

Holeman Views Gridiron; Plans Include Football

By Maxie Wrenn

The season just concluded was Larry Holeman's eighth consecutive season of football.

This includes five years of playing midget football for Northside. As a high school freshman, he played on the J.V. team. In his sophomore year he starred for the varsity as a defensive safety, and this season he played Number One quarterback, defensive safety, and was a punt return specialist.

Holeman says that he had rather play offense. He was named to the All-Conference defensive unit, but he said he had rather have been named to the offensive unit as the Number One quarterback. Larry commented, "Roxboro should have had more players on the All-Conference list." He singled out Joe Lipscomb's fine performances in the interior line.

When asked if home games had any advantages, he replied in the affirmative, "We're used to the situation, the lights, and the field surroundings. The crowd helps get the team up and the cheerleaders do a terrific job."

Larry praised the fans at the Oxford game in referring to the line they formed before the game which extended across the field to the bench. Larry called it, "The greatest thing the fans did all year."

In looking back over the season Holeman called the Cary and Northern games the "toughest." Referring to the Northern game Holeman explained, "Northern was supposed to be the best, we were underdogs, but we beat them."

He felt the team learned a lot from the Jordan game. In explaining the Jordan loss, he stated that "we got in a bad position against a last place team. We shouldn't have gotten behind!"

"Beating West Carteret was my biggest thrill because I played a bigger part." As he looked back over the Sanford defeat he replied, "I couldn't have helped the Rockets in the second half, but I would have liked to have played. I thought Rob (Fitzgerald) did a fantastic job." He also felt it would have been a better game if the field had been dry.

When asked about the aerial game to Keith Hall, who caught a record thirty passes, Holeman said he looked to Hall in the "crucial" plays, because he knew what Hall would do.

Cotton, a Chapel Hill runner, was termed by Holeman as a



HOLEMAN CARRIES

Larry Holeman skirts around end picking up the needed yardage for a first down in the Oxford game which the Rockets, quarterbacked by Holeman, won clinching district honors.

"monster" because of his ability to hug that pigskin.

Lenny Wrenn, Northern tackle, also drew praise from Holeman. He put it squarely by saying, "you can't run over him, you must run around him."

Holeman wishes to continue to play football after his high school days and is interested in the University of Tennessee, his reasons being, "they have a fine team, a civil engineering course which I'm interested in, and I know lots of people down there."

Johnson Coaches 3 Sports at RHS

Roxboro's newest and youngest coach, Clayton Edward Johnson, recently revealed some of his hidden secrets to the Rocketeer in a private interview.

At the age of 25 Coach Johnson coaches J.V. football, J.V. basketball and varsity baseball. He says that he enjoys teaching and coaching here at Roxboro. According to Coach Johnson, Roxboro is superior in the fields of athletics and studies over any school in which he has taught.

As a bachelor his interest is in the outdoors. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and golf. His taste in music ranges from symphonic music to the teen beat. In the theater world his favorite actress is Julie Andrews. He says that he doesn't know much about women, but he admits he likes the mini skirt.

When asked his views on the Vietnamese war, he replied, "It is a political one, an experimental war, and a very costly war." His reply as to what he thinks of draft dodgers is, "I think they are the lowest scum on earth!"

Roxboro High School Basketball Schedule

Jan. 5—Cary Away
 Jan. 9—S. Durham Home
 Jan. 12—Oxford Away
 Jan. 16—Chapel Hill Home
 Jan. 19—Garner Away
 Jan. 23—Henderson Home
 Jan. 26—Jordan-Durham Home

Jan. 30—N. Durham Away
 Feb. 2—Hillsborough Home

Feb. 6—Cary Away
 Feb. 9—S. Durham Away
 Feb. 13—Oxford Home
 Feb. 16—Chapel Hill Away
 Feb. 20—Garner Home
 Feb. 23—Henderson Away
 Gametime: J. V. 6:30 p.m.
 Varsity 8:00 p.m.

Coaches: Reid Davis
 Clay Johnson
 Larry Dixon

Blayney Grabs Spot On All-East Team

Forrest Blayney, News and Observer All-East Guard, was informed of his selection by a service station attendant.

Forrest was headed home when he decided he needed some gas. He pulled into a service station and got out of the car. The service station attendant immediately rushed up and congratulated him on making the All-East team.

Blayney, being quite stunned, replied, "Who me? What are you talking about?"

The team is picked by a 35 member staff which includes sportswriters, coaches of the four 3-A districts, and college recruiters, all sponsored by the Raleigh News and Observer. The selection to the All-East team will be capped by a banquet January 4 in which Forrest, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Blayney, and Coach Dixon are invited.

The reason he didn't think he made all-conference was, "I got switched so many times from guard to fullback when Buchanan got hurt, and then back to guard later. On defense I played tackle but was switched to end when Schoch got hurt. I played so many different po-

sitions they might not have been able to pin point me."

Forrest has already had several offers from colleges. He stated that Wake Forest, The Citadel, and East Carolina had contacted him about scholarships. Right now he favors Wake Forest, but Blayney declares, "I don't care where I play, as long as I play."

Intramurals OK'd

Athletic Director Jim Edens announced sports will begin in the spring.

The sports a student may participate in have been expanded not only to include basketball, but also ping-pong and volleyball.

The teams will be composed of the English classes. A judge will pick the most outstanding players. Badges will be awarded to the winning teams at the end of the season.

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