

# Prep Chatter



James

Traveling to the Independence High School Stadium Saturday, I had no idea of what was in store for me. After weeks of covering high school and college football, I approached the week with a ho-hum attitude.

But I had special incentives. I am real close to my nephews - Melvin, Ritchie, and Comyrton - and it was the first opportunity that I would have to watch them play.

They play for Police Athletic League-North. In the first game, the Plaza junior pee wees beat Comyrton's team, 6-0. Comyrton was right guard on defense and right tackle on offense. He made some exciting tackles. They are 2-2.

Ritchie was the quarterback for the PAL-North Junior Mighty Mites, who won their third game by a 19-6 score. He gained over 100 yards and scored a 20-yard touchdown.

Melvin was defensive back and halfback for the Chargers' junior midget team, who beat the Plaza, 34-6. They are 4-0.

It was football at its best. The crowd really gets into Pop Warner football games. I thought I never could, but there I was screaming at the top of my voice with my sisters, Anita and Dee, and my brother, Coties.

One bad point. The announcer for The Plaza was a little biased. After all, when your team is getting beat 34-6 late in the fourth quarter, "The Plaza is playing great defense." is not the most appropriate statement.

One good point. It was so exciting that I am going back at the earliest opportunity. Football at this level seems to be fun. The pressures have not arrived on the scene.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

### East Mecklenburg at South Mecklenburg

One of the teams will be out of the running for a playoff spot after this game.

Both need a win. The Eagles are coming off a 25-24 overtime win over Independence.

Maurice Flowers leads the Eagles and Greg Wilcox leads the Sabres. Give Wilcox the edge here.

Receivers for the Sabres include Roman Phifer and Steve Collins. Receivers for the Eagles are Steve Ford and Tony Hamer. Give the Eagles an edge here.

South suffered a 30-0 upset at the hands of surging West Charlotte.

Harding brought the Eagles to their knees by a 20-17 score.

South rebounded with a 20-6 win over West Mecklenburg.

Next week South is at Hunter Huss and East is at East Gaston.

Neither can afford to lose. South is at home. East is on the road. South Mecklenburg 17 East Mecklenburg 16.

In other games: Ashbrook 24 Crest 7, Olympic 17 East Gaston 10, Independence 24 Hunter Huss 12, Myers Park 18 Garinger 6, Harding 25 North Mecklenburg 19, West Charlotte 22 West Mecklenburg 16, Country Day 17 Christ School 7, Latin 20 Heathwood Hall 7, Catholic 17 Piedmont 10 and Providence Day 14 Ravenscroft 10.

## METROPOLITAN AREA RANKINGS

1. West Charlotte - The Lions have recorded three shutouts, the latest being a 20-0 win over 4A newcomer Shelby Crest. The Lions are headed for an October 11 showdown with Harding.
2. Harding - The Rams narrowly escaped Olympic, 7-6, but are still at the head of the class in the Tri-County Conference.
3. Ashbrook - The Green Wave ripped Myers Park, 21-0, to serve notice that they are a contender in the Southwestern 4A.
4. East - With the big overtime win by a 25-24 call over West Charlotte, the Eagles have rebounded against Independence. Now a big test looms at South Mecklenburg.
5. Independence - The Pats are tough. Harry Fuller is "Mr. Versatile" for the team. Jeff Robbins, Donald Donald, Mark Orange and Brad McCorkle provide good depth in the backfield.
6. South - The Sabres ripped West Mecklenburg, 20-6, and move into the conference with an 0-0 record.
7. North - The Vikings beat East Gaston, 26-16, to give the visitors a welcome to the Tri-County Conference. Donald Ray Colson gained over 200 yards.
8. Catholic - The Cougars are the class of the Rocky River.
9. West Mecklenburg - The Indians hop from the frying pan into the fire.
10. Hunter Huss - The Huskies got back in the win column with a win over Garinger.
11. Crest - The Lions gave Crest a welcome to the Tri-County that the visitors from Shelby may never forget.
12. Myers Park - Ashbrook proved to be a nemesis once more for Myers Park.
13. Olympic - The Trojans showed with a 7-6 loss to Harding that with a healthy Reggie Fewell they can be strong.
14. Country Day - The class act of the private schools.
15. East Gaston - The Warriors are in for a long season.
16. Providence Day - Lewisville plummeted the Chargers.
17. Charlotte Latin - The Hawks are on a roll.
18. Garinger - The Wildcats can't seem to get going.

## TRI-COUNTY RECORDS

West Charlotte 1-0, 4-0; Harding 1-0, 4-0; North 1-0, 2-2; West Mecklenburg 0-0, 2-2; East Gaston 0-1, 1-3; Olympic 0-1, 0-4; Crest 0-1, 2-2.

## SOUTHWESTERN

Ashbrook 1-0, 4-0; Huss 1-0, 2-2; East 1-0, 3-1; South 0-0, 3-1; Myers Park 0-1, 1-3; Independence 0-1, 2-2; Garinger 0-1, 0-4.

# Eric Grant Chosen Post's "Player Of Week"

By James Cathbertson  
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Eric Grant is this week's Charlotte Post "Player of the Week."

Grant was one of the standouts in Catholic's big 34-0 win over West Stanly.

Grant accounted for 249 yards and two touchdowns. He caught one pass, rushed for 129 yards and received 120 in passes.

His touchdowns came on runs of 22 and an 88-yard kickoff return. His other touchdown came on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Mark Bostic.

Grant had a good game against Parkwood, won by Catholic, 30-6, when he scored on a one-yard run.

He scored the only touchdown in Catholic's 14-8 loss to Concord.

Grant has amassed almost 400 yards from his halfback position for the Cougars. At 5'7" and 145 pounds, he is a small fleet footed back.

On defense, he is a safety. He also plays on the specialty teams.

"I feel that my greatest contribution is in my running ability," he said. "My immediate goal is to use my running ability to help take Charlotte Catholic back to the state playoffs and hopefully to win a state championship."

"I believe that we have a really good chance to do well in the state playoffs," he assures. "We have a tough season, of course, and there is the immediate task ahead of us of winning eight conference games. We are 1-1 in non-conference play."

Hobbies for the young man include biking, playing touch football, and basketball.

Before a game, "I usually am off in a corner to myself so that I can concentrate. I like a real quiet

atmosphere. I want to think about the outcome of the game and I try to think in terms of us winning the game."

Eric Grant is a big gun for Charlotte Catholic.

Others having good games were North's Donald Ray Colson, who had two touchdowns and 205 yards on 18 carries in the Vikings' 26-16 win over East Gaston.

North's Shelly Neal had 115 yards in 13 carries. Teammate Bernard Joe had 90 yards in 15 carries.

East's Marty Karriker had 67 crucial second half yards in 16 carries. Teammate Brad Causey kicked a 41-yard field goal that tied Independence with no time on the clock. Maurice Flowers connected on 11 of 20 passes for 159 yards and one touchdown. Reggie Gordon of East ran for 90 yards on 17 carries.

For Independence, Donald Lee Donald had 114 yards on 14 carries.

## Thomas, Gladys Ford

Thomas and Gladys Ford of 716 Matheson Ave., Charlotte, N.C., recently completed the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Course.

During the course at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., Withers studied personnel administration, Marine Corps history and traditions, military courtesy and the principles and techniques of effective leadership. He also participated in close order drill and a rigorous physical fitness program.

He joined the Marine Corps in August, 1982.



Patrick and Chad  
...Need parental help

## Brothers Need A "Parent Or Two"

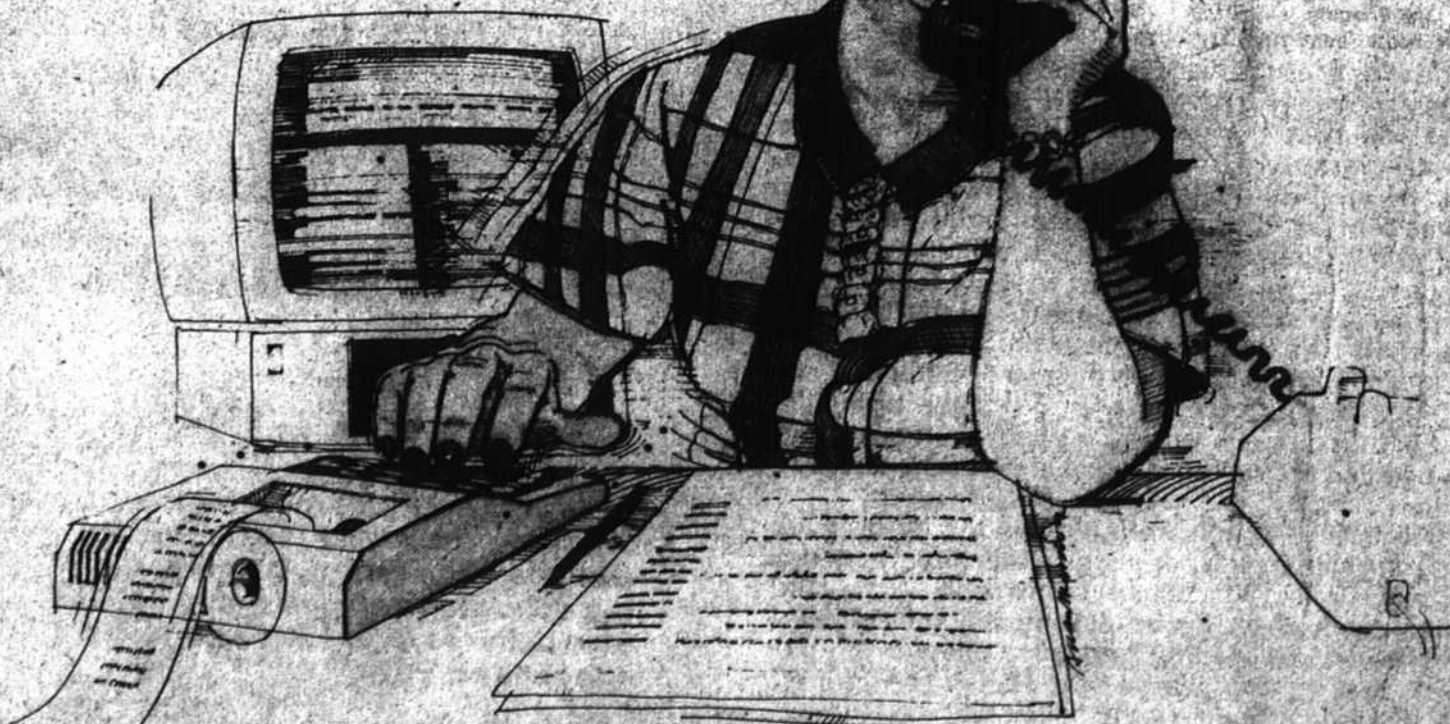
Having each other has helped Patrick, age 11, and Chad, age 13, cope with the fact that their parents couldn't provide for them. Deprived in their early years, both boys were behind their age levels in learning and social skills when they entered foster care. With some special attention in school, Patrick will be in fifth grade next fall, and Chad enters seventh grade.

Both boys are average in height, with slim builds. Both are considered cooperative, pretty well-behaved children, at school and in their foster home. Both have healthy appetites for the usual favorites like hamburgers, french fries, soda, ice cream and cake. Both have good health with no medical problems.

And both still hope someone will want to adopt them, for keeps. The SouthEastern Exchange, a non-profit adoption service, is eager to help anyone who would consider adopting children like Chad and Patrick. The exchange can explain the adoption process and will connect you to an agency in your area who can help you prepare to adopt. For information, write SEEA, P.O. Box 11181, Columbia, S.C. 29206, or call 803-796-1234. Financial assistance is available to help a family cover expenses of raising the boys.

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