

Teams Build Fine Record in 1957

Eagles Go Undeclared To Capture AA-C Title

The Morehead City Eagles were the class of the state AA-C teams last year. There are plenty of fans who will argue that the Eagles could have defeated any high school team in the state on a given night.

This is one point that will never be settled, but there is no doubt that the Eagles were clearly out of the class of most of the teams they played last year.

The Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs gave the Eagles more trouble than any other team. It wasn't until the final two minutes of the game before the Eagles were able to push across a touchdown for a 19-14 victory.

The following paragraphs tell the story of the Eagles march to the state championship:

In the first game of the year the Eagles scored a rousing 28-0 victory over Camden. Several hundred fans turned out to the local ball park to see the 1957 version of the Eagle machine.

James Guthrie was the big gun in the winner's attack. He scored 20 points on three touchdowns and two extra points. John Glancy scored one touchdown on a quarterback sneak and Gerald Jones went across for two extra points.

The Eagles traveled to Swansboro for their second game, intent on making up for a 7-0 loss to the Pirates last year. The Morehead City eleven ran wild to score a 42-0 victory.

Once more it was Guthrie who led the scoring for the Eagles. He scored three touchdowns and an extra point for 19 points. Jones scored one touchdown and two extra points, as did Freddie Oglesby. Willis scored a touchdown and Glancy scored one extra point.

Farmville was the third victim of the Eagles. When the dust cleared away from the Morehead stadium, the score stood at 31-0. Six Eagles had scored points during the contest.

Jones was the sparkplug in the 25-6 victory over Jones Central the following week. He ran for three touchdowns and one extra point while Guthrie scored once.

A Jones Central player picked up a fumble and ran 63 yards to score the first touchdown of the year against the Eagles.

The traditional battle for the Mullet Bucket was number five for the Eagles. The Beaufort Seadogs went down to a 47-4 defeat playing on their home field.

Jones tore the Seadog defenses open as he scored four touchdowns. Guthrie scored twice and Glancy hit paydirt once in the rout. Extra points were scored by Willis and Oglesby.

One of the roughest games played by the Eagles resulted in a 40-0 victory over the Camp Lejeune Devil Pups. Both teams were fired up for the game and went all-out to win.

The Eagles reached their offensive peak against Pamlico Central. In racking up a 52-0 victory, they scored the highest total made by an Eagle team in three years.

Dixon had cancelled its game with the Eagles, so the Big Red was idle the next week. A flu epidemic caused the Morehead City school to close and postpone the game with Havelock scheduled for the following week. The game was never played since the Eagles were busy in play-offs from then on out.

The first round of the play-offs saw the Eagles pitted against the Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs. The teams met at Swansboro with the game rated a toss up.

The Bulldogs struck first when Willie Piner grabbed off an Eagle fumble and raced 34 yards to paydirt. He booted the extra point to put the Bulldogs into a 7-4 lead.

James Guthrie knotted the score with a touchdown and extra point minutes later. The Bulldogs moved back into the lead with less than a minute remaining in the half.

Trailing 14-7 with seconds remaining, Coach Clark sent in a play from the bench. A screen pass from Glancy to Guthrie clicked and covered 43 yards to

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Hap Perry, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, presents the state AA-C championship trophy to Eagle co-captains Richard Powers, right, and Gordon Patrick. Looking on are Thomas Oglesby and Coach Norman Clark.

Norman Clark Has Coached Morehead City to 37-5 Mark

Morehead City Eagle Coach Norman Clark's teams have compiled a fabulous record of 37 victories and five losses since he began coaching in 1954. During that time the Eagles have been in the state play-offs three times and won the state championship once.

Coach Clark gives his players credit for doing most of the hard work. "I just tell the boys what to do and try to show them how to do it," he explains.

Coaches of opposing teams say that there is more to Clark's success than that. They say the secret of the success of Eagle teams is due to the burning desire to win that Coach Clark has instilled in the boys.

The urge to win, just like physical courage, is contagious. Coach Clark, an outstanding athlete himself, got into the habit of winning while he was still in high school.

Four-Letter Man
He was a four-letter man at the Bonita, Calif., High School. Clark was an end on the same football team with Glen Davis, Mr. Outside of the Davis-Blanchard inside-outside powerhouse at Army during the Cadet's stay at the top of the national football ratings.

Clark was even more outstanding as a baseball player. In high school he played the outfield and pitched. When he graduated from high school, he was swamped with scholarship offers and accepted a full scholarship to play football and baseball for the University of Southern California.

After a year at USC, Clark entered the service for a three-year hitch. As soon as he was discharged, the Cleveland Indians signed him up and put him in their farm system as an outfielder.

Works Way Up
Because of his strong right arm, Clark was shifted to pitcher and he worked his way up to Class A ball in just three years. A shoulder injury he picked up in the service came back to bother him in the third year and he had to give up professional ball.

In 1952 Clark entered East Carolina College and resumed his col-



Norman Clark ... Eagle coach

lege studies. After graduating from ECC, Clark worked on his master's degree for a half-year before accepting a position at Plymouth. He taught there during the 1953-54 school-year and came to Morehead City in the fall of 1954.

During Clark's first year as coach, the Eagles lost two games. They dropped a 20-14 decision to Edenonton, state Class A champs that year and a 3-0 thriller to Washington.

Lose in Play-Offs

In 1955 the Eagles were undefeated going into the state play-offs. The Wallace Bulldogs stopped the Eagle victory string with a 20-6 verdict over the Morehead City gridgers.

In 1956 The Eagles dropped a 7-0 decision to Swansboro and lost a play-off game with Tarboro by a 27-14 margin.

Last year, of course, the Eagles were undefeated in 11 straight games as they captured the AA-C state championship.

Coach Clark says you have to put the individual boys above winning or losing a ball game. He for the Jaycees.

works with him as an important knows every boy on the team and person.

The Clark living room is crowded with medals and trophies the coach won as a player and coach. Among the trophies is the Seashore Conference Coach of the Year award, initiated by THE NEWS-TIMES, which Clark has won for three years.

Seadogs Select Best Players

Larry Kirk was selected by his teammates as the outstanding player on the Beaufort football team last season. Selected as the best defensive player on the team was Clayton Hunnings.

Danny Willis won the offensive award, Gordon Becton received the most valuable player trophy and John Smith was recognized as the best blocker on the team.

Only two of these players are on the Seadog squad this year. They are Becton and Smith. All the others have graduated, leaving Beaufort team short on experience.

Coach V. M. Morrison is counting heavily on Becton and Smith as the nucleus of a strong forward wall. Both Smith and Becton were on the All-Seashore Conference second team last season.

Other Beaufort players who made the honor team were Bobby Goodwin and Alex Copeland.

Seadogs who made honorable mention were Charles Hassell, Calvin Jones, Kirk, Jim Guthrie, David Perry, Dallas Willis, Butch Hassell, Raymond Gillikin, Danny Willis, Hunnings, Joe Paik, and H. D. Paul.

The Beaufort Jaycees sponsored a football banquet last winter in which all these boys were honored. The banquet, conducted at the Scout Building, is an annual affair

Carteret County football teams compiled an overall record of 24 victories, three losses and two ties last year. The most impressive record, of course, was that of Morehead City's state championship squad. The Eagles racked up 11 victories without a defeat.

The Beaufort Seadogs won the Class A championship of the Seashore Conference with an overall mark of six victories, two losses and a tie. The Seadogs then tied Farmville in the state play-offs in their final game of the season.

The Queen Street Knights went all the way to the finals for the eastern championship of AA colored schools before losing their first game of the season to Chapel Hill. The Knights wound up with a 7-1 mark.

It is no accident that schools in this county, year after year, are able to produce winning teams. Backed by civic organizations and parents, coaches have fewer worries away from the field. They are able to devote a great deal of their time to the individual players and weld individuals into a strong unit.

After a break for World War II, this county has come back strong to field better and better teams.

Queen Street was the first school in the county to field a team after the war. In 1949 Coach S. H. Barrow came out with his first edition of the Knights. Coach Barrow is still producing top-notch teams at the Beaufort school to hold the record for this county in length of service.

Beaufort's Seadogs were the second county team on the field after the war. The Seadogs got in two games in 1949 and took on a full schedule the following year.

Morehead City was the third school to get in on the football rush. In 1950 the Eagles got Charlie Hester as head coach and went all-out with the backing of the Morehead City Jaycees. The Beaufort Jaycees were supporting the Seadog grid program.

The newest county team is the W. S. King Monarchs. The Monarchs, under the coaching of John Thompson, will take the field for the first time this year.

Coach Thompson is working hard to develop a well-rounded athletic program at W. S. King. He introduced basketball a couple of years ago and is now going all-out for the football program. He contends that the Monarchs have the material to produce a championship team.

With four teams playing in the county this year, fans will have a wide selection of games to attend. Football is one of the most exciting spectator sports ever developed.

There is always plenty of action in every game. Go out and enjoy the drama of each game. Boys play just as hard as the fans make them. A loud cheering section can be a great inspiration for the young athletes.

1957 Seadog Gridders Gain Berth in State Play-Offs



Guion Dudley was one of Beaufort's best running backs last year. Here the speedy halfback picks up yardage in the Havelock game. The Seadogs and Rams battled to a 13-13 tie in the game.

The Beaufort Seadogs compiled a record of six victories, two defeats and one tie in gaining a berth in the state Class A play-offs last year. The Seadogs played Farmville to a scoreless deadlock in the play-offs for a final record of 6-2-2.

They opened the season with a rush, scoring decisive victories over Dixon, Camp Lejeune and Vanceboro.

The first game, a 21-0 victory over Dixon, was a cinch for the Seadogs. They rolled up 307 yards on offense and stopped Dixon cold with a minus seven yards for their day's work.

One touchdown by the Seadogs was called back and two long punt returns were cancelled when penalties were called against Beaufort. The Seadogs, despite 95 yards in penalties, were in command throughout the game.

Kirk Stars in Game
The Camp Lejeune Devil Pups fell before the Seadog assault by a 26-2 margin in a game played at the Marine base. Larry Kirk passed and ran the Seadogs to victory in this game.

Kirk passed for two touchdowns and an extra point and made several long runs, including a 30-yard jaunt that set up the second Seadog touchdown.

The third straight victory came at the expense of Vanceboro. The score in that game was 35-19. Trailing 19-14 in the fourth quarter, the Seadogs scored three touchdowns in the final period to put the game on ice.

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V. M. Morrison Brings Impressive Coaching Record to Seadog Camp

Beaufort's new football coach, V. M. Morrison, comes to the Seadog camp with an impressive record built at such schools as Henderson, Rutherfordton and Mt. Holly.

While Coach Morrison is a firm believer in the theory that football is 99 per cent fundamentals, he insists that he is not a member of the old "blood and guts school."

Any play will go with enough blocking and any play can be stopped with enough tackling—that is what Coach Morrison stresses in his practice sessions.

No Secrets
"There are no secrets in football. Every play I ever saw or heard of can be found in a book. Coaching and plays are a factor in a team's success, of course, but it is the boys who beat you," Coach Morrison declares.

Born in Beckley, West Va., Coach Morrison moved to Wilmington to live with his sister while he was in grammar school. He went to New Hanover High School in Wilmington and played football, basketball and baseball.

After graduation from high school, Coach Morrison went to the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kingspoint, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1943.

He served in the Merchant Marine during the war and left the service in 1946 as a lieutenant commander. On leaving the Merchant Marine, he went to Davidson College for additional college work. Coach Morrison played football and basketball at Davidson.

Works for Government
After his graduation from Davidson, he took a job with the US Maritime Service at Wilmington.

In 1949 Coach Morrison went back to New Hanover High as a backfield coach. In 1951 he moved to East Carolina College where he was an assistant to W. E. Doyle, who is now head coach at Davidson.

Coach Morrison spent only one year at ECC and moved to Hender-

son as head coach for the three major sports. He remained at Henderson until 1954 when he moved to Rutherfordton as athletic director and head coach.

After one year at Rutherfordton Coach Morrison moved to Mount Holly. His first year at Mt. Holly saw his team drop seven decisions while winning only two. The next year Mt. Holly won 11 straight before losing to Granite Falls for the AA-C western championship.

Resumes Teaching
After the 1957 season Coach Morrison accepted a position with the Wilmington Shipping Co. He decided he had rather be back in school so he quit last October and accepted a job teaching the eighth grade at Mineral Springs.

Coach Morrison is one coach who can bring his horses with him. He has three registered quarter horses, one on a farm at Crab Point and two at Charlotte.

Coach Morrison is married and has three stepchildren. Sonny Thacker, a student at ECC; Mack Thacker, a student at Wake Forest; and Barbara Thacker, who will be a junior at Beaufort this fall. Mrs. Morrison is the former Phiena Nelson of Henderson.

Mullet Bucket Will Mark Eighth Birthday This Year



No one knows just how many hamburgers have been eaten from the Mullet Bucket. At one time the 'burgers were reserved for members of the winning team but for the past two years both teams have been invited to Dom's for free eats after the Beaufort-Morehead City game.

The Mullet Bucket will mark its eighth birthday this year with just as much excitement as there was when the old bucket was put on the line for the first time in 1950. The Mullet Bucket, given annually to the winner of the Morehead City-Beaufort football game, is traditionally filled with hamburgers for members of both teams at Dom's.

The trophy was initiated by the Morehead City and Beaufort Jaycees to raise interest in what was destined to become the greatest athletic series in the history of either school.

The Eagles and Seadogs had played to a scoreless deadlock early in the season of 1950 before the Mullet Bucket idea was originated. A second game was scheduled for Thanksgiving day of the

Seven Eagles Selected For All-Conference Team

No less than seven members of last year's Morehead City Eagles won all-conference honors. The Eagles rolled over every team they met in the Seashore Conference and opposing coaches were so impressed with the Eagles some suggested that every man on the team deserved to be all-conference.

Players making the all-conference team were end Linwood Swinson, tackle Lynwood Durham, guard Richard Powers, quarterback John Glancy, and halfbacks Gerald Jones and James Guthrie.

Only two of these players, Guthrie and Durham, will be on the Eagle squad again this year. Coach Norman Clark says he is counting heavily on these boys to furnish the experience necessary to balance the green players who will earn starting berths.

Outstanding Player
Jones was named the outstanding player on the Eagle squad last year. He scored 123 points and was a constant break-away threat. Guthrie, the best offensive player, scored 147 points and was great when the going was hardest.

Durham is counted on this year to "carry" one side of the Eagle line. He will probably be flanked by a pair of first year men who will be looking to him for tips on the finer points of the game.

second team all-conference last year and was selected by the coach as the most improved player on the squad at the end of the season.

Oglesby was shifted from tackle to fullback just before the season started last year. He improved steadily with experience and by the end of the year was a solid candidate for an all-conference berth. He was nosed out by Jones Central's Raymond Conway, a senior repeater from 1956.

Honorable Mention
Jackie Simpson, a senior guard last year, also won a second team all-conference spot. Eagles getting honorable mention were end Russel Guthrie, tackle Sherman Salter, guard Mokey Lassiter, and backs Al Conner, Jackie McQueen and Craig Willis.

Richard Powers was voted the best defensive player on the team—a brilliant defensive aggregation that gave up only 58 points in 11 games.

Glancy, Simpson and Salter tied for the sportsmanship award. Jones and Powers were named to the News and Observer All-East team.

While most of the players winning individual honors last year were seniors, plenty of the younger players showed the potential to become just as good as the state champs.

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