

Prep Chatter

With

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A look at the offensive and defensive statistics gives a good indication of the way the Southwestern 4A title race is headed.

West Charlotte is the best offensive team putting 17.8 points on the scoreboard per ballgame. They are followed by Myers Park with 16.3, Harding 15.8, North 15.6, East 15.2, West Mecklenburg 10.5, South Mecklenburg 8.8, Olympic 8.3, Independence 6.7, and Garinger 5.0.

West Charlotte is also the best defensive team giving up only 2.2 points per game. They are followed by North 4.2, East 5.5, Olympic 6.5, Harding 9.5, Myers Park 13.8, Garinger 16.0, South Mecklenburg 17.7, Independence 17.8 and West Mecklenburg 21.7.

In an average scoring margin the Lions are number one with a plus 15.6 margin. They are followed by North plus 11.4, Harding plus 6.3, Myers Park plus 2.5, Olympic plus 1.8, South Mecklenburg minus 8.9, Garinger minus 11.0, Independence minus 11.1 and West Mecklenburg minus 11.2.

It looks like a battle to the finish between West Charlotte, Myers Park and North Mecklenburg.



Randy McClure
... WC quarterback

The predicting gets tougher as the season passes the halfway mark. Last week, I was four for six. To date, I have 30 right guesses and nine wrong. That is 77 per cent. Not bad, but not as good as I would like. Here goes.

THE PREDICTIONS

SOUTH MECKLENBURG (2-3, 2-4) at HARDING (3-2, 4-2) Thursday, West Meck Stadium. — Mike Eppley and the Rams are headed for upper division. With games left with West Charlotte, West Mecklenburg and Garinger, they should have a banner season and win at least seven ballgames. Harding by 8.

EAST MECKLENBURG (3-2, 4-2) at WEST MECKLENBURG (0-5, 1-5) Friday, West Meck Stadium. — With East Mecklenburg's title chances all but down the drain they are going to make somebody pay. West is the first victim. East by 12.

INDEPENDENCE (1-4, 2-4) at OLYMPIC (3-2, 3-3) Friday, Memorial Stadium. — The Olympic defense held Harding at the one yard line three times in their 6-3 loss to the Rams last week. The Olympic defense is good enough to stop the Patriots. Nevertheless, this game of archivals is always a close one. Olympic by 2.

MYERS PARK (4-1, 5-1) at NORTH MECKLENBURG (5-0, 6-0) — Friday North Stadium. — The Vikings know that the Mustangs are capable of busting their bubble. A win by the Mustangs would put them in a commanding position. The Vikings' defense should contain the Mustangs however. North by 7.

WEST CHARLOTTE (4-1, 5-1) at GARINGER (0-5, 0-6) Saturday, Memorial Stadium. — Pity the poor Wildcats. Loss number seven is just around the corner. Then there is West Mecklenburg, East and Harding just on the horizon. West Charlotte by 18.

THE RANKINGS

1. **NORTH MECKLENBURG** — The Vikings are in a commanding position provided they can beat Myers Park. They could easily go undefeated.

2. **WEST CHARLOTTE** — The Lions keep hanging on hoping that someone knocks off the Vikings. Sampson McCorkle is a terror for the Southwestern 4A.

3. **MYERS PARK** — I am still leary of the Mustangs after a total collapse against Harding. But I guess every team is subject to one failure.

4. **HARDING** — The Rams are tough when Eppley is sharp. When he is not they are at a loss. Lucky he has been sharp most of the season.

5. **EAST MECKLENBURG** — Don't count the Eagles all the way out of it. They have North, West, Olympic, and Garinger left to play and could win them all.

6. **OLYMPIC** — The defense is fantastic. If the offense could give them something to work with, the Trojans could be at the top of the conference.

7. **SOUTH MECKLENBURG** — The Sabres are on the move with Larry Hart, Steve Griffin and Teddy Fronberger.

8. **INDEPENDENCE** — A season that started with so much promise has faltered into defeat after defeat. The Pats are going to surprise somebody before the season is over. There is too much talent on the team.

9. **WEST MECKLENBURG** — The Indians are better than Garinger.

10. **GARINGER** — The Wildcats have lost much of their growl.

Little Brian Murphy, an eighth grader at Ranson junior high, gained 86 yards last week as the Raiders tied Wilson's Warriors 0-0.

In the Southwestern 4A Conference point race, Tommy Mullman of East leads with 48 points. He is followed by Harding's Ivan Jones with 38, West Charlotte's Eric Glenn and North's Chris Cook with 30, Myers Park's Raeford Jones with 30, North's Scotty Williams with 26, South's Larry Hart and Steve Griffin and West Charlotte's Antonio Glenn with 24 each, and West Charlotte's Everett Withers and Garinger's Mike Robinson with 18 each.

The top touchdown runs from scrimmage have been 85 yards by West's Scott Davis, 84 by East's Tommy Mullman, 76 by North's Chris Cook, 55 by Harding's Ivan Jones and 47 by South's Larry Hart.

The longest touchdowns via the pass route have been 84 yards from Mike Eppley to Ivan Jones of Harding, 65 yards from Ronnie Kinard to Carlton Frazier of East and 49 yards from Tony Campagna to Scot Williams of North.

The longest field goals were 32 yards by Scot Williams of North and 43 by Foy White of Olympic.

Player Of The Week

Abrams: "Glen Should Be A Great Star Before He Leaves"

by James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

"He is doing a great job for us," said West Charlotte head football coach Rudy Abrams in describing his latest in a long line of superstars.

"He should be a great one before he leaves West Charlotte," Abrams added.

Glenn, this week's Charlotte Post Player of the Week, scored on runs of two and one yard and passes of three and 18 yards for a total of four touchdowns in West Charlotte's 42-6 rout of West Mecklenburg.

The son of Mrs. Barbara Glenn is a 5-8, 150 pound 15-year-old sophomore who shows a lot of promise in the Lion's football program.

Last year at Coulwood, he scored seven touchdowns as a fullback and garnered the most valuable player trophy for the football team that shared the championship of the Western Junior High League with Alexander.

"I just like to run the ball," Glenn said. "At Coulwood, I was a fullback, but my biggest responsibility was running the ball."

Glenn knows that to go to the state playoffs, the Lions have to win the remainder of their games.

"I think we will win the rest of our games," he said. "I just hope that North loses the rest of their games."

Does he feel any sophomore pressures?

"I don't feel much pressure being on the varsity," he said. "I am just happy that I made it. I am happy to be up there with fellow sophomores Henri Smith, Bobby Cannon and Shelton Boyer."

Around the conference last week good performances were turned in by East's Malcolm Sanders who had one touchdown and 86 yards in 26 carries in the Eagles'



Rudy Abrams
... West Charlotte Coach

tough 8-7 loss to Myers Park ... Harding's Danny Robinson who ran the winning

touchdown in from the one with 1:37 left in the game to beat Olympic 6-3 ... North's Chris Cook who gained 72 yards in the 26-0 rout of Independence ... West Charlotte's Randy McClure who threw for three touchdowns and 139 yards ... Olympic's Foy White who kicked a 33 yard field goal ... South's dynamic duo of Larry Hart and Steve Griffin ... Griffin scored twice. Hart scored once and carried the ball for 103 yards ... Charlotte Catholic's Ralph Alexander who rushed for 78 yards and a touchdown ... Catholic's Robert Simmons who scored on a two yard run and caught a two point conversion.

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Agricultural Extension Agent, David B. Waymer, Housing and Community Development, lists the materials as foam rubber weatherstripping with an adhesive backing, rolled vinyl and thin metal.

The foam rubber with adhesive backing is easy to install and should be used in press fit situations. However, foam rubber breaks down and wears rather quickly. Rolled vinyl is installed using tracks or staples. It is visible when installed and comes with or

without metal backing. Rolled vinyl is considered easy to install and is very durable.

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You'll also have several methods and materials to choose from when weatherstripping doors. Around the top and sides you may use adhesive backed foam, rolled vinyl with aluminum channel backing, spring metal, interlocking metal channels, and fitted interlocking metal channels which are often referred to as J strips.

To seal the threshold you may use one of four devices or methods — sweeps, door shoes, vinyl bulb threshold or interlocking thresholds.

Prep Football Roundup

Three Have Good Chance Of Winning 4-A Conference Title

by James Cuthbertson

At first there were ten. Then there were five. Now there are three teams left with a good chance of winning the Southwestern 4A Conference and advancing to the state playoffs.

The Southwestern 4A Conference gets one representative this year. The teams with a chance left are league leading and undefeated North Mecklenburg, second place West Charlotte and second place Myers Park.

The Vikings have been rolling in recent weeks, beating Garinger 19-0, Harding 20-0 and Independence 26-0. The schedule gets tougher beginning this week as they prepare for a Friday showdown at North Stadium against the Myers Park Mustangs.

North Coach Wil Campagna believes the Myers Park defense will force his team to throw. "This is a must game for us," he said.

A North win would virtually give them the title. Even with one loss in their last three games to either East, Olympic or South they would have the inside track because they have beaten West Charlotte.

A Myers Park win would give West Charlotte life.

"We have to hope that somebody knocks off North," said West Charlotte head coach Rudy Abrams who prepares his team for a showdown with the Garinger Wildcats Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Quarterback Randy McClure directed the Lion option offense to three touchdowns and 139 yards passing in the 42-6 rout over West Mecklenburg.

With running backs Eric



Keith Patterson
... Lion's terror

Glenn, Antonio Glenn and defensive standouts Sampson McCorkle, Keith Patterson and Joe Green, the Lions are looking more and more like last year's team.

The surging South Sabres visit Harding tonight (Thursday) in a game featur-

ing the passing of Mike Eppley of the Rams and the running of his backfield, Reggie Floyd, Johnny Love and Danny Robinson.

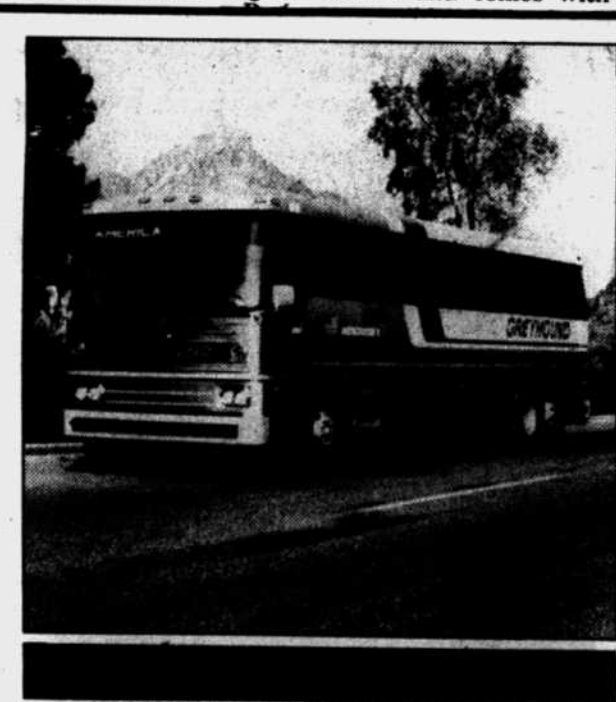
The Sabres counter with Larry Hart and Steve Griffin, two speedsters.

Olympic celebrates homecoming with Independence at Memorial Stadium on Friday. The Olympic defense is one of the tops in the county. The offense has been thwarted lately on the run and may seek to pass more.

The Pats are susceptible. After two losses, the East Eagles visit West Mecklenburg Friday at West Stadium. The Eagles, led by quarterback Ronnie Kinard, have vowed vengeance. But the Indians are home and you never know what could happen in the Friday game in this well balanced conference.

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