

By James Cuthbertson

**PREP
CHATTER**



SOUTH MECKLENBURG (1-2, 1-1) at GARINGER (3-0, 2-0)

The Sabres of South Mecklenburg opened with two of the best teams in the state and followed with a 6-0 upset over West Mecklenburg.

The Sabres are unpredictable, having a good passing game with two of the best receivers in the county in Roman Phifer and Tony Lindsay.

The Wildcats are predictable, holding their opponents to 5.3 points per game.

Look for the Wildcats to prevail in this one. Garinger 14, South Mecklenburg 7

INDEPENDENCE (2-1, 2-0) at NORTH MECKLENBURG (2-1, 1-1)

The Independence Patriots have been playing well lately, using the arms of Chris Wallace and the legs of Robbie Kistler to frustrate their opposition.

The Vikings are at home in a place where they rarely lose.

The Pats are looking more and more like state playoff material. Independence 10, North Mecklenburg 9

OLYMPIC (0-3, 0-2) at HARDING (1-2, 1-1)

The Trojans have been getting better offensively each game as their defense has remained top-notch.

In this bitter game of west side rivals, the Rams have the homefield advantage which may be important to the Trojans who have been on the road in three of their first four games. Harding 14, Olympic 13

WEST CHARLOTTE (2-1, 1-1) at WEST MECKLENBURG (2-1, 1-1)

The West Charlotte Lions and the West Mecklenburg Indians square off in a game that could decide the conference championship.

Both have looked good in the early season.

The Lions have some outstanding backs, but so do the Indians.

The opposition that the Lions have beaten have been among some of the most rugged teams in the conference.

Look for the game of the week in the country in this one. West Charlotte 21, West Mecklenburg 20

In other games:

Country Day 14, Christ School 13; Charlotte Catholic 16, West Stanly 14; Charlotte Latin 16, Heathwood Hall 7 (Thursday night); Providence Day 34, South Carolina School for the Deaf 10.

The Southwestern 4A Conference gets two representatives this year and in the state playoffs and in the early going the teams competing for those positions look like West Charlotte, West Mecklenburg, Independence, Garinger and North Mecklenburg.

Getting six out of nine correct last week, boosted my lowly average on predicting games by a few points.

The season's record now is 17 correct, 12 wrong.

In this topsy-turvy of seasons, the Southwestern 4A had a few shockers last week and we have a new number one.

THE RANKINGS

1. Garinger - It has been a long time since Garinger was in this position, but the Wildcats are mild no longer and truly deserve this spot. Last year, they started fast and petered out. This year, the team seems to be for real.

2. Independence - The Patriots made several mistakes in that game with Central Cabarrus, but have put everything together now and share the early conference lead with Garinger.

3. West Mecklenburg - The Indians were listless at South, making crucial mistakes that took them out of scoring range several times. With a few breaks, they could have won the game.

4. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings are always competitive and this year is no different.

5. South Mecklenburg - The Sabres have a passing tandem of Greg Wilcox to either Roman Phifer, Tony Lindsay or Brian Crooms. It works. All are good receivers.

6. West Charlotte - The Lions lost one to East that we felt they wouldn't lose.

7. East Mecklenburg - The Eagles, after two dismal performances, are following the South Mecklenburg routine of getting it together.

8. Harding - The Harding Rams lost a tough one at North Mecklenburg. The young team could cause some teams problems.

9. Olympic - The Trojans of Olympic were wiped out on their home field by the Garinger Wildcats. It looks like it will be a long season for the boys from Troy.

10. Myers Park - The Mustangs were whipping everybody last year. This year they are on the other extreme. The word is out that there is some good talent on that team which will surface before the season is gone.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

1. Charlotte Catholic - The Cougars lost a tough one to Forest Hills, an archrival from Marshville that could keep them from gaining first place in the Rocky River Conference.

2. Country Day - The Bucs are tough and are proving it every week.

3. Charlotte Latin - For a team that was really down last year, the Hawks appear to be on an upswing.

4. Providence Day - The Chargers have played some tough competition and should now be ready for the local wars.

EAST MECKLENBURG (1-2, 1-1) at MYERS PARK (0-3, 0-2)

The East Mecklenburg Eagles are having a down year, but so are the Myers Park Mustangs. Last year, this was the game that decided the conference championship.

The Mustangs, en route to a 10-0 regular season, stopped the Eagles 21-20 as the Eagles missed an extra point attempt and had the eventual fate of meeting Greensboro Page in the first round of the state playoffs.

This will probably be different. East Mecklenburg 18, Myers Park 17

Phifer And Lindsey Share "Player Of Week" Honors

By James Cuthbertson

Post Sports Writer

"He is a great athlete and a good student," said South Mecklenburg principal Frank Gadsden following South Mecklenburg's monumental upset of Associated Press' fourth ranked 4A team in North Carolina.

"He is a great person and a credit to South Mecklenburg," continued Gadsden.

"Roaming" Roman Phifer and "Terrible" Tony Lindsey are this week's Charlotte Post "Co-Players of The Week" for the momentum they helped engineer in South's 6-0 win over the Indians last week.

Along with teammates quarterback Greg Wilcox, wide receiver Brian Crooms, linebacker Billy Harris, and fullback Stanley Washington, the Sabres ambushed the Indians with the pass.

Phifer and Lindsey are platoon players at South Mecklenburg.

Phifer is a tight end and outside linebacker.

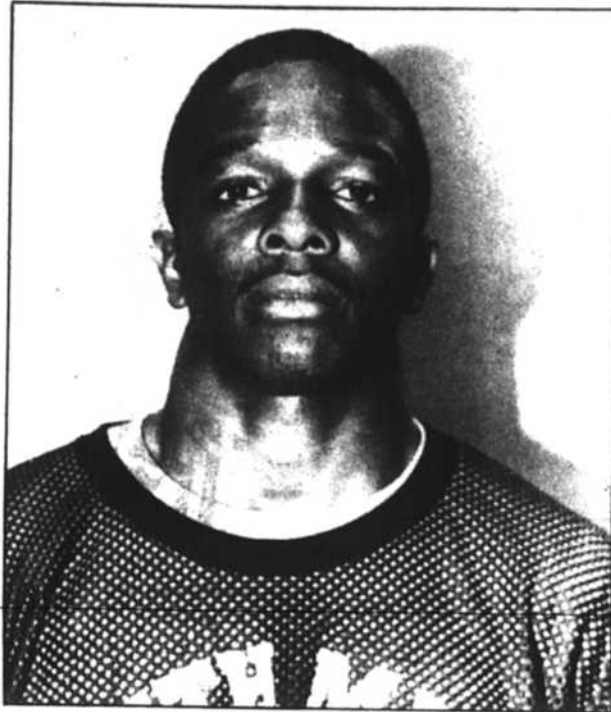
Lindsey is a split end and free safety.

They excelled in both areas against the Indians with Phifer being in on several tackles and Lindsey thwarting the Indians' passing game with two interceptions.

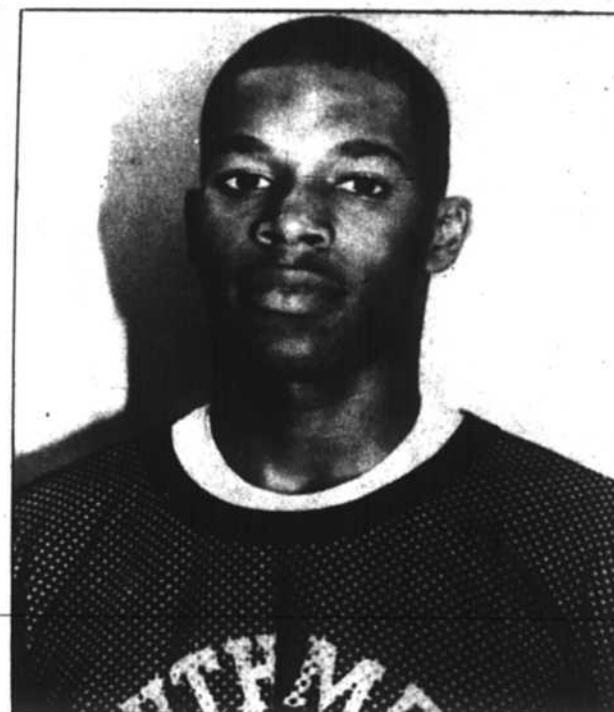
Earlier this season Roman Phifer had said that the Sabres would like to have a good season.

Friday night against West, big 6-2, 195 pound No. 88 did everything he could to make this come true.

Greg Wilcox connected with Phifer on several long yardage passes that was set up as great field position was nullified by Sabre



Tony Lindsey
Split end-free safety



Roman Phifer
Tight end-linebacker

penalties.

But when it counted, the Sabre defense, led by Phifer and Billy Harris, stopped the Indians and set up the final drive that culminated late in the fourth quarter with an Indian touchdown.

Congratulations to the South Mecklenburg Sabres and coach Jim Seacord on one of the most excitingly played games in the Southwestern 4A Conference's young season.

Bulls Host A&T Aggies In Annual Footballbrawl Saturday Night

By Phil Busher

Special To The Post

It's fun time Saturday night at Charlotte Memorial Stadium when rivals Johnson C. Smith and N.C. A&T State square off for their annual footballbrawl game. It doesn't matter if either team is spinning its wheel in their respective MEAC or CIAA race, an Aggies-Golden Bulls match-up always bring out strong sentiments among the alumni. Safest bet is to wear gold and blue (the colors of both teams) and just enjoy the festive spirit.

A&T State has not visited Memorial Stadium since 1980. J.C. Smith has travelled to Greensboro in 1981 and 1983 only to lose in the final minute each time by 19-17 and 42-35 scores. The two teams did not play in 1982, JCSU's Southern Division title year.

The Aggies own a nine game win streak over the Bulls dating back to Smith's 15-11 win in 1973. Aggie fans will want double figures. Smithites are out to slam the brakes on the A&T run. Going into Saturday night's 7:30 kick-off it appears to be a toss-up in the making.

Mo Forte's Aggies come in limping, having lost three straight to powerhouses Winston-Salem State (21-35), South Carolina State (7-46) and Delaware State (7-56). A&T State's young defense has been steamrolled for 489 yards a game. Smith suffered the same fate in its two first games until exploding on Bowie State 30-6 last week. The Bull defense allowed only 69 yards, 49 of which came on a TD pass in the

CPRD To Organize Adult Basketball League

Say you noticed that the last time you took the garbage to the curb you were out of breath coming in to home stretch? If your heart beats a little faster than you prefer after a short run, perhaps you'd be interested in the Adult Basketball leagues sponsored by the Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department.

The Adult Basketball Organization meeting will be held Thursday, October 11, in the Arts and Craft Building, 1900 Park Dr., at 7 p.m.

Leagues will be designated as follows: men-open industrial (morning and evening league), church, slow break and 35 and over. Women-open, church and industrial.

Due to limited seating only one team representative should be present for the meeting. For more information, call 336-2884 or 336-2584.

The Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department will also offer youth basketball registration. Teams will consist of the following age groups (male and female): Intermediate 16-18; juniors 13-15; midgets 10-12; mites 8-9; instructional 6-7 years of age.

Register at your nearest recreation center or call James Foster at 336-2884 or 336-2584.

Fall Swim Program

The Johnston Branch YMCA is now registering for the fall session of swim classes. Classes begin the week of October 1.

Programs offered include instruction for Pre-Schoolers (ages 3-5), school age and adults. Adult "Terrorized" beginner swim classes are offered mornings and evenings. Pre-school classes are scheduled for early afternoon.

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