

By James Cuthbertson

# Prep Chatter



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The Metropolitan area football players played some exciting games last week.

There were some great individual performances that have to be noted.

East Mecklenburg's Maurice Flowers, a junior, completed 13 of 19 passes for 254 yards, throwing a six-yarder and a 28-yarder to wide receiver Steve Ford, a seven-yarder to Tony Hamer, and a 75-yarder to Marty Karriker.

Charlotte Catholic's Eric Grant carried the ball 13 times for 139 yards.

West Mecklenburg junior standout Derrick McGowan ran it in from the four twice and the 17 for three touchdowns as the Indians garnered their first win of the season over South Point, 20-14.

North Mecklenburg's Donald Ray Colson ran a 98-yard kick-off return and carried the ball 12 times for 80 yards as the Vikings won their first game, 31-6, over Garinger.

Garinger's Ralph McKissick showed signs of pre-season form as he carried the ball 14 times for 93 yards and one eight-yard touchdown.

Country Day's Connor Bost caught passes of 40-, two- and 58-yards en route to 170 yards as Country Day upended Gaston Day, 34-2.

Brent Lane of Country Day rushed for 83 yards and two touchdowns.

Broderick Graves of West Charlotte rushed for 238 yards and three touchdowns to give West Charlotte a 30-0 rout of South Mecklenburg in a key Southwestern 4A-Tri-County matchup. Graves now has over 400 yards for the season. The runs were gainers of 75, 25 and 40 yards to pay dirt.

Myers Park's Alvin Blakeney gained 193 yards in the Mustang loss to Harding.

And this week's Charlotte Post "Metropolitan Area Player of the Week" gained 296 yards as Providence Day upset 3A power Sun Valley.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

West Charlotte has surprised everybody. Everyone expected the Lions to be a contender in the Tri-County and, after an opening 21-0 win over Garinger, was marred by penalties by 135 yards in holding penalties we knew that if the Lions could cut out the mistakes they would be a threat.

But no one expected the 30-0 rout of South Mecklenburg at South. The Sabres and Lions always play a close game and South is rated as one of the class acts of the Southwestern 4A Conference.

The Lions are strong.

Independence came into this season with a lot of outstanding credentials. Several key men on the squad were back, including quarterback Jeff Robbins, defensive back Harry Fuller, and tackle Tony Garlogiola. Still, the Pats have had close calls in their two games, 10-7 over North and 21-11 over East Burke.

However, those two teams have emerged as tough teams to play and are two of the better teams in the state.

Looking at the two teams, Independence will have to stop Broderick Graves, something a big South Mecklenburg team could not do.

Nevertheless, Independence has always been a nemesis in the Lions' side even when they were in lean years.

This is a close one to call but Broderick Graves has made a believer out of me. West Charlotte 17 Independence 16.

In other games: Ashbrook 26 North Gaston 7; Hunter Huss 17 Crest 10; East Gaston 12 South Point 6; East 26 Harding 21; West 14 Garinger 7; Olympic 14 Myers Park 13; South 20 North 13; Providence Day 25 Christ School 7; Catholic 18 Concord 12; and Country Day 21 Indian Land 14.

East Mecklenburg has released its 1985-86 basketball schedule.

The Eagles open November 27 in the Charlotte Observer Sweet Sixteen Tournament at Belmont Abbey College.

In December, they play North at home on the third, at West Charlotte on the fifth, at North on the 10th, at home with Sun Valley on the 13th, at Northwest Cabarrus on the 14th, at home with Independence on the 17th, and at South on the 19th.

In January, the Eagles have North West Cabarrus at home on the third, East Gaston at home on the seventh, Hunter Huss at home on the 10th.

They go to Myers Park on the 14th, entertain Ashbrook on the 17th, Garinger on the 21st, and South on the 28th.

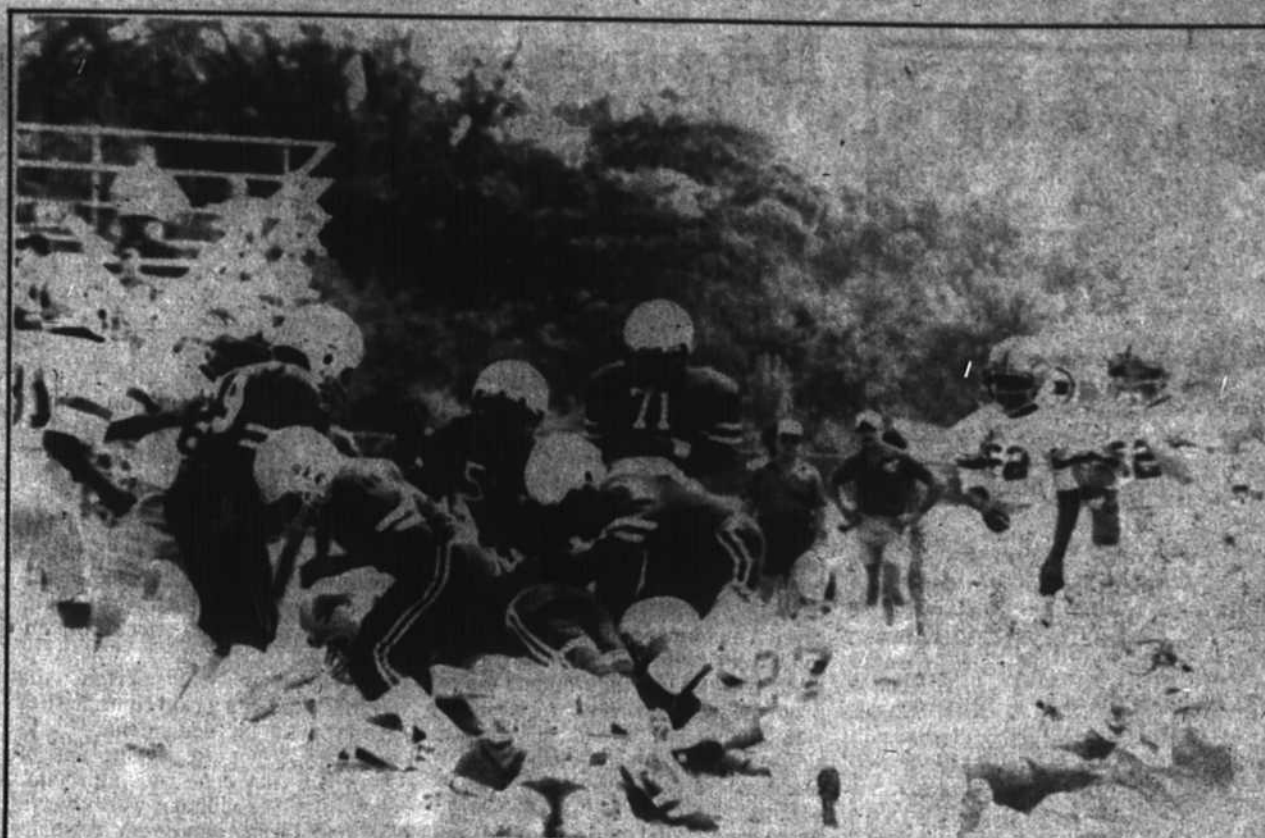
They visit Independence on the 24th and East Gaston on the 31st.

The season concludes in February when the Eagles visit Huss on the fourth, Ashbrook on the 11th, and Garinger on the 14th. The lone home game will be Myers Park on the seventh.

## THE RANKINGS

1. East Mecklenburg - The Eagles are averaging 36.5 points per game.
2. West Charlotte - The name of the game is Broderick Graves, 400 yards.
3. Ashbrook - Curtis Gingles is on the loose.
4. Independence - The Pats are still powerful.
5. South - The Sabres aren't dead yet. They still have a lot of talent.
6. Harding - The Rams have learned how to win close ones.
7. Catholic - Coach Oddo has the boys ready.
8. Hunter Huss - The Huskies have great talent in the Floyds-Dirk and Darryl.
9. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings are coming on strong.
10. Country Day - The Bucs appear headed to another state championship.

Bobby Moore, son of Johnson C. Smith basketball coach, Robert Moore, was the star in the opening 10-7 loss by the Vikings to Independence. The outside linebacker, who is a star on the basketball team, scored on an interception.



Who's got the ball? That's the question the Derita Demons and the Stralair "Golden Lions" wanted to know in a heated football game recently. The two opposing teams fought it out on the football field of Smith Junior High School and when it was all said and done the game ended in a tie, 6-6. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)

## Reggie Clark Widely Acclaimed As "Best Runningback" In State

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Post Sports Writer

This week's Metropolitan Area "Player of the Week" is not a stranger to us.

He is well-known in this area. Like any other 17 year old, he likes to party and go out with the young ladies, but unlike most, one of his first loves is football.

We noticed him as a ninth grader when he was piling up yardage.

Last year, for instance, as a sophomore, the 6'2", 180-pounder rushed for his usual 1,000 plus yards including 169 in the opener against Gaston Day, where he scored two touchdowns, one a 39-yarder.

In the second game, he scored a 70-yard touchdown against a tough Pageland team.

Against Christ School he scored the winning touchdown as Providence Day beat the team, 14-7.

This year, he has picked up where he left off with 296 yards on 28 carries as the Chargers upset 3A powerhouse Sun Valley.

"I thought that I could have a good season if I worked real hard this summer on my stamina and my strength," said Clark who lives in the Five Points neighborhood. "I worked real hard and I think that it will pay off in the long run."

In the 23-8 upset, the Spartans admitted that Reggie Clark is one of the best running backs that they have ever seen.

"Reggie is a great running back," said the Sun Valley coach.

He has 106 of those yards in the first half as he ran 19 yards to pay dirt on a fourth down play.

With Providence Day holding a slim lead, he bounced off the line and ran 42 yards for another touchdown.

With one minute left in the game, he broke 68 yards for a touchdown.

Reggie lives in Garinger's district and several people have asked him why he doesn't transfer to a public school for the competition, but he says that there is a lot of competition in the Charlotte Independent Schools Athletic Association and that he is more than comfortable at Providence Day.



Reggie Clark  
.....Off to a rousing start  
That's bad news for rivals Latin and Country Day.

Find out what's happening in the black community  
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## Tuberous Sclerosis

The Western Carolina Tuberous Sclerosis Parent Support Group will meet Saturday, September 21, at the Supplementary Educational Center located at Knox Junior High School in Salisbury, N.C. from 1-5 p.m.

Dr. J. Kiffin Perry, a neurologist with a specialty in the treatment of epilepsy and monitor therapy and the associate dean of research and development at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, contact Barbara Rippey at 537-4194.

## UFS Seminars

Beginning October 3, the United Family Services and the YWCA will sponsor a series of seminars for parents and their children on divorce and separation.

The series will run for six consecutive Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at the YWCA, 3420 Park Rd.

Professional staff members of the Family Life Enrichment Division of United Family Services will lead separate peer groups for parents and children. Beginning with a general look at the separation and divorce process, participants will move towards discussing their specific feelings about and understanding of separation and divorce in their families.

The cost for all six seminars is \$35 per family. For more information or to pre-register, call Sally Vander Straeten at 332-9034.

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