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Duplin Pro Rick Green invites you to join 60 other teams for a weekend of fun and festivities Saturday and Sunday, August 26-27-28 as the club's outstanding Member-Guest Golf Tournament highlights the golf area. Tournament format will include pre-flighting teams on Saturday by combining handicaps of the two players and a two-man superball round. On Sunday's round it will be a two-man best ball with handicaps. This is a different format and Green invites members to play by inviting guests and call shop 296-0919 as soon this week as possible.

The weekend will begin with a practice round Friday followed by a stag cocktail party and team pairings in the club house. Saturday will start with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. or you may play at 1:00 p.m. Following the first round, a pig picking will highlight the evening, a luncheon and fashion show for the ladies, and a dance with music by the Four Easy Pieces. Sunday's round will start with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. followed by

presentation of awards. All this is packed into just over two days for only \$75 per team, which will also include carts for the tournament. You can't beat that, fellows.

Southern Wayne Pro Rick Murphy reports in the field of 120 teams, Kinston's Joel Harris and Wilmington's Jack Hooks came out in the 1983 Mount Olive Jaycee Pickle Golf Classic champions with rounds of 61-64-125. Mount Olive's twosome of Tom Johnson and Woody Caton were two strokes back with rounds of 63-64-127.

Lakewood Pro Doug Smith announces the schedule at his club includes the annual Member-Member set for Sept. 10-11 and the Member-Guest is on tap Oct. 15-16. Smith says a nine-hole superball is held every Friday afternoon and anyone is invited to play. Tee time about 6 p.m.

Rockfish Pro Jim Finch announces the club championship at his club in

Wallace will get underway Aug. 27 and run through the month of September. Finch says it will be both men and women and match play. Finch also reports a Flag Tournament scheduled for Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day. Anyone may come and play in the fun golf tourney.

Pro Ed Smoot reports 30 teams have also signed up to play in the annual Member-Guest golf tournament scheduled at Coharie Country Club of Clinton on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28. Entry fee of \$100 includes carts, cocktail party, practice round and dance.

Herman and Randy Kight, Betty Potter, Norwood West and Dwayne Graham won the 9-hole superball held at Duplin last Friday afternoon with a 29. Wade Biddix, Carl Price, Henry Dail, Jorica Allen and Noble Martin took second place with a best ball 31. Pro Rick Green was pleased with the 57 participating in the tournament. "Hopefully we can continue this type tournament on through the fall," Green said.

Duplin Country Club will hold their club championship starting Sunday, Sept. 5 and ending Sunday, Sept. 16. It will be match play, pre-flighted according to handicap. Check in Pro Shop for first round pairings. For more information call Pat Matthis 296-4376 or Rick Green 296-0919.

Fore.

ECC Football Outlook 1983

By Joe Costin

The sports department down at DUPLIN TIMES in Kenansville has attempted to gather a little preseason football information for the many fans who support East Central Conference football. Several weeks ago, THE TIMES sent a football preseason questionnaire to all the coaches in the conference. Teams that make up the ECC include North Duplin, James Kenan, East Duplin, South Lenoir, Union, Hobbton, Lakewood, Wallace-Rose Hill and Midway. The sports department at THE TIMES had plans to share with you a little info on all the teams collectively, which may stimulate you and get you ready for the 1983 football season.

THE DUPLIN TIMES will share with you a few details on the following teams that returned the questionnaires (North Duplin, East Duplin, South Lenoir, Midway and Union High).

North Duplin Coach Ken Avent, one of the all-time great coaches in the ECC, has much concern for his Rebels this season. North Duplin lost more talent than



Coach Jean Earl Worthington

Working with the East Duplin football program this season are Butch Budd, Jerry Hunter and Billy Stephens, instructors at the high school. Assisting from the Beulaville community are Rusty Lanier and Ed Crute. Stephens will be in his first year with Duplin County schools. He comes to East Duplin from the Hoke County School system. Stephens is teaching social studies and working as offensive line coach for the East Duplin Panthers.

Worthington is married and he and his wife Patsy have three children, Tammy age 13 years, Tom, 12 and Jamie, 6.

any other team in the school's history, including All-East Ralph Britt (N.C. State), All-East Johnny Artis, probably the best runner ever in the East Central with 2,030 yards (Wake Forest), All-East and Shrine Bowl star Charles Showers (Davidson), All-Conference selections Dwight Armwood, Jeff Coats and Curt Williams were also lost along with standouts Ken Barfield, Donny Taylor and Timmy Jones. If losing that kind of talent doesn't keep you awake at night, what will. No other East Central school has ever lost that much talent in any given season.

Of course he may get a little rest with the premiere running back in the league in the Rebel's backfield in All ECC Anthony Jernigan. Coach Avent will return 10 lettermen to try to match their 12-2 overall record of a year ago. "We would like to take it all, but with the heavy losses, it will be most difficult," Avent said. Avent's Rebels were tied for the ECC championship with Wallace-Rose Hill last year with a 7-1 record.

Coach Avent's North Duplin team travels to South Brunswick this Friday night (Aug. 26) in their 1983 opener.

East Duplin High's 1983 hopes will rest on the broad shoulder of new head Coach Jean Earl Worthington. Worthington came to East Duplin from Pine Forest High School, a 4-A power that lost in the state playoffs a year ago. Worthington will need a lot of help with his Panthers returning only six lettermen, including Keith Strickland, Daryl Baysden, Darren Sholar, Frank Brown, Ashley Blizzard and Kirt Thigpen. Several newcomers will be welcomed including Jamie Sholar, Jeff Batchelor, Mike Bonneville, Neal Thigpen and Ed Ashlock. Coach Worthington will be assisted by Butch Budd, Jerry Hunter, Rusty Lanier and Ed Crute to help build a winning atmosphere at the Panther school East Duplin will open the 1983 season when they host Swansboro this Friday night (Aug. 26) at the Panther Field in Beulaville.

South Lenoir Coach Jimmy Smith has 18 lettermen returning to build the 1983 season on for his Blue Devils. The Blue Devils lost such

standouts as All-ECC quarterback David Jenkins and All-Conference running back Wade Smith, the best back in the state, Joe Outlaw, Ken Rouse, Rex Howard, Reggie Wingate and Mike Kennedy. Among the starlets returning for Coach Smith are Darrell King, Lin Hartsell, Tony Turner, Paul Dunn, Otis Tate, Napoleon Burney, Steve Parnell, Mickey Howard, Johnny Kennedy, Dan Worthington and Chris Barnette.

Coach Smith will have newcomers Trip Dansant, Wendell Davis, Sam Denlan, Arron Howard, Danny Davis, Andy Croom and Wade Lyndall who may play a role in the Devil's attack. Smith said, "We have good experienced linemen, depth in the line, and if our young backs come through, the team should improve a lot over the 2-6 ECC mark of a year ago." The Blue Devils will test their strength Friday night (Sept. 2) as they host cross-county rivals North Lenoir at Deep Run.

The Midway Raiders of Coach Tommy Sloan will settle for the 6-4 overall mark of a year ago should anyone record it. Coach Sloan lost three All-ECC selections in Glenn Warren, Robert Tew and Darwin Carr, along with such talent as quarterback Glenn Patrick. Midway will return experience in Dave Wilson, Rab Pope, Henry Elliott, Steve Bell and Darrell Barnes. Newcomers will include Phillip Loving, Toby Carter and Chris Owen to help build Sloan's hopes for 1983. The Raiders will open the season traveling to Pender High Friday night (Aug. 26) in Burgaw.

Coach O.C. Holland's Union Spartans will definitely improve over their 1-18-1 mark over the past two years. Union will be returning 17 veterans in '83 and with the experience, the Spartans may just surprise a lot of folks. Coach Holland will be looking real hard at such veterans as Steve Peterson, Lennie Webster, Clifton Carter, Tim Gray, David Simmons, along with newcomers Brock Douglass, Rodney Johnson, Keith Woodard and Roy Mimms. Union will take on Clarkton at home this week (Aug. 26).

Would have been glad to share with the outlook for James Kenan this season, but like Wallace-Rose Hill,

the coaching staff did not return info requested. Anyway, the writer wishes both teams the very best this

season. James Kenan may be as strong as last season, but any way you cut it, the Dogs should take it all, j.c.

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New Head Football Coach At East Duplin

By Emily Killette

A combination of North Duplin High School's football tradition, James Kenan's large student turn-out, and Wallace-Rose Hill's team strength are the goals new head football Coach Jean Earl Worthington plans to work toward in the East Duplin football program.

"The school lacks the numbers," Head football Coach Jean Worthington at East Duplin High School, said. "Not many players came out for football, only about 26 on the varsity and 26 on the junior varsity. Even though East Duplin is a fairly large 2-A school, it draws students from a very spread-out area. And, that is deceiving to the football program because so many sophomores and freshmen live far away and don't have a way to get back to the school for practice."

Worthington is a native of

New Bern. He has spent the past two years as coach of the Fayetteville City high school Pine Forest, and Worthington's team advanced to state semi-finals where they were defeated last season by Jacksonville in play-offs. After coaching 21 years, Worthington has a record of 18 winning seasons and three losing, which he attributes to the transition from one football program to a new one. During the 18 winning seasons, Worthington's team has advanced to state play-offs seven times. He is a graduate and former football player at Catawba College.

"The potential is here," Worthington said. "But the most important thing for the football program is to strengthen the community's interest. Once you start being a success, people begin to jump on the band wagon."

"The first goal is to build the turn-out numbers up,

and then the second thing would be to get the players and the community's attitude right. The third goal is to get a weight program started and I think the rest will take care of itself," Worthington said. Football practice began Aug. 1 at East Duplin High School; Worthington started a weight-conditioning program during July, three nights a week at the high school.

"A team needs talent," Worthington said, "and the potential for a good football program is here — talent with speed and physically strong; the team will be competitive in the conference and generate community interest. You have to have tradition in a football program and it has to wrap up the entire school and the community." East Duplin will play its first regular season game with Swansboro. Game time is 8 p.m. Friday, August 26; the junior varsity plays Aug. 25.

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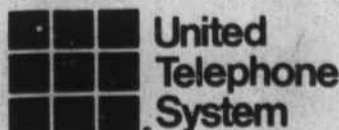
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