid., p. 79.

Mike Weaver's passes started finding receivers as he completed six of ten attempts for an impressive 189 yards. The Pirate defense aided the cause by intercepting three Indian passes. Woody's 23-yard field goal gave the Pirates a 3-0 first-period lead. A 74-yard touchdown pass play from Mike Weaver to Theodore Ashford and Strayhorn's three-yard touchdown run gained a 17-10 lead at halftime for the Pirates. The Pirate defense held the Indians scoreless in the last half, while Strayhorn scored another touchdown and Willie Hawkins scored on a 12-yard run to record another conference win for the Pirates.¹⁸

The Pirates closed out the 1974 season with a 13-3 defeat at Virginia Military Institute. The Keydets needed to win this game for the Southern Conference championship and they were not to be denied. Virginia Military Institute had a 10-3 lead at halftime. A second-period 25-yard field goal by Jim Woody was the only score of the day for the Pirates.¹⁹

The Pirates ended the 1974 season with a record of seven wins and four losses. The conference record was three wins and three losses and a third-place finish.

Pirate players were once again recipients of many post-season honors. The most outstanding honor went to linebacker Danny Kepley when he was named to the Associated Press All-America team. Honorable-mention status was awarded to defensive tackle Kenny Moore and defensive end Butch Strawderman. Seven Pirates were named to the All-Southern Conference team. They were: Ricky Bennett, offensive tackle; Jim

¹⁸Ibid., p. 80.

¹⁹Ibid., p. 81.

Bolding, safety; Don Schink, running back; Jimbo Walker, offensive guard; Danny Kepley, linebacker; Kenny Moore, defensive tackle; and Butch Strawderman, defensive end. Larry Lundy, an offensive tackle, was named to the Southern Conference All-Academic team.²⁰

1975

Early in the year 1975 the East Carolina University Board of Trustees approved a plan to install a new lighting system at Ficklen Stadium. The \$475,000 cost of the project was borne by the student body from student fees and this occurred only after some student controversy.²¹ The lights were installed prior to the 1975 season. Other renovations were completed to improve the facilities. The practice field was enclosed by a fence and dip bars were installed near the field house for exercise purposes.²²

There was one addition to the 1975 coaching staff. Rick Bankston was named as the defensive end coach. He played one season at the University of Tampa and two years with the Quantico Marines. Bankston was an assistant coach at the University of Tampa for one year and at Iowa State University for two years prior to joining the Pirate staff.²³

The 1975 football season opened with a 26-3 loss to North Carolina State at Raleigh. A crowd of 47,500 witnessed the game. Pete Conaty's

²⁰Ibid., p. 70.

²¹The Buccaneer, 1975 Yearbook, p. 170.

²²Pat Dye, Questionnaire, January 21, 1976.

²³Pirates '75 East Carolina University Football Guide, p. 17.

26-yard field goal near the end of the first half was the only score of the game for the Pirates, as State took a 10-3 halftime lead. State added ten more points in the third period and a last-period touchdown. East Carolina University performed poorly offensively in the second half, crossing midfield only once. The Pirate defense played well in the first half, intercepting three Wolfpack passes and recovering one fumble. Pirate linebacker Harold Randolph had 21 tackles overall, including 13 solo tackles.²⁴

In what was described as the most disappointing game of the season, the Pirates were defeated at Appalachian 41-25.²⁵ Appalachian took an impressive 20-0 halftime lead and scored again on the first ball possession of the second half for a 27-0 lead. On the first play following the touchdown, Mike Weaver connected with Terry Gallaher for an 82-yard pass for a touchdown. Appalachian scored another touchdown and had the lead at 41-7 at the end of the third period. The Pirates rallied for three touchdowns in the final quarter to bring the final score closer. Pete Conaty passed for all three touchdowns. Two of the touchdown passes were to Gallaher, one for 59 yards and the other for 77 yards. The final Pirate touchdown was a six-yard pass to Clay Burnett. Harold Randolph again led the Pirate defense with 18 tackles.²⁶

In the first home game of the season, the Pirates defeated William and Mary 20-0. Willie Hawkins tallied the first touchdown on a 30-yard run to give the Pirates a 7-0 halftime lead. The Pirates

²⁴The Fountainhead, September 11, 1975, p. 20.

²⁵Pat Dye, Questionnaire, January 21, 1976.

²⁶The Fountainhead, September 16, 1975, p. 18.

received the second-half kickoff and marched 72 yards in 16 plays for the touchdown, with Gallaher scoring on a nine-yard pass from Conaty. Another Conaty-to-Gallaher pass, this time for three yards with 56 seconds remaining to be played in the game, produced the final Pirate touchdown.²⁷

The Pirates then traveled to Carbondale, Illinois, to take a convincing 41-7 victory over Southern Illinois. Bobby Myrick's intercepted pass on the Salukis' 38-yard line set up the Pirates' first touchdown. They scored in seven plays with Vince Kolanko going over from the one-yard line for the touchdown. Alexander French also scored on a one-yard plunge to give the Pirates a 14-0 halftime lead. The Pirates' lead was increased to 34-0 on French's second touchdown, Willie Hawkins' touchdown run, and Jesse Ingram's seven-yard touchdown run. The Salukis' only touchdown preceded Jimmy Southerland's 31-yard touchdown run for the final scoring of the day.²⁸

The Pirates' 18 home game win streak came to an end when they were defeated 17-14 by Richmond. Ironically, the last team to defeat the Pirates at home was Richmond in 1971. The Pirates took a 7-0 lead when Pete Conaty's 49-yard pass play to Willie Hawkins produced a score. On the third play of the second period, Jimmy Southerland scored from the two-yard line and the Pirates had a 14-0 lead. Richmond scored a touchdown and added a field goal to narrow the Pirates' lead to 14-10 at halftime. Richmond scored in the last period for the only second-half

²⁷The Fountainhead, September 23, 1975, p. 20.

²⁸The Fountainhead, October 2, 1975, p. 28.

scoring and the win.²⁹

An obviously dejected Coach Dye had the following comments after the Richmond loss:

We're in a situation now where the season can turn two ways. The players can buckle down and try to improve or we can just keep on going in the direction we are and let ourselves fall apart. Right now, I would say the team has no character. We haven't played like we can or beat anyone we shouldn't have. We have the ability to win, but we haven't been playing well enough to win. The coaching staff and myself can only do so much. If our players aren't hungry to win or hungry to excel, then we don't help. That winning attitude's gotta come from the players.³⁰

These observations and comments would have to be called the turning point of the season. From this point on, the Pirates produced extraordinary efforts and by the end of the season had what many observers considered to be the best football team in North Carolina.

In their turning point of the season, the Pirates defeated The Citadel in a hard-fought 3-0 decision. Pete Conaty kicked a first-period field goal and the remainder of the game was truly a defensive battle. Both coaches made the observation that it was the hardest hitting ball game they had ever been involved in. Pete Conaty suffered a shoulder injury and was out for the remainder of the season.³¹

The Pirates delighted a rainy day homecoming gathering as they defeated Western Carolina University 42-14. Ray Jones scored the first Pirate touchdown on a four-yard run. The second Pirate touchdown, in the second period, came when Ernest Madison intercepted a pass and ran

²⁹The Fountainhead, October 7, 1975, p. 18.

³⁰Ibid., p. 20.

³¹The Fountainhead, October 14, 1975, p. 24.

it back 29 yards for the score. The third Pirate touchdown came when Mike Weaver gained nine yards and lateraled to Kenny Strayhorn who sprinted the last 24 yards into the end zone. All three of these touchdowns came within a six-minute period and gave the Pirates a 21-7 halftime lead. The only third-period score came when the Pirates' Tom Daub plunged over from the one-yard line. Western Carolina scored one touchdown in the last period, while the Pirates tallied two touchdowns. Terry Gallaher scored both of the final two touchdowns on 64-yard passes, one from Mike Weaver and the other from Jimmy Southerland. Pirate supporters were reminded of the "Wild Dogs" days as the Pirate defense intercepted seven passes, recovered two fumbles, and blocked a punt.³²

Friday, October 23, 1975, was indeed a sad day at East Carolina University. Athletic Director and former coach Clarence Stasavich died of a heart attack. He had complained of chest pains on Friday morning but continued to the campus to teach his health class at the university. Following the class, Stasavich returned home, called his physician, and was rushed to Pitt Memorial Hospital where he died a short time later.³³ Coach Stas' death was mourned by sports personalities from near and afar. The Pirates were scheduled to go to Chapel Hill the next day for the battle with the University of North Carolina Tar Heels. There were rumors that the game might be cancelled, but instead, the game was dedicated to the memory of Coach Stas.

Call it emotion, dedication, or whatever, but the Pirates

³²The Fountainhead, October 21, 1975, pp. 18 and 20.

³³The Fountainhead, October 28, 1975, p. 1.

displayed a brand of football that East Carolina University will long remember. When the day was over, the Pirates came home with a convincing 38-17 victory over the Tar Heels. Carolina received the opening kickoff and marched 70 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown. Following the Carolina kickoff, the Pirates came right back with a 78-yard drive in 11 plays for the tying touchdown. Kenny Strayhorn went six yards through the left side for the score. The Pirates recovered a Tar Heel fumble on the first play following the kickoff, and Mike Weaver passed 18 yards to Clay Burnett on the second play for the go-ahead touchdown. Just two minutes later, freshman Eddie Hicks broke through for 53 yards and another touchdown that gave the Pirates a 21-7 lead at the end of the first period. The Tar Heels had a touchdown and a field goal in the second period to narrow the Pirate lead to 21-17 at halftime. The Pirates started early in the third period when Willie Hawkins scored from the five-yard line on an option pitch. A Carolina fumble set up the next Pirate touchdown and Strayhorn scored around left end from the seven-yard line. The Tar Heel coach used three more quarterbacks in the second half but each proved fruitless against the Pirate defenders. Jimmy Bolding's second pass interception of the day set up a 30-yard field goal by Larry Paul for the Pirates' last score. Rather than attempt to score again, the Pirates chose to run out the clock with the ball on the Tar Heel seven-yard line. The Pirate defense greatly aided the cause by intercepting three passes and recovering four Carolina fumbles.³⁴

Back in their own stadium and own conference, the Pirates

³⁴The News and Observer, October 25, 1975, pp. 1-II and 4-II.

continued to win as they defeated Furman 21-10. Kenny Strayhorn scored on a 62-yard run for an early 7-0 Pirate lead. Furman scored at the beginning of the second period to tie the score at 7-7. Mike Weaver scored on a three-yard dash to give the Pirates a 14-7 lead and the score remained that until halftime. Furman had a field goal in the third period to close the score to 14-10. Kenny Strayhorn's second touchdown of the night, an eight-yard run in the fourth period, was the last score of the game.³⁵

The Pirates then traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia, where some of the Pirate players would be facing their former coach, Sonny Randle, and his University of Virginia Cavaliers. Willie Hawkins scored first for the Pirates on a six-yard run and Virginia added a field goal for a 6-3 Pirate lead at the end of the first period. From that point on, the Pirates turned in the most awesome offensive performance of the season by defeating the Cavaliers 61-10. Tom Daub scored two touchdowns for the Pirates, while one each was scored by Kenny Strayhorn, Mike Weaver, Raymond Jones, Vince Kolanko, Eddie Hicks, and Steve Greer. The longest touchdown run of the day was an 87-yard run by Eddie Hicks in the final period. Virginia's only touchdown came in the last minute of the game. The Pirates set four team records and four conference records in this game. The first conference record was broken on Jim Bolding's ninth pass interception of the season. This interception gave him a total of 18 career interceptions for a Southern Conference career record. The Pirates ran the ball 80 times, a school record, for 633 yards, both a school record and conference

³⁵The Fountainhead, November 4, 1975, p. 20.

record. The Pirates gained a total of 690 yards overall, which was also both a team and conference record.³⁶

The Pirates closed out the season in Ficklen Stadium with a 28-12 victory over Virginia Military Institute. The Pirates ended the 1975 season with eight wins and three losses. The final conference record was four wins and two losses.

Six East Carolina University football players were named to the 1975 All-Southern Conference team. Named to the offensive team were guard Jimbo Walker and back Ken Strayhorn. Named to the defensive team were end Cary Goddette, tackle Willie Bryant, linebacker Harold Randolph, and defensive back Jim Bolding.³⁷ Jim Bolding was also named to the Associated Press Second Team All-America. This marked the highest honor of any player in the history of East Carolina University football. Bolding led the nation in pass interceptions for the 1975 season.³⁸

Coach Pat Dye reported that development of the wishbone offense and better athletes on defense were the two best improvements in the football program at East Carolina University in his two years as head coach. He also reported that the prestige of the Atlantic Coast Conference schools in North Carolina was the most serious drawback to the program. He also stated that the 1975 victories over the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia should greatly improve the status of the football program at East Carolina University.³⁹

³⁶The Fountainhead, November 11, 1975, p. 20.

³⁷The News and Observer, December 2, 1975, p. 17.

³⁸The Daily Reflector, December 2, 1975, p. 8.

³⁹Pat Dye, Questionnaire, January 21, 1976.

Summary

No conclusion can be reached on this era of East Carolina University football history, as it is the beginning of an era. Certainly Coach Pat Dye is continuing the tradition of athletic excellence that has been prevalent in modern Pirate football teams. He is also continuing his own doctrines, for he has always been considered a winner. His two-year total of 15 wins and seven losses are indicative of this philosophy.

The unqualified support of the university administration, the students, and the alumni continues. During the past year the Pirates withdrew from the Southern Conference. Plans are underway at the present time for the enlargement of Ficklen Stadium. The future appears bright for East Carolina University football.

Chapter 8

SUMMARY, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

Intercollegiate football began at East Carolina Teachers College in 1932 when 25 men reported for practice under the direction of Coach Kenneth Beatty. The team lost all five games without scoring a point that year.

Five men followed Coach Beatty as head football coach at East Carolina Teachers College until the football program was interrupted by World War II in 1942. The Pirates had a total of six coaches in ten seasons.

Football returned to East Carolina Teachers College in 1946 and the Pirates became members of the North State Conference in 1947. The football coaches were provided with scholarships in 1949 and given permission to actively recruit players. College Stadium, the first stadium on the campus, was dedicated in 1949. In 1951 the North Carolina General Assembly changed the name of East Carolina Teachers College to East Carolina College.

Coach Jack Boone began a successful coaching career at East Carolina College in 1952. He was the first person to be head football coach for more than three years. East Carolina College participated in two bowl games in the first two years of Coach Boone's reign. Near

the end of his head coaching reign, the Pirates became members of the Carolinas Conference.

Coach Clarence Stasavich became head football coach at East Carolina College in 1962 and the football team moved into the new Ficklen Memorial Stadium the following year. After several years of anticipation, the Pirates were finally admitted into the Southern Conference in 1964. During Coach Stasavich's reign as head football coach, the Pirates participated in bowl games in 1963, 1964, and 1965 and were victorious in all three contests. University status was attained in 1967 as East Carolina College became East Carolina University.

East Carolina University had two coaches in the period from 1970 through 1973. Two of these years were highly successful as the Pirates won the Southern Conference championship in 1972 and 1973.

Coach Pat Dye came to East Carolina University in 1974 and has produced two successful winning seasons. A new lighting system was installed at Ficklen Stadium for the 1975 football season. East Carolina University is now committed to the continuing development of a strong and improved football program. Several indications of this fact are evident. Plans are now underway to enlarge Ficklen Stadium to an approximate seating capacity of 35,000. The Pirates soundly defeated Atlantic Coast Conference teams, the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia, in 1975 and then withdrew from the weakening Southern Conference in hopes of joining or forming a new and stronger conference.

Findings

1. Lack of money for an adequate number of scholarships prevented East Carolina University from obtaining the necessary number of high quality football players.

2. Lack of sufficient number of assistant coaches in the earlier years hampered the football program.

3. Teaching load required of the coaches greatly hampered their time in which to do necessary recruiting.

4. The administration of East Carolina University has always employed football coaches with outstanding qualifications.

5. East Carolina University has always made a constant effort to improve the quality of their football program.

6. Businessmen, university administration, faculty, students, and citizens of Greenville have continuously cooperated with and supported the football program at East Carolina University.

Recommendations

1. Periodic studies should be made to provide up-to-date research on the development of the football program at East Carolina University.

2. Similar studies should be conducted in all sports at East Carolina University in order to preserve a reliable record in the development of each sport.

3. A similar study should be conducted of the football program to include individual and team records and statistics in all phases of the program.

4. An in-depth study should be conducted of the natural eras of East Carolina University football history.

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APPENDIX A

Department of Health, Physical
Education, Recreation and Safety
East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina 27834
November 10, 1975

Dear Sir:

I am a graduate student in the Department of Health and Physical Education at East Carolina University, pursuing the Master of Arts in Education degree. For my master's thesis, I am writing a history of intercollegiate football at East Carolina University.

You have been selected as one of the persons to participate in this study. Part of the information to be used in my thesis will be obtained by means of a questionnaire which I have enclosed. It would be greatly appreciated if you would assist me by filling out the enclosed questionnaire and returning it in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation in this study.

Sincerely,

Jack Wrenn
Graduate Student

This thesis proposal has been approved by the Graduate Committee of the Department of Health and Physical Education at East Carolina University. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this study.

Sincerely,

Edgar W. Hooks, Jr., Chairman
Health and Physical Education ✓

COACHES QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions pertaining to the years in which you served as head football coach at East Carolina University.

1. Who were the other football coaches who served with you during your tenure at East Carolina University?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Season</u>
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_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Were important rule changes made during your tenure at East Carolina University? If so, please describe.
3. Were any improvements or modifications made in your playing facilities during your tenure? If so, please describe.
4. Please describe any new type of playing equipment that was introduced during your tenure.
5. How many scholarships were available per year to your football players? Please describe the content of your scholarships.
6. Did you actively recruit football players for your team? If so, briefly describe how you recruited them.
7. Please describe any particular highlights that stand out pertaining to your football teams during your tenure.
8. What was the most satisfying game or games you coached during your tenure?
9. What was the most disappointing game or games you coached during your tenure?
10. Please list the outstanding players who played for you during your tenure.

11. Whom do you consider to be the most outstanding football player to have played for you during your tenure?
12. Were any changes made in the officiating during your tenure? If so, please describe.
13. What development do you feel best helped to improve your football program during your tenure at East Carolina University?
14. What do you consider to have been the most serious drawback to the development of your program during your tenure?
15. Please make any comments or send any other information you feel will benefit this study or will be interesting to readers.

APPENDIX B

1932 ROSTER

Name

Kelly Abeyounis
C. O. Armstrong
Jack Barrett
John Blanchard
Jack Broadhurst

Bud Bullock
Troy Burnette
Tom Dennis
Joe Dresback
Bob Eason

John Hodges
W. O. Jolly
Charles King
Perry King
Belmont Kittrell

Charles Lominac
Carlton MacMillan
Billy Nisbet
Alvah Page
Junior Rivers

Charles Rumbey
Mayhew Sawyer
Alva Van Nortwick
William Woodard
Woodrow Woodard

Tom Worthington
Woodrow Worthington
Dan Wright
J. C. Wynne

1933 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Paul Bowen	Burgaw, N. C.
Troy Burnett	Greenville, N. C.
Boyd Cox	Ayden, N. C.
"Bud" Cox	Ayden, N. C.
Ruffin Davis	Richlands, N. C.
Tom Dennis	Greenville, N. C.
Bob Eason	Greenville, N. C.
Theo Eason	Spring Hope, N. C.
J. Weston Hodges	Greenville, N. C.
Francis Jennings	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Jimmy Johnston	Raleigh, N. C.
W. O. Jolly	Ayden, N. C.
John Kapelec	Pittsburgh, Pa.
James Morgan	Spring Hope, N. C.
Jack Nobles	Greenville, N. C.
Andy Noe	Ayden, N. C.
Bill Puckett	New Bern, N. C.
Baxter Ridenhour	Coolomee, N. C.
Henry Rivers	Greenville, N. C.
Tom Rivers	Greenville, N. C.
"Crack" Rogerson	Ayden, N. C.
Jimmie Speight	Greenville, N. C.
"Poss" Sumrell	Ayden, N. C.
Dupree Tolar	Washington, N. C.
Howard Waldrop	Greenville, N. C.

1934 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Roy Barrow	B	
Paul Bowen	T	Burgaw, N. C.
Chauncey Calfee	B	Belhaven, N. C.
Primrose Carpenter	G	New Bern, N. C.
Tom Dennis	E	Greenville, N. C.
Robert Dowd	T	
Jack Dunn	G	
Theo Eason	E	Spring Hope, N. C.
Nath Epstein	B	
Francis Ferebee	B	New Bern, N. C.
G. R. Gammon	G	
Ray Hassell	E	
Jimmie Johnson	T	Raleigh, N. C.
W. O. Jolly	C	Ayden, N. C.
Selby Jones	B	
"Tex" Lindsey	E	Nacogdoches, Tex.
Cliff Madrin	E	
Jack Nobles	T	Greenville, N. C.
Norwood Northcutt	B	Cary, N. C.
Howard Perkins	B	
Baxter Ridenhour	T	Cooleemee, N. C.
Lester Ridenhour	B	Cooleemee, N. C.
Francis Sinclair	G	Wilson, N. C.
"Red" Smith	G	

1935 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Howard Aman	HB	Jacksonville, N. C.
Adrian Ayers	HB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Worth Calfee	HB	Belhaven, N. C.
Primrose Carpenter	G	New Bern, N. C.
Chesson	E	Roper, N. C.
Clarence Cunningham	HB	Hopewell, Va.
Davis	T	Lexington, N. C.
Tom Dennis	T	Greenville, N. C.
Francis Ferebee	FB	New Bern, N. C.
James Foots	QB	New Bern, N. C.
Thornwall Gibson	QB	Roper, N. C.
Joe Hatem	G	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Hatsell	E	Beaufort, N. C.
Floyd Hinton	E	Rocky Mount, N. C.
William Holland	T	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
James Johnson	C	Raleigh, N. C.
George Jordan	G	Cary, N. C.
John Kapelic	E	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Booster Lindsay	E	Nacogdoches, Tex.
Norwood Northcutt	QB	Cary, N. C.
Eddie Price	HB	Blue Grass, Ky.
Lester Ridenhour	C	Cooleenec, N. C.
Francis Sinclair	G	Wilson, N. C.
A. Smith	FB	Belhaven, N. C.
Gherman Smith	T	Goldsboro, N. C.
Durward Stowe	HB	Meritt, N. C.

1936 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Sam Andrews	T	Roseboro, N. C.
Adrian Ayers	B	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Primrose Carpenter	G	New Bern, N. C.
Samuel Dees	G	Greenville, N. C.
Tom Dennis	T	Greenville, N. C.
Dozier	T	Currituck, N. C.
Francis Ferebee	B	New Bern, N. C.
Thornwell Gibson	B	Severn, N. C.
Guy	B	Dunn, N. C.
Henry Hatsell	E	Beaufort, N. C.
"Tex" Lindsey	E	Nacogdoches, Tex.
Kelly Martin	T	Jackson, N. C.
McGlohon	G	Ayden, N. C.
Hampton Noe	G	Wilmington, N. C.
Jack Noe	B	Bath, N. C.
Norwood Northcutt	B	Cary, N. C.
Robert Pittman	C	Ayden, N. C.
Otis Powell	B	Danville, Va.
Bill Pratt	B	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Lester Ridenhour	C	Cooleemee, N. C.
Bill Shelton	B	Danville, Va.
Francis Sinclair	G	Wilson, N. C.
Smith	G	Greenville, N. C.
Irving Tharrington	E	Macon, N. C.
Rockfellow Venters	T	Ayden, N. C.
Wilkerson	E	Greenville, N. C.
Joe Williams	G	Greenville, N. C.

1937 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Adrian Ayers	B	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Hall Pugh Beck	B	Lexington, N. C.
David Breece	B	Raleigh, N. C.
Primrose Carpenter	G	New Bern, N. C.
Felix Cecot	C	Massena, N. Y.
Gerald Demond	G	Willet, N. Y.
William Dudash	B	Massena, N. Y.
Ralph Elliot	G	Shelby, N. C.
Francis Ferebee	B	New Bern, N. C.
Forney	B	Hopewell, Va.
Glover	G	Morehead City, N. C.
Joe Hatem	E	Greenville, N. C.
Gerald James	G	Bethel, N. C.
Jimmy Johnson	T	
Kelly Martin	T	Jackson, N. C.
William Merner	G	Hopewell, Va.
Jack Noe	B	Ayden, N. C.
Perkins	E	Stokes, N. C.
Robert Pittman	C	Ayden, N. C.
Kenneth Quaenell	T	Massena, N. Y.
Frank Roebuck	T	Stokes, N. C.
William Shelton	B	Danville, Va.
Earl Smith	E	Selma, N. C.
Rockfellow Venters	G	Ayden, N. C.
Joe Williams	G	Greenville, N. C.

1938 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Adrian Brown	G	
Gene Carson	T	
Bill Dudash	B	Massena, N. Y.
Ralph Elliot	T	Shelby, N. C.
Charles Futrell	B	
Milton Glass	E	
Floyd Hinton	E	
Woody Long	T	
Kelly Martin	T	Jackson, N. C.
Norman Mayo		
Bill Merner	C	Hopewell, Va.
Jack Moye	G	
Jack Noe	B	Ayden, N. C.
Lex Ridenhour	B	Cooleemee, N. C.
Hubert Roberts	E	
Walter Rogers	G	
Bill Shelton	B	Danville, Va.
Earl Smith	G	Selma, N. C.
Rockfellow Venters	T	Ayden, N. C.
Melvin Wagner	T	
Joe Williams	G	Greenville, N. C.

1939 ROSTER

Name

Adrian Brown
Richard Chadwick
Bill Dudash
Merwin Frazzelle
William Harris

Joe Hatem
Arthur Hodder
Norman Mayo
Wiley Mayo
Jack McJunkin

Matt Phillips
Irving Poliakoff
Walter Rogers
Bill Shelton
Earl Smith

Ambros Stankus
Waylan Tucker
Joe Williams

1940 ROSTER

Name

Bill Davidson
Edward Evans
Jimmy Gianokas
Billy Green
Bill Lucas

Chuck McFee
Bruce Murray
Irving Poliakoff
George Roberts
Howard Robinson

Walter Rogers
Russell Rogerson
Wilson Schuerholz
Rockfellow Venters
Dan Waddell

Joe Williams
Bob Young
Jack Young

1941 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Adrian Brown	B
Wiley Brown	G
Jerome Butler	T
Fred Cooper	E
Charles Craven	E
Jimmie Gianokas	G
Bill Grant	E
Billy Greene	E
Everette Hudson	C
James Little	T
Bill Lucas	G
Walter Mallard	E
Don Marriot	B
Bob Miller	B
Howard Roberson	T
Russell Rogerson	T
Wilson Schuerholz	B
Paul Scott	G
Marshall Teague	B
Stuart Tripp	C
Dan Waddell	B
Floyd Woody	B
Bob Young	B
Jack Young	T
Nick Zuras	B

1946 ROSTER

Name

Henry Andrews
Bobby Bailey
Henry Barneman
Dennis Basnight
Carrall Bass

Victor Bell
Charles Brown
Jack Davis
Pete Everette
Ellie Fearing

Leman Greene
Jack Hedgepeth
Everette Hudson
George Kessler
Keith Kilpatrick

Bill Kitrell
R. B. Lee
Ray Long
Zack Manning
Thomas Matthews

C. O. McMullan
Bob Miller
Hubert Musselwhite
Stanley Peele
Willard Pendleton

Slade Phillips
E. S. Pittman
Amos Sexton
Lou Tatarski
M. G. Wetherington

Bob Wheeler
Dan Wheeliss
Abner Williams
Frank Winesette
George Wood

John Wyatt
John Young
Nick Zuras

1947 ROSTER

Name

Henry Andrews
Henry Barneman
Gorrell Bass
Lew Bauer
Victor Bell

Allen Berry
Charles Byrd
Charles Conner
Bill Darby
Ike Davis

Jack Davis
Allen Dupree
Mac Eure
Milton Glover
Junior Hayes

Franz Holscher
Keith Kilpatrick
Linwood Kilpatrick
R. B. Lee
Charles Little

Ray Long
Don MacKenzie
Zack Manning
C. O. McMullen
Jim Micheals

Bob Miller
Hubert Musselwhite

1948 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Raz Autry	Dunn, N. C.
Gorrell Bass	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Silas Baggett	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
M. L. Berman	
Ken Booth	N. Tarrytown, N. Y.
Doug Bryant	
Butterworth	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Cockrell	
Jim Danks	Van Dyke, Mich.
Bill Darby	Morganton, N. C.
Ike Davis	
Allen Dupree	
Leon Ellis	Siler City, N. C.
Everette	
Jim Fly	
Thomas George	
Junior Hayes	
Heath	
Franz Holscher	
Bud Jackson	
Kilpatrick	
Max Kinlaw	Lumberton, N. C.
Mike Kovach	N. Tarrytown, N. Y.
Mac Lewis	Goldsboro, N. C.
Frank Maenule	Karney, N. J.
Zack Manning	
C. O. McMullen	
Ostraner	
Stan Peel	Williamston, N. C.
Joe Pollili	Dover, Ohio
Pete Prominski	Red Banks, N. J.
Buster Rich	
Billy Smith	Portsmouth, Va.
Johnny Smith	Portsmouth, Va.
Fred Soles	Tabor City, N. C.
Sam Stell	
Bob Swain	
Odel Wadford	
Warren	
Wetherington	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Abb Williams	Elizabeth City, N. C.
B. Williams	
Buck Wilson	
Wood	
John Wyatt	
Yarbrough	
John Young	

1949 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Al Auerback	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Raz Autry	G	Dunn, N. C.
Gorrel Bass	G	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Jack Benzie	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Ken Booth	T	N. Tarrytown, N. Y.
Bob Boyd	C	Norfolk, Va.
Bob Bradley	E	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Ed Bradt	T	Lakehurst, N. J.
Jack Britt	HB	Fairmont, N. C.
Doug Bryant	HB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Reggie Byrd	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Jim Danks	HB	Van Dyke, Mich.
Bill Darby	HB	Morganton, N. C.
John Daughtry	E	Wilmington, N. C.
Leon Ellis	G	Siler City, N. C.
James Gower	T	Norfolk, Va.
Bob Grady	FB	Kinston, N. C.
Ray James	T	Washington, D. C.
Bruce Jones	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Leon Jones	QB	Thomasville, N. C.
Keith Kilpatrick	T	Kinston, N. C.
Max Kinlaw	G	Lumberton, N. C.
Mike Kovach	HB	N. Tarrytown, N. Y.
Mac Lewis	G	Goldsboro, N. C.
Don MacKenzie	T	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Frank Madigan	C	Portsmouth, Va.
Frank Maennle	FB	Kearny, N. J.
Bill McDonald	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Jack Melvin	FB	Clarkton, N. C.
Joe Palilli	C	Dover, Ohio
Stan Peel	E	Williamston, N. C.
Pete Prominski	C	Red Bank, N. J.
M. W. Quick	E	Laurinburg, N. C.
Dwight Shoe	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Richard Siler	QB	Siler City, N. C.
Billy Smith	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Dennis Smith	E	Chocowinity, N. C.
Johnny Smith	FB	Portsmouth, Va.
Fred Soles	HB	Tabor City, N. C.
Ed Tanner	E	Portsmouth, Va.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Roger Thrift	QB	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Paul Trotman	G	Portlock, Va.
Abb Williams	HB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Cecil Winslow	E	Hertford, N. C.

1950 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jesse Aldridge	G	Kinston, N. C.
Ott Alford	E	Laurinburg, N. C.
Tom Allsbrook	QB	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Al Auerback	T	Greenville, N. C.
Gilbert Bennett	QB	Durham, N. C.
Jack Benzie	HB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Mickey Berman	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Bob Bradley	E	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Jack Britt	HB	Fairmont, N. C.
Reggie Byrd	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Thurston Callahan		Whiteville, N. C.
Bob Carter	T	Williamston, N. C.
Charles Carver	E	Williamston, N. C.
Archie Congleton	T	Ahoskie, N. C.
Bill Darby	HB	Morganton, N. C.
John Daughtry	HB	Wilmington, N. C.
Leon Ellis	G	Siler City, N. C.
Henry Fordham	C	Kinston, N. C.
George Graybill	E	Buies Creek, N. C.
George Hardee	T	Whiteville, N. C.
Bobby Hodges	T	Kinston, N. C.
Mike Kovack	HB	Tarrytown, N. Y.
Don MacKenzie	T	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Frank Madigan	C	Portsmouth, Va.
Frank Maennle	E	Kearny, N. J.
Howard McAdams	FB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bill McDonald	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Keith Melton	G	Raleigh, N. C.
Jack Melvin	FB	Clarkton, N. C.
Bobby Pennington		Rocky Mount, N. C.
Pete Prominski	C	Red Bank, N. J.
Wallace Robinson	T	Palmyra, N. C.
Dwight Shoe	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Sandy Siler	QB	Siler City, N. C.
Bill Smith	HB	Greensboro, N. C.
Dennis Smith	E	Chocowinity, N. C.
John Smith	FB	Portsmouth, Va.
Jim Stanley	HB	Washington, N. C.
Tom Swain	FB	Durham, N. C.
John Swart	G	Wilmington, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Eddie Tanner	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Roger Thrift	QB	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Buck Wilson	C	Chapanoke, N. C.
Cecil Winslow	E	Hertford, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jesse Aldridge	G	Kinston, N. C.
Tom Allsbrook	HB	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Al Auerback	T	Greenville, N. C.
Jack Benzie	HB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bob Bradley	T	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Jack Britt	HB	Fairmont, N. C.
Johnny Brown	T	Washington, N. C.
Donald Burton	G	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Thurston Callahan	T	Whiteville, N. C.
Thomas Canady	FB	Manteo, N. C.
Gaither Cline	FB	Gastonia, N. C.
Archie Congleton	T	Ahoskie, N. C.
John Daughtry	FB	Wilmington, N. C.
Henry Fordham	T	Kinston, N. C.
Paul Gay	HB	Wilson, N. C.
George Graybill	G	Buies Creek, N. C.
Lynwood Grissom	QB	Wilmington, N. C.
Jimmy Harris	HB	Warrenton, N. C.
John Hayes	HB	Durham, N. C.
Charles Henderson		
Bobby Hodges	E	Kinston, N. C.
Willie Holland	G	Wilson, N. C.
Nick Kanos	T	Fayetteville, N. C.
Claude King	E	Wilmington, N. C.
Mike Kovack	HB	Tarrytown, N. Y.
Jimmy Lassiter		Raleigh, N. C.
Don MacKenzie	T	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Frank Madigan	C	Portsmouth, Va.
Bill McDonald	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Pete Meadows	C	Kinston, N. C.
Robert Platt		Williamston, N. C.
Larry Rhodes	E	High Point, N. C.
Dwight Shoe	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Sandy Siler	QB	Siler City, N. C.
Dennis Smith	G	Chocowinity, N. C.
John Swart	G	Wilmington, N. C.
Luke Taylor	C	Greenville, N. C.
Bobby Thomas	T	Henderson, N. C.
Boyd Webb	QB	Gastonia, N. C.
Cecil Winslow	E	Hertford, N. C.
Illard Yarborough	HB	High Point, N. C.

1952 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Thomas Allsbrook	HB	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Teddy Barnes	FB	Wilson, N. C.
Raymond Bass	HB	Halifax, N. C.
Alden Bean	T	High Point, N. C.
Jack Benzie	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Edward Boado	HB	Wilmington, N. C.
J. D. Bradford	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Jack Britt	HB	Fairmont, N. C.
Ralph Britt	FB	Mount Olive, N. C.
Johnnie Brown	T	Washington, N. C.
Donald Burton	G	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Thurston Callahan	T	Whiteville, N. C.
Buddy Cannady	FB	Manteo, N. C.
Bob Chambers	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Dick Cherry	QB	Washington, N. C.
Gaither Cline	C	Gastonia, N. C.
Milton Collier	QB	Portsmouth, Va.
Archie Congleton	G	Ahoskie, N. C.
Grady Dickerson	G	Henderson, N. C.
James Faircloth	C	Erwin, N. C.
Fred Floyd	G	Norfolk, Va.
Paul Gay	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Lynwood Grissom	QB	Wilmington, N. C.
John Hayes	HB	Durham, N. C.
Bobby Hodges	E	Kinston, N. C.
Willie Holland	T	Wilson, N. C.
Nick Kanos	T	Fayetteville, N. C.
Claude King	FB	Wilmington, N. C.
David Lee	T	Tarboro, N. C.
Frank Madigan	C	Portsmouth, Va.
Joel Martin	C	Wilmington, N. C.
Carlton Matthews	FB	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Ed Matthews	T	Raleigh, N. C.
Bill McDonald	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Worth Millard	G	Wilson, N. C.
Harold O'Kelley	HB	High Point, N. C.
John Painter	E	Gastonia, N. C.
Harry Rainey	HB	Lexington, N. C.
Larry Rhodes	E	High Point, N. C.
George Rice	G	Wilson, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Charles Satterwhite	G	Raleigh, N. C.
Dwight Shoe	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Richard Siler	QB	Siler City, N. C.
Dan Skinner	E	Wilmington, N. C.
Dennis Smith	G	Chocowinity, N. C.
Walter Stanfield	E	Selma, N. C.
James Stanley	HB	Washington, N. C.
Bobby Strickland	FB	Fayetteville, N. C.
Luke Taylor	C	Lancaster, S. C.
Bobby Thomas	G	Henderson, N. C.
George Tucker	G	Monroe, N. C.
Frank Turner	T	Fayetteville, N. C.
Boyd Webb	QB	Gastonia, N. C.
Illard Yarborough	HB	High Point, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Thomas Allsbrook	HB	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Joe Answer	G	Greenville, N. C.
Theodore Barnes	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Edward Emo Boado	HB	Wilmington, N. C.
J. D. Bradford	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Jack Britt	HB	Fairmont, N. C.
Johnny Brown	T	Washington, N. C.
Donald Burton	G	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
William Earl Cain	E	Rockingham, N. C.
Thurston Callahan	T	Whiteville, N. C.
Robert Carter	T	Williamston, N. C.
William Chadwick	G	Jacksonville,
Robert Chambers	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Charlie Cherry	E	Washington,
Dick Cherry	QB	Washington, N. C.
Wavely Chesson	C	Washington, N. C.
Gaither Cline	C	Gastonia, N. C.
Louis Collier	QB	Portsmouth, Va.
John Daughtry	FB	Wilmington, N. C.
Grady Dickerson	G	Henderson, N. C.
William Dutka	QB	New Brunswick
William Eanes	FB	Lexington,
James Faircloth	C	Erwin, N. C.
Paul Gay	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Robert Gay	HB	Wilson, N. C.
James Greeson	E	Gibsonville, N. C.
Al Habit	E	Edenton, N. C.
R. C. Hall	E	Selma, N. C.
Louis Hallow	C	Goldsboro, N. C.
John (Tippy) Hayes	HB	Durham, N. C.
Charles Helms	E	Monroe, N. C.
James Henderson	HB	Raleigh, N. C.
Robert Hodges	E	Kinston, N. C.
Willie Holland	T	Wilson, N. C.
Kenneth Holt	T	Petersburg, Ba.
Boyd Hooper	QB	Reidsville, N. C.
William Hux	QB	Weldon, N. C.
Tim Kermon	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Claude King	FB	Wilmington, N. C.
Donald Larimore	T	Winston-Salem, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
David Lee	T	Tarboro, N. C.
Carleton Matthews	FB	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Howard McAdams	C	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Harold O'Kelly	HB	High Point, N. C.
Raymond Overton	T	Wilmington, N. C.
Raymond Pennington	E	Greensboro, N. C.
Robert Perry	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Paul Popov	G	Kinston, N. C.
Harry Rainey	E	Lexington,
Larry Rhodes	E	High Point, N. C.
George Rice	G	Wilson, N. C.
Chester Rogerson	T	Ahoskie, N. C.
Wayne Shoe	G	Salisbury, N. C.
Charles Smith	T	Fairmont, N. C.
James Stanley	HB	Washington, N. C.
Ezra Strickland	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Gene Taylor	T	Washington, N. C.
Robert Thomas	G	Henderson, N. C.
George Tucker	G	Monroe, N. C.
Boyd Webb	QB	Gastonia, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jack Allen	C	Farmville, N. C.
Jimmy Allen	T	Farmville, N. C.
Thomas Allsbrook	HB	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Larry Barker	C	Oriental, N. C.
Charlie Bishop	HB	Washington, N. C.
J. D. Bradford	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Emil Broado	HB	Wilmington, N. C.
Jerry Brooks	T	Rockingham, N. C.
Donald Burton	G	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
William Cain	E	Rockingham, N. C.
Robert Chambers	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Richard Cherry	QB	Washington, N. C.
Wavely Chesson	C	Washington, N. C.
Gaither Cline	C	Gastonia, N. C.
Milton Collier	QB	Portsmouth, Va.
Robert Conway	E	Greenville, N. C.
Vernon Davis	FB	
Eddie Dennie	QB	Durham, N. C.
Grady Dickerson	G	Henderson, N. C.
Paul Gay	HB	Farmville, N. C.
Robert Gay	FB	Wilson, N. C.
Charles Gordon	FB	
David Granitz	QB	Greenville, N. C.
Boyd Greeson	G	Gibsonville, N. C.
R. G. Hall	E	Selma, N. C.
Ray Hall	FB	
Winfred Hall	C	Clayton, N. C.
Louis Hallow	C	Goldsboro, N. C.
John Hayes	HB	Durham, N. C.
William Helms	E	Monroe, N. C.
James Henderson	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Willie Holland	T	Wilson, N. C.
William Hux	QB	Weldon, N. C.
Lawson Jackson	FB	Henderson, N. C.
William James	HB	Wallace, N. C.
Tommy Jones	G	Oxford, N. C.
Tim Kermon	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Claude King	FB	Wilmington, N. C.
James Knight	T	Raleigh, N. C.
Robert Langston	FB	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Don Larimore	G	Winston-Salem, N. C.
David Lee	G	Tarboro, N. C.
Gary Mattocks	HB	Southern Pines, N. C.
Robert Maynard	FB	Cary, N. C.
Joe Mayo	G	Kinston, N. C.
Howard McAdams	FB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Eddie Nelson	HB	Washington, N. C.
Harold O'Kelly	HB	High Point, N. C.
Raymond Overton	T	Wilmington, N. C.
Alfred Owens	E	Edenton, N. C.
Robert Patterson	QB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Raymond Pennington	E	Greensboro, N. C.
Robert Perry	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Paul Popov	G	Kinston, N. C.
Harry Rainey	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Larry Rhodes	E	High Point, N. C.
George Rice	G	Wilson, N. C.
Curtis Roberson	T	Robersonville, N. C.
Jimmy Robinson	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Chester Rogerson	T	Ahoskie, N. C.
Louis Slade	HB	
Charles Smith	T	Fairmont, N. C.
James Stanley	HB	Washington, N. C.
George Tucker	T	Monroe, N. C.
John Warren	FB	
Boyd Webb	QB	Gastonia, N. C.
Pinky Young	E	Washington, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Huey Allen	FB	Wendell, N. C.
Jack Allen	E	Farmville, N. C.
Harold Beal	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Charlie Bishop	HB	Washington, N. C.
Emil Boado	HB	Wilmington, N. C.
J. D. Bradford	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Jerry Brooks	T	Rockingham, N. C.
Ken Burgess	G	Brulington, N. C.
Robert Chambers	E	Salisbury, N. C.
Dick Cherry	QB	Washington, N. C.
Wavely Chesson	C	Washington, N. C.
Milton Collier	QB	Portsmouth, Va.
Richard Conder	T	Hamlet, N. C.
Robert Conway	E	Greenville, N. C.
Eddie Dennis	QB	Durham, N. C.
Carlton Hall	QB	Ahoskie, N. C.
Louis Hallow	C	Goldsboro, N. C.
Walkie Hanford	HB	Burlington, N. C.
William Helms	E	Monroe, N. C.
James Henderson	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Charles Hoover	G	Reidsville, N. C.
Harold Huffman	G	Marion, N. C.
Baxter Huss	HB	Chase City, N. C.
Lawson Jackson	FB	Henderson, N. C.
William James	HB	Wallace, N. C.
Tommy Jones	E	Oxford, N. C.
Don Larimore	T	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Leonard Lilley	HB	Tarboro, N. C.
Robert Lilley	FB	Tarboro, N. C.
Gary Mattocks	QB	Southern Pines, N. C.
Joe Mawo	G	Kinston, N. C.
Robert Maynard	FB	Cary, N. C.
Tom Mixon	C	Statesville, N. C.
Richard Monds	G	Dunn, N. C.
Thomas Nash	HB	Monroe, N. C.
Gilbert Nelson	HB	Washington, N. C.
Harold O'Kelly	FB	High Point, N. C.
Raymond Overton	T	Wilmington, N. C.
Raymond Pennington	E	Greensboro, N. C.
Robert Perry	HB	Greenville, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Paul Popov	G	Kinston, N. C.
Chester Rogerson	T	Ahoskie, N. C.
George Slaughter	FB	New Bern, N. C.
Charles Smith	T	Fairmont, N. C.
James Speight	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Dalwyn Suggs	HB	Dunn, N. C.
Thomas Waggoner	E	Dunn, N. C.
Kent Wickizer	T	Morehead City, N. C.
Pinky Young	E	Washington, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Lynn Barnett	C	Alexandria, Va.
Harold Beale	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Charlie Bishop	HB	Washington, N. C.
Jerry Brooks	T	Rockingham, N. C.
Ken Burgess	G	Burlington, N. C.
Dick Cherry	QB	Washington, N. C.
Wavely Chesson	T	Washington, N. C.
Robert Clark	E	Tarboro, N. C.
Robert Conway	E	Greenville, N. C.
George Dennis	G	Norfolk, Va.
Bob Derring	T	Virginia Beach, Va.
James Faircloth	C	Erwin, N. C.
Bob Gay	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Walkie Hanford	HB	Burlington, N. C.
William Helms	E	Monroe, N. C.
James Henderson	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Randell Holmes	E	Manteo, N. C.
Charles Hoover	G	Reidsville, N. C.
Tommy Jones	E	Oxford, N. C.
Don Larimore	T	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Leonard Lilley	HB	Tarboro, N. C.
Robert Lilley	FB	Tarboro, N. C.
Gary Mattocks	QB	Southern Pines, N. C.
Robert Maynard	FB	Cary, N. C.
Joe Mayo	G	Kinston, N. C.
Tom Mixon	C	Statesville, N. C.
Richard Monds	G	Dunn, N. C.
Thomas Nash	HB	Monroe, N. C.
Raymond Overton	T	Wilmington, N. C.
Robert Patterson	HB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Raymond Pennington	E	Greensboro, N. C.
Robert Perry	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Paul Popov	G	Kinston, N. C.
Carl Rhodes	G	Morehead City, N. C.
Chester Rogerson	T	Ahoskie, N. C.
Tommy Scribner	HB	Springdale, Conn.
George Slaughter	FB	New Bern, N. C.
Charles Smith	T	Fairmont, N. C.
James Speight	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Thomas Waggoner	E	Dunn, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kemp Wickizer	FB	Morehead City, N. C.
Ralph Zehring	QB	Alexandria, Va.

1957 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Lee Atkinson	HB	New Bern, N. C.
Lynn Barnett	C	Alexandria, Va.
Glenn Bass	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Howard Beale	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Charlie Bishop	HB	Washington, N. C.
Tommy Bland	G	Norfolk, Va.
Jerry Brooks	T	Rockingham, N. C.
Ken Burgess	G	Burlington, N. C.
Bill Cain	E	Rockingham, N. C.
Charles Cooke	T	Wilmington, N. C.
James Daughtridge	C	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Wayne Davis	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Bucky Dennis	E	South Norfolk, Va.
Pat Draughon	HB	Clinton, N. C.
Charles Dyson	G	Rockingham, N. C.
Ed Emory	G	Lancaster, S. C.
James Faircloth	T	Erwin, N. C.
Ray Hall	FB	
Walkie Hanford	HB	Burlington, N. C.
Bert Harrell	C	Norfolk, Va.
Stuart Holland	QB	Edenton, N. C.
Randell Holmes	HB	Manteo, N. C.
Larry Howell	T	Monroe, N. C.
Marvin Jones	C	Durham, N. C.
Tommy Jones	E	Oxford, N. C.
Joe Lewis	T	Belmont, N. C.
Bobby Lilley	HB	Tarboro, N. C.
Leonard Lilley	HB	Tarboro, N. C.
Carlton Matthews	G	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Bob Maynard	HB	Cary, N. C.
Dick Monds	G	Dunn, N. C.
Tommy Nash	HB	Monroe, N. C.
Bobby Patterson	HB	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Perry Pearson	T	Gastonia, N. C.
William Phelps	T	Norfolk, Va.
Gary Pierce	T	New Castle, Del.
Charles Rogers	G	Monroe, N. C.
Robert Ruck	G	
Vernon Salmon	HB	Wallace, N. C.
Baxter Savage	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Leroy Singleton	T	
Bill Skeeter	QB	Portsmouth, Va.
George Slaughter	HB	New Bern, N. C.
James Speight	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Fritz Tanner	HB	
Karrol Teachey	G	
David Thomas	E	Drexel, N. C.
George Turner	QB	Norfolk, Va.
Charles Vansant	E	
Charles Vaughan	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Hilton Woolard	E	Bath, N. C.
Ralph Zehring	QB	Alexandria, Va.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Lee Atkinson	HB	New Bern, N. C.
Lynn Barnett	C	Alexandria, Va.
Glenn Bass	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Howard Beale	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Charles Bishop	HB	Washington, N. C.
C. J. Browne	E	Asheboro, N. C.
William Cain	E	Rockingham, N. C.
Jerry Carpenter	QB	Gastonia, N. C.
Charles Cook	T	Wilmington, N. C.
John Cutler	G	Kinston, N. C.
Vernon David	FB	Clayton, N. C.
Wayne Davis	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Eddie Draughon	HB	Clinton, N. C.
Edward Emory	T	Lancaster, S. C.
Charles Gordon	G	Clayton, N. C.
James Gordon	G	Gastonia, N. C.
Phil Halstead	HB	Charleston, W. Va.
Nick Hilgert	QB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Stuart Holland	QB	Edenton, N. C.
Dallas Hollingsworth	G	Clinton, N. C.
Randell Holmes	FB	Manteo, N. C.
Henry Kwiatkowski	T	Clifton Heights, Pa.
Perry Lane	T	Ahseboro, N. C.
Larry Lisk	E	Albermarle, N. C.
Jones Lockerman	E	Clinton, N. C.
Joe Loflin	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Thomas Matthews	HB	Hertford, N. C.
Thomas Nash	HB	Monroe, N. C.
Perry Pearson	T	Gastonia, N. C.
Robert Perry	HB	Greenville, N. C.
Gary Pierce	T	New Castle, Del.
Melvin Riff	FB	Elizabethtown, N. C.
David Rogers	FB	Fairmont, N. C.
James Speight	FB	Greenville, N. C.
Earl Sweet	T	Portsmouth, Va.
David Thomas	E	Lawrence, Kan.
George Turner	QB	London Bridge, Va.
Henry Vansant	C	Hampton, Va.
Charles Vaughan	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Johnny Wike	G	Mt. Holly, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Dempsey Williams	G	Fayetteville, N. C.
Ralph Zehring	QB	Alexandria, Va.

1959 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Lynn Barnett	C	Alexandria, Va.
Sonny Basinger	HB	Concord, N. C.
Glenn Bass	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Howard Beale	E	Portsmouth, Va.
C. J. Browne	E	Asheboro, N. C.
Bill Cain	E	Rockingham, N. C.
Cary Canady	T	Lumberton, N. C.
Jerry Carpenter	QB	Gastonia, N. C.
Charles Cook	T	Wilmington, N. C.
John Cutler	G	Kinston, N. C.
Vernon Davis	T	Clayton, N. C.
Wayne Davis	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Eddie Draughon	HB	Clinton, N. C.
Edward Emory	T	Lancaster, S. C.
Charles Gordon	C	Clayton, N. C.
James Gordon	G	Gastonia, N. C.
Robert Gregson	G	Asheboro, N. C.
Phil Halstead	FB	Charleston, W. Va.
Walter Handford	HB	Graham, N. C.
Nick Hilgert	QB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Stuart Holland	QB	Edenton, N. C.
Dallas Hollingsworth	G	Clinton, N. C.
Henry Kwiatkowski	T	Clifton Heights, Pa.
Jones Lockerman	E	Clinton, N. C.
Joe Loflin	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Thomas Matthews	HB	Hertford, N. C.
Cary Parker	HB	Hopewell, Va.
Gary Pierce	T	New Castle, Del.
Clayton Piland	T	Winton, N. C.
Melvin Riff	FB	Fairmont, N. C.
Mac Roebuck	HB	Greenville, N. C.
David Rogers	FB	Monroe, N. C.
Mack Seymour	HB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
James Speight	HB	Greenville, N. C.
George Stafford	QB	Hamlet, N. C.
John Stauffer	T	Columbus, Ohio
William Strickland	HB	Portsmouth, Va.
Mac Thacker	FB	Henderson, N. C.
David Thomas	E	Lawrence, Kan
George Turner	QB	London Bridge, Va.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Henry Vansant	C	Hampton, Va.
Johnny Wike	G	Mt. Holly, N. C.
Dempsey Williams	G	Fayetteville, N. C.
Ralph Zehring	QB	Alexandria, Va.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Glenn Bass	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Sonny Baysinger	Hb	Concord, N. C.
Bobby Bumgardner	E	Granite Falls, N. C.
Cary Canady	T	Lumberton, N. C.
Vernon Davis	T	Clayton, N. C.
Wayne Davis	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Charles Gordon	C	Clayton, N. C.
Robert Gregson	G	Asheboro, N. C.
Phil Halstead	FB	Charleston, W. Va.
Nick Hilgert	FB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Dallas Hollingsworth	G	Clinton, N. C.
Henry Kwiatkowski	T	Clifton Heights, Pa.
Jones Lockerman	E	Clinton, N. C.
John V. Matthews	HB	Hertford, N. C.
Thomas Matthews	HB	Hertford, N. C.
James McDiarmid	T	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Robert Moore	E	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Cary Parker	QB	Hopewell, Va.
Gary Pierce	T	New Castle, Del.
Clayton Piland	G	Winton, N. C.
David Rogers	FB	Monroe, N. C.
Dan Rouse	QB	Newport News, Va.
Mack Seymore	HB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
David Smith	C	Whiteville, N. C.
George Stafford	QB	Hamlet, N. C.
Richard Stevens	HB	Whiteville, N. C.
Murray Strawbridge	G	Williamston, N. C.
William Strickland	FB	Portsmouth, Va.
Earl Sweet	T	Portsmouth, Va.
Mack Thacker	HB	Henderson, N. C.
Bill Torrence	HB	Salisbury, N. C.
Henry Vansant	C	Hampton, Va.
Jerry Wilkins	FB	Dunn, N. C.
Dempsey Williams	G	Fayetteville, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Maurice Allen	FB	Henderson, N. C.
Johnny Anderson	E	Marion, N. C.
Bobby Bumgardner	E	Granite Falls, N. C.
Bill Burton	T	Hampton, Va.
Skipper Duke	T	Washington, N. C.
Vince Eiduke	QB	Washington, Pa.
Frank Friedland	G	Newport News, Va.
Frank Galloway	HB	Wilson, N. C.
Charles Gordon	C	Clayton, N. C.
Phil Halstead	FB	Charleston, W. Va.
Nick Hilgert	FB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Dallas Hollingsworth	G	Clinton, N. C.
Richard Huneycutt	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Richard Jackson	HB	Hickory, N. C.
Ricky Jarrell	HB	Kernersville, N. C.
Ralph Kinsey	HB	Charlotte, N. C.
Perry Lane	T	Asheboro, N. C.
Jones Lockerman	E	Clinton, N. C.
John Matthews	HB	Hertford, N. C.
Tommy Matthews	HB	Hertford, N. C.
James McDiarmid	T	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Thomas Michel	HB	Arlington, Va.
Robert Muldrow	E	Bishopville, S. C.
Robert Nesbit	G	Salisbury, N. C.
Cary Parker	QB	Hopewell, Va.
Jerry Paul	C	Washington, N. C.
Ned Pickford	HB	Washington, D. C.
Clayton Piland	T	Winton, N. C.
Dan Rouse	QB	Newport News, Va.
Ralph Royster	G	Henderson, N. C.
Larry Rudisill	HB	Hickory, N. C.
David Smith	C	Whiteville, N. C.
Richard Stevens	HB	Whiteville, N. C.
Buddy Stewart	T	Wilmington, N. C.
Murray Strawbridge	G	Williamston, N. C.
Billy Strickland	FB	Portsmouth, Va.
Earl Sweet	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Peter Thorell	HB	Stafford-Wayne, Pa.
Wendle F. Weathington	G	Mooresville, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bill Albertson	T	Kinston, N. C.
Maurice Allen	BB	Henderson, N. C.
Johnny Anderson	E	Marion, N. C.
Bill Bailey	FB	Tarboro, N. C.
Whitty Bass	TB	Wilson, N. C.
Claude Brett	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Mickey Brown	T	Asheboro, N. C.
Bobby Bumgardner	E	Granite Falls, N. C.
Dave Bumgarner	E	Valdese, N. C.
Bill Burton	T	Hampton, Va.
Cecil Cherry	G	Washington, N. C.
Bill Cline	TB	Valdese, N. C.
Al Crawford	G	Greenville, N. C.
Ted Day	G	Washington, N. C.
Skipper Duke	T	Washington, N. C.
Vince Eiduke	TB	Washington, Pa.
Jim Floyd	T	Loris, S. C.
Frankie Galloway	E	Wilson, N. C.
Phil Harris	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Jim Hoover	C	Clinton, N. C.
Bartow Houston	TB	Washington, N. C.
Richard Jackson	WB	Hickory, N. C.
Ricky Harrell	WB	Kernersville, N. C.
Ralph Kinsey	BB	Charlotte, N. C.
James Leftwich	C	Vinton, Va.
Murray McDiarmid	T	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Tom Michel	FB	Arlington, Va.
Dinky Mills	WB	Ayden, N. C.
Bob Nesbit	T	Salisbury, N. C.
Colon Quinn	T	Warsaw, N. C.
George Rouse	E	Newport News, Va.
Ralph Royster	G	Henderson, N. C.
Larry Rudisill	WB	Hickory, N. C.
Dave Smith	C	Whiteville, N. C.
Leroy Spivey	E	Edenton, N. C.
Richard Stevens	E	Whiteville, N. C.
Buddy Stewart	G	Wilmington, N. C.
Billy Strickland	FB	Portsmouth, Va.
Earl Sweet	G	Portsmouth, Va.
Pete Thorell	BB	Stafford-Wayne, Pa.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jerry Tolley	WB	Edenton, N. C.
Bill Vanney	BB	South Boston, Va.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Dave Alexander	FB	Washington, D. C.
Maurice Allen	BB	Henderson, N. C.
Johnny Anderson	E	Marion, N. C.
Jay Andrews	G	Louisville, Ky.
Gary Bach	C	Arlington, Va.
Whitty Bass	TB	Wilson, N. C.
Buddy Bovender	TB	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Ikey Bullard	BB	Lumberton, N. C.
Dave Bumgarner	E	Valdese, N. C.
Mitchell Cannon	C	Farmville, N. C.
Johnny Canup	WB	Salisbury, N. C.
Bill Cline	TB	Valdese, N. C.
Ted Day	G	Washington, N. C.
Skipper Duke	T	Washington, N. C.
Russell Fields	G	Greenville, N. C.
Frankie Galloway	E	Wilson, N. C.
Lynn Goforth	G	Olin, N. C.
Phil Harris	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Kenneth Heath	T	Havelock, N. C.
Truman Hilton	E	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Jim Hoover	FB	Ridley, Pa.
Bubba Hopkins	T	Edenton, N. C.
Richard Huneycutt	E	Portsmouth, Va.
Rickey Jarrell	WB	Kernersville, N. C.
Ralph Kinsey	BB	Charlotte, N. C.
Elmer Krusa	G	Clifton, N. J.
James Leftwich	C	Vinton, Va.
Rickey Leggett	G	Kinston, N. C.
Neel Linker	G	Mooresville, N. C.
Don Mattox	C	Wilson, N. C.
John McPhaul	E	Raeford, N. C.
Corie McRae	T	Thomasville, N. C.
Tom Michel	FB	Arlington, Va.
Dinky Mills	FB	Ayden, N. C.
David Neill	T	Clifton Heights, Pa.
Ruffin Odom	E	Ahoskie, N. C.
Raymond Perry	C	Albermarle, N. C.
Colon Quinn	T	Warsaw, N. C.
Paul Reif	WB	New Castle, Del.
George Richardson	TB	Chevy Chase, Md.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kenneth Robertson	FB	Leaksville, N. C.
Ralph Royster	G	Henderson, N. C.
Larry Rudisill	WB	Hickory, N. C.
Will Siler	C	Siler City, N. C.
Leroy Spivey	E	Edenton, N. C.
James Stewart	T	Wilmington, N. C.
John Sumner	T	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Norman Swindell	BB	New Bern, N. C.
Jerry Tolley	WB	Edenton, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Dave Alexander	FB	Washington, D. C.
Johnny Anderson	E	Marion, N. C.
Jay Andrews	G	Louisville, Ky.
Richard Bass	E	Wilson, N. C.
John Bernhardt	T	Salisbury, N. C.
Charles Boggs	WB	Fairfax, Va.
Walter Bostic	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Harry Brandt	FB	West Long Branch, N. J.
Jim Brennan	G	Arlington, Va.
Carl Brown	C	Lexington, S. C.
Ikey Bullard	BB	Lumberton, N. C.
David Bumgarner	E	Valdese, N. C.
Mitchell Cannon	G	Farmville, N. C.
Johnny Canup	WB	Salisbury, N. C.
Bill Cline	TB	Valdese, N. C.
Leroy Cobb	T	Greensboro, N. C.
Wallace Collins	E	Dover, Del.
Sid Cooke	TB	Colonial Heights, Va.
Richard Cortese	T	Washington, D. C.
Franklin Cox	T	Plymouth, N. C.
Pete Crane	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Johnny Crew	C	Morganton, N. C.
Richard Davis	BB	Bladenboro, N. C.
Ted Day	T	Washington, N. C.
David DeGrange	E	Ellicott City, Md.
Ken Dodd	G	Norfolk, Va.
Skipper Duke	G	Washington, N. C.
Robert Ellis	WB	Burlington, N. C.
Jack Foley	TB	Greenville, N. C.
Charles Forbes	WB	Robersonville, N. C.
Harold Glaettli	C	Catlett, Va.
Lynn Goforth	G	Olin, N. C.
Robert Goodman	C	Manassas, Va.
Churchill Grimes	E	Washington, N. C.
Mike Handy	WB	Ridgeway, N. C.
Truman Hilton	E	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Jim Hoover	FB	Ridley, Pa.
Charles Laughinghouse	T	Greenville, N. C.
James Leftwich	G	Vinton, Va.
Doug Lewis	E	Thomasville, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Rubie Lewis	T	Clinton, N. C.
Neel Linker	G	Mooreville, N. C.
John McPhaul	E	Raeford, N. C.
Corie McRae	G	Thomasville, N. C.
Dinky Mills	WB	Ayden, N. C.
Jimmy Newman	E	Greenville, N. C.
Ruffin Odom	E	Ahoskie, N. C.
Raymond Perry	C	Albermarle, N. C.
Colon Quinn	T	Warsaw, N. C.
George Richardson	FB	Chevy Chase, Md.
Ken Robertson	FB	Leaksville, N. C.
Larry Rudisill	WB	Hickory, N. C.
Bob Ryan	E	Richmond, Va.
Norman Swindell	BB	New Bern, N. C.
Jerry Tolley	WB	Edenton, N. C.
Sammy Viverette	T	Enfield, N. C.
Harry Webster	WB	Murfreesboro, N. C.
James Wheeler	FB	Wilson, N. C.
Steve Wright	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.

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James Allen Abernethy	E	Hildebran, N. C.
Dave Alexander	FB	Washington, D. C.
Jay Andrews	G	Louisville, Ky.
Vincent Badalamenti	E	Nutley, N. J.
Bill Bailey	FB	Tarboro, N. C.
Walter E. Bostic	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Carl T. Brown	G	Lexington, N. C.
Ikey Bullard	BB	Lumberton, N. C.
Mitchell Cannon	G	Farmville, N. C.
Dwight Carter	T	Newport News, Va.
L. B. Clayton, Jr.	T	Angier, N. C.
Leroy Cobb	T	Greensboro, N. C.
James Herman Collins	FB	Durham, N. C.
Pete Crane	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
Johnny Crew	C	Morganton, N. C.
David DeGrange	T	Wilmington, N. C.
Robert Ellis	WB	Burlington, N. C.
Robert K. Farris	K	Falls Church, Va.
Jack Foley, III	TB	Greenville, N. C.
Charles Forbes	TB	Robersonville, N. C.
Harold Glaettli	C	Catlett, Va.
Milton Alfred Glass	C	Hopewell, Va.
Thomas Grant	WB	St. Augustine, Fla.
Nelson Gravatt	BB	Burkeville, Va.
Churchill Grimes	E	Washington, N. C.
Mike Herring	E	Whiteville, N. C.
Todd Hicks	WB	Gastonia, N. C.
Steve Hudson	G	Hickory, N. C.
Neal Hughes	TB	Asheboro, N. C.
Paul Hutchins	G	Gibsonia, Pa.
Bob Koehlar	WB	Kinston, N. C.
Neel Linker	T	Mooreville, N. C.
William Neil Martin	T	Washington, N. C.
Dennis McClenny	G	Goldsboro, N. C.
John McPhaul	E	Raeford, N. C.
Corie McRae	T	Thomasville, N. C.
Greg Medinger	E	Spencer, N. C.
Kevin Moran	G	Manchester, N. H.
Ellis Nottingham	E	Washington, D. C.
Ruffin Odom	E	Ahoskie, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Dickie Patton	E	Burlington, N. C.
William Henry Prince	T	Exmore, Va.
William D. Reagan, Jr.	T	High Point, N. C.
George Richardson	TB	Chevy Chase, Md.
Paul Schnurr	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
John Richard Schwarz	T	Asheboro, N. C.
Jimmy Shuffler	C	New Bern, N. C.
James Snyder	FB	Franklin, N. J.
Norman Swindell	BB	New Bern, N. C.
Vic Sykes	E	Arlington, Va.
Joseph Testo	BB	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Sammy Viverette	T	Enfield, N. C.

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Jimmy Adkins	E	Kinston, N. C.
Dusty Anderson	G	Raleigh, N. C.
Bill Bailey	TB	Tarboro, N. C.
Walter Bostic	G	Warsaw, N. C.
Michael Bridges	DB	Hickory, N. C.
Steve Buchholz	FB	Dayton, Ohio
Ed Carlson	E	Charlotte, N. C.
L. B. Clayton	T	Angier, N. C.
Leroy Cobb	T	Greensboro, N. C.
Bill Cothren	DB	Statesville, N. C.
Pete Crane	T	Fayetteville, N. C.
Johnny Crewe	C	Morganton, N. C.
Buford Davis	E	Raeford, N. C.
Jeff Dudley	E	Stella, N. C.
Mike Ellis	DB	Burlington, N. C.
Robert Ellis	WB	Burlington, N. C.
Robert Farris	K	Falls Church, Va.
Jim Flowe	DB	Charlotte, N. C.
Charlie Forbes	TB	Robersonville, N. C.
George Gay	FB	Charlottesville, Va.
All Glass	C	Hopewell, Va.
Tom Grant	WB	St. Augustine, Fla.
Nelson Gravatt	BB	Burkesville, Va.
Ben Grieb	G	Alexandria, Va.
Churchill Grimes	E	Washington, N. C.
John Guyette	T	Fairless Hills, Pa.
Alan Hall	FB	Chesapeake, Va.
Ham Hamilton	T	Orlando, Fla.
Mike Herring	G	Whiteville, N. C.
Van Hester	C	Burlington, N. C.
Todd Hicks	WB	Gastonia, N. C.
Neal Hughes	TB	Asheboro, N. C.
Myles Hunnicutt	E	Vienna, Va.
Paul Hutchins	G	Gibsonia, Pa.
Johnny Johnson	E	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Robert Koehler	DB	Kinston, N. C.
Wayne Lineberry	C	Wadesboro, N. C.
Bill Livermore	T	Raleigh, N. C.
Mitchell McIntosh	DB	Rockingham, N. C.
Dave Meadows	DB	Remington, Va.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Greg Medinger	E	Spencer, N. C.
Kevin Moran	T	Manchester, N. H.
Ellis Nottingham	G	Washington, D. C.
Ruffin Odom	E	Ahoskie, N. C.
Skipper Oliver	DB	Fayetteville, N. C.
Charles Overton	BB	Edenton, N. C.
Ricky Parker	T	Nashville, N. C.
Bill Prince	T	Exmore, Va.
Bill Reagan	T	High Point, N. C.
Bob Reynolds	E	Ayden, N. C.
Fella Rhodes	DB	Chesapeake, Va.
Buck Rogers	T	Freeman, Va.
Randy Rose	G	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Paul Schnurr	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
John Schwarz	T	Asheboro, N. C.
Jimmy Shuffler	C	New Bern, N. C.
Worth Springs	T	Charlotte, N. C.
Joe Testo	BB	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Ronald Vincent	T	Greenville, N. C.
Jeff Wayne	E	Charlotte, N. C.
Bob Withrow	E	Dayton, Ohio
Dennis Young	TB	Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Jimmy Adkins	E	Kinston, N. C.
Phil Bilodeau	T	Manchester, N. H.
Mike Boaz	DB	Fairmont, N. C.
Rogert Bost	E	Statesville, N. C.
Bernie Braak	G	Castle Hayne, N. C.
Mike Bridges	WB	Hickory, N. C.
Tommy Bullock	DB	Raleigh, N. C.
Butch Colson	FB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Bill Cothren	DB	Statesville, N. C.
Jeff Dudley	E	Stella, N. C.
Robert Farris	K	Falls Church, Va.
Dwight Flanagan	DB	Edenton, N. C.
Jim Flowe	FB	Charlotte, N. C.
Stuart Garrett	TB	Newport News, Va.
George Gay	FB	Charlottesville, Va.
Harold Glaettli	C	Catlett, Va.
Al Glass	C	Hopewell, Va.
Tom Grant	WB	St. Augustine, Fla.
Nelson Gravatt	BB	Burkeville, Va.
Ben Grieb	G	Alexandria, Va.
Jim Gudger	BB	Cullowhee, N. C.
Dave Hamilton	T	Orlando, Fla.
Doug Henderson	WB	Gainesville, Fla.
Van Hester	C	Burlington, N. C.
Todd Hicks	WB	Gastonia, N. C.
Neal Hughes	DB	Asheboro, N. C.
Myles Hunnicutt	E	Vienna, Va.
Paul Hutchins	G	Gibsonia, Pa.
George Jenkins	FB	Wilson, N. C.
Stuart Laney	G	Wilmington, N. C.
Wayne Lineberry	G	Wadesboro, N. C.
Jamie Louis	C	Blacksburg, Va.
Richard Marroncelli	G	Rillton, Pa.
Bryan McClure	TB	Charlotte, N. C.
Greg Medinger	E	Spencer, N. C.
Peter Moe	K	Kirstiansand, Norway
Kevin Moran	G	Manchester, N. H.
Mike Murray	G	Redding, Pa.
Ellis Nottingham	T	Washington, D. C.
Charlie Overton	BB	Edenton, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Ronny Pearce	DB	Pulaski, Va.
Bill Prince	T	Exmore, Va.
Fella Rhodes	DB	Chesapeake, Va.
Paul Schnurr	E	Fayetteville, N. C.
John Schwarz	T	Asheboro, N. C.
Jimmie Shuffler	C	New Bern, N. C.
Worth Springs	T	Charlotte, N. C.
Charles Swanner	E	Edenton, N. C.
Joe Testo	E	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Bill Tucker	C	Albermarle, N. C.
Don Tyson	G	Fayetteville, N. C.
Ronald Vincent	T	Greenville, N. C.
Jeff Wayne	E	Charlotte, N. C.
Paul Weathersbee	C	Norwood, N. C.
George Wheeler	T	Buena Vista, Va.
Billy Wightman	TB	Graham, N. C.
John Williams	E	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Danny Wilmer	T	Buena Vista, Va.
Bob Withrow	E	Dayton, Ohio
Dennis Young	TB	Winston-Salem, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Frank Adams	T	Goldsboro, N. C.
Walter Adams	T	Deptford, N. J.
Jim Adkins	E	Kinston, N. C.
Melvyn Austin	WB	Charlotte, N. C.
Mike Baker	LB	Kinston, N. C.
Billy Beard	DB	Kannapolis, N. C.
Phil Bilodeau	G	Manchester, N. H.
Mike Boaz	DB	Fairmont, N. C.
Roger Bost	E	Statesville, N. C.
Mike Bridges	WB	Hickory, N. C.
Dave Brill	T	Woodstock, Va.
Donald Britton	E	Chincoteague, Va.
Jim Brown	E	Raleigh, N. C.
Tommy Bullock	WB	Raleigh, N. C.
Earl Burton	G	Charlottesville, Va.
John Butts	WB	Orange Park, Fla.
Morris Cherry	E	Durham, N. C.
Butch Colson	FB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Richard Corrada	WB	Richmond, Va.
Bill Cothren	FB	Statesville, N. C.
Steve Davis	G	Raleigh, N. C.
Jeff Dudley	DB	Stella, N. C.
Terry Edmondson	C	Fayetteville, N. C.
John Elrod	E	Norman, Okla.
Dwight Flanagan	DB	Edenton, N. C.
Jim Flowe	E	Charlotte, N. C.
Stu Garrett	DB	Newport News, Va.
George Gay	FB	Charlottesville, Va.
Ben Grieb	G	Alexandria, Va.
Jim Gudger	BB	Cullowhee, N. C.
Tonny Guzzo	K	Norfolk, Va.
Dave Hamilton	G	Orlando, Fla.
Dennis Hewston	BB	McKeesport, Pa.
Bob Jaronczyk	G	Norfolk, Va.
Stu Laney	G	Wilmington, N. C.
Wayne Lineberry	T	Wadesboro, N. C.
Jamie Louis	T	Blacksburg, Va.
Steve Luquire	K	Durham, N. C.
Bryan McClure	DB	Charlotte, N. C.
Mike McGuirk	FB	Arlington, Va.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Mike Mills	TB	Statesville, N. C.
Alex Monroe	T	Aberdeen, N. C.
John Morris	T	Norfolk, Va.
Charlie Overton	BB	Edenton, N. C.
Link Page	E	Elm City, N. C.
Tom Pulley	E	Durham, N. C.
Fella Rhodes	TB	Chesapeake, Va.
Pete Ribbins	E	Ontario, Canada
David Roberts	T	Jacksonville, N. C.
Wes Rothrock	DB	Enfield, N. C.
Wilbur Sasser	G	Goldsboro, N. C.
Worth Springs	G	Charlotte, N. C.
Ed Summerlin	FB	Tarboro, N. C.
Charles Swanner	E	Edenton, N. C.
John Tesh	T	Mt. Airy, N. C.
Bill Tucker	C	Albermarle, N. C.
Tim Tyler	T	Alexandria, Va.
Don Tyson	T	Fayetteville, N. C.
Paul Weathersbee	LB	Norwood, N. C.
George Wheeler	G	Buena Vista, Va.
George Whitley	WB	Charlotte, N. C.
Bill Wightman	TB	Graham, N. C.
Danny Wilmer	E	Buena Vista, Va.
Bob Withrow	E	Dayton, Ohio
Gerald Wrenn	K	Danville, Va.

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Frank Adams	G	Goldsboro, N. C.
Walter Adams	T	Deptford, N. J.
Mike Aldridge	E	Greenville, N. C.
Melvyn Austin	RB	Charlotte, N. C.
Garland Ballard	T	New Bern, N. C.
Billy Beard	RB	Kannapolis, N. C.
Ralph Betesh	T	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Phil Bilodeau	T	Manchester, N. H.
Mike Boaz	DHB	Fairmont, N. C.
Roger Bost	E	Statesville, N. C.
David Brill	BB	Woodstock, Va.
Butch Britton	G	Chincoteague, Va.
John Brothers	TB	Rockingham, N. C.
Lawson Brown	E	Lexington, N. C.
Tommy Bullock	DHB	Raleigh, N. C.
Earl Burton	G	Charlottesville, Va.
Paul Campbell	G	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Lyn Cherry	E	Durham, N. C.
Duke Clarke	C-LB	Greenville, N. C.
Earl Clary	K	Emporia, Va.
Butch Colson	FB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Richard Corrada	WB	Richmond, Va.
Alonzo Custer	C-LB	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
Steve Davis	G	Raleigh, N. C.
Terry Edmondson	C-LB	Fayetteville, N. C.
Richard Elliot	DHB	Knoxville, Tenn.
John Elrod	E	Austin, Tex.
Dwight Flanagan	WB	Edenton, N. C.
Stu Garrett	DHB	Newport News, Va.
David Glosson	C-LB	Hampton, Va.
Carl Gordon	E	Jacksonville, Fla.
Eddie Greene	E	Hamlet, N. C.
Jim Gudger	G	Cullowhee, N. C.
Robert Guido	BB	Hollywood, Fla.
Fred Harris	E	Matthews, N. C.
George Hendley	C-LB	Ocala, Fla.
Dennis Hewston	DHB	McKeesport, Pa.
Bob Hileman	E	Alexandria, Va.
John Hollenbach	T	Virginia Beach, Va.
John Hollingsworth	T	Fayetteville, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Tim Ilderton	BB	High Point, N. C.
Monty Kiernan	C-LB	Irvington, N. Y.
John Krivonak	G	Richlands, N. C.
Richard Little	T	Grifton, N. C.
Jamie Louis	T	Blacksburg, Va.
Charles McCaskill	T	Asheboro, N. C.
Chuck McClintock	DHB	Burlington, N. C.
Mike McGuirk	FB	Arlington, Va.
Bob Millie	E	Ontario, Canada
Mike Mills	DHB	Statesville, N. C.
William Mitchell	WB	Fayetteville, N. C.
Don Mollenhauer	C-LB	St. Augustine, Fla.
Alex Monroe	G	Aberdeen, N. C.
John Morris	T	Norfolk, Va.
Jack Patterson	TB	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ronnie Peed	C-LB	Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Tom Pulley	E	Durham, N. C.
Wes Rothrock	C-LB	Enfield, N. C.
John Rowe	G	Southern Pines, N. C.
Ted Salmon	T	Richmond, Va.
Wilbur Sasser	G	Goldsboro, N. C.
Rusty Scales	DHB	Little Falls, N. J.
Jim Sermons	E	Cove City, N. C.
George Snyder	DHB	Mt. Airy, N. C.
Charles Swanner	E	Edenton, N. C.
Doug Temple	G	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Grover Truslow	T	Lumberton, N. C.
Tim Tyler	T	Alexandria, Va.
Matt Walker	DHB	Rockingham, N. C.
Bill Wallace	FB	Edenton, N. C.
Paul Weathersbee	C-LB	Norwood, N. C.
George Wheeler	T	Buena Vista, Va.
George Whitley	DHB	Huntersville, N. C.
Bill Wightman	TB	Burlington, N. C.
Chipper Williams	T	Raleigh, N. C.
Danny Wilmer	E	Buena Vista, Va.
Pete Wooley	C-LB	River Vale, N. Y.
Gerald Wrenn	DHB	Danville, Va.
Bob Wunch	WB	Raleigh, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Mike Aldridge	SE	Greenville, N. C.
Fred Benevento	TB	Arlington, Va.
Ralph Betesh	LB	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rich Bradley	LB	Collingdale, Pa.
Butch Britton	LB	Chincoteague, Va.
John Brothers	DB	Rockingham, N. C.
John Buckkolz	DE	Southern Pines, N. C.
Earl Burton	OG	Earlysville, Va.
Dave Callahan	OT	Cheverly, Md.
Steve Cardano	DT	Cheverly, Md.
John Casazza	QB	Madison Township, N. J.
Russ Chandler	OG	Hendersonville, N. C.
Duke Clarke	OG	Fort Mitchell, Ky.
Earl Clary	K	Emporia, Va.
Tommy Cooper	TE	Hendersonville, N. C.
Dick Corrada	FLK	Richmond, Va.
Tom Counter	SE	Virginia Beach, Va.
Jimmy Creech	C	Wilmington, N. C.
Bill Croisetiere	TE	Alexandria, Va.
Timmy Dameron	SE	Burlington, N. C.
Steve Davis	OG	Smithfield, N. C.
Ronnie Douthit	DE	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Terry Edmondson	C	Fayetteville, N. C.
Mike Ervin	TE	Edenton, N. C.
Dwight Flanagan	FLK	Edenton, N. C.
Rick Fredrick	FLK	Goldsboro, N. C.
Chris Gallahan	LB	Alexandria, Va.
Dave Glosson	LB	Hampton, Va.
Carl Gordon	SE	Jacksonville, Fla.
Jim Gudger	DE	Commerce, Tex.
Tony Guzzo	K	Norfolk, Va.
Mark Hamilton	FLK	Englewood, Colo.
Fred Harris	TE	Hickory, N. C.
Paul Haug	OT	Fenton, Mo.
George Hendley	C	Ocala, Fla.
Bob Hileman	TE	Alexandria, Va.
John Hollingsworth	OT	Fayetteville, N. C.
Tim Ilderton	DE	High Point, N. C.
Brent Isley	SE	Burlington, N. C.
Terry Johnson	DT	Graham, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Monty Kiernan	LB	Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Ron Konrady	LB	Egg Harbor, N. J.
Mike Kopp	OG	Crestwood, Mo.
Jim Krivonak	OG	Richlands, N. C.
Tony Maglione	DT	Stirling, N. J.
Mike McGuirk	FB	Arlington, Va.
Greg Miller	SE	Havelock, N. C.
Ronnie Miller	FLK	Thomasville, N. C.
Bob Millie	SE	Toronto, Ontario
Mike Mills	DB	Statesville, N. C.
Will Mitchell	FLK	Fayetteville, N. C.
Don Mollenhauer	LB	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
Chris Nichols	LB	Asheboro, N. C.
Dick Paddock	DB	Allison Park, Pa.
Jack Patterson	QB	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ron Peed	OG	Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Richard Peeler	DT	Shelby, N. C.
Mark Pohren	C	Brighton, Iowa
Tom Pulley	DB	Durham, N. C.
Larry Pulliam	FB	Eden, N. C.
Harold Robinson	FB	Washington, N. C.
Wes Rothrock	DE	Enfield, N. C.
John Rowe	DE	Southern Pines, N. C.
Ted Salmon	DE	Richmond, Va.
Wilbur Sasser	OT	Goldsboro, N. C.
Rusty Scales	TB	Little Falls, N. J.
Mike Stephens	DB	Chincoteague, Va.
Sammy Stevens	DB	Seabrook, Md.
Les Strayhorn	TB	Trenton, N. C.
Ed Summerlin	TB	Tarboro, N. C.
Dave Szymanski	LB	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Tom Threlkeld	DB	Naples, Fla.
Grover Truslow	DT	Lumberton, N. C.
Tim Tyler	OT	Alexandria, Va.
Billy Wallace	FB	Edenton, N. C.
George Whitley	DB	Huntersville, N. C.
Pete Woolley	QB	River Vale, N. J.
Gerald Wrenn	DB	Danville, Va.
Chuck Zadnik	DT	Monongahela, Pa.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Fred Benevento	RB	Arlington, Va.
Ralph Betesh	LB	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bill Bodenhamer	OG	Jacksonville, N. C.
Vaughn Bozman	TE-K	Crewe, Va.
John Buchholz	C	Southern Pines, N. C.
Greg Burke	DT	Winston-Salem, N. C.
David Callahan	OG	Cheverly, Md.
Archie Carter	LB	Wallace, N. C.
John Casazza	QB	Madison Township, N. J.
Ned Cheely	C	Virginia Beach, Va.
L. B. Clayton	DT	Angier, N. C.
Jim Creech	C	Wilmington, N. C.
Bill Croisetiere	TE	Alexandria, Va.
Carlester Crumpler	RB	Wilson, N. C.
Terry Cumberworth	OG	Moline, Ill.
Dave Dadisman	LB	Dunbar, W. Va.
Tim Dameron	WR	Burlington, N. C.
Clark Davis	TE	Wilson, N. C.
Kirk Doll	DE	Wichita, Kan.
Tony Dudley	DE	Clinton, N. C.
Rick Eason	OG	Ayden, N. C.
Stan Eure	WR	Chesapeake, Va.
Rick Frederick	WR	Goldsboro, N. C.
Carl Gordon	WR	Jacksonville, N. C.
Darrell Harrison	LB	Wake Forest, N. C.
Paul Haug	OT	Fenton, Mo.
Bob Hileman	DE	Alexandria, Va.
Robin Hogue	LB	Virginia Beach, Va.
John Hollingsworth	OT	Fayetteville, N. C.
Fred Horeis	OT	Roanoke, Va.
John Huber	OT	Greenbrook, N. J.
Ron Hunt	WR	Jacksonville, N. C.
Terry Johnson	DE	Graham, N. C.
Terry Kelly	DB	High Point, N. C.
Monty Kiernan	LB	Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Bob Kilbourne	K	Prince George, Va.
Dan Killebrew	OG	Wilson, N. C.
Mike Kopp	OG	Crestwood, Mo.
Jim Krivonak	OG	Richlands, N. C.
Tony Maglione	TE	Stirling, N. J.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Rusty Markland	DB	Thomasville, N. C.
Darrel Martin	DT	Dobson, N. C.
Doug Martin	RB	Dobson, N. C.
Bob Millie	WR	Toronto, Ontario
Will Mitchell	DB	Fayetteville, N. C.
Don Mollenhauer	LB	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
Aubrey Moore	OG	Wilson, N. C.
Ken Moore	DE	Harrells, N. C.
Mike Myrick	WR	Goldsboro, N. C.
Dick Paddock	LB	Allison Park, Pa.
Lavern Parker	DT	Chocowinity, N. C.
Jack Patterson	DB	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ron Peed	OG	Hurdle Mills, N. C.
Rich Peeler	DT	Shelby, N. C.
Mark Pohren	OT	Brighton, Iowa
Jim Post	LB	River Vale, N. J.
Ted Salmon	DE	Richmond, Va.
Bob Salyer	WR	Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
Rusty Scales	RB	Little Falls, N. J.
Mike Stephens	DB	Chincoteague, Va.
Terry Stoughton	LB	Fort Scott, Kan.
Les Strayhorn	RB	Trenton, N. C.
Carl Summerell	QB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Joe Tkach	DE	Jacksonville, N. C.
Greg Troupe	C	Alexandria, Va.
Grover Truslow	OT	Lumberton, N. C.
Les Walker	DT	New York, N. Y.
Billy Wallace	RB	Edenton, N. C.
Gary Wann	QB	Orange, Calif.
Alan Williams	DE	Williamston, N. C.
Pete Woolley	RB	River Vale, N. J.
Chuck Zadnik	DT	Monongahela, Pa.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bob Bailey	QB	Bloomington, N. J.
Addison Bass	OT	Washington, N. C.
Dave Berry	DB	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Larry Bolger	OT	Arnold, Md.
Wilton Bunn	DT	Newport News, Va.
Greg Burke	OG	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Archie Carter	LB	Wallace, N. C.
Ricky Cheatham	QB	Columbus, Ga.
Ned Cheely	C	Virginia Beach, Va.
Steve Clark	TE	Charlottesville, Va.
Chuck Craddock	OG	Richmond, Va.
Jimmy Creech	C	Wilmington, N. C.
Bill Croisetiere	TE	Alexandria, Va.
Carlester Crumpler	RB	Wilson, N. C.
Terry Cumberworth	OT	Moline, Ill.
Dave Dadisman	LB	Dunbar, W. Va.
Tim Dameron	WR	Burlington, N. C.
Clark Davis	WR	Wilson, N. C.
Kirk Doll	DT	Wichita, Kan.
Tony Dudley	DT	Clinton, N. C.
Rick Eason	DE	Ayden, N. C.
Wash Edwards	DE	Lumberton, Miss.
Stan Eure	TE	Chesapeake, Va.
Lonnie Farmer	LB	Richmond, Va.
Linwood Ferguson	RB	Greenville, N. C.
Tom Frazier	OG	Maple Hill, N. C.
Rick Frederick	RB	Goldsboro, N. C.
Benny Gibson	OT	Rocky Mount, Va.
Greg Harbaugh	OG	Westfield, N. J.
Darrell Harrison	LB	Wake Forest, N. C.
Billy Hibbs	DB	Swansboro, N. C.
Robin Hogue	DE	Virginia Beach, Ba.
Fred Horeis	OG	Roanoke, Va.
Jimmy Howe	RB	Brunswick, Ga.
Mike Jones	DB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Dennis Keeney	RB	Glen Burnie, Md.
Danny Kepley	LB	Goldsboro, N. C.
Bob Kilbourne	K	Prince George, Va.
Dan Killebrew	OT	Wilson, N. C.
Gardner King	DT	Bluefield, W. Va.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bob Leavitt	OG	Alexandria, Va.
Rickey Leonard	OT	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Ed Love	DT	Virginia Beach, Va.
Buddy Lowery	DE	East Spencer, N. C.
Rusty Markland	DB	Thomasville, N. C.
Kenny Michael	RB	Greensboro, N. C.
Ken Moore	DT	Harrells, N. C.
Mike Myrick	DB	Godlsboro, N. C.
Gary Niklason	LB	McLean, Va.
Joe O'Hare	TE	Hyattsville, Md.
Dick Paddock	LB	Allison Park, Pa.
Jim Post	LB	River Vale, N. J.
Joe Pulley	DB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Don Schink	RB	Totowa, N. J.
Mike Shea	WR	Virginia Beach, Va.
Terry Stoughton	DB	Fort Scott, Kan.
Alan Strawderman	LB	Harrisonburg, Va.
Les Strayhorn	RB	Trenton, N. C.
Nelson Strother	LB	Charlottesville, Va.
Carl Summerell	QB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Billy Tart	C	Dunn, N. C.
Gary Tew	DT	Clinton, N. C.
Buddy Thompson	LB	Chesapeake, Va.
Joe Tkach	DT	Jacksonville, N. C.
Greg Troupe	OG	Alexandria, Va.
Keith Vance	DE	Greensboro, N. C.
Bob Voight	QB	Chesapeake, Va.
Les Walker	DT	New York, N. Y.
Vic Wilfore	WR	Chesapeake, Va.
George Wilkerson	DE	Wilson, N. C.
Wilbur Williamson	WR	Newport News, Va.
Jim Woody	K	Clinton, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bob Bailey	QB	Bloomington, N. J.
Larry Bolger	OT	Arnold, Md.
Dave Bosnick	LB	Long Island, N. Y.
Al Boudreau	FB	Falls Church, Va.
Greg Burke	OG	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Clay Burnett	DB	Arlington, Va.
Ned Cheely	OT	Virginia Beach, Va.
Tom Chipok	QB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Richard Combs	FB	Kannapolis, N. C.
Carlester Crumpler	TB	Wilson, N. C.
Mike Crusie	LB	Jacksonville, N. C.
Dave Dadisman	OG	Dunbar, W. Va.
Clark Davis	SE	Wilson, N. C.
Wash Edwards	LB	Lumberton, Miss.
Stan Eure	FL	Chesapeake, Va.
Tom Fraizer	OT	Maple Hill, N. C.
Benny Gibson	TE	Rocky Mount, Va.
Cary Godette	DE	Havelock, N. C.
John Grinnell	C	Arlington, Va.
Greg Harbaugh	C	Westfield, N. J.
Billy Hibbs	LB	Swansboro, N. C.
Tim Hightower	DE	St. Simons, Ga.
Robin Hogue	DE	Virginia Beach, Va.
Fred Horeis	OG	Roanoke, Va.
Jimmy Howe	TB	Hortense, Ga.
Mike Jones	DB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Danny Kepley	LB	Goldsboro, N. C.
Dan Killebrew	OT	Wilson, N. C.
Chip Leavitt	OG	Alexandria, Va.
Rick Leonard	OT	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Glynn Loftin	DB	Pink Hill, N. C.
Dave Lowe	C	Merritt Island, Fla.
Buddy Lowery	DE	East Spencer, N. C.
Larry Lundy	OG	Havelock, N. C.
Rusty Markland	DB	Greenville, N. C.
Winston Mayhew	DB	Mooreville, N. C.
Wayne McGregor	DT	Danville, Va.
Rick McLester	K	Oakboro, N. C.
Kenny Moore	DT	Harrells, N. C.
Mike Myrick	DB	Goldsboro, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bob Neff	OT	Harrisonburg, Va.
Gary Niklason	LB	McLean, Va.
Joe Reutter	TE	Dawingtown, Pa.
Pete Richardson	DT	High Point, N. C.
Mike Roper	K	Hendersonville, N. C.
Skip Russell	LB	Swansboro, N. C.
Don Schink	FB	Totowa, N. J.
Mike Shea	FL	Virginia Beach, Va.
Mike Stanley	OT	Dunn, N. C.
Butch Strawderman	LB	Harrisonburg, Va.
Kenny Strayhorn	TB	Trenton, N. C.
Nelson Strother	LB	Charlottesville, Va.
Carl Summerell	QB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Joe Tkach	DT	Midway Park, N. C.
Mike Troth	FL	Hampton, Va.
Greg Troupe	OG	Alexandria, Va.
Bobby Voight	FL	Chesapeake, Va.
Jim Wade	TE	Charlotte, N. C.
Vic Wilfore	SE	Virginia Beach, Va.
George Wilkerson	DB	Wilson, N. C.
John Williams	DT	Norfolk, Va.
Wilber Williamson	SE	Newport News, Va.
Jim Woody	K	Clinton, N. C.
Ernie Wruck	LB	Brookhaven, N. Y.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Theodore Ashford	WR	Durham, N. C.
Bob Bailey	QB	Bloomington, N. J.
Rick Bennett	OT	Gaithersburg, Md.
Jim Bolding	S	High Point, N. C.
Dave Bosnick	OT	Syosset, N. Y.
Al Boudreau	FB	Falls Church, Va.
Bob Brandon	DT	Fuquay, N. C.
Willie Bryant	OT	Glassboro, N. J.
Larry Bullard	K	Wilmington, N. C.
Nick Bullock	MG	Durham, N. C.
Clay Burnett	TE	Clearwater, Fla.
Tom Chipok	QB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Harry Cohen	LB	Cameron, N. C.
Joe Colenda	RHB	Oxford, N. C.
Pete Conaty	QB	Annandale, Va.
Mike Crusie	LB	Jacksonville, N. C.
Dave Dadisman	OT	Dunbar, W. Va.
Tom Daub	FB	Tower City, Pa.
Jonathan Deming	K	Richmond, Va.
Jacob Dove	OT	Havelock, N. C.
Chuck Eller	OT	Bowie, Md.
David Fields	DB	Greensboro, N. C.
Kent Ganzert	LHB	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Benny Gibson	TE	Rocky Mount, Va.
Cary Godette	MG	Havelock, N. C.
John Grinnell	C	Arlington, Va.
Robert Gutowski	LB	Amsterdam, N. Y.
Stuart Haithcock	QB	Burlington, N. C.
Greg Harbaugh	C	Westfield, N. J.
Bucky Harrison	LB	Richmond, Va.
Billy Hibbs	LB	Swansboro, N. C.
Tim Hightower	C	St. Simons, Ga.
Jimmy Howe	RHB	Hortense, Ga.
Don Hughes	FB	Tar Heel, N. C.
Jesse Ingram	LHB	Ansonville, N. C.
Gill Job	K-S	Allendale, N. J.
Mike Johnston	TE	Burlington, N. C.
Mike Jones	DB	Virginia Beach, Va.
Ray Jones	RHB	Norfolk, Va.
Chris Justice	LB	Greensboro, N. C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Danny Kepley	LB	Goldsboro, N. C.
Glynn Loftin	DB	Kinston, N. C.
Buddy Lowery	DT	East Spencer, N. C.
Larry Lundy	OT	Havelock, N. C.
Ernest Madison	DB	Norfolk, Va.
Winston Mayhew	DB	Mooresville, N. C.
Eric Miller	DT	Joliet, Ill.
Ken Moore	DT	Harrells, N. C.
Steve Mulder	LB	Bowie, Md.
Bobby Myrick	LHB	Goldsboro, N. C.
Bob Neff	DT	Harrisonburg, Va.
Gary Niklason	LB	McLean, Va.
Ted O'Neill	C	Dorchester, Mass.
Randy Parrish	OG	Lumberton, N. C.
Greg Pingston	DB	Merritt Island, Fla.
Reggie Pinkney	DB	Fort Bragg, N. C.
Chip Post	OG	Sanford, N. C.
Donnell Richardson	LB	Nashville, N. C.
Joe Reutter	OT	Greenville, N. C.
Mike Roper	K	Hendersonville, N. C.
Joe Rusinowski	OG	Long Island, N. Y.
Skip Russell	LB	Hubert, N. C.
Don Schink	FB	Totowa, N. J.
John Shallcross	C	Smithfield, N. C.
Mike Shea	TE	Virginia Beach, Va.
Bill Sherman	WR	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Wayne Smith	WR	Springfield, Pa.
Mike Stanley	DT	Dunn, N. C.
Ron Stewart	DB	Jacksonville, N. C.
Btuch Strawderman	LB	Harrisonburg, Va.
Ken Strayhorn	LHB	Trenton, N. C.
Nelson Strother	LB	Charlottesville, Va.
Chuck Thompson	LB	Thomaston, Ga.
Ricky Thompson	LB	Henderson, N. C.
Jimbo Walker	OT	Atmore, Ala.
Joe Warren	DB	Faison, N. C.
Mike Weaver	QB	Williamston, N. C.
Vic Wilfore	WR	Greenville, N. C.
George Wilkerson	DB	Wilson, N. C.
Will Williamson	WR	Newport News, Va.
Jim Woody	K	Clinton, N. C.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Ricky Bennett	C	Gaithersburg, Md.
Paul Bolin	CB	Beulaville, N. C.
Wayne Bolt	OG	Augusta, Ga.
Al Boudreau	FB	Falls Church, Va.
Jim Boulding	FS	High Point, N. C.
Terry Brayboy	CB	Zebulon, N. C.
Willie Bryant	DT	Glassboro, N. J.
Nick Bullock	NG	Durham, N. C.
Clay Burnett	TE	Clearwater, Fla.
Blake Camp	LB	Lithonia, Ga.
Pete Conaty	QB	Annandale, Va.
Fred Chavis	DE	Dunn, N. C.
Mike Crusie	DE	Jacksonville, N. C.
Tom Daub	FB	Tower City, Pa.
Brad Decker	DE	Roseto, Pa.
Jake Dove	DT	Havelock, N. C.
Mike Dross	FS	Marietta, Ga.
Oliver Felton	NG	Hertford, N. C.
Drew Fish	SE	Fuquay Varina, N. C.
Harold Fort	LB	Raleigh, N. C.
Alexander French	RB	Warner Robins, Ga.
Terry Gallaher	SE	Warner Robins, Ga.
Cary Godette	DE	Havelock, N. C.
Steve Greer	QB	Durham, N. C.
John Grinnell	C	Arlington, Va.
Steve Hale	FS	Columbus, Ga.
Gerald Hall	SE	Edenton, N. C.
Willie Hawkins	RB	Grimesland, N. C.
Eddie Hicks	RB	Henderson, N. C.
Tim Hightower	C	St. Simons Island, Ga.
Kevin Hill	OT	Sylvester, Ga.
Rickie Holliday	C	Williamston, N. C.
Barry Johnson	TE	Farmville, N. C.
Raymond Jones	FB	Norfolk, Va.
D. T. Joyner	DT	Norfolk, Va.
Vince Kolanko	RB	Weirton, W. Va.
Larry Lundy	OT	Havelock, N. C.
Ernest Madison	DB	Norfolk, Va.
Charlie Moss	RB	Jacksonville, N. C.
Matt Mulholland	OT	Bethesda, Md.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bobby Myrick	SS	Goldsboro, N. C.
Bob Neff	DT	Harrisonburg, Va.
Ed Nelson	DE	Commerce, Ga.
Valla Vonga Olliver	RB	Mount Olive, N. C.
Randy Parrish	OT	Lumberton, N. C.
Larry Paul	LB	Raleigh, N. C.
Emerson Pickett	LB	Beulaville, N. C.
Greg Pingston	SS	Merritt Island, Fla.
Reggie Pinkney	CB	Fort Bragg, N. C.
Wayne Poole	NG	Knightdale, N. C.
Ronnie Ragland	OG	Gladstone, Va.
Harold Randolph	LB	Greenville, N. C.
Skip Russell	TE	Swansboro, N. C.
John Schaffer	DE	Jacksonville, N. C.
Mitchell Smith	OT	Southern Pines, N. C.
Nelson Smith	OT	Goldsboro, N. C.
Jimmy Southerland	QB	Wilmington, N. C.
Kenny Strayhorn	RB	Trenton, N. C.
Tim Swords	DT	New Martinsville, W. Va.
Mike Umphlett	SE	Ahoskie, N. C.
Zack Valentine	DE	Edenton, N. C.
Jimbo Walker	OG	Atmore, Ala.
Mike Weaver	QB	Williamston, N. C.
Will Williamson	SE	Newport News, Va.

APPENDIX C

1932 RECORD

Coach: Kenneth Beatty

Captain: Bud Bullock

E.C.T.C.	0	Presbyterian	39
E.C.T.C.	0	Wake Forest Frosh	20
E.C.T.C.	0	Guilford	79
E.C.T.C.	0	N.C. State Frosh	28
E.C.T.C.	0	Appalachian	21

Won 0, Lost 5

1933 RECORD

Coach: Kenneth Beatty

Captain: Henry Rivers

E.C.T.C.	0	N.C. State Frosh	18
E.C.T.C.	0	Wake Forest Frosh	26
E.C.T.C.	0	Guilford	32
E.C.T.C.	0	Presbyterian	8
E.C.T.C.	6	Campbell	0
E.C.T.C.	0	Appalachian	14

Won 1, Lost 5

1934 RECORD

Coach: G. L. (Doc) Mathis

Captain: None

E.C.T.C.	0	Wingate	6
E.C.T.C.	6	Appalachian	27
E.C.T.C.	6	Presbyterian	0
E.C.T.C.	6	Louisburg	7
E.C.T.C.	0	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	0
E.C.T.C.	0	Lenoir Rhyne	47

Won 1, Lost 4, Tied 1

1935 RECORD

Coach: G. L. (Doc) Mathis

Captain: None

E.C.T.C.	0	Wingate	6
E.C.T.C.	2	Oak Ridge	6
E.C.T.C.	46	Chowan College	0
E.C.T.C.	10	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	6
E.C.T.C.	6	Appalachian	14
E.C.T.C.	13	Louisburg	0

Won 3, Lost 3

1936 RECORD

Coach: Roland (Bo) Farley

Captain: Lester (Lex) Ridenhour

E.C.T.C.	25	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	0
E.C.T.C.	0	Guilford	6
E.C.T.C.	6	Western Carolina	7
E.C.T.C.	19	Louisburg	0

Won 2, Lost 2

1937 RECORD

Coach: Joseph D. (Joe) Alexander

Captain: Primrose (Primy) Carpenter

E.C.T.C.	0	Guilford	7
E.C.T.C.	6	Campbell	7
E.C.T.C.	7	Belmont Abbey	19
E.C.T.C.	6	Western Carolina	7
E.C.T.C.	6	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	18
E.C.T.C.	19	High Point College	7
E.C.T.C.	27	Louisburg	13

Won 2, Lost 5

1938 RECORD

Coach: Joseph D. (Joe) Alexander

Captain: William (Bill) Shelton

E.C.T.C.	0	Belmont Abbey	19
E.C.T.C.	6	Campbell	19
E.C.T.C.	7	Western Carolina	6
E.C.T.C.	7	High Point College	20
E.C.T.C.	7	Guilford	7
E.C.T.C.	0	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	6
E.C.T.C.	6	Appalachian	18
E.C.T.C.	7	Norfolk Navy	32

Won 1, Lost 6, Tied 1

1939 RECORD

Coach: C. A. Hankner

Captain: Mervin Frazelle

E.C.T.C.	6	Kutztown State	20
E.C.T.C.	0	Campbell	13
E.C.T.C.	6	Western Carolina	12
E.C.T.C.	0	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	7
E.C.T.C.	0	Guilford	20
E.C.T.C.	0	High Point College	25
E.C.T.C.	0	Appalachian	64
E.C.T.C.	6	Norfolk Navy	7

Won 0, Lost 8

1940 RECORD

Coach: John Christianbury

Captain: Walter Rodgers

E.C.T.C.	14	Kutztown State	6
E.C.T.C.	40	Presbyterian	0
E.C.T.C.	18	William and Mary (Norfolk Div.)	0
E.C.T.C.	14	Western Carolina	25
E.C.T.C.	0	N.C. State Frosh	26
E.C.T.C.	13	Guilford	0
E.C.T.C.	0	High Point College	6
E.C.T.C.	44	Newport News Apprentice	7

Won 5, Lost 3

1941 RECORD

Coach: John Christianbury

Captain: Jim Gianakas

E.C.T.C.	31	Tusculum College	0
E.C.T.C.	39	Portsmouth Naval Apprentice	0
E.C.T.C.	19	Western Carolina	6
E.C.T.C.	30	Norfolk Navy	0
E.C.T.C.	14	Erskine	7
E.C.T.C.	13	Bergen College	7
E.C.T.C.	13	Belmont Abbey	0

Won 7, Lost 0

1946 RECORD

Coach: James A. (Jim) Johnson, Jr.

Captain: None

E.C.T.C.	20	Presbyterian	0
E.C.T.C.	6	Atlantic Christian College	6
E.C.T.C.	6	Elon	13
E.C.T.C.	21	Erskine	7
E.C.T.C.	19	Newport News Apprentice	7
E.C.T.C.	26	Atlantic Christian College	6
E.C.T.C.	7	Western Carolina	13
E.C.T.C.	0	Lenoir Rhyne	6

Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 1

1947 RECORD

Coach: James A. (Jim) Johnson, Jr.

Captain: John Wyatt

E.C.T.C.	9	Lenoir Rhyne	27
E.C.T.C.	12	Atlantic Christian College	7
E.C.T.C.	0	Elon	7
E.C.T.C.	0	Erskine	14
E.C.T.C.	14	Newport News Apprentice	6
E.C.T.C.	12	Special Troops of 82nd Airborne Division-Fort Bragg	2
E.C.T.C.	7	Little Creek, Virginia, Amphibs	31
E.C.T.C.	12	N.C. State Frosh	20
E.C.T.C.	0	Western Carolina	28

Won 3, Lost 6

1948 RECORD

Coach: James A. (Jim) Johnson, Jr.

Captains: John Wyatt
Franz Holscher

E.C.T.C.	6	Cherry Point Marines	13
E.C.T.C.	6	Lenoir Rhyne	26
E.C.T.C.	0	Elon	6
E.C.T.C.	0	Western Carolina	39
E.C.T.C.	6	Newport News Apprentice	20
E.C.T.C.	13	Duke B Team	19
E.C.T.C.	0	Appalachian	47
E.C.T.C.	7	High Point College	30
E.C.T.C.	0	Atlantic Christian College	6

Won 0, Lost 9

1949 RECORD

Coach: William E. (Bill) Dole

Captains: Raz Autry
Keith Kilpatrick

E.C.T.C.	24	Cherry Point Marines	0
E.C.T.C.	20	Lenoir Rhyne	21
E.C.T.C.	7	Hampden Sydney	20
E.C.T.C.	7	Elon	33
E.C.T.C.	6	Western Carolina	19
E.C.T.C.	26	Newport News Apprentice	21
E.C.T.C.	67	Edenton Flyers	0
E.C.T.C.	18	Appalachian	35
E.C.T.C.	26	High Point College	26
E.C.T.C.	6	Atlantic Christian College	2

Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 1

1950 RECORD

Coach: William E. (Bill) Dole

Captains: Johnny Smith
Buck Wilson

E.C.T.C.	21	Newport News Apprentice	7
E.C.T.C.	27	Lenoir Rhyne	19
E.C.T.C.	26	Hampden Sydney	38
E.C.T.C.	16	Elon	26
E.C.T.C.	36	Western Carolina	6
E.C.T.C.	26	Guilford	7
E.C.T.C.	20	Cherry Point Marines	12
E.C.T.C.	0	Appalachian	20
E.C.T.C.	26	High Point College	0
E.C.T.C.	54	Atlantic Christian College	7

Won 7, Lost 3

1951 RECORD

Coach: William E. (Bill) Dole

Captains: (Honorary) Jesse Aldridge
Dwight Shoe
Dennis Smith

E.C.C.	0	Southern Mississippi	40
E.C.C.	32	Newport News Apprentice	6
E.C.C.	7	Norfolk Navy Station	6
E.C.C.	20	Elon	34
E.C.C.	20	Western Carolina	34
E.C.C.	19	Guilford	14
E.C.C.	14	Lenoir Rhyne	41
E.C.C.	20	Appalachian	24
E.C.C.	45	Cherry Point Marines	0
E.C.C.	7	Citadel	21

Won 4, Lost 6

1952 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Dwight Shoe
Dennis Smith

E.C.C.	7	Norfolk Navy Station	13
E.C.C.	37	Newport News Apprentice	6
E.C.C.	6	Lenoir Rhyne	7
E.C.C.	7	Catawba College	7
E.C.C.	25	Elon	9
E.C.C.	21	Western Carolina	7
E.C.C.	41	Guilford	0
E.C.C.	22	Appalachian	19
E.C.C.	19	Stetson University	19
E.C.C.	34	West Virginia Tech	7

Won 6, Lost 2, Tied 2

Lions Bowl

E.C.C.	6	Clarion State Teachers College	13
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Total Record

Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 2

1953 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Jack Britt
Bobby Hodges

E.C.C.	40	Stetson University	6
E.C.C.	41	Wilson Teachers	0
E.C.C.	34	Lenoir Rhyne	0
E.C.C.	13	Catawba College	6
E.C.C.	45	Elon	25
E.C.C.	26	Western Carolina	7
E.C.C.	40	Guilford	0
E.C.C.	13	Tampa	18
E.C.C.	40	Appalachian	7

Won 8, Lost 1

Elks Bowl

E.C.C.	0	Morris-Harvey	12
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Total Record

Won 8, Lost 2

1954 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: John (Topsy) Hayes
Willie Holland

E.C.C.	21	Norfolk Navy	0
E.C.C.	4	West Chester State	6
E.C.C.	7	Lenoir Rhyne	6
E.C.C.	26	Catawba College	7
E.C.C.	6	Elon	20
E.C.C.	27	Western Carolina	13
E.C.C.	6	East Tennessee State	6
E.C.C.	7	Appalachian	13
E.C.C.	14	Tampa	27
E.C.C.	26	Stetson University	7

Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1

1955 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Dick Cherry
Harold O'Kelley

E.C.C.	6	Norfolk Navy Station	0
E.C.C.	0	West Chester	9
E.C.C.	6	Lenoir Rhyne	7
E.C.C.	7	Catawba College	13
E.C.C.	13	Elon	0
E.C.C.	14	Western Carolina	6
E.C.C.	20	East Tennessee State	34
E.C.C.	13	Appalachian	0
E.C.C.	14	Tampa	33

Won 4, Lost 5

1956 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Dick Cherry
Ray Pennington

E.C.C.	2	Virginia Tech	37
E.C.C.	7	Stetson University	7
E.C.C.	13	Catawba College	27
E.C.C.	19	Elon	7
E.C.C.	20	Western Carolina	19
E.C.C.	0	Morris-Harvey	28
E.C.C.	19	Appalachian	22
E.C.C.	12	Lenoir Rhyne	57
E.C.C.	7	Richmond	45

Won 2, Lost 6, Tied 1

1957 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captain: Dick Monds

E.C.C.	7	Richmond	40
E.C.C.	7	Davidson	19
E.C.C.	14	Catawba College	36
E.C.C.	12	Elon	21
E.C.C.	7	Western Carolina	20
E.C.C.	7	Newberry	20
E.C.C.	6	Appalachian	7
E.C.C.	7	Lenoir Rhyne	55
E.C.C.	6	Presbyterian	0

Won 1, Lost 8

1958 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Lynn Barnett
Ralph Zehring

E.C.C.	12	Emory and Henry	0
E.C.C.	16	Presbyterian	24
E.C.C.	6	Catawba College	0
E.C.C.	14	Elon	6
E.C.C.	18	Western Carolina	7
E.C.C.	6	Newberry	28
E.C.C.	0	Appalachian	14
E.C.C.	14	Lenoir Rhyne	59
E.C.C.	36	Randolph Macon	6
E.C.C.	20	Guilford	0

Won 6, Lost 4

1959 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Bill Cain
Ed Emory

E.C.C.	13	Presbyterian	18
E.C.C.	45	Albright	0
E.C.C.	27	Guilford	0
E.C.C.	34	Catawba College	7
E.C.C.	31	Elon	8
E.C.C.	14	Western Carolina	34
E.C.C.	7	Newberry	34
E.C.C.	0	Appalachian	28
E.C.C.	21	Lenoir Rhyne	22
E.C.C.	74	Newport News Apprentice	0
E.C.C.	13	Wofford	20

Won 5, Lost 6

1960 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Glenn Bass
Charles (Chuck) Gordon

E.C.C.	21	Newport News Apprentice	6
E.C.C.	7	Guilford	0
E.C.C.	28	Catawba College	0
E.C.C.	14	Elon	8
E.C.C.	7	Western Carolina	6
E.C.C.	21	Newberry	0
E.C.C.	17	Appalachian	21
E.C.C.	0	Lenoir Rhyne	17
E.C.C.	7	Presbyterian	27
E.C.C.	22	Richmond	7

Won 7, Lost 3

1961 RECORD

Coach: Jack Boone

Captains: Charles (Chuck) Gordon
 Nick Hilgert
 Clayton Piland

E.C.C.	19	Indiana State	6
E.C.C.	17	Guilford	15
E.C.C.	16	Catawba College	0
E.C.C.	22	Elon	20
E.C.C.	6	Western Carolina	7
E.C.C.	13	Newberry	7
E.C.C.	14	Appalachian	16
E.C.C.	19	Lenoir Rhyne	24
E.C.C.	8	Furman	29
E.C.C.	20	Wofford	20

Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1

1962 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Dave Smith
Bill Strickland

E.C.C.	26	Richmond	27
E.C.C.	15	Catawba College	14
E.C.C.	19	Elon	23
E.C.C.	16	Western Carolina	20
E.C.C.	36	Newberry	8
E.C.C.	29	Appalachian	16
E.C.C.	6	Lenoir Rhyne	7
E.C.C.	41	Wofford	9
E.C.C.	29	Eastern Kentucky	12

Won 5, Lost 4

1963 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Maurice Allen
Richard Huneycutt

E.C.C.	7	Richmond	10
E.C.C.	20	Wake Forest	10
E.C.C.	34	Wofford	7
E.C.C.	24	Presbyterian	7
E.C.C.	6	Elon	0
E.C.C.	50	Western Carolina	0
E.C.C.	20	Citadel	6
E.C.C.	28	Lenoir Rhyne	0
E.C.C.	14	Tampa	8

Won 8, Lost 1

Eastern Bowl

E.C.C.	27	Northeastern University	6
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Total Record

Won 9, Lost 1

1964 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Dave Bumgarner
Ted Day

E.C.C.	25	Catawba College	0
E.C.C.	33	West Chester	7
E.C.C.	31	Howard	20
E.C.C.	21	Wofford	0
E.C.C.	33	Lenoir Rhyne	14
E.C.C.	20	Richmond	22
E.C.C.	19	Citadel	10
E.C.C.	34	Furman	13
E.C.C.	49	Presbyterian	8

Won 8, Lost 1

Tangerine Bowl

E.C.C.	14	Massachusetts	13
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Total Record

Won 9, Lost 1

1965 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Mitchell Cannon
Norman Swindell

E.C.C.	27	West Chester State	6
E.C.C.	7	Furman	14
E.C.C.	34	Richmond	13
E.C.C.	34	Louisville	20
E.C.C.	21	Citadel	0
E.C.C.	45	Northeast Louisiana	0
E.C.C.	44	Lenoir Rhyne	0
E.C.C.	21	George Washington	20
E.C.C.	35	Howard	10

Won 8, Lost 1

Tangerine Bowl

E.C.C.	31	Maine University	0
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Total Record

Won 9, Lost 1

1966 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Leroy Cobb
Johnny Crew

E.C.C.	7	William and Mary	7
E.C.C.	14	Northeast Louisiana	21
E.C.C.	17	Furman	0
E.C.C.	40	Davidson	7
E.C.C.	7	George Washington	20
E.C.C.	27	Citadel	17
E.C.C.	13	Southern Illinois	31
E.C.C.	28	Richmond	16
E.C.C.	14	Southern Mississippi	35
E.C.C.	7	Louisville	21

Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 1

1967 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Nelson Gravatt
Kevin Moran

E.C.U.	27	William and Mary	7
E.C.U.	23	Richmond	7
E.C.U.	42	Davidson	17
E.C.U.	21	Southern Illinois	8
E.C.U.	18	Louisville	13
E.C.U.	27	Parsons	26
E.C.U.	19	Citadel	21
E.C.U.	34	Furman	29
E.C.U.	13	West Texas State	37
E.C.U.	29	Marshall	13

Won 8, Lost 2

1968 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Ben Grieb
Wayne Lineberry

E.C.U.	37	Parsons	7
E.C.U.	0	William and Mary	14
E.C.U.	7	Louisiana Tech	35
E.C.U.	0	Southern Mississippi	65
E.C.U.	7	Richmond	31
E.C.U.	24	Furman	13
E.C.U.	21	Tampa	28
E.C.U.	49	Marshall	20
E.C.U.	23	Citadel	14
E.C.U.	7	East Tennessee State	17

Won 4, Lost 6

1969 RECORD

Coach: Clarence Stasavich

Captains: Mike Boaz
Roger Bost

E.C.U.	0	East Tennessee State	7
E.C.U.	6	Louisiana Tech	24
E.C.U.	13	Citadel	31
E.C.U.	7	Richmond	24
E.C.U.	17	Southern Illinois	3
E.C.U.	24	Furman	21
E.C.U.	27	Davidson	42
E.C.U.	7	Marshall	38
E.C.U.	7	Southern Mississippi	14

Won 2, Lost 7

1970 RECORD

Coach: Michael Burnette (Mike) McGee

Captains: Steve Davis
George Whitley

E.C.U.	2	Toledo	35
E.C.U.	0	East Tennessee State	10
E.C.U.	0	Citadel	31
E.C.U.	30	West Texas State	42
E.C.U.	6	North Carolina State	23
E.C.U.	12	Southern Illinois	14
E.C.U.	12	Richmond	38
E.C.U.	7	Furman	0
E.C.U.	14	West Virginia	28
E.C.U.	17	Marshall	14
E.C.U.	36	Davidson	18

Won 3, Lost 8

1971 RECORD

Coach: Ulmo Shannon (Sonny) Randle

Captain: Rich Peeler

E.C.U.	0	Toledo	45
E.C.U.	10	William and Mary	28
E.C.U.	21	Bowling Green	47
E.C.U.	31	Citadel	25
E.C.U.	7	Richmond	14
E.C.U.	21	West Virginia	44
E.C.U.	31	North Carolina State	15
E.C.U.	26	Furman	13
E.C.U.	27	Davidson	26
E.C.U.	7	Tampa	43

Won 4, Lost 6

1972 RECORD

Coach: Ulmo Shannon (Sonny) Randle

Captains: Jimmy Creech
Jim Post

E.C.U.	30	V.M.I.	3
E.C.U.	16	Southern Illinois	0
E.C.U.	35	Appalachian	7
E.C.U.	21	Richmond	0
E.C.U.	27	Citadel	21
E.C.U.	16	North Carolina State	38
E.C.U.	27	Furman	21
E.C.U.	33	Chattanooga	7
E.C.U.	21	William and Mary	15
E.C.U.	24	Dayton	22
E.C.U.	19	University of North Carolina	42

Won 9, Lost 2

1973 RECORD

Coach: Ulmo Shannon (Sonny) Randle

Captains: Mike Myrick
Carl Summerell

E.C.U.	8	North Carolina State	57
E.C.U.	13	Southern Mississippi	0
E.C.U.	42	Southern Illinois	25
E.C.U.	14	Furman	3
E.C.U.	45	Davidson	0
E.C.U.	42	V.M.I.	7
E.C.U.	34	Citadel	0
E.C.U.	27	University of North Carolina	28
E.C.U.	34	William and Mary	3
E.C.U.	44	Richmond	14
E.C.U.	49	Appalachian	14

Won 9, Lost 2

1974 RECORD

Coach: Patrick Fain (Pat) Dye

Captains: Danny Kepley
Don Schink

E.C.U.	24	Bowling Green	6
E.C.U.	24	East Tennessee State	8
E.C.U.	17	Southern Illinois	16
E.C.U.	20	North Carolina State	24
E.C.U.	15	Furman	12
E.C.U.	21	Appalachian	23
E.C.U.	34	Dayton	6
E.C.U.	41	Citadel	21
E.C.U.	20	Richmond	28
E.C.U.	31	William and Mary	10
E.C.U.	3	V.M.I.	13

Won 7, Lost 4

1975 RECORD

Coach: Patrick Fain (Pat) Dye

Captains: Cary Godette
 Bobby Myrick
 Kenny Strayhorn
 Jimbo Walker

E.C.U.	3	North Carolina State	26
E.C.U.	25	Appalachian	41
E.C.U.	20	William and Mary	0
E.C.U.	41	Southern Illinois	7
E.C.U.	14	Richmond	17
E.C.U.	3	Citadel	0
E.C.U.	42	Western Carolina	14
E.C.U.	38	University of North Carolina	17
E.C.U.	21	Furman	10
E.C.U.	61	University of Virginia	10
E.C.U.	28	V.M.I.	12

Won 8, Lost 3

APPENDIX D

RECORD OF THE COACHES

Rank	Coach	Years	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1	John Christianbury	1940-41	15	12	3	0	.800
2	Sonny Randle	1971-73	32	22	10	0	.688
3	Pat Dye	1974-	22	15	7	0	.682
4	Clarence Stasavich	1962-69	78	50	27	1	.649
5	Jack Boone	1952-61	98	50	53	5	.538
6	Bill Dole	1949-51	30	15	14	1	.517
7	Bo Farley	1936	4	2	2	0	.500
8	G. L. (Doc) Mathis	1934-35	12	4	7	1	.364
9	Mike McGee	1970	11	3	8	0	.273
10	Jim Johnson	1946-48	24	6	17	1	.261
11	J. D. Alexander	1937-38	15	3	11	1	.214
12	Kenneth Beatty	1932-33	11	1	10	0	.091
13	O. A. Hanker	1939	8	0	8	0	.000