

Chris Cook Is

Player Of The Week

by Chase Vance
Sports Writer

The biggest show in town last weekend was the North-East battle at Viking Stadium. There were no trump cards in this affair. Everything was on the up and up. Each team had a key player injured. For the Eagles, the man was star running back Malcolm Sanders, out for the season with a cracked bone in his ankle. For the Vikings, star fullback Scotty Williams was out with a bad ankle.

Fourth Annual Carolina Cage

Classic Planned

As Belmont Abbey will again host the tournament at Wheeler Center with the games being played December 7, 8, and 9. The same eight teams that participated the past three years will be back to fight it out this year. They are: Barber-Scotia, Pfeiffer, Lenoir Rhyne, Livingstone, Gardner Webb, Catawba, Johnson C. Smith and Belmont Abbey. Exciting rivalries and good strong teams are prevalent in this group and will make for another thrill-packed tournament.

As sponsor and promoter of this event, WBT's entire television staff will be utilized to make the tournament a success. The series of games will be highly publicized, and WBT will send a small army of technicians and equipment to televise the Championship game. Channel 3's Sports Director Jim Thacker and the WBT Sports Department will provide coverage of the live Championship game.

sidelines and Malcolm hobbled around on his crutches, you could see that this game meant a lot to all concerned. The winner would have the inside track at a playoff spot.

Before the game, the Eagles knew they would have to constrain Chris Cook. And the Vikings knew that Van Smith and Brian Valentine would have to be stopped.

Surely enough, the Vikings rush consisted mainly of number 24, Cook. The Eagles used Tommy Mullman who picked up good yardage to spell the loss of Sanders.

But sometimes even when you prepare for the expected, there is nothing you can do about the consequence. Such was the case in the thrilled Viking stadium.

Cook ran 43 yards to set up the first Viking touchdown. The score was Vikes 6, East 0 after a missed extra point. East scored the next TD when a big hole opened off tackle and Brian Valentine took advantage of it for a 7-6 lead. The Vikes held the Eagles at the 8 yard line in the third quarter. The Eagles field goal attempt was good. The Eagles regained the ball. The Vikes held again. With the minutes warning, Chris Cook took the ball around the right side and back up the middle for a 63 yard touchdown gallop that surprised everybody. Nobody runs the ball like that on East Mecklenburg.

The Eagles held Curtis Wilson in the game with Myers Park below 100 yards. Perhaps the 9.6 seconds 100 yard dash that Cook does came in handy.

Only a junior, the 16 year old stands 5'10" and weighs 170. "I hope we can go on to the state playoffs and do well," said Cook. "Coach Campagna is a great coach. He really prepared us for this game."

It was a brilliant homecoming for Campagna whose 8-2 team in 1975 had to stay at home because of a controversial loss to the same Eagles.

This was the Chris Cook hour, however, and what a fine show for our Player of the Week.



FULLBACK RALPH ALEXANDER
...Area's top performer

Ralph Alexander Leads

Cougars To State Playoffs

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A key to Country Day's upset of Charlotte Catholic may have been the immobility of fullback Ralph Alexander.

It was the best of times and the worst of times for the Cougars who moments before the game learned that they had been picked by the Rocky River 2A conference in a draw to be the one state representative given to the league.

The Cougars finished tied for first place with Parkwood and Monroe High School. All had 5-1 records in the 7 team league.

One of the highlights of the night for the injured Alexander was a 16 yard run which started the Cougars on an eight play 51 yard scoring drive.

With the score 22-7, Cougars late in the third quarter, the lightningquick Rebels bounced back to take a 23-22 decision on a couple of long bombs.

"I hurt my eye in last week's practice," said Alexander. "My chin strap was

loose and the helmet bar came up and hit above and below the eye. I had to get six stitches. I didn't want to take a chance on reopening them."

With the 5-10, 18-pound fullback sidelined, the Cougars lacked scoring punch. Last week, he carried for 118 yards.

"We are happy to be going back to the State Playoff," he said of the state playoffs which Catholic won last year. He likes his fullback position very much.

"It is a complicated position," he said. "You have to block and use power running to get by people."

Alexander couldn't play Pop Warner football but one year because of his weight.

"I was always too heavy," he said. "The year, I played for St. Ann's; I had to eat broiled hamburgers and boiled eggs to keep my weight down. The limit was 85 and I had to lose 10 pounds." Of Coach Jim Oddo, he says, he is a good coach.

Lions Favored To Win

4A Title Race Going Down To Wire

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The Southwestern 4A title race is going right down to the wire.

The West Charlotte Lions are favorites in their home game Friday night at 8 p.m. with the Independence Patriots.

The Lions are 7-1 in the conference. The Patriots are 1-7. A close 7-3 loss to South indicates the Pats are ready for a battle. The Lions shouldn't take this one lightly. Last year, the Patriots won 12-8 to cap a dismal year. A win by the Lions will give them the conference championship. This has been a great year for head coach Rudy Abrams.

The East Mecklenburg Eagles go to Garinger in an 8 p.m. game with the Wildcats at Memorial Stadium. The Eagles are 6-2 in the confer-

ence and have to hope for a North loss or West Charlotte loss if they are to have any hopes of going to the playoffs. Garinger is 4-4 and on the verge of having a good year compared to the last two. The Eagles will be hungrier for this one than ever. The Wildcats have their work cut out for them.

Harding goes to Charlotte Catholic to take on the playoff bound Cougars of the Rocky River Conference in an 8 p.m. game. The Rams finished the conference season with a 3-6 record and with a few points here and there could have

been fighting it out for the conference championship.

The Myers Park Mustangs tangle with the South Mecklenburg Sabers at East Stadium. The Mustangs who are 6-2 in the conference have an outside chance at a playoff berth if North and West Charlotte lose and East wins. That would leave all three teams tied for first place with 7-2 conference records. In that situation, a coin toss would be head with the odd man going as champion and the winner of the season game between the other two; going as runnerups.

If North and Myers Park

lost, East would be the second playoff representative.

The Mustangs will be gunning for South a team that has become respectable under new head coach, Jim Seacord.

North Mecklenburg visits Olympic at Myers Park Stadium. Sooner or later, the law of averages will catch up with the Trojans and they will win a close one. The Vikings can't afford to get cocky.

Monroe visits West Mecklenburg for an 8 p.m. game that the Indians would like very much to win. Monroe is one of the top teams in the Rocky River 2A Conference.

Library To

Hold Fall

Book Sale

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has set Saturday, November 4, as the date of its fall book sale.

The Main Library's garage doors will open at 9 a.m. When the sale ends at 2 p.m., the library hopes to own 5,000 less books and have extra money for its materials budget.

Offerings range from children's books, National Geographic, and Reader's Digest condensed books, to slightly-over-the-hill bestsellers.

Paperbacks will sell for 10 cents and hardbacks, for 25 cents.

Since holding its first book sale in the fall of 1974, the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has netted over \$17,000 and has created a Charlotte tradition.

The spring book sale is always held in April during National Library Week.

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IF YOU WANT A VOICE IN RALEIGH, ELECT FOUR PEOPLE WHO SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FRED ALEXANDER, CECIL JENKINS, CRAIG LAWING, CAROLYN MATHIS

On November 7, you can vote for four people to represent you in the North Carolina Senate.

In choosing those four people, you want to make sure they stand for meaningful issues.

You want four people who will do what they say they will do.

You want four people who know and respect each other and who are committed to each other as well as to their constituents.

Yet, for the sake of balanced representation, you don't want four people who are exactly alike.

All of which are reasons you want to vote for Fred Alexander, Cecil Jenkins, Craig Lawing and Carolyn Mathis on November 7.

Fred Alexander is presently a member of the N.C. State Senate, where he is the Vice Chairman of the Higher Education Committee. Formerly, he was Charlotte Mayor Pro-Tem. He has had a long, distinguished, and honest public life with a deep involvement in community affairs. His political and business experience make him an extremely qualified candidate.

Cecil Jenkins is a native Carolinian with law offices in Charlotte and Kannapolis. He was a member of the citizens committee which brought the Phillip Morris Company to this senatorial district. His honest, straightforward manner will make him a fair and trusted state senator.

As a County Commissioner, State House Representative and State Senator, Craig Lawing has earned the highest respect of his fellow

legislators. Currently, he is chairman of four committees, including the Senate Banking Committee and the Legislative Ethics Committee. These are positions of power and influence and make him an invaluable asset to the 22nd Senatorial District. We can't afford not to send Craig Lawing back to the North Carolina Senate.

Senator Carolyn Mathis has been in the General Assembly for six years. She has worked strenuously to assure better education for all children, for better law enforcement and for tax savings. Carolyn is a determined and informed legislator. We need her kind of experience and dedication in Raleigh.

Fred Alexander, Cecil Jenkins, Craig Lawing and Carolyn Mathis want to fight rising taxes and inflation. They want to promote economic and industrial growth which mutually benefits industry, labor and government. They want equality of opportunity for everyone, regardless of race, religion, age or sex.

Fred Alexander, Cecil Jenkins, Craig Lawing and Carolyn Mathis are together on issues and on their commitment to the people whom they represent. They should be together in Raleigh.

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