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PREP CHATTER



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There is a bevy of good quarterbacks in the Southwestern 4A Conference this year.

Bobby Junior at Olympic, Rickie Huntley at East, Haywood Workman at Myers Park, Chip Ferguson at Independence, Gene Brown at Garinger, James Moore at Harding and Stewart Cole at South Mecklenburg.

Predicting the games is getting harder every year. My record so far is a dismal 8-7 after a terrible week last week.

PREDICTIONS: Friday, September 16

West Charlotte: 1-1, 0-1 at
East Mecklenburg: 2-0, 1-0

The Lions are laying down at South while the Eagles were stunning the state's fifth ranked Associated Press team. They came from behind to do it. This is East's first home game. You can bet they'll be ready. East Mecklenburg 15, West Charlotte, 12.

Olympic: 2-0, 1-0 at
Garinger: 2-0, 1-0

Who would have thought this would be a game of contenders. Time has a way of enlightening people. Make no mistake about it, the Wildcats have arrived. Riding on Bobby Junior's quarterbacking ability and the running of Ernie Blue and John Little, the Trojans should make this an interesting game. Olympic 17, Garinger 16.

North Mecklenburg: 1-1, 0-1 at
Harding: 0-2, 0-2

Anthony Blakeney is running circles through Southwestern 4A defenses. He gained 267 yards against Myers Park in a losing effort. The Vikings are on the rebound after a tough loss to Garinger. North Mecklenburg 20, Harding 16.

Independence: 1-1, 0-1 at
Myers Park: 2-0, 1-0

The Patriots were rocking-n-rolling until they met some high kicking Mustangs. This should be a high scoring contest. Chip Ferguson is a good leader. Myers Park 18, Independence 16.

South Mecklenburg: 1-1, 1-0 at
West Mecklenburg: 0-2, 0-1

The Sabres looked like a mean machine against West Charlotte. West Mecklenburg won't roll over and play dead but the Sabres are very ORGANIZED. South Mecklenburg 21, West Mecklenburg 16.

THE RANKINGS

1. East Mecklenburg- The Eagles have beaten two teams who were considered among the best in the state, Richmond County and Independence. I believe they have earned this right. **FEAST WITH EAST.**

2. Olympic - The Trojans played well to beat Hunter Huss 18-0 and made several turnovers against West Mecklenburg before coming back to win. A mark of a championship team is to be able to win the games you play badly. **TURN IT OUT TROJANS.**

3. South Mecklenburg- The Sabres were number one and dropped. Flawless play against West Charlotte earns them this position. They looked like a machine. **SOCK IT TO 'EM SABRES.**

4. Garinger- Forget Garinger's past. Led by sensational Gene Brown, the Wildcats have left the doldrums of the Southwestern 4A to become a playoff contender. **GOOD LUCK, CATS.**

5. Myers Park- Small, but quick. The Mustangs have a sensational quarterback in Haywood Workman, the multi-purpose athlete who helps the Mustangs football, basketball and track programs. **MOVE IT MUSTANGS.**

6. Independence- One game does not a season make. The Patriots lost a one pointer to archrival East. Look for them to bounce back. **INTIMIDATE 'EM PATRIOTS.**

7. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings ran into a Wildcat whirlwind. Their talent is still there that held the Hickory defense to 7 yards rushing. **VICTIMIZE 'EM VIKINGS.**

8. West Charlotte- The Lions' poor performance at South could be attributed to a change in the quarterback who was injury riddled. **WHIP 'EM WEST CHARLOTTE.**

9. Harding- When Anthony Blakeney gets untracked the Rams could beat anyone in the state. They can score. That's been proven.

10. West Mecklenburg- The Indians lost a game to Huss that I thought they would win. But the season is young and the Indians will get their share of scalps before the year is over. **BEAT 'EM INDIANS.**

Charles Holland Named "Player Of The Week"



Katrina Lattimore, cheerleader and pep inspirator for the Derita Demons team, practices her cheers for the seasonal sports. Katrina enjoys riding her bike, playing with her family and baby dolls and doing her homework. (Post Photo By Teresa Simmons)

Before the season began Charles Holland said the Sabres would be a contender.

He didn't fare well in the opening loss to Greensboro Page, but against West Charlotte he decided he would take matters into his own hands.

Aided by a wedge that the Sabres set up for his return, Holland scampered 92 yards on a kickoff return to give the Sabres a lead they never relinquished in what was billed as a showdown between two of the conference's top teams.

Scoring once again on a one-yard run, he amassed almost 200 yards to begin his march to the 1,000-yard plateau.

Holland is being heavily recruited by all the major colleges of the Southeast.

The fleet footed 5'10", 185-pound back on whose shoulders the Sabres fortunes will rise this season, believes the Sabres are back in the groove.

He is The Charlotte

Post's Football Player of the Week.

Other outstanding players were Garinger quarterback Gene Brown who ran a great show at North Mecklenburg scoring on a 22-yard touchdown run, and passing 40 yards to Alan Tillman and 20 to

David Parker to move the Wildcats to the head of the class.

Garinger's Ben Laster scored two touchdowns and rushed for 125 yards.

Myers Park quarterback Haywood Workman passed 59 yards for a game winning touchdown against

Harding. Harding running back Anthony Blakeney rushed for 267 yards and scored twice on runs of 66 and 86 yards. Rickey Huntley of East engineered a come from behind win over Independence.

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