

# Local Football Squads Strike Fast Pace At Boone

## North Wilkesboro Will Play Boone Wednesday Night

A hustling group of youngsters some of whom will be playing their first football games, are working out in the cool atmosphere of the Blue Ridge mountains at Appalachian College at Boone in preparation for a strenuous schedule with South Piedmont Conference foes.

Coaches Tom Boyette and Lott Mayberry lost no time in getting the boys to work early this week on football fundamentals. Many of the group of 25 are new comers and must be well drilled in

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blocking and tackling. Beginning the pre-season training Monday, the boys will continue at Boone for two weeks. Their practice game, which is expected to draw many football fans for a preview of prospects, will be played against Appalachian high of Boone at Boone on Wednesday night, August 23.

The squad is not big in numbers or weigh and will meet some high schools giants of the gridiron.

"But they'll hustle," Head Coach Tom Boyette said as he observed the first blocking and tackling drills. "We've got to make up in hustle what we don't have in weight and experience."

Letter men on the line returning are Smith Hudson, Gordon Forester, Wayne Pardue, Dennis York, Frank Pearson and Kyle Eller. New comers to the forward wall are Warren Shore, Calvin Hayes, Harry Steele, Ronald Brewer, Bryson Adams, Bill Pearson, Jimmy Swofford, Johnny Winkler, Charles Kemp, Thomas Finley and Jimmy Shook. From the new ones the coaches must find replacements for such stalwarts as Jack Gaddy, H. S. Soots, Hiram Cox and Jim Powers, who were lost by graduation.

Jim Moore, the principal ground gainer and backfield power of last year, leaves a great vacancy in the backfield. Jim graduated and will be at Davidson College this year. Returning letter men to the backfield are Carl Swofford, James Gillean and Bartley Harold. New candidates for backfield positions are Jerry Day, Bill Hardister, John Emerson and Eugene Powers.

The Mountain Lions are expected to run the T formation again this year but may have some other formations to vary.

North Wilkesboro will open the regular schedule September 8 against Walkertown in Winston-Salem, on September 15 they go to Mooresville and on September 22 to Monroe before playing their first home game against Hanes high of Winston-Salem in North Wilkesboro September 29. Three home games are to be played here in October — Kannapolis on October 6, Elkin on October 13 and Statesville on October 20. October 27 will be an open date. Barium Springs at Statesville November 3, Spencer at Spencer November 10 and the Wilkesboro game here November 17 complete the schedule.

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## 5 Flashers Are Hitting Above Envyable 300

### New Players Have Added Batting Power In Fight For Playoff Spot

Five members to the North Wilkesboro baseball team are now "hitting that rock" above the coveted 300 percentage mark and at least two others are entirely capable of that figure and may reach it when they get more games into the records.

Among the regulars Big Bob Wright climbed slightly during the week to an even 350 mark. He is third in the league, exceeded only by Shorty Brown of Elkin and Bob Horan of Galax in regular season play.

Cart Howerton with 54 times at bat and 21 hits has been setting a pace that would burn up the league with an average of 389. Ray Hickernell had only ten hits at the time of computing the averages here but in the group were two homers, some triples and doubles.

Dave Davenport notched his average up during the week to 318. Among the new comers Pitcher Jack Williams got four hits in one game and ended the week with an average of 444.

Following are batting averages computed through the game Monday night. The computation contains practically all games played but is unofficial. Figures for games played away were taken from newspaper accounts and are subject to error:

PLAYER	AB	H	PCT
Jack Williams	9	4	444
Cart Howerton	54	21	389
Bob Wright	274	96	350
Dave Davenport	355	113	318
Cecil Fogleman	59	18	302
Wayne Davis	180	45	250
Ed Morton	265	85	245
Ray Hickernell	43	10	242
Stan Wilcox	46	10	217
Dewey Wolfe	19	3	158
Gary Thornburg	62	11	178
Bob Thompson	41	6	146
Mike Scheer	29	2	69

Edd F. Gardner, district president of the North Carolina Garden club, was one of the seven judges last Thursday for the flower show in Boone, which was sponsored by the Boone Woman's club. From Boone Mrs. Gardner went to Blowing Rock to attend that day an Executive Committee meeting of the North Carolina State Garden Club. On Friday Mrs. Gardner was joined by other North Wilkesboro women, Mesdames Frank Tomlinson, Jack Swofford, and J. H. McNeill for the Executive Board meeting of the State Garden club luncheon held at the Country club.

## Ramblers To Play Lincolnton Team Friday, Aug. 25

Replacing seven linemen and five backs lost by graduation is the task facing Coach Marvin Hoffman as he directs workouts for the Wilkesboro high school Ramblers in football practice at Boone.

The squad, with teams from a number of other northwestern North Carolina schools, began two weeks practice Monday at Appalachian and will climax the workout with a practice game against Lincolnton on the night of Friday, August 25, at Boone.

The Ramblers, who have been one of the state's wingiest teams for three years, lost plenty by graduation but apparently have plenty left to fill the first line vacancies.

One of the graduates was Ray Triplett, all-state back and one of the state's greatest runners and punters in high school competition. Ray is going to Carolina. Also lost from the backfield were Harold Dancy, Bill Byrd, Daniel Linney and Fred Glass. Lost by graduation were some of the best linemen, including Bobby Story, Bobby Eller, Joe Brewer, Bob Kennedy, Bill Pearson, Jack Glass and John Hubbard.

But the Ramblers had strong reserves last season and many of these are ready to take over. Twelve letter men returning form a nucleus for what should prove to be another strong team at Wilkesboro. Tony Emerson, Dean Edwards and Bot Vestal are letter men at end and Carl Swanson is a new end candidate. Shelton Prevette, Buddy Mathis and Johnny Phillips are letter men for tackles, with Mack Stevens and R. G. Anderson also out for tackle slots.

Dale Staley and Bill Joines are letter men for guards, with Joe Garwood, T. C. Foster, Buck Cranor and Wade Foster showing promise of much action at that position. Bob Parker is a veteran center and will have help from Joe Gambill.

Johnny Garwood is a letter man and experienced quarterback for the T formation, with Junior Groce as understudy.

Claude Nichols, fleet halfback, is groomed for Ray Triplett's running and punting duties and Sam Transou, who transferred from Elkin, shows good running form. Bill Laws, Bobby Johnson and Bobby Blankenship add strength to the backfield. Edgar Terrell is a letter man fullback, with Sammy Turnipseed and Jody Barber

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receiving drills for running from the center of the T. Willard Dancy, Dudley Myers, Tommy Turnipseed and Billy Anderson as managers are adding the team in training at Boone. Jess Taylor, a tackle at Appalachian last season, is aiding Coach Hoffman in the drills.

The Ramblers for the past two years were undefeated champions of the Highland Conference and will play top teams in the conference and other strong foes this season. However, the schedule is not complete, due to some cancellations, and Coach Hoffman is looking for games September 1 and 8. They will play Appalachian high at Boone September 15.

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