

Eagles Preparing For First Confrontation

The Warren County Eagles are busy preparing for their first confrontation of the 1982 football season.

The Eagles, who won both the conference and district titles last season, will host Oxford Webb in a scrimmage game on Aug. 20. Last season, Warren County

topped Webb in a similar pre-season outing.

Coach Billy Frazier must replace much of the Eagles team of 1981 that posted a 9-3 record, won the Roanoke River 3-A crown, and ripped Tarboro in the state playoffs.

Graduation wiped out

the backfield and much of the Birds' line. Gone are quarterback Mark Ellington, fullback Barry Milam, and All-East tailback Joe Greene, who scored 20 times last season and rushed for over 1,700 yards.

Also missing is defensive leader John

Falcon, ends Eric Twitty, Greg Williams, and Dennis Wharton, center Mark Sammons, and punter Randy Garrett. Coach Frazier will have to replace these players as well as some other key linemen.

But don't throw in the towel for 1982. Several promising linemen

return, as well as the bulk of the Eagles' jayvee team that was unbeaten in winning the conference's junior varsity title. How fast the backs mature will tell if Warren County is able to repeat as league champs.

The consolidation of Gaston and Gumberry

High Schools has caused a change in the schedule for this season. Due to the change, Warren County will face the new school twice. Gaston and Gumberry are now called West Northampton, and should be a more formidable opponent for the Eagles. The first meeting of

the schools will be a non-conference game, the second will count in the league standings. Here is the 1982 schedule:

Aug. 20 - OXFORD WEBB (Scrimmage); Aug. 27 - at West Northampton; Sept. 3 - EASTERN ALAMANCE; Sept. 10 - at Gates County; Sept. 17 - at

southeast Halifax; Sept. 24 - at Henderson Vance; Oct. 1 - WEST NORTHAMPTON; Oct. 8 - WELDON; Oct. 15 - at North Edgecombe; Oct. 29 - NORTHAMPTON CO.; Nov. 5 - NORTHWEST HALIFAX. CAPS DENOTE HOME GAMES (Played at John Graham Field.)

All-America Teams Are Joke

If you followed the exploits of David Henderson, Jerome Cooper and Warren County's state championship season, you know The Warren Record often referred to Henderson as an "All-American."

Have you ever wondered who selected David for this honor, or for that matter, how any high school basketball player gets to be an "All-American?"

Here's how. Each year there are maybe 150 or 200 high school players across the country who are labeled "blue chippers." A "blue chipper" is a player the college scouts feel 'can't miss' as a stand-out college player. Of those 150 or 200, 50 or 60 are recognized as "All-Americans," the cream of the crop. These players are listed on various teams, the ones picked by parade, Street & Smith's and The Sporting News. Additionally, McDonald's (yep, the burger folks,) sponsors a team and several all-star games to show off the top players.

While all of this interest in prep players is fine, there is a little problem with the method of selection to one of these prestigious teams. Many of the best players are omitted. The people who size up prep talent nationwide can only evaluate the players they know about. And each year, there are some these selectors never hear about.

To make these teams, a player must attend a national summer camp prior to his senior year in high school. In the Eastern half of the country, that means a trip to either the Five Star Basketball Camp in Pennsylvania or the B. C. Camp in Georgia.

If a player is real good and attends one of those camps, he can make All-America the next season. If he is good and doesn't attend - forget it.

Howard Garfinkel and Will Kline run the Five Star camp, Bill Cronauer runs the B. C. camp. These men see most of the top prospects each summer, but the fact is, some of the best players don't make it to one of these camps and get overlooked. Their lists of the top players are the ones used to pick the All-America squads - it's that simple.

Last summer, David Henderson was the MVP at the State, Wake Forest, and ECU camps - the only three he attended. David came off a great junior season, averaging 25.7 ppg., leading Norlina to the no. 2 ranking among the state's 2-A teams, and making the all-state team. For financial reasons, he could not attend either the B. C. or Five Star camps.

By contrast, Curtis Hunter of Durham, Brad Daugherty of Swannanoa, and Bob Beecher of Danbury, attended one of the major camps. None of these three had as good a junior season as Henderson. But when the fall rolled around, all three were listed on various All-America teams. They were listed because they attended one of the big camps.

Hunter received the most attention. Curtis is an outstanding player and person and has great athletic ability. But following their junior seasons, The Raleigh Times (the most respected prep paper in the state,) selected Henderson as "Metro Player of the Year," ahead of Hunter. Henderson deserved the honor. His statistics were superior to Hunter's, just as they had been when both were sophomores. Hunter also played in a weak conference throughout his career, while Henderson played in two of the best.

The fact that Henderson's talents were not overlooked in the metro Raleigh area caused him to be listed among the nation's "Top 50" prospects by the ACC Handbook. Street & Smith's put him on their "honorable mention" list.

But Street & Smith's had Hunter listed in their top 10, and had Daugherty on their "high honorable mention" list.

Throughout the past season, both Hunter and Daugherty received widespread attention. Both live in or near a large city (Durham and Asheville,) and were being recruited by national power North Carolina. With their pre-season selections to Street & Smith's team, and with all the other publicity they received, inclusion to the other teams was a foregone conclusion.

It didn't make any difference what either did during their senior seasons—they had already done all the things necessary to make the teams. When Daugherty signed with North Carolina, he was assured of being listed as one of the top players in the U. S.

Daugherty had a banner season in 1982. He averaged 26 points a game and led his Owen High team to the State 3-A Championship game. He scored 26 in that game and was impressive.

Hunter did not fare as well. He played on a much better prep team than Daugherty. Southern Durham had several good players to pit with Hunter and the team made it to the Eastern title game. But they made it despite the poor play of Hunter.

For whatever reason, the play of Hunter tailed off during the tournaments. He was unimpressive in his conference tournament, and flopped in the Eastern Regionals. He shot 9-for-26 in the regionals, and was outplayed by Henderson when their teams met for the regional title.

Again, Henderson's stats as a senior were superior to Hunter's, and most of his team's non-conference games were against 4-A teams. (None of Southern Durham's were.)

Henderson's Warren County team defeated Southern Durham for the Eastern crown, and one

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week later, beat Daugherty's Owen team for the state title. With Hunter guarding him, the 6-5 Henderson scored 31 in that game; then poured in 21 points in the game against Owen. Henderson was the MVP of both games.

However, Hunter was named the player of the year in North Carolina by the Associated Press and The Greensboro Daily News, the two selectors of our all-state squads. The Greensboro paper, which has picked the all-state team for years, wrote 59 lines on Hunter in their all-state article. They graciously wrote six lines about Henderson.

This was a slap in the face when you consider that just one week had passed since Henderson led his team to the title—in the Greensboro Coliseum!

There was nothing in Hunter's career that could match Henderson, nothing except the fact that Hunter was from a large city with a large newspaper, was being recruited by UNC, and attended the Five Star camp.

Most of the writers who compose the articles on the All-America teams rely on the info from the summer camps and their contacts in the coaching world. While these are the best sources, the writers should dig deeper, to avoid mistakes in their articles. In the July 26 Sporting News, Doug Doughty of Roanoke, Va., wrote an article analyzing the 1982 recruiting crop. While Doughty's article was probably based on much research, one can only wonder why he listed Daugherty at 6-10, and listed Henderson's home town as Warrenton?

When Doughty left Henderson off the Top 60 list in favor of Beecher or Hunter, he lost his credibility - just as the AP and Greensboro Daily News had done last March. And it's a cinch that Beecher and Hunter were better than some other players on the list.

Garfinkel said he felt badly that "the second-best player in North Carolina did not attend our (Five Star) camp last summer." He was referring to Henderson. If he had never seen David play, how did Garfinkel know David wasn't the best player in the state?

Realizing (finally) that Henderson was omitted from the All-America squads because he didn't attend one of the two big summer camps, a group of Eagle boosters raised enough money to send rising senior Jerome Cooper to the Five Star camp this summer. Cooper, a 6-7 center-forward, made the All-East first team last year, and was already being billed as a major college prospect for next year.

The cost of one week at the Five Star: \$200 (not including transportation and food costs to and from the camp.) When Garfinkel learned of Cooper's talents, he invited Jerome to a second session of the camp - for an additional \$100. Later, Garfinkel invited Cooper to a third week at the camp - for free.

Cooper went to the first session at Honesdale, in Eastern Pennsylvania. He was scheduled to go to the two-week camp at Pittsburgh, but couldn't come close to raising the money for the trip to the camp. Final total: one week at the camp for \$425.

Finding Jerome a way to the camp was an ordeal and took a lot of long-distance calls. The Five Star made no effort to arrange transportation for Jerome to the second session, despite being asked to do so. The money was down the drain.

Many of the top prospects attend several camps each summer. When the cost of one week to the Five Star was over \$250 and two weeks was over \$400 - the price tag for fame becomes an expensive proposition.

In Cooper's case, as in Henderson's - the money just wasn't there for these expensive trips. Making All-America is costly and probably is not worth the price tag.

Looking back at the 1981 All-America team, the name of Memphis State's Keith Lee is nowhere to be found. The names of Jeff Adkins (who flopped at Maryland,) and Manuel Forrest (Louisville bench warmer,) are there - but not Lee. And Lee was the best freshman in the country this year. But he was overlooked.

Selecting a true All-America team is impossible, and no one can be blamed for leaving off a Keith Lee or David Henderson. But it's a shame that so much emphasis is placed on two weeks at a summer camp, and a player's career is barely considered. When the pre-season teams are announced next fall, Cooper will probably be left off. Jerome had enough talent to make All-East and stand off Daugherty when the two faced each other. But he didn't have enough money to purchase a spot on an All-America team.

This looks like part two of the David Henderson story.

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Dove Season Listed

Tar Heel hunters can begin oiling their shotguns - hunting seasons for doves and several other migratory birds have been set at a meeting of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The hunting season for doves opens on September 4 and runs through October 9, then opens again on December 13 and runs through January 15.

Hunting will be allowed from 12 noon until sunset during the first half of the season, and from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset during the second half of the season. The bag limit is 12 doves daily with 24 in possession.

The woodcock season will run from November 12 through January 15 with a daily bag limit of 5 birds with 10 in possession.

The common snipe season will run from November 12 through February 26 with a daily bag limit of 8 birds with 16 in possession.

The season on rails and gallinules will run from September 1 through November 9. The daily bag limit for gallinules, clapper and king rails is 15 birds with 30 in possession. The daily bag limit for sora and Virginia rails is 25 birds daily with 25 in possession.

Chowan Takes 2 Graduates

Two graduates of Warren County High School, Calvin Eugene Edwards and Eric Eugene Twitty, have been accepted for admission to Chowan College in Murfreesboro for the fall semester beginning August 22.

Chowan College is a two-year, co-educational, residential college for students wishing to pursue the baccalaureate degree in senior colleges and universities.

The college has an enrollment of approximately 1,150 students representing 27 states and 19 foreign countries.



SHUTTERBUG...While snapping some snapshots at Daytona Beach, pretty Holly Strasser was overheard to say "Look this way and smile." Who couldn't?

The world's greatest migrators are birds called the Arctic terns. They travel each year to the Antarctic. The round trip totals about 25,000 miles.

Henderson Helps East To Basketball Victory

GREENSBORO - Warren County All-America David Henderson scored eight points in helping the East to an easy 98-72 win last Tuesday night in the 34th annual East-West basketball game at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The East, a heavy favorite in the game pitting rising college freshmen from around the state, managed a shaky 45-37 lead at the half. But Rocky Mount's 6-0 guard, George McClain, came out burning in the third quarter. McClain scored six of the East's first 10 points in the period and handed out several dazzling assists, as the East outscored the West 33-8 in the quarter.

The East led 78-45 after three periods and coasted home in the final stanza, with every player getting plenty of time on the court.

McClain, who's headed for State this fall, scored 18 points and dished out eight assists. The point guard, who led Rocky Mount to the state 4-A title last season, was named the game's MVP.

"We tried to run in the third quarter and they weren't getting back on defense," said McClain. "So we took advantage of it. I was just trying to play well and have fun. I had a good time," added McClain.

The entire East squad had fun in the second half. Kenny Gattison, the 6-8 center from Wilmington, scored 15 points; Nate McMillan of Raleigh Enloe added 12, Rafael Hernandez of Fayetteville and Derrick Johnson of Kinston had nine each, and Henderson had eight points. Every player on the team scored at least six points, an indication of the balance of the squad and the time each player performed in the

contest.

The only West player in double figures was unknown Carl Smith of Kings Mountain with 21. A couple of well-known players, Vernon Odom of Bandys and Ed Bley-nat of East Burke, had terrible nights. Odom, a 6-2 guard headed for West Virginia, hit only 4-of-16 shots for eight points; while the 6-10 Bley-nat, a Clemson signee, managed just four points.

In winning their fifth straight game in the series, the East team led by as many as 42 points (94-52), before a late flurry by the losers trimmed the margin. The East leads the series 18-16.

The East girls coasted to a 71-48 victory in the opener - the fourth straight win in the series by the East girls. With the East boys taking the nightcap, the East teams have now swept the annual series the last four years.

A pair of All-State players from Southwest Edgecombe, Bridget Jenkins and Delphine Mabry, led the winners with 11 points apiece.

Kirsten Weinert of Jacksonville also had 11, while Lisa Squirewell of Wake Forest added 10,

and Kenan Menefee of Weldon chipped in six points.

Lisa Davis of McDowell County paced the losing team with 11 points.

The East squad outscored the West in every quarter and led 34-24 at the half. After extending the lead to 48-35 after three periods, the winners cruised to an effortless win the final quarter.

The East leads this series 5-3. Mabry, a track standout as well as basketball star for the state 3-A champions, was named the game's MVP.

"Delphine deserved the honor," said coach Tommy Hawkins of Wilson Beddingfield. "She worked hard this week and the game just capped a great week," added Hawkins.

With McClain and Henderson leading the boys' win; and with Mabry, Jenkins, and Menefee pacing the girls' win - five players named to the Warren Record's All-Region team last season were instrumental in the East victories.

Cowboy Al: Why are you wearing only one spur? Cowboy Hal: I figure that when one side of the horse starts running, the other will too.

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