

# Apps To Meet Bears In Wake Of Six Victories

Appalachian State, averaging 51 points a game after three contests and victorious in its last six battles, travels to Hickory Saturday night to battle powerful Lenoir Rhyne, which will carry a 10-game winning streak and a 1968 scoring average of 33 points-a-game into the 8 p.m. engagement.

Both the Mountaineers and the Bears offer potent, well-

balanced offensive machines which have produced a rash of long-distance scoring maneuvers throughout the season. Last weekend, ASU and Lenoir Rhyne were outpointed by only one team in all games across the nation, Houston clubbed Cincinnati 71-33, Appalachian routed Elon 70-26, and the Bears whipped Newberry 69-27. Kansas was fourth with 68 points.

The two arch rivals have tested only one common foe thus far. Appalachian bombed Newberry 55-14—a 41-point spread compared to Lenoir Rhyne's 42-point win over the Indians. The Mounties gained 648 offensive yards at Newberry while the Bears amassed 734. ASU Coach Carl Messere said he expects Saturday's encounter to be "a whale of a ball game. We'll be ready."

A year ago, Lenoir Rhyne rolled to an easy 56-6 triumph and concentrated on stopping the passes of ASU's Pat Murphy, who completed only nine of 33. The Hickory club then didn't have to watch the Mounties' outstanding tailback, Jackie Roten, who missed the game due to injury. Through three games this season, Roten has scored seven touchdowns while gaining 491 yards in 49 rushes—a 10.0 average per carry.

Messere said that Lenoir Rhyne has excellent personnel in Fullback Carl Bartles, tailback Mike McRee, wingback Toby Morgan, end Brian Jack, and blocking backs George Miles and Jack Huss.

"It appears that they have their timing down pat now," the Appalachian coach said in reference to LR's 69 points against Newberry after scoring only 14 and 17 in the first two games.

Messere stated that his players came out of the Elon game in fine physical shape and that he expects every one to be healthy for Saturday. Defensive Fred Ivey, who played very little against Elon due to injury, should be fully recovered this week.

Messere said he was pleased that the Mountaineers were able to hold Elon's running game to an 82-yard production in 34 attempts. "We also got our pass defense straightened out in the second half," he added.

Elon didn't make a first down in the final 25 minutes of last Saturday's game after making 15 during the first 35 minutes.

"Those two early touchdowns really hurt Elon, and set the pace for the rest of the game," Messere noted.

The Apps had the ball 20 different times against the Christians, scoring 10 times, punting seven times, losing possession once by pass interception and one by a fumble. The final possession saw the game end with ASU driving at Elon's 10.

60 yards and quarterback Tom Dotson ran it in for the score. Dotson scored again on a 13-yard haul after the WHS eleven had taken over on the Ripper 21 yard line.

Danny Trivette drew the defensive laurels by intercepting two Marion passes. Dotson was outstanding offensively. Hard charging halfback Sonny Cook was injured in the game and may not see action this week. (Continued on page nine)

# Pioneers Stop Marion 13-7

The Watauga High Pioneers took over undisputed possession of the top spot in the Northwestern AAA Conference by stopping the Marion High gridmen 13-7 and spilling a Marion bid for an undefeated season. Marion drew first blood Friday after they recovered a Pioneer fumble on the Watauga seven-yard line.

Watauga came back with a sustained drive starting on their own 40. The Pioneers marched

# Soccer Team Drops Three

The Appalachian soccer team was disappointed in its first three matches of the season as it fell victim to all three opponents.

Last Tuesday the Apps were shut out 1-0 by Pfeiffer.

On Friday at Duke, the team was overwhelmed by the Blue Devils in an 8 to 1 loss. Dave Lawrence scored the only goal

for the Mountaineers. North Carolina State entered Appalachian grounds Saturday and handed the Apps their third straight loss. Dave Lawrence kicked two goals but ASU lost, 3 to 2.

Appalachian will meet Jacksonville here Friday. Next Tuesday, the Mountaineers will host Roanoke College.



Slipping the grasp of one of Elon's determined men, Dave Neeld scores to help compile Appalachian's 70 points Saturday night. Other Apps who scored were Dwight Kerr, Pat Murphy, Jack Roten and Clayton Deskins.

# Undefeated Elon Swamped 70-26 As Mountaineers Roll

Appalachian scored two touchdowns in the first 58 seconds of action and rolled up its second highest point production in history with a 70-26 victory over previously-undefeated Elon here Saturday night.

The visiting Christians, who had posted convincing triumphs against Concord and Gullford, fumbled the opening kickoff at their own 12-yard-line. The Mountaineers recovered and two plays later, tailback Jackie Roten scored from five yards out.

The ensuing kickoff also was fumbled, and on the next play ASU's Pat Murphy connected with end Bobby Agie for a 25-yard scoring pass.

Before the initial quarter was eight minutes old, the Mounties scored again for a 21-0 lead . . . marching 82-yards in six plays. Fullback Dwight Kerr, playing his first game of the season after missing the first two because of injury, went 33 yards up the middle on a draw play for the TD.

Elon came back with a 65-yard, 10-yard drive which was climaxed when Dover Sharpe reached pay dirt from seven yards out.

Appalachian took the kickoff and rambled 76 yards in nine plays, scoring again early in the second period on Murphy's 11-yard aerial strike to Agie. Elon, largely on the passing arm of Burgin Beale, then marched 52 yards in eight plays—the final being a 10-yard strike from Beale to Richard McGeorge.

The Christians intercepted a pass moments later to gain possession on the ASU 43. Five

plays later, Beale passed five yards to Ron O'Brien for a TD and Elon trailed by 28-18.

Five minutes prior to half-time, Murphy passed 14 yards to Kerr to end a four-play, 47-yard march. And just 50 seconds before intermission, Roten climaxed a 59-yard drive with a one-yard dive to give the Mountaineers a 42-18 advantage.

Four minutes into the second half, Beale hurled a 50-yard scoring bomb to Jim Waller for the final Elon TD of the evening. Appalachian stormed back for its seventh score as Murphy dashed three yards following a 43-yard run by Roten.

Just moments later, Kerr bulled 18 yards for a 56-26 lead after the Apps had thrown Elon for a three-yard loss on a fourth-and-one play at the Christian 40.

Five minutes into the fourth period, linebacker Dave Neeld

intercepted a Beale pass and streaked 18 yards to the end zone. And with just over one minute left in the contest, freshman tailback Clayton Deskins darted 41 yards for the final TD. Drew Wood kicked all 10 PATs from placement for Appalachian.

The Mountaineers totaled 566 yards offensively, exactly matching the average charted in the first two games (a 55-14 rout of Newberry and a 28-14 win over Western Carolina). Roten, who has scored 7 touchdowns in 3 games, rushed 15 times for 123 yards to hike his season total to 491 yards in 49 carries—a 10.0 average. This figure actually is second-best on the team, since Deskins has averaged 10.2 per run with 92 yards in nine trips.

Kerr ran 15 times for 104 yards as both he and Roten outgained all Elon rushers who combined for 82.

Murphy connected on 12 of 22 passes for 21 yards, increasing his season totals to 41 completions in 69 attempts for 646 yards and seven TDs. Agie snared six of the tosses to give him 21 (for 303 yards) in 1968. He has now caught 100 aeriels during his ASU career.

The punting of Jack Underwood wowed the crowd time-and-again. He boomed kicks 50, 44, 50, 68 and 61 yards in succession.

The Apps, who have now scored 153 points for a 51.0 per-game average, have already outscored the 1966 team which charted only 145 points in 10 games.

# App Runners Top Deacs

Last Saturday, Appalachian's cross country team met Wake Forest at Winston-Salem and came home victoriously as it defeated the Deacons 27 to 28.

Representing the Apps in the races were Donnie Kennedy, who finished first; Doug McElroy, who finished third; and Charles Bruce, James Mckeanhan, and Jim Driver.

The Mountaineers' next match will be Monday when they meet High Point College away.

# Industrial Basketball Club In Need Of Officials

Industrial Basketball season is approaching and officials are needed to work games in the league.

Anyone interested in calling games should write Larry Julian at Route 1, Boone. It is not necessary that a person be registered with an officiating association but experience is helpful, he said.

Richard Price of IRC is in charge of the 1969 basketball program. He can be contacted at 264-8861 for information about rules and eligibility.

Jim Hastings, local recreation director, said, "Now is the time for all interested people to begin lining up your teams. This will be our second season of play." Hastings has indicated that he expects new teams to join the loop which sported six teams last winter.

# Women Cagers Get Head Coach

Miss Becky Tomlinson, a member of Appalachian State's Health and Physical Education Department staff for the past nine years, has been named head coach of the university's first women's basketball team.

Miss Tomlinson, a native of Black Creek in Wilson County, formerly played semi-pro basketball for Hanes Hosiery of Winston-Salem. She has coached in industrial leagues and at Bailey High School, and until this year had served as director of women's intramurals at Appalachian.

# Sports Quiz

1. What was the score of the LSU-Texas A & M football game?
2. What team recently won the PGA team championship?
3. What tennis player recently beat Arthur Ashe in tourney play?

### THE ANSWERS

1. LSU 13; Texas A & M 12.
2. Two teams tied—Rives McBee and Monty Kaser and Dale Douglass and Hale Irwin.
3. Ken Rosewall.

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