

JACKETS DROP OPENER TO MOUNT AIRY 14-6 GAME CLOSER THAN SCORE INDICATES



TIME OUT

—Herbert Sink

FOOTBALL NEWS

School has started with a bang, and the football season is in full swing. Things are sure popping down at Cecil Field, where practice is held, including a few bones. Cootie White, tri-captain and all-state line prospect, suffered a broken nose during a scrimmage, but seems to be improving rapidly. Aside from this there have been no serious injuries. Wait a minute, how about Coach Bowen? I guess you might call his fractured arm a serious injury. It seems he was out to get Charles Hill. Well, he got him, but when Charles fell and Coach fell over him, one broken arm was the outcome. Seriously, Mr. Bowen is getting along fine and will have his arm out of the cast in the near future. Charles evidently came out all right because he was written up in the Greensboro Daily News as all-state material for his performance against Mt. Airy. The team is shaping up very nicely and despite the early season losses may prove to be the conference champions.

HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT

The spirit of Lexington High School was once so great that we were known for it. Now everyone seems to have lost interest in sports and in giving support to the teams. A student body's interest and support is essential to any high school or college team that wins. When a team is ahead, it is fine to yell and show your proudness in their playing; however, when the score is not in their favor and the boys seem to have given up, that is the time really to yell and let them realize that they are not playing the game alone, that you are behind them all the way, no matter what the outcome. L.H.S. has the finest bunch of boys and girls to be found anywhere, so from now on let's really let them know how we feel and give our utmost support to them.

PAGING JIMMY DAN

Last year this column was written by Jimmy Dan Redwine. It will be hard for anyone to fill his unique place on this staff because he was so interested in his work and did a fine job in an inimitable style all his own. Jim is at Duke University this year, and I am sure he will fit right in with college life. He is a wonderful sports writer, and his successor will do his best to occupy the position left by him, and will endeavor, to the best of his ability, to do it justice.

1950 Tri-Captains



Pictured above are Lexington High's tri-captains: Charles Hill, "Cootie" White, and "Nookie" McCrary. This picture was taken in the hospital room where "Cootie" White spent several days as a result of a broken nose received in scrimmage.

Jackets Edged Out 7-6 In Fayetteville Clash

Lexington suffered its second straight loss of the season here two weeks ago. The Jackets were on the losing end of a close 7 to 6 score.

The first half ended in a scoreless deadlock with most of the playing in the center of the field. The Bulldogs made one serious threat toward the end of the second quarter; however, the Yellow Jackets made a terrific goal line stance, causing Fayetteville to lose the ball on downs. With L.H.S. in possession, the Jackets' offensive team began to move and had covered half the length of the field when the first half ended. The spark still remained in the third quarter, and Lexington scored on a plunge through the right side of the line. Sammy McBride was the boy who carried the pigskin over for L.H.S. Sammy gained most of the yardage all night and proved to be one of the most outstanding players on the field. Don Tesh also looked exceptionally good on plunges through the line. Defensively, the Yellow Jackets were more than just strong; the line seemed almost unbreakable; but when it was broken, Charles Hill, center and defensive line backer, and Carlton Everhart were in there to stop the play.

Despite all this, the Fayetteville Bulldogs pushed over in the final minutes to tie up the ball game. The try for the extra point was good, and the visitors took the lead 7 to 6. With so little time left the Jackets could not retaliate, and the game ended with L.H.S. trailing by one point.

Yellowjackets Defeat Yellow Jackets 13-0

Boyden's Barger Big Boy In Win

An inspired Boyden High eleven from Salisbury took an early lead to defeat the Lexington Yellow Jackets 13-0. It was Lexington's third defeat in a row.

Boyden High, running from a single wing and led by Jerry Barger, threatened in the first period when a pass from Barger to Dawdens netted a 57-yard gain. From that point the Boyden Yellow Jackets were unable to push it over for the score. After three runs were stopped and an incomplete pass to Calloway, the locals took possession of the ball. However, lacking the assistance of Foyle Wagner and Cootie White, two outstanding linesmen, who are both on the injured list, the Lexington Yellow Jackets were unable to gain much yardage, and were forced to kick.

Boyden's first tally came in the second quarter, after taking a punt from Sammy McBride, and carrying the ball to the 48. Barger again flipped a pass to Harry Rainey that ended on the Lexington 25. In the next play, Barger ran to the 10 and then passed to Patlerson for a first down on the 1 yard line. From here, Salisbury had little trouble in scoring. The try for the extra point was blocked, and the half ended with the score 6-0, in Salisbury's favor.

In the third period, a 35-yard march accounted for Boyden's second goal. The fancy running of Smith and Barger paid off for the score. Rainey's try for the extra point was good, which put the score at 13-0.

Team Displays Plenty of Strength

The opener Friday night, September 8, proved fatal to the Yellow Jackets who were defeated 14 to 6. But no one can tell just by the score of a ball game how close or one-sided it is. Certainly this was the case when L.H.S.'s Yellow Jackets played the Mt. Airy Bears.

It was a tough battle all the way, with Mt. Airy getting most of the breaks. The two touchdowns scored by the Bears were both obtained as results of fumbles. As nearly everyone knows, a new rule has been added to high school play this year. This rule enables any lineman to run with a fumbled or free ball. The Jackets were given a good taste of this at the hands of Mt. Airy.

Our touchdown was scored by Nookie McCrary, scat wingback, who speared a pass thrown from the tailback slot by Sammy McBride. The Yellow Jackets gained much more yardage than did the visitors, amounting to 100 and over to their 40. L.H.S. also captured the number of first downs 11 to 4. As can be seen by statistics, Lexington had the better team on the field. Mt. Airy, however, can't be taken from the spotlight, for they won the game and had a fine, scrappy ball club.

This game was not a conference game and will not hurt L.H.S.'s conference record. She can still take the conference championship as well as have a perfect record for games in the conference.

B-Team Wins Opener

—Hayden Hooper

Saturday night, September 16, was a perfect night for a football game, just cold enough for everyone to be peppy and ready to go. This certain Saturday the B-Team won a thriller from Trinity High of High Point, the score being 8-0, Lexington's favor.

Richard Whisnant made Lexington's only touchdown on a handoff from Paul Lohr, racing 28 yards for paydirt. Paul Lohr went back to throw a pass for the extra point, but the Lexington line buckled, and he couldn't get it off.

The lineup for the kickoff was made in short order, and a beautiful end-over-end kick by Pete Byrd landed on Trinity's 20-yard line. Trinity was then thrown for about a 10-yard loss while on the next play Pooter Potts tackled a Trinity boy behind the goal for a safety, giving Lexington an additional 2 points.

It was strictly a Trinity first half, but Lexington's speedy Paul Lohr pulled the fat out of the fire with his running and passing.

The final score, 8-0, in favor of the visiting Lexington team.

If it's very painful for you to criticize your friends, you're safe in doing it. But if you take the slightest pleasure in it, that's the time to hold your tongue.