

Southwestern 4A Promises

Exciting Football Thrills

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The ten schools of the Southwestern 4A Conference and Charlotte Catholic promise exciting football thrills for the Charlotte community in the fall.

All ten including state 4A finalist West Charlotte appear to be better at this stage than they were last year.

Compiling a preseason ranking is at best suspect and depends on several variables that are hard to see during practice, but we are going to give it a shot.

1. WEST CHARLOTTE - The Lions get the title nod here primarily because they are returning several athletes from the team that almost took it all last year when they compiled a 12-2 record. Although Henderson Threatt and Ron McGriff have departed from the offense that averaged 16.8 points per game last year, Antonio Glenn, Larry Bennett, and Anthony Davis are available to pick up the slack.

At wide receiver, talented Maurice Montgomery is back. Injured Bobby Bolin should be ready before mid season.

Last year, Rudy Abrams' Lions were known as the Domsday Defense giving up 4.6 points per game. Key men on last year's unit such as linebacker Keith Patterson, tackle Ivan Chapman, guard Carlos Scott, and end Billy Overcash are back. Newcomer Rodney Caldwell in the defensive backfield is quite capable also.

2. NORTH MECKLENBURG - North running back Chris Cook is the key to the Vikings' success. The swift back believes the Vikings will find a treasure hunt this year. The Vikes were 7-3-1 last year, losing in the first round of the state playoffs.

Returning on defense are tackle Glenn Woodley, tackle Jimmy Helms, end Ron Raeford, linebacker Charles Weddington, linebacker Jimmy McCoy, linebacker Darryl Harris, defensive back Orlando Liles, defensive back Chris Minges and defensive back Scot Williams from a unit that gave up 10.6 points last year.

Gil Dorest at tight end, Antoine Bost at tackle, Chris Cook at halfback and Scott Williams at fullback are the offensive mainstays.

The quarterback situation with Tony Campagna, Julian Cloud and Todd Ballard is suspect. If they get good play out of this area, they will be capable of winning it all for Wil Campagna's team.

3. EAST MECKLENBURG - The East Mecklenburg Eagles won the state 4A title in 1977. Last year, they were 8-2, giving up 7.1 points per game and registering 19.2 on the scoreboard. They were the only team in the state to beat both 4A finalists, Richmond County and West Charlotte.

"We should have a pretty good nucleus," said Coach



Ralph Alexander
Charlotte Catholic halfback Jim Hayes. "We will be competitive, we hope."

The Eagle strengths are Malcolm Sanders at running back, Jerome Sanders at safety, Ronnie Kinard at quarterback, Darius Davis at end, Carlton Frazier at end.

The 1979 Eagle team was 10-0 in their 1977 junior varsity season. They could repeat the feat.

4. OLYMPIC - They say the Trojans have their best offensive backfield since the team went to the state finals in 1970 with Randy Rhino, Danny Rhino and Bobby Cook.

Chuck Barnette and Foy White are both capable quarterbacks and should see plenty of action. Angelo Grier, Reggie Hood, Sammie Whitley, Chip Hand and Ty Wright anchor an explosive and lightning fast backfield.

Defensively the strong points are Van Chilton at nose-guard, Mike Cureton and Dean Quimby at end, Jeff Hall at linebacker and Derek Martin and Chuck Barnette at safety.

The ends, Tom Pettway, Robert Guy, and Steve Waddy, are deadly.

The offense is there. With a couple of breaks the Trojans could go all the way and improve last year's 2-8 record.

5. HARDING - Any team with the talented Mike Eppley at quarterback would have to be given consideration in the upper division of any football conference.

The Harding Rams of Bruce Hardin have Johnny Love and Reggie Floyd in the backfield with Eppley. Rocky Lewis at end and Ivan Jones at tailback are potential stars.

The Rams were 4-6 last year. The defense is headed by safety Greg Gettys, tackle Richard Lahm, and halfback Billy Wright.

6. INDEPENDENCE - The Patriots are dangerous. Last year, they were 1-9. Coach Gene Robinson believes that running backs Baron Odom, Baron Springs, Eric Springs, Darryl McDougal will help his talented backfield.

End Mike Haggerty, guard Curtis Wallace, tackle David Drummond, defensive back Darryl Rankin, defensive back David Thomas and tackle Richard Coode are expected to be the mainstays of

the defense. With Eric Boyd as the talented quarterback the Pats should improve last year's record.

7. MYERS PARK - The Mustangs of Claude Savage have two returning on offense - Bryant Foust and Ashley Hassard - and two are returning on defense - Rick Barrett and Renault Springs.

Foust at halfback, Springs at fullback, Raeford Jones at halfback, Ashley Hassard at quarterback, Clay Hasard at tackle, Curtis Spann at the defensive halfback, Rick Hoey at guard and Rick Barrett at defensive end are tough Mustangs.

Depth seems to be a problem in 1979 for the Mustangs who finished 7-3 last year.

8. SOUTH MECKLENBURG - The Sabres of James Seacord have top notch players returning in halfback Larry Hart, wide receiver Teddy Froneberger, guard Tom Headen and defensive back Tony Mason.

The team finished 7-3 last year with five straight victories in the second half of the season.

Depth and the lack of quality at the quarterback position seems to be a problem here.

9. GARINGER - The Wildcats were 4-6 last year under Jim Holland. Jim Holland has tackle Alfred Hart, quarterback Greg Kareem, linebacker Willie Mingo, slot back Sam Fleming, slotback Mike Robinson and tailback Gene Dunn back.

On defense there are tackle Van Coble, end Rick Colson and backs Herbert Perry and Bobby Turner.

10. WEST MECKLENBURG - The West Indians have split end Frank Perry, quarterback and safety Antonio Maddox, running back Scott Davis, safety John Boyd, safety Randy Brown and running back Mike McDowell. I have a hunch that the Indians are going to improve on this pre-season ranking.

On the private front Charlotte Catholic, state champions in 1977 and runnerup in 1978 have top notch players in halfback Robert Simmons and halfback Ralph Alexander.



TOP CONTENDERS

Avon's ten top sales representatives were recently honored at a monthly meeting and awards presentation held in Charlotte. Among the 100 members of District 444 who attended, the top 20 were recognized and the top 10 were presented with floating trophies by last month's winners. "It's very prestigious to be in the top 10," says Mrs. Vertell Pullen, district manager.

District 444 which claims 180 members is one of nine districts in Charlotte and surrounding towns. Seated front row, left to right, are Mary Stinson, Azzie Lee Blunt and Mary Young. Standing, left to right, are Henrietta Lippard, Hazeline Gaither, Louise Shepard and Idella Neal.

Chavis Receives Human Rights Award

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for a pardon of innocence for the "10", claiming the young civil rights activists were framed for their political views.

Chavis has continued his civil rights work from behind prison bars, as author of two books: "An American Political Prisoner Appeals for Human Rights," and "Let My People Go," a collection of Psalms from prison.

He serves as chairman of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and is a director of the Commission on Racial Justice.

Because of Rev. Chavis' leadership in the civil rights movement in the United States, he has received numerous national and international awards. In 1972 he was named an Outstanding Young American. In 1976, he received the Shalom Award presented by Eden Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. In 1977, he was awarded the William Patter-

son Foundation Freedom Award in New York, N.Y.; the Congressional Black Caucus awarded Rev. Chavis with the National Community Service Award; and also in 1977, the nation of Germany awarded him the Paul Robeson National Freedom Medal. In 1978, he received the Justice Award presented by the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and he received the 1978 International Human Rights Award presented by National Institute for Policy Studies.

Youth Involvement Day

If you are a high school student in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County and would like to run state government for a day, now is your chance.

Approximately 125 students in grades 10-12 across the state will have an opportunity to serve as governor, lieutenant governor, state attorney general and other state officials during Youth Involvement Day activities in Raleigh, October 9-10.

"This experience gives our young people a firsthand look at the daily operations of state government," said Governor Jim Hunt. "State officials also learn from them about their concerns and recommendations for young people's pro-

grams." The cost per student is \$22, which covers a banquet, a disco dance, lodging and breakfast.

For registration and information, contact Pam Kohl at 919-733-5966, or write to Youth Involvement Office, Suite 115, Howard Building, 112 West Lane Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. The deadline for registration is September 19.

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Gas Price Increases

Coast To A Near Stop?

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer
Gasoline price increases coasted to a near stop and supplies remained generally good in North Carolina except on Sundays and at night this past week.

The advance of only .3 percent per gallon was the smallest weekly increase since spring and follows four consecutive weeks of one-cent or more price hikes.

These findings are part of a weekly audit on gasoline prices and availability being conducted by the Charlotte-based Carolina Motor Club, an affiliate of the American Automobile Association.

T. Ed. Pickard, president, said it was the 19th fuel report filed so far this year by the club. One hundred and forty-one of the monitored stations were in North Carolina.

Almost half of the stations in the state were open all day last Saturday and 45 percent will be open this coming Saturday.

Only 32 percent of the stations surveyed plan to open Sunday.

Prices for full-service premium grade gas averaged 98.5 cents per gallon last week; unleaded 97.2 cents; and regular, 93.4 cents a gallon.

Self-service prices trailed full-service costs by 2.8 cents.

In Charlotte regular averaged 92.8 cents, premium sold for 98.8 and unleaded cost 97.

cents a gallon. For motorists with an average-size 18-gallon gas tank, this translates to an additional \$4.81 increase since the first of the year. The total cost for filling the gas tank now runs an average of \$17.35.

While prices for gasoline slowed for a breather this week, costs for diesel fuel accelerated on an upward climb. North Carolina diesel prices rose to 87.9 cents a gallon, up 1.3 cents from last week.

The audit revealed the number of service stations selling one or more grades of gasoline for 99.9 cents a gallon or more increased from 30 to 32 percent in the state.

North Carolina remains in a shrinking group of southeastern states which have not yet reached \$1.00 a gallon gas. Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Maryland and West Virginia recently slipped into the \$1.00 plus category.

Arkansas and Florida joined them last week. The average price for a gallon of full-service premium in the southeastern region this week amounts to \$100.2 cents.

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City's Housing Assistance Plan To Be Amended

The Mayor and City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider certain amendments to the City's Housing Assistance Plan. Changes being considered are as follows:

- 1) Consider eliminating census tracts or using census tracts to influence the location of "assisted housing" for low and moderate income families.
- 2) Consider reducing the distance between "assisted housing" projects from one mile to 3/4 mile.
- 3) Consider permitting housing projects with 80% market rents and 20% Section 8 rents to be located without restrictions except in racially impacted areas.
- 4) Reconsider the method for ranking neighborhoods on a scale from Best to Depressed which affects the eligibility of neighborhoods for locations of "assisted housing."
- 5) The Council will also consider any other proposed amendments which might be presented to or at the Public Hearing.

Copies of the proposed amendments of the Housing Assistance Plan are available at the Community Development Department, 301 South McDowell Street, Suite 510, Charlotte, NC 28204.

Date: Monday, August 27, 1979

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chamber of City Hall
600 East Trade Street

If you want to speak at the hearing please notify the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, telephone 374-2247, by noon the day of the hearing. Please put whatever you have to say in writing, so it can be carefully considered. If you are unable to attend the hearing, send your comments to the Director, Community Development Department, Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, 28204.

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