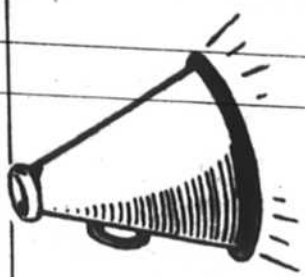


By James Cuthbertson



**PREP  
CHATTER**



The time is coming near for the selection of the two Southwestern 4A Conference state representatives. Who will that be?

Take your pick. The title is still up for grabs. And the second spot could go to any of five teams.

The Southwestern 4A Conference winner entertains the Central States' runner-up from the Greensboro area.

The runner-up goes to Gastonia to play either Huss or Ashbrook.

**THE RANKINGS:**

1. Garinger - The Wildcats escaped terror at Harding as the Rams got riled and almost pulled off the upset of the year.
2. West Charlotte - The Lions moved past Myers Park and are hanging on hoping that Garinger loses to someone.
3. South Mecklenburg - You have to like big Roman Phifer and Tony Lindsey. They play offense and defense seldom getting to rest. And they do outstanding jobs with both units.
4. East Mecklenburg - The Eagles escaped an improving Olympic team.
5. Independence - A big win here and the Patriots could be back on the top of the conference. A loss and their playoff hopes are dimmed.
6. Harding - The Rams played tough at home against Garinger.
7. Myers Park - The Mustangs couldn't get past the Lions' roar.
8. Olympic - The improving Trojans almost knocked East out of contention for the playoffs.
9. West Mecklenburg - The Indians were scalped at Independence.
10. North Mecklenburg - The Vikes were flat against South.

**THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS:**

1. Charlotte Catholic - The Cougars keep moving along.
2. Country Day - The Bucs are tough.
3. Latin - The Hawks could unseat Country Day this year.
4. Providence Day - Not much depth, but Clark is a champion.

**THE PREDICTIONS**

**EAST MECKLENBURG 17 HARDING 14 at Harding**  
The improving Rams are 3-4 in the conference and 3-5 overall. The Eagles are 5-2, 5-3 and have a good shot at making the playoffs.

**INDEPENDENCE 21, GARINGER 20 at Garinger**  
The Patriots realize this is their last shot at going to the playoffs having lost to West Charlotte and South, both contenders. The Pats are 5-2, 5-3.

**WEST MECKLENBURG 7 MYERS PARK 6 at West Mecklenburg**  
Give the home team the advantage in this game.

The Indians are 1-6, 2-6. The Mustangs are 2-5, 2-6.  
**WEST CHARLOTTE 24 NORTH MECKLENBURG 7 at West Charlotte**

I don't believe North can stop Richie Melchor. The Vikings are 1-6, 2-6. The Lions are 5-2, 6-2.

**SOUTH MECKLENBURG 14 OLYMPIC 7 at South**  
The Sabres are tough at home.

Olympic is 2-5, 2-6. South is 5-2, 5-3.

**IN OTHER GAMES**

Charlotte Catholic 17, North Stanly 7 at North Stanly; Country Day 16, Winston-Salem Carver 3 at Country Day; Charlotte Latin 16, Gaston Day 10 at Latin; and Providence Day 19, Asheville School 12 at Providence Day.

The South Mecklenburg Sabres won the county Southwestern 4A soccer championship with a 9-1 record.

Myers Park and East Mecklenburg were second with 8-2 records.

West Charlotte and Independence were tied for fourth place with 7-3 records.

Olympic was in sixth place with a 5-5 record. The Trojans were followed by Grainger 4-6; Harding, Ashbrook and West Mecklenburg, all 2-8.

North finished in the cellar with a 0-10 record.

In girls' tennis, South Mecklenburg won the championship with a perfect 9-0 record.

The Sabres finished one game ahead of Myers Park (8-1) and two games ahead of East (7-2).

West Charlotte held down fourth place with a 6-3 record. They were followed by Independence 5-4; West Mecklenburg 4-5; North Mecklenburg 2-7; Olympic 2-7; Garinger 1-8; and Harding 0-9.

Congratulations to the South Mecklenburg volleyball team. The Sabres beat Hickory St. Stephens, 15-0 and 15-7, to advance to the state quarter finals.

The Sabres are 19-3 and won their 16th straight match.

Kyle Nalls ran for 30 yards and a 30-yard touchdown as Eastway beat Alexander, 14-8.

Teammate Spanky Frazier scored on a one-yard run and tossed a conversion pass to Major Chapman for two to lead the Trojans.

Steven Jenkins was the hero as Carlos Tate tossed him the winning pass for his first touchdown. He ran the other in from one yard out as Kennedy beat J. T. Williams, 13-7.

West Charlotte's Richie Melchor has gained 1,299 yards this season on 151 carries.

He leads the county. The young man has 12 touchdowns.

Everett Hood of Charlotte Catholic, who has rushed for 508, is the only man close.

He has 11 touchdowns. Reggie Clark of Providence Day has 10 and Robbie Kistler of Charlotte's Independence and Chad Grier of Charlotte Latin have eight each.

Narrowing in on the 1,000 yard milestone are Reggie Clark of Providence Day, Allen Tillman of Garinger and Antonio Walker of Garinger.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Thomas M. "Jack," "Sweet Honey" Martin presenting generous check to Afro-American Cultural Center Director, Vivian Nivens, at the Fraternity's Mardi-Gras Dance last Friday night at Charlotte's Convention Center before a crowd of approximately 4,000 revelers - some clad in Halloween costumes. (Photo By Peeler's Portrait Studio)

**"Player Of The Week"**

**Harold Simpson**

**Keys Patriots Win**

By James Cuthbertson  
Post Sports Writer

The Independence Patriots were backed up against the wall. It was do or die time at Independence Stadium and the opponent was the West Mecklenburg Indians.

The Patriots were 4-2 in the conference and tied with three other teams for second place: East Mecklenburg, South Mecklenburg and West Charlotte. All were favored to win their Friday night encounters.

A loss and it would have been curtains.

That's when this week's "Player of the Week," Harold Simpson, decided to take over.

Simpson rushed for 105 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Patriots stayed in a second place tie with Friday's three other winners.

Simpson's first touchdown came in the third quarter with the Patriots holding a 14-3 advantage.

The second touchdown came in the final quarter when he scampered 86 yards down the field for a long yardage play.

That was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Other stars around the conference included:

Chad Grier of Charlotte Latin threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as Charlotte Latin remained unbeaten with a 35-6 victory over Christ School.

Grier completed seven of 14 passes for 100 yards and hit Bill Pitt on a 15-yard pass play for a touchdown and Gibby Smith on a 43-yard pass play for a touchdown.

Billy Brown of Charlotte Latin gained 119 yards on 26 carries for the Hawks.

Kevin Manion scored three touchdowns for the Charlotte Catholic Cougars while teammate Thad Glankler carried the ball for 105 yards. Quarterback Pat McLaughlin passed for 111 yards in the 30-6 win over Albemarle.

Broderick Graves picked up 121

yards on 20 carries, including touchdown runs of 30 and 31 yards.

Michael Cureton of West Charlotte had 78 yards on 12 carries.

Country Day's Scott Smith had 10 tackles and Clifton Vann had two sacks as the Buccaneers beat the Chargers, 28-6.

Darren Stinson of Garinger kicked a field goal in overtime to lead the Cats past Harding.

East Mecklenburg quarterback Ricky Huntley scored the Eagles' lone touchdown as they beat Olympic, 7-0.

**SCS Foundation To Sponsor  
Special Awards Luncheon**

By Loretta Manago  
Post Staff Writer

The Special Children's Sports Foundation, Inc. will be sponsoring a Mayors Trophy Competition Awards Luncheon, November 16 at the Quality Inn.

This event like so many of the other SCS-Foundation programs has one purpose in mind - and that is to help disadvantaged youth, with special sports training and financial assistance through school and college years.

The Special Children's Sports Foundation, founded by R. LaDon Arrington intends to take children and teach them all facets of golf and later when the foundation is more established, tennis.

"It's almost commonplace for a child to find resources if he's interested in football or basketball, but not so with golf. We want to take these disadvantaged children and expose them to area of sportsmanship and attitude," asserted Arrington.

In addition to these areas of golf, Arrington also expressed that children selected to participate in this program would receive free qualifying and training program.

The training is to take place at Pawtucket Golf Course until the SCS-Foundation completes its own facility.

"It is our objective in three years to build a training facility - to include a club house, a driving range and a Par three golf course," emphasized Arrington.

Part of the Foundation's purpose is to expose the child to the various career possibilities in golf, such as club management and course management.

This is an idea Arrington firmly believes that the community and local businesses will support.

Concurring with his belief, Arrington has already the support of 114 businesses in the area for the near future.

Initially, Arrington wants to begin with children at the age of 11 but hopes that the Foundation will expand to reach back as far as age eight and through age 18.

Families who are interested in seeing that their child experience a concept as unique as this only have to call 398-2374 and then an interview of the child and the family will be scheduled.

It is special events like the Mayors Trophy Competition Awards Luncheon that is getting the Foundation off to a firm start.

The \$25 a plate luncheon will feature guest speakers Mayor Harvey Gantt, Frances Crockett, owner of the Charlotte Orioles, Joe Inman, PGA Tour Golfer.

Persons who buy two tickets to the luncheon will be included in a drawing that awards a VIP vacation with 28 resorts to choose from. The prize is subject to conditions listed on the certificates. Lucky winners can also look forward to a round of golf with touring professional Joe Inman at the River Hills Country Club.

For details and tickets call 398-2374, Monday - Friday, 9 to 5, Saturday, 9 to 4. Or send a check for the number of tickets you need to the SCS-Foundation, Inc., 4101 West Blvd., P.O. Box 19444, Charlotte, N.C. 28219.

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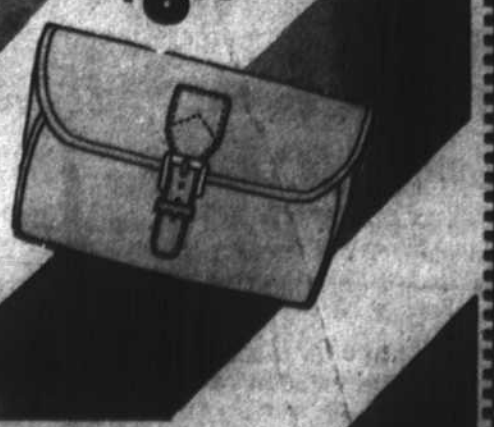


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