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Like Marino, Hauser Knows Who Really Deserves Credit

◆ Mount Tabor running back gets a little help from his friends during record-setting season

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To the makers of Isotoner gloves: If you and Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino ever part company and you are in the market for a spokesman to take his place in those clever television commercials you run around Christmas, you know, the ones where Marino praises his offensive line and gives each lineman a pair of your gloves as a Christmas present. Yeah, that commercial. Well, if you need a spokesman in the future there is a running back

at Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina who believes in his offensive line the way Marino does. You wouldn't even have to rewrite the script, but the camera angles would have to be reshoot because 5-7, 160-pound Walter Hauser is quite a bit smaller than the 6-4 Marino.

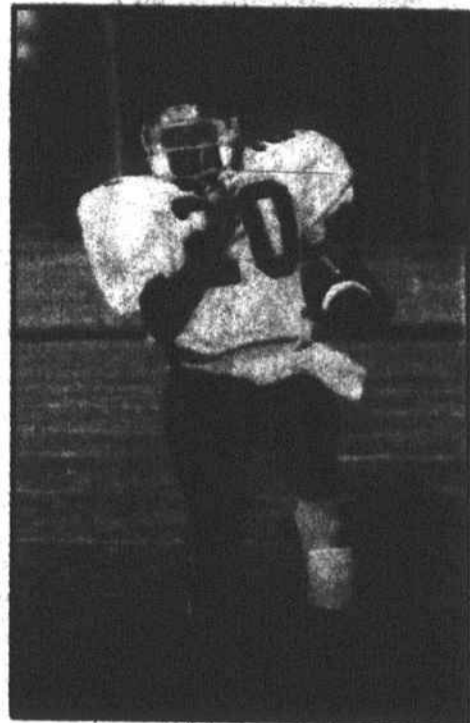
Hauser has turned heads this year, not to mention other body parts of would-be tacklers, as a freshman running back for the Mount Tabor junior varsity football team. The 15-year-old set the record for the longest touchdown run

in school history earlier this year with a 96-yard dash against South Stokes. Two weeks ago he shredded a very good West Forsyth defense for 201 yards, including back-to-back touchdown jaunts of 92 and 83 yards.

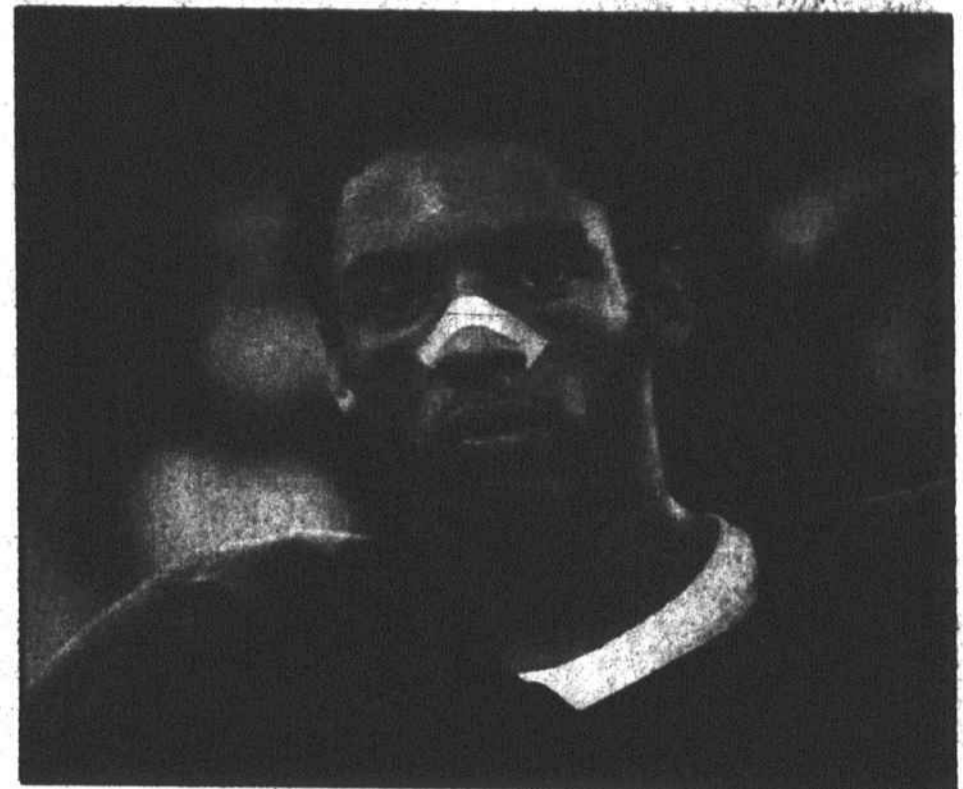
"We tried to shut him down, but he is heck of a running back," West Forsyth coach Randy Pope said after watching Hauser rip through the Titan defense.

Hauser hears the compliments, but like Marino, he

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Walter Hauser



Walter Hauser says the Breathe Right strip on the bridge of his nose helps him perform better and is not merely a fashion statement.

MEAC Basketball Tournament Moves to Tallahassee

◆ Florida city host tourney for the first time

Tallahassee will host the 1996 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Basketball Tournament for the first time in the 25-year run of the tourney when member institutions invade the Florida city February 28 through March 2.

The 25th annual tournament will include both men's and women's competition.

Men's and women's quarterfinals and championship games will be played at the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center,

while both semifinals will be held on the campus of member institution Florida A&M University.

"The conference looks to continue its success story on the campus of Florida A&M University and in the city of Tallahassee," MEAC commissioner Ken Free said. "It is a great, historic place with a sports-minded population."

The previous two MEAC tournaments were held in Baltimore, which also hosted the tournament in 1974 and 1975. Other sites were Durham, N.C. (1972 and 1973), Greensboro, N.C. (1976-79, 1983-84 and 1987-90), Winston-Salem, N.C. (1980-82), and Philadelphia (1985-1986).

ESPN has televised the men's tournament championship game the past seven years and is scheduled to continue in 1996. The conference created, sponsored, and will offer a regular season television package for the third straight year. It will be produced by Fosstone Productions, Inc.

"The MEAC Directors of Athletics found it necessary to provide sponsorship dollars until exposure causes TV sponsors to approach the networks and major cable outlets that the product is good and they find that investing in MEAC basketball makes good business sense," Free said.

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Parkland Edges Glenn in 3 Overtimes

◆ Defensive struggle finally turns lively in final 3 minutes and in overtime

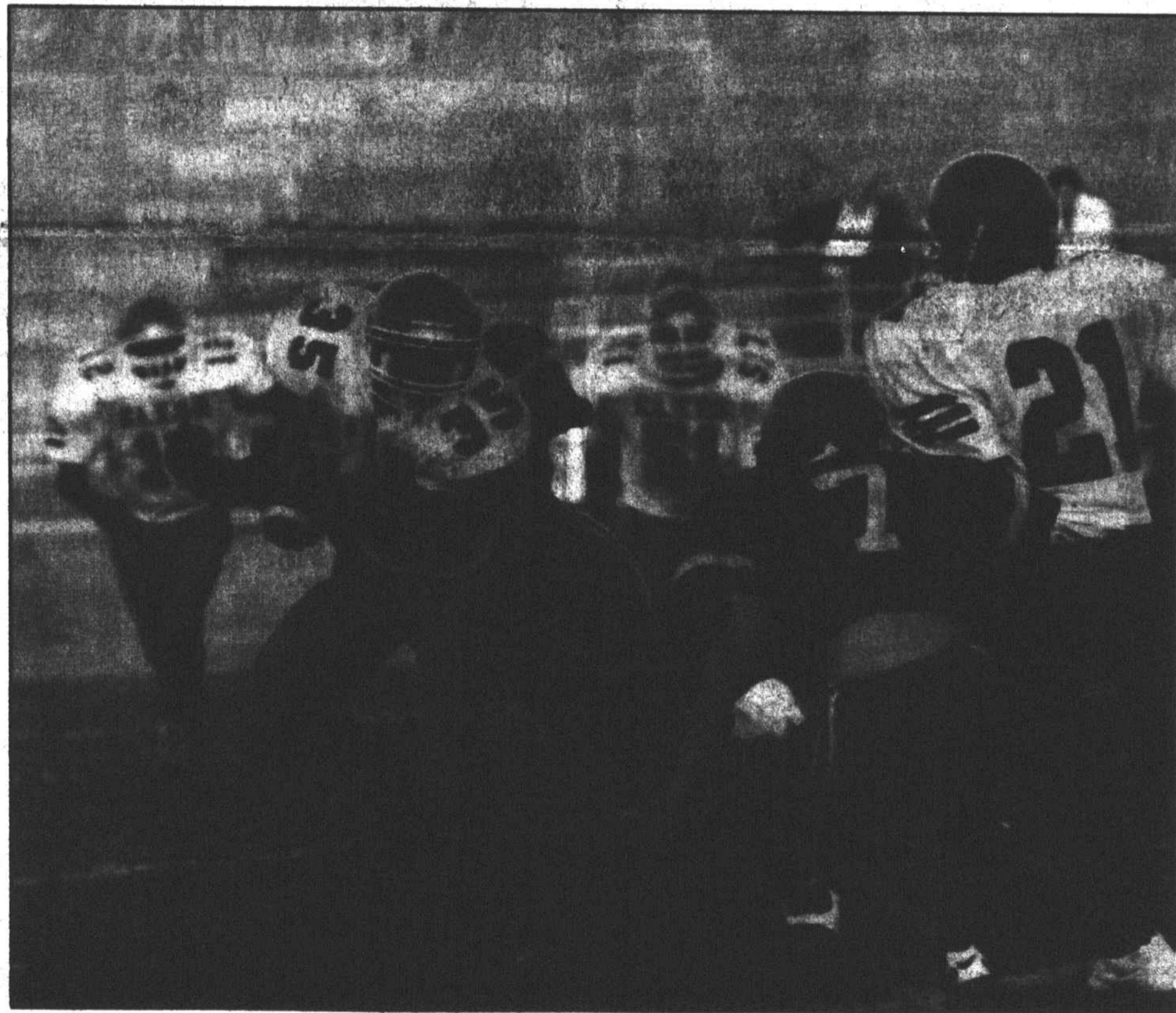
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Glenn and Parkland battled each other in junior varsity football Oct. 19 like two proud prize fighters unwilling to succumb to defeat, but unable to deliver the knockout punch. The two North Piedmont 3-A Conference rivals matched each other touchdown for touchdown and extra point for extra point until Parkland stopped Glenn's PAT attempt in the third overtime to preserve a 26-24 victory.

The game was rather dull, or more appropriately, a defensive struggle through three quarters. The final three minutes of regulation and the overtimes were anything but dull.

Regulation ended in a 12-12 tie before the fireworks flew in overtime. Parkland had the first shot at scoring from the 10-yard line under North Carolina high school rules, but was intercepted by William Miller on second down in the

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Tight end Jason Ullman (35) of Glenn draws a crowd after catching a pass from quarterback Josh Russell.

Photo by Johnny Wilson

Pop Warner Teams Jockey for Playoff Position

◆ Playoff berths are up for grabs heading into the final week of the season

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Wins and loss become more critical than ever in the Northwest Midget Football League as teams jockey for playoff position and others fight to qualify for postseason play as the Pop Warner football season heads in the final week of the regular season.

Postseason play will feature competition in the Junior Pee Wee, Pee Wee, Junior Midget, and Junior Bantam Divisions with the top two teams in each

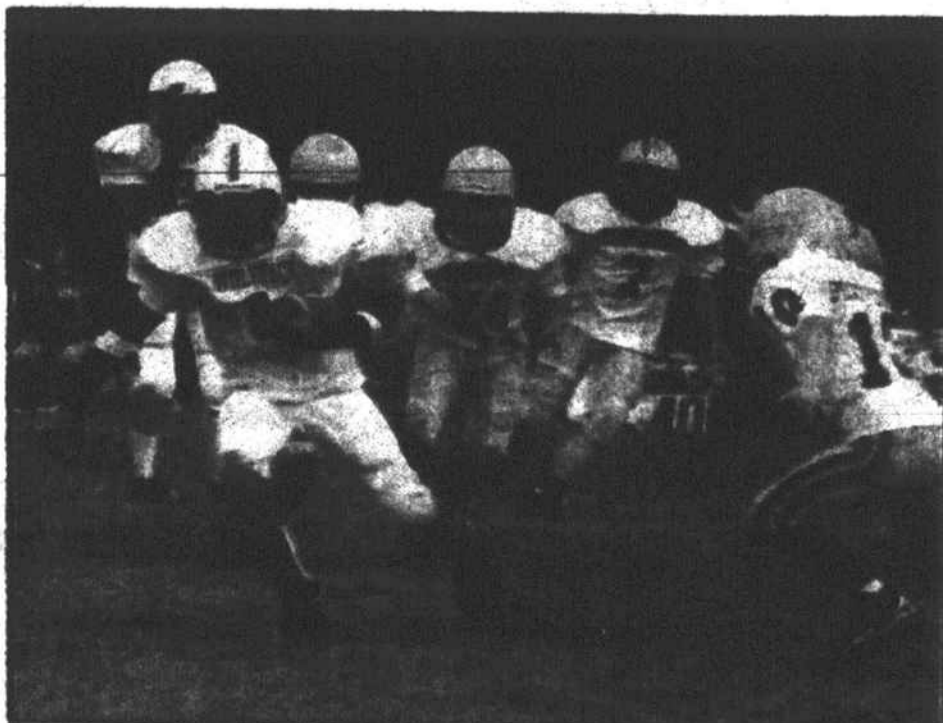
conference meeting Nov. 4 to determine the American and National Conference champions. Conference champions will play for the league title Nov. 11 at South Stokes High School with winners advancing to regional competition.

Postseason aspirations went haywire like a loose football for some clubs Oct. 21, the second to last weekend of the regular season, while others solidified their playoff position. A look at each division offering postseason play after Oct. 21 games.

JUNIOR PEE WEE. Lewisville clinched the top spot for the National Conference playoffs with a 19-0 shutout of Walkertown Oct. 21. The Titans are the only undefeated team in conference play at 4-0. They stand 6-0 overall.

The Winston-Salem Grayhounds remained atop the American Conference standings after disposing of the Winston-Salem Rams, 42-0. The Grayhounds are 3-0 in the conference and 6-

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A Walkertown ballcarrier eludes a would-be Lewisville defender.

Photo by Reginald Campbell