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Blue Knights Lose State Title To Aberdeen Thursday In 6-Man Final

The Southern Pines Blue Knights lost an unprecedented bid for a third straight State six-man football championship last Thursday night when the Aberdeen Red Devils caught fire in the second half and plowed to a 15-6 victory.

For the Red Devils, the victory was indeed sweet: it was their first state championship, their first win over Southern Pines in the past six years, and marked an end to a Blue Knight winning streak that stood at 33. They had lost to the Blue Knights in regular season play, 14-12, with many people thinking that a blunder had caused it.

But there were no blunders Thursday night. The Red Devils couldn't afford them.

Playing before some 2,000 chilled fans, the largest turnout of the season in Aberdeen, both teams played it safe in the first half, and neither scored. But in the second, the first time they got possession, the Devils scored. A punt return had placed the ball on the Knights' 35. From there Harvey White and Kenneth Carrington teamed to make the score. White took the ball from center, lateraled to Carrington, who faded back and threw a pass to White.

Pulling it in, White scampered 30 yards for the score. He also kicked the point, giving the Devils an 8-0 lead.

Minutes later, in the same quarter, the Blue Knights got back into the game when Bobby Watkins passed 40 yards to Tony Parker, a pass that carried to Aberdeen's 12 yard line. Three plays later Lynn van Benschoten bulled over for the score.

The attempt at the extra point was missed and it was at that point that many fans thought the Red Devils had wrapped up the championship.

In the fourth period Red Devils added an insurance touchdown when Carrington passed to White for another score. Morton added the extra point.

White was clearly the outstanding player on the field. As noted he scored all but one of Aberdeen's points and was instrumental in keeping the Knights in their own territory much of the time.

This might have been the last

time that Southern Pines took the field with a six-man team. There has been much talk that next year the 11-man system will be installed here, though nothing official has been announced.

Coach Irie Leonard has said several times this year that the 11 man type football could be played here probably, although there would be few natural rivals since all teams in the county are fielding six-man teams.

Something in the way of an official announcement is promised in the next few days, however, with a tentative list of teams that might appear on the schedule.

Clarence Doss, 50, Died Last Friday

Clarence Doss, 50, of Rt. 3, Carthage, died last Friday.

He was a son of the late James T. Doss and Martha Wolfe Doss, and a native of Surry County.

He is survived by his wife, the former Irene Hardy; two sons, James of U. S. Army in England, Charles of the home; three daughters, Mrs. James Spivey of Carthage, Frances Faye and Joyce Lee of the home; two grandchildren; two brothers, Claude and Ernest of Vass; eight sisters, Mrs. Stella Brewer, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Maggie Stone, and Mrs. J. C. Hardy both of Cameron, Mrs. Grady Ledwell, Colorado Springs, Colo., Mrs. W. R. Goodman and Mrs. Raymond Thomas both of Sanford, Mrs. W. H. Hendricks, and Mrs. M. M. Routh both of Cameron.

Funeral services were held at the Cameron Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Monday conducted by Rev. James Cooper and Rev. Tom Wolfe. Burial followed in Rocky Fork Cemetery.

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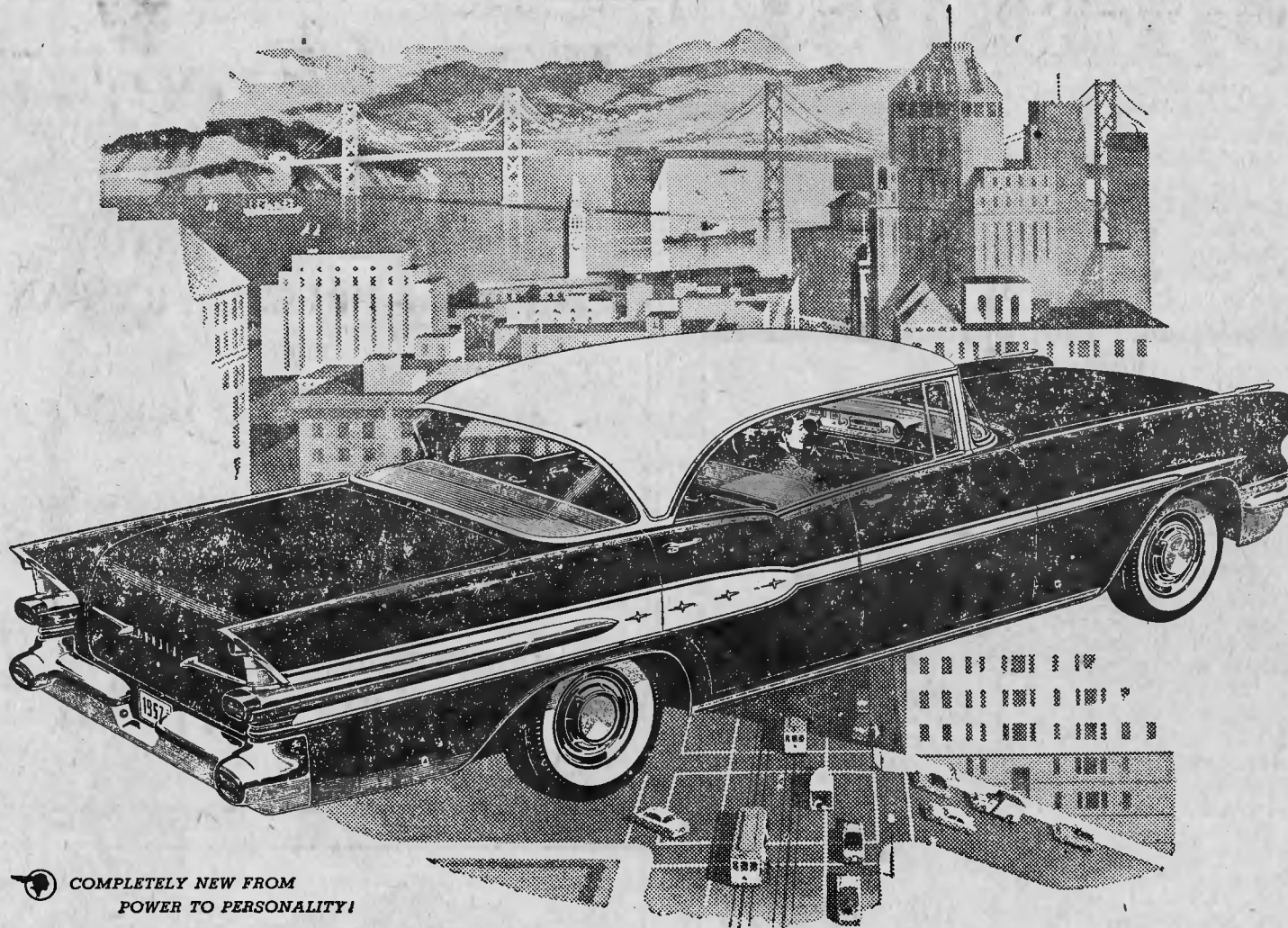
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