

Parkland's Arthur Davis intercepts this Carver pass while teammate William "Bam" Bitting backs him up; the Yellow Jackets won the game 12-0 (photo by James Parker).

Local Sports

Scramblers finish second in state

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Donald Scales came out of coaching retirement to guide the Winston-Salem Scramblers to a second-place finish in the recent state Class C women's softball tournament.

Scales, who coached the Winston-Salem Broncos to several World Tournament appearances, was taking the summer off when William Peterson, the Scramblers' business manager, asked him to take over the team.

"Things hadn't been going well and he asked me to iron out some problems," Scales said. "I didn't think this team had the potential to go this far when I first started."

But Scales made some changes, including the recruitment of some former Broncos to his team. Moreover, he established a team unity that led to the runner-up finish in the Amateur Softball Association state tourney.

His key move was making catcher Nancy Rucker the field leader.

"Nancy has played softball for 25 years," he said. "So I knew she was the natural leader for the team."

"She's the kind of player who thinks about softball all the time. She was kind of a mother figure to the other ladies."

The Scramblers, who had received the state tourney berth by finishing second in the districts, jelled under Rucker's field leadership. They went through the ASA tournament with an 8-2 record. Rucker, shortstop Lenthia Tillman, pitcher Delphine Williams and outfielder Roslyn "Rain" Nowlin made the all-tournament team. Tillman was the leading batter, going 14 for 17.

"We put it together late in the season," said Scales, who was the softball coach at Mount Tabor in 1983. "We played well on defense and hit the ball well."

Scales, whose team won the Winston-Salem Astro League, said he was using the strong showing in the state tournament as a recruiting tool.

"I also want the Scramblers to play in more tournaments next year," he said. "We played in four this year and I wanted to see it up to 10 or 15."

The coach has his sights on moving the Scramblers up to Class B or possibly even A. He has already recruited Laura Smith, Tasha Brooks, Barbara Carter, Sandra Jordan and Sandy Swain for next season.

For now Scales and his team are celebrating the second-place trophy from the state tourney.

Tiny Indians Get A Sweep

The Winston-Salem Tiny Indians swept five games from Lewisville in Pop Warner football action last Saturday.

Prep Football

Ebert lifts West to second victory

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KERNERSVILLE — An interception by defensive back Jeff Ebert led to a 29-yard Mark Cartner field goal that lifted West past East 9-6 in a defensive battle Monday night.

Ebert returned the ball 28 yards to the Eagle 12-yard line. The Eagle defensive linemen and linebackers forced the Titans back. On third down and 14 to go in the fourth quarter, split end Zegaro Aldridge dropped a pass in the end zone forcing the Titans to attempt the field goal. That's when Cartner scored the final points of the evening.

West, scoring on its first possession, jumped on top in the first quarter with a 66-yard touchdown pass to running back Herman McKinnie from quarterback Derrick Byers. They failed to get the two-point conversion leaving the score 6-0 until the third quarter.

McKinnie said that he thought the play was going in the opposition direction, but had to adjust his route when he saw Byers coming his way.

"I wasn't the primary receiver on that play," McKinnie said. "The defense forced Derrick to come my way and throw the ball to me."

The senior tailback also believes in giving credit where it is due. He said that if it were not for the downfield blocking of his teammates he would not have scored.

"The guys threw some nice blocks downfield," he said. "Before I knew it I was in the end zone."

West Coach Denny Zeiters said that he knew that it was going to be a tough game but did not expect the Eagles to play as aggressively as they did on defense.

"East usually plays us hard but they did some things we didn't expect," Zeiters said. "Their linebackers and noseguard gave Please see page B4

Coach Thurmond Edwards' Junior Pee Wees won their 31st in a row with a 21-6 victory. Running back Brian Mack scored two touchdowns and fullback Bischoff Davis rushed for 100 yards to lead the Indians.

The Junior Bantams, led by Phillip Warren, Tarle Bailey and Alfred Kimbrough, posted a 25-0 shutout. Earl Langley was the standout on offense.

The Mighty Mites, led by Bobby Giles, gained a 26-0 win. Halfback Antonio McCloud led the Junior Midgets to a 14-0 win.

Jerry Allen, Larry Ford and Roy Williams were the standouts as the Pee Wees posted at 27-6 win.

The Tiny Indians host the arch-rival Vikings Saturday at Atkins Middle School. The Mighty Mites kick things off at 10 a.m.

Black Leads Tiny Demons

Brian Black rushed for 205 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Tiny Demon Junior Bantams to an 18-6 win over Kernersville in Pop Warner football last Saturday.

Black had three long touchdown runs called back by penalties.

Meanwhile, the Demon defense was so stingy that Kernersville's only first downs came on penalties. Kernersville scored after recovering a Demon fumble at their 3-yard line.

The Demons travel to the Tiny Grayhounds at Griffith Elementary School Saturday night.

Winton Lake Fun Run

The Winston Lake Family YMCA will hold a three-mile road race Oct. 11 at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$7, \$8 on the day of the race. For more information, call 724-9205.

Davis To Be Honored

Parkland's Arthur Davis will receive the Leadership Award from the Winston-Salem Summer Basketball League at halftime of Friday night's Parkland-North game in Bowman Gray Stadium.

Hansel Hentz, the Summer League director, will present the award to Davis, a wingback and defensive back for the Mustang football team.

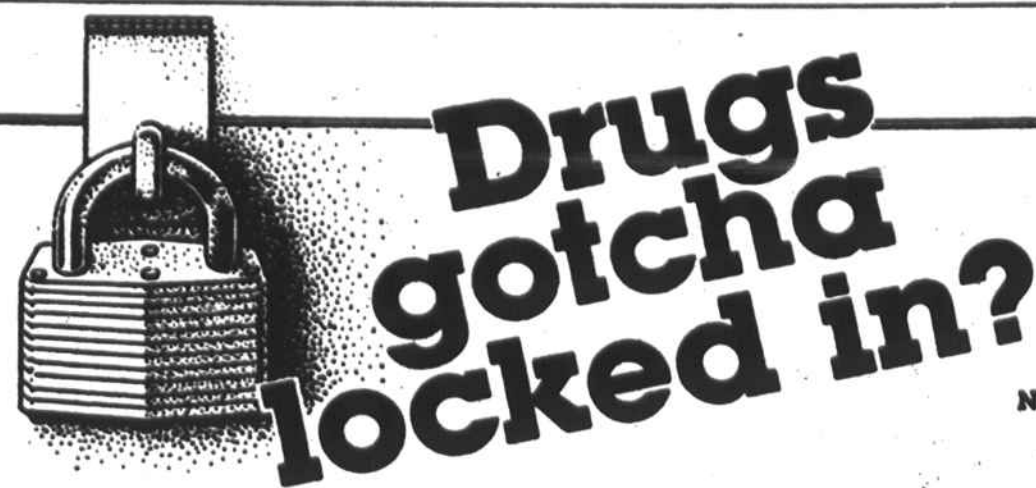
Huff-Thompkins Win

Quentin Huff and David Thompkins teamed to win the boys' 14 doubles in the Bulldog Fall Classic at UNC-Asheville two weeks ago.

The Huff-Thompkins team defeated Matt Yelverton of Hendersonville and Anthony Edwards of Knoxville, Tenn., 6-1, 6-4.

Both Huff and Thompkins lost in the quarterfinals in singles play.

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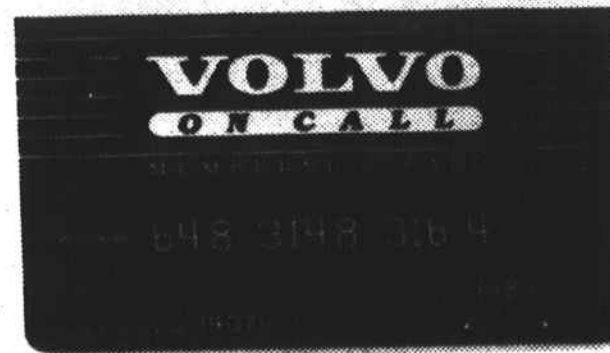
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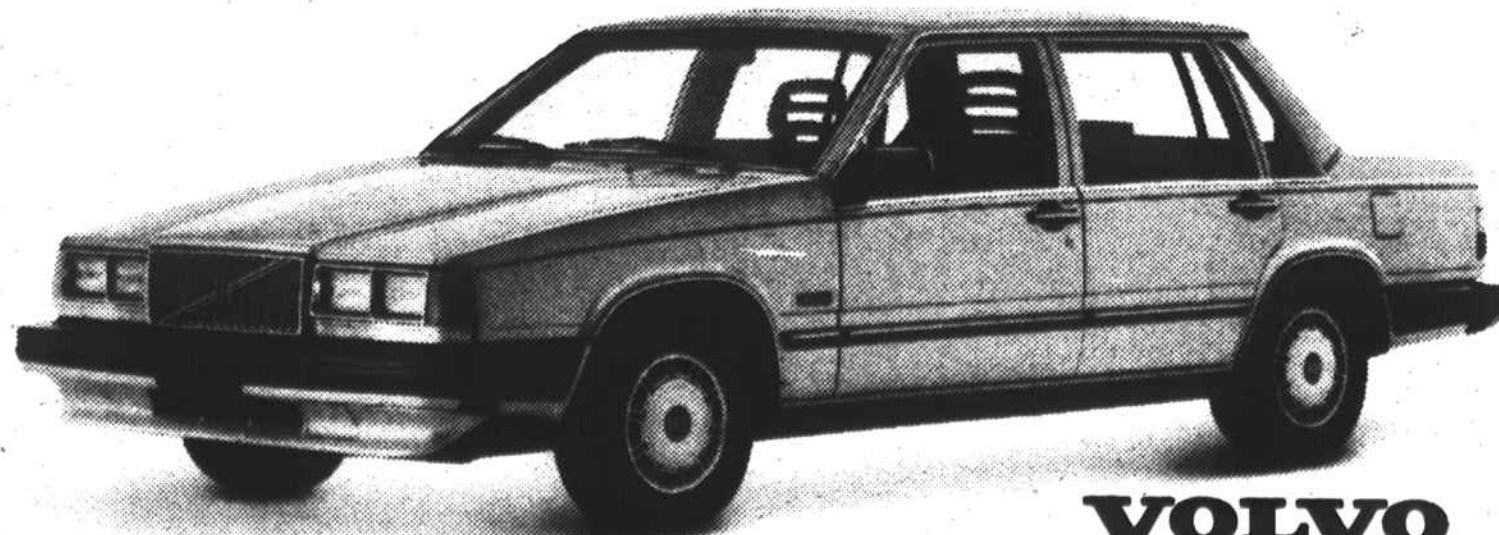
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