

## SPORTS

### In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

Area fans will have an opportunity to see professional football at Carter Stadium Saturday, September 6, when the Detroit Lions meet the Philadelphia Eagles. The event is sponsored by the Raleigh Jaycees and several locals have already obtained tickets. Many father-son combinations are planning to attend. Tickets are on sale around Raleigh. For information contact Duke Fentress, Raleigh Jaycees, 724 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27605.

Two football games scheduled for Friday night will be watched closely here. Needless to say there is a great interest in the Franklinton-Gaston tilt slated for Franklinton. Of equal importance will be the Scotland Neck-Murfreesboro opener at Murfreesboro. Louisburg will play Scotland Neck here on October 17 and the annual County Championship between the Rams and the Bulldogs will be played at Franklinton on September 19.

The Friday night game at Franklinton will give Louisburg fans a chance to join with Ram fans to view the game. This is the first such opportunity in years. The two teams play at the same time each week in the season making it impossible for fans from either school to see the other team except when they meet each other. Should make for a good crown Friday night at Franklinton. Game time is 8 P.M.

Louisburg will play four teams rated in the top ten in preseason rankings and Franklinton will play three. The "world's only rankings of Eastern Carolina Prep squads" by Grady Elmore of the News and Observer places Louisburg foes Ayden (3); Warrenton (4); Oxford Orphanage (6) and Wakelon (10). Ram foes are Weldon (2); Oxford Orphanage and Wakelon. Weldon was eliminated last year in the playoffs by Ayden after downing Tar River Champ South Granville. Ayden went on to win the Class A crown.

Playing rated teams is a tough assignment but if one is downed, the rewards seem greater. It should be an interesting season for both Ram and Bulldog fans.

Louisburg has been having some injury problems. The most serious is a knee injury to sophomore linesman Mike Pearce which required surgery last week. End Will Wilder has a sprained ankle, Bobby Fuller had a knee injury and several players have had an ear infection which is suspected might have come from swimming more than from football drills. The Bulldogs open next week at Elm City.

#### Multiple Winners

Only four NASCAR Grand National drivers have won more than one major race at North Wilkesboro (N.C.) Speedway. They are Richard Petty (5), Junior Johnson (2), Marvin Panch (2), and Rex White (2).

#### Scott Leads

Wendell Scott has recorded more laps than any other NASCAR Grand National driver in major races at North Wilkesboro (N.C.) Speedway. He has made 5,116 trips around the 5/8-mile paved oval.



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## Youngsville League Ends Season

By Lib Cheatham, Times Correspondent

The two Little League baseball teams of Youngsville have now concluded their ball season. Under the leadership of Mr. Douglas Holmes and Mr. L. A. Woodlief the boys, who are ages ten through thirteen, played sixteen games at home and several games with out of town teams.

Though the boys did not have a big winning season it was a good season for them. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Woodlief report fine sportsmanship and cooperation, stating that response to discipline was excellent. It was apparently another rewarding season for both Little Leaguers and Leaders.

The teams have been sponsored by local business firms which provided uniforms and equipment for the players.

Little League membership included: Gary Tharrington,

Tony Coplin, Burt Young, Jerry Davis, Don Davis, Tom Locke, Larry Woodlief, Ricky Keith, Gary Strickland, Wayne Gilliam, Tommy DeMent, B. J. Hill, Bob Stallings, Greg Underwood, Randy Hailey, Steve Wright, Andy Wheeler, Gordon Conyers, Ray Woodlief, Marty Hall, Al Stallings, Stan Young, Benny Cyrus, Timmy Rogers, Rodney Hart, and Al Nowell.

From the interest shown and training received, several of these boys will be wearing Phantom Baseball uniforms in two more years.

On Saturday night, August twenty-third, Mr. Woodlief and Mr. Holmes were hosts at a cookout for the boys which was held at the Woodlief home. There were hot dogs and hamburgers with the usual trimmings; and home-made ice cream for dessert.

# Times Sports

## Why Enfield Dropped Football

From The Enfield (N. C.) Progress

Enfield high school will be without a football team this year. The decision not to field a team was made by Principal Ed Smith last week after being informed by Coach Mike Dubis that he would not return here this fall. Dubis phoned Principal Smith that he had accepted an assistant coaching post at Sanford High School.

While Principal Smith said the local school would have had a team if Dubis had returned, he emphasized that the coach's resignation was not the only reason for the decision, which was reached after discussing the situation with a group of fans from the community, first by individual contact and then at a meeting of parents and fans during the week.

"We simply do not have any material," Smith declared. "Only seven boys are coming back from last year and only about 20 boys have indicated they intend to play football. None of these boys have any size with the exception of one or two, and I certainly do not want to put these boys against much stronger schools without a good man to take care of them. Some of the competing schools, he said, have a pool of 75 or more boys to draw from. To pit against them the material that is available at

A man matures as he learns what other people know and learns to laugh at himself.

the Enfield school, he said, would be most unwise.

At the meeting held in the school auditorium, it was indicated that financial support for the team would be available, but the principal held to his decision for the reasons given.

The principal discussed the situation with Coach Carson Harmon, basketball and baseball mentor, who offered to handle football this year, but Smith still decided against fielding a team.

"This was a difficult and frustration situation in which to make a decision, because I realize several young boys want so much to play football," Smith commented dejectedly. "But I have to try to do what is right for the boys. Most of the people I have talked with have agreed with me, but twice as many will not."

Dubis phoned Smith from

the annual Coaches Clinic at Greensboro and informed the principal of his acceptance of the new job. The Enfield principal said that disappointment and shock were his reactions to Dubis' announcement.

Smith said that Dubis was not getting a larger supplement to go to Sanford, but told the principal his wife had a chance to work and that both he and his wife needed the extra income.

Summing up the situation, Smith declared:

"Because of the number of boys interested in football, the size of these boys, the finances and just one coach, I have decided not to compete in football this year."

A number of the boys who want to play football are making efforts to be enrolled in schools in neighboring towns which will have football teams, it is reported.



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