

SPORTS SCOPE

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Football has just about passed, but it is still lingering around. With the Bowl games to come, there will still be plenty of talk about football after the New Year comes in.

Congratulations are in store for Coach "Knocker" Adkins for being named "High School Coach of the Year."

Bill Phillips, captain of the 1950 Blackbirds, was named line-man of the year. Congratulations!

George Harris, tackle, started off in that position in the annual Shrine Bowl game. North Carolina defeated South Carolina in a free scoring contest.

Robert "Monk" Bartholomew went all out in receiving honors. The coaches through-out the state, around 200, picked the Greensboro Daily News Scholastic All State team. Robert was the only Blackbird to be placed on it. He was placed at the guards post.

In picking the above team three other Blackbirds received honorable mention. They are, George Harris, tackle, Roy McCarter, end, and Dan Herring, back.

In looking over the A P All-American team we find that Carolina again placed a man on the first team. Irvin Holdash was selected as one of the defense line-backers.

Coach Wallace Wade of Duke was picked as the first commissar of the Southern Conference.

The Blackbird cogers are whipping into shape for their conference schedule after Christmas. With a few practice games under their belts they are looking fine.

Adkins Receives Award

Coach "Knocker" Adkins was honored as Eastern North Carolina's coach of the year at the annual Wilson Touchdown Club banquet held at the Cherry Hotel in Wilson on the 4th of December.

Jim Tatum, Head football Coach at the University of Maryland, was the main speaker. Also present at the banquet were members of the All-Eastern football team as picked by the 32 high school coaches in the East. It was composed of three Rocky Mount boys; tackle, George Harris, Roy McCarter, end, and Bob Bartholomew, a guard, and four boys from Wilmington and Fayetteville. Others present were the Wilson High and ACC football teams.

Frank Mock, head coach at Kinston and last years "Coach of the Year," presented Adkins to the club.

Projects Completed

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JR. RED CROSS FILLS BOXES

Through the Jr. Red Cross, the Rocky Mount high school students have filled approximately 25 gift boxes for the children of Europe who will have no Christmas.

Other projects for Christmas are the making of nut and candy cups for veterans in the hospitals of Rocky Mount. Over 175 decks of cards were also collected from the homeroom to send to the service men going over seas for Christmas.

Clubs Entertain Team

Each year the Civitans and Jaycees give an annual banquet in honor of the football team. The Sportsmen honored the team with a supper also.

The Civitan presented each member of the team with a miniature football. "Peahead" Walker, Wake Forest coach, was the guest speaker. The Carolina-Wake Forest 1950 football pictures were shown.

George "Turk" Harris was awarded the Blocking Trophy at the annual Jaycees Banquet. The guest speaker, Ted Hazelwood, assistant coach at Carolina, showed football highlights of 1948, starring Charlie 'Choo Choo' Justice, Art Weiner, and Hosea Rogers.

The Sportsmen guest speaker was Darri Royal, assistant coach at State College. Another highlight was the first presentation of the Billy Smith Memorial Linesman Award. The lucky lineman was Captain Bill Phillips.

303 Wins Tournament

Homeroom 303, Miss Grant's junior homeroom, won the Volley Ball Tournament. They won among the junior homerooms. Then they played the Sophomore champions, Mr. Chapman's homeroom. Homeroom 303 then played senior homeroom 109. This win entitled them to the Volleyball Championship.

Experience may be the best teacher, but the tuition is sometimes terrific.

Athletes Of The Week Picked

This year the Sportsmen of Rocky Mount decided to choose an athlete of the week from the stars of the preceeding Friday's football game. Each of these athletes was invited to supper on a Monday night. There were speakers and pictures of college football games at these meetings.

Dan Herring was chosen first in the Goldsboro game. He played H. B. and is a senior. In the third period Dan ran 47 yards for a touchdown and in the fourth quarter he raced 70 yards for another T. D. Besides these scores he set up the other touchdowns.

Captain Bill Phillips was picked as the outstanding player of the Wilmington game. He played center and is a senior. His passes from center and blocking has been superb throughout the year. He seems to know how to keep the boys together.

Roy McCarter received the honors in the Fayetteville game. He played end and is a senior. He scored a touchdown on a pass from Herring to the five and went over standing up. He also kicked 3 extra points for a total of 9 points.

In the Charlotte Tech game an end, Arthur Proctor, was picked as the athlete of the week. He is a senior and during the game he scored, on two touchdown passes from Bob Britt and Billy Gray. He was a substitute end and came into the game in the final quarter.

Billy Holden, a guard, was chosen as the outstanding player in the muddy game with Durham. He is a senior and during this summer he played rough and ready football. He was in on almost every tackle and played a defensive game that any one would be proud of.

Quarterback, Bob Britt, a senior, was the star of the annual contest between R. M. H. S. and Wilson. During the game his passing set up most of the touchdowns and he went over on a quarterback sneak. Britt passed to Live-say in the end-zone for still another touchdown. In the last quarter Britt tossed to "Cowboy" McCarter for the final score. He completed 9 out of 16 passes for 219 yards.

Paul Daughtridge, a fast back, was the outstanding player of the Raleigh game. He is a junior and may be back next year. He was almost the only player able to gain any ground at all during the last half of play.

In the New Bern game, the athlete of the week was Eddie Braswell, a sophomore playing his first varsity game. Braswell carried the ball eight times for 88 yards. This gave him an average of 11 yards per carry. He made a touchdown, going over from the five yard line.

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