

Devils Open Season At Surry Central Friday

The Appalachian High School Blue Devils will open their 1963 football season Friday night with a game at Surry Central. The Blue Devils are defending District 7-AA champions. They are also favored to win Friday night's contest over the Golden Eagles, who lost their opener last Friday night. Probable starters for Appalachian in the coming game are:

Ends: Ronnie Hunt and Bobby Wilson.

Tackles: Gary Brown and Buddy Storie.

Guards: Alton Johnson and Bill Shrake.

Center: Larry Stansberry or Sidney Young.

Quarterback: Jim Reary.

Wingback: Chuck Blanton. Halfback: Phil Hampton. Fullback: Wayne Clawson.

Although small for a fullback, Wayne Clawson runs with good power and is an excellent blocker. Halfbacks Phil Hampton and Chuck Blanton both possess good speed and are constant threats to any defense. Jim Reary's passing and the receiving of ends Bob Wilson and Ronnie Hunt should be a worthy supplement to the Devil's running attack. Tackles Gary Brown and Buddy Storie lack the size of most tackles but they make up for it with speed and aggressiveness. Alton Johnson and Bill Shrake are also small, but their speed

and blocking ability give them an advantage over their larger but slower opponents. Sidney Young and Larry Stansberry alternate at the center position and either is capable of doing a fine job.

Overall, the team will be smaller than most opponents,

but it is hoped that the Devils can overcome this handicap with good speed and the desire to win.

Coach Groce, conservative as usual, said that the team had looked rather ragged in early practice sessions, but that, "They're a hard-working bunch

of boys and they looked much better Monday. We're beginning to jell."

It is hoped, of course, that the team will reach a peak of conditioning for Friday night's game.

Appalachian must pin a great deal of their hopes this year on

seven seniors, Coach Groce said. The seniors are: halfbacks Phil Hampton and Chuck Blanton, who contributed greatly last year to the offensive attack; pass-catching ends Ronnie Hunt and Bobby Wilson; tackles Buddy Storie and Gary Brown, and guard Alton Johnson. Johnson played fullback last season, but may prove to be a valuable defensive cog in the line this year.

"Coach Smith has a fine, enthusiastic group of boys at Surry Central," Groce said. "So far they have had only a limited amount of practice since so many of the players have had to work with the tobacco crop, and many live several miles from the school. But they show prospects of having a much better season than last week's showing indicated."

With this in mind, Friday night's game may prove to be an excellent indication of the Blue Devils' strength this season.

White linen is always good — especially a fine quality linen that doesn't wrinkle.

Speaking Of Golf

By JOE MAPLES

ENGLISH HAVE started coming in for the fifth annual Blue Ridge Pro-Am tournament with some of the top players in the section having already entered. Included are Tom Case of Greensboro, Chuck Alexander of Rocky Mount and Dugan Aycock of Lexington. Quite a few of our local players have signed up to play and it looks as if this will be one of the finest fields in the short series of this event.

day off, on the very next hole, a par three, I hit a fine four iron shot within two feet of the hole, and didn't even touch the cup with the putt. After that, it was just a question of getting the round over with. We finished with a best ball score of 66, three shots out of the money. If we could have helped Roger just a little it would have been a different story, but it just wasn't our day.

Roger Thomas, Howard Cottrell and A. E. Hamby and myself went to Raleigh last week to play in the annual \$1000 Raleigh Golf Association Pro-Am and for our team, it turned out to be a comedy of errors although we did have a fine time. In a practice round Wednesday, I played well and shot a 69 while all the others were having their troubles. During the tournament, Roger was the only one that played well at all. He shot a very fine 75 and had the rest of us given him any support at all, we could have gotten in the money. We started out on the first hole like a team of champs, with good tee shots, good second shots with two chances at birds. Roger got a par from the edge of the green which left A. E. and I free to go for the birdie. A. E. was first and barely missed. I then sank a fifteen footer to put us one under. Our troubles started on the next hole however as Roger missed a five footer for a birdie. We struggled for a par on three but then on four Roger was at the edge of the green on this par five hole with a good chance for a birdie which with the stroke he had would have given us an eagle. His putt was off line however and he three putted. Then on the sixth hole, Howard was close to the green in two with a stroke and in good position to get low in two which would net us another birdie. He forgot himself for a moment though and improved his lie, which wasn't permitted in this event and that put him out of the hole. As luck would have it, he played the hole out and made the par. Then to top the

Roger has continued his fine play, shooting a 72 on the local course the other day and Howard got to feeling better himself and shot a 78. Glen Causey, Mr. Daniel Boone of Horn in the West fame, got his game together the other day at Blowing Rock and shot a 68 despite a couple of bogeys on the final two or three holes. Glenn as did many others, reluctantly had to leave the mountains the other day and go back to work but is looking forward to returning next summer if not before.

Boone Ladies Golf Assn. With school starting, many of the ladies had to curtail their golfing activities last week and as a result not many played in the weekly event. Those that did get to play had a fine time however and as usual the winners were happy.

Low gross went to Johnnie Crockett, the first time for her this summer, as she shot 96. Gertrude Perry continued her winning ways by taking the low net prize and Lillian Beverly and Dolly Matheson tied for the low putt prize. The Boone Ladies will be acting as hostesses for the Blue Ridge Pro-Am for the second year by handling the first tee registration, the scoreboard and a hole in one contest. The fine manner in which they conducted last year's event was highly praised by many of the players and we can expect an equally fine job this year. All ladies are urged to contact Dolly Matheson if you will be available for duty on Wednesday and/or Thursday of next week.

Taylor and Gilpatrick plead for defense fund.



THE BLOWING ROCK LITTLE LEAGUERS celebrate their second championship with a picnic Saturday evening at the park. They are, left to right, first row: unidentified, Philip Goulds, Stanley Coffey, David Bettencourt, Robert Craig, Gregg Goulds, Tommy Trexler, Timmy Greene, Terry

Lentz; second row: Steve Faircloth, David Bolick, Frankie Shira, Steve Greene, J. C. Triplett, John Salame, Mike Lentz, Jim Salame, Jimmy Baker and Wayne Craig. The cookout was provided by Everett Widener, Eugene Craig and Bruce Greene.



THE BLOWING ROCK ALL-STARS clinched the Watauga-Avery Baseball League championship last week. They are, left to right, first row: Gene Storie, Olin Storie, Coach Murry Coffey, "Red"

Bettencourt, and Roger McCroskey; second row: "Lobster" Harmon, Hoyle Coffey, "Mouse" Triplett, "Mo" Holder, Terry Coffey and unidentified player.

App Gridders Prepare For Opener

A total of 48 candidates are working out twice daily in preparation for Appalachian's opening football game with Wofford on September 14. The total includes 20 lettermen and 13 freshmen hopefuls, with several more freshmen expected to join the squad when school starts next week.

Main work in early sessions has been conditioning and timing with the emphasis on offensive plays and patterns. Scrimmage sessions have started and will be conducted daily for several days, tapering off about the middle of next week.

Four of the veteran letter-

men reporting are all-stars from last season's team. Greg Van-Orden, Richard Tickle, Joe Hightower, and Jim Hayes were named to all-conference and all-district honor teams last season.

The only casualty to show thus far has been Sherrill Norville with a slight sprain.

Bowling Highlights

Monday League

High Sets—Shuford Edmisten 745, Charles Craig 731, Jack Gragg 717, Joe Mast 711, Keith Brown 708, John Morrison 702, Frank Jests 701, Willard Trivett 686, Elmer Aldridge 685, Bob Wilcox 676.

High Games—Elmer Aldridge 225, Shuford Edmisten 219, John Morrison 219, Frank Jests 213, Keith Brown 212, Charles Craig 205, Willard Trivett 202, Joe Mast 201, Mack Greene 196, Bruce Bumgarner 190, Jack Gragg 190.

Major Scratch League

High Sets—Ernie Lewis 952, John Broyhill 926, Marvin Deal 918, Glenn Moretz 916, Harvey Ayers 881, Ray Farthing 873, Jake Jacobs 870, Robert Warren 865, Major Thomas 863, Lyle Cook 857, Wayne Thomas 855, Willard Trivett 854, Jerry Coe 848.

High Games—John Broyhill 237, Jack Feimster 218, Major Thomas 215, Glenn Moretz 211, Harvey Ayers 206, Ernie Lewis 203, Bob Light 202, Marvin Deal 201.

Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Ben's Foursome	41	23
Turkeys	37	27
Kingpins	35	29
Hi Hopes	32	32
Hi Four	27	37
Has Beens	20	44

Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Strikers	28	12
Sparees	26	14
BJB Trio	24	16
Majors Trio	24	16
Holdouts	24	16
Neophytes	18	22
Splits	16	24
Keglers	15½	24½
Ward's Team	13½	26½
Antique Auto	11	29

Tuesday League

High Sets—Marvin Deal 816, Jake Jacobs 741, Glenn Coffey 668, Rev. Blake Brinkerhoff 656, John Morrison 656, Roger Thomas 647.

Mixed League

Ladies' High Games—Rube Smith 191, Mammie Craig 183, Mary Helen Teague 173, Leota Triplett 173, Georgia Smitherman 165, Ruth Edmisten 159, Mary Lea Gragg 153, Jean Cook 152, Gilma Brown 151, Martha Gould 143.

High Games—Marvin Deal 226, Shuford Edmisten 219, Billy Lentz 205, John Morrison 204, Jake Jacobs 202, Roger Thomas 189, Rev. Blake Brinkerhoff 188, Wayne Thomas 187, Glenn Coffey 176, Glenn Ragan 175, David Thomas 171.

Men's High Games—C. P. Teague 201, Jack Gragg 187, Willard Trivett 180, Bruce Bumgarner 180, Charles Craig 170.

Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Pin Toppers	50	18
Foulers	44	24
Misfits	36	22
Gutter Rollers	34	34
Washouts	21	47
Splits	19	49

Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Sparrows	28½	13½

Comment On Sports

Washington, D. C.—The Dick Tiger-Gene Fullmer fight never should have come off, the third one, that is. Tiger had taken Gene's crown in their first go, fair and square, and Gene had made the supreme effort to regain it in the second fight.

It was a creditable performance and whether he had regained the championship or earned a draw, it was a good note for ending a great boxing career. For in the Tiger fights it has become obvious Gene is losing some of his steam.

With a fighter like Fullmer, who fights mostly with stamina and push-and-bull all the way, the years take their toll. He is definitely over the hill, or beyond his peak, though still among the best of the middleweights.

Why should he go on? The reward is a bruised and injured brain, more cuts and stitches and thicker lips and a flatter nose. With Fullmer that's a certainty for his style is to wade in and take plenty of licks in order to give some.

It would be painful to see him hanging on until he was punch-drunk, getting beaten by second class fighters, and risking serious injury to his brain.

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