

By James Cuthbertson

Prep Chatter



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Fellows, the brawl that I personally witnessed at West Mecklenburg High School was appalling.

No team has the right to cross the field to join in the battle when coaches and referees are breaking up two combatants.

Regardless of who started it, when a team crosses the field more fights break out and such was the case at West Mecklenburg recently in a game that featured a tremendous West Mecklenburg comeback effort after the team was down 19-0 in the second half.

Playing on emotion, the Indians came short in their final drive and lost, 19-12.

Then, two players started fighting on the sidelines and the benches emptied as a flood of gold West Charlotte jerseys came across the field to join in.

And, as the West Mecklenburg head coach Jim Hamacher confiscated an Indian helmet from the grasp of a former player, he was jumped on by a host of Lions.

Now, fellows, let us get real. A coach is an authority figure much like a policeman. You do not jump on a policeman. Why jump on a coach?

A player who does that should be punished at least by a one-game suspension.

Winning is important, but as a look at the status of Texas Christian and Southern Methodist will show you, the way you lose is as important as the way you win.

In sportsmanship, all can be winners.

I hope I never have to sit through a brawl like that again.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Independence at Ashbrook
Friday, October 18, 1985

The Green Wave features Junior Hall, Junior Williams, and Curtis Gingles in a potent backfield that has caused South Point, East Gaston, North Gaston, Myers Park, Crest, and Garinger trouble.

But they barely beat Crest and the rest of the records of their opponents combined would not be anywhere near 500.

Already at mid-season, they have not been tested.

The Patriots started the season with a good defense in victories over tough North and state-ranked East Burke before plummeting to West Charlotte and losing a tough overtime game to East Mecklenburg.

They bounced back with a 37-26 win over Hunter Huss and a win over Myers Park.

They would like to get the second spot in the conference playoffs.

It looks like East will probably get the number one position, having lost only to non-conference Harding.

Jeff Robbins is the rugged Patriot who is a passing whiz. His favorite receiver is Greg Clifton. His favorite running backs are Donald Donald, Marge Orange, and Brad McCormick.

The Pats need this one, but so does the Green Wave. A loss here will doom the playoff hopes of Independence.

Although this one is tough to call and the Pats are on the road, I pick Independence. Independence 17 Ashbrook 13.

In other games: North 14, Crest 7; West 21, East Gaston 16; East 15, Hunter Huss 7; Harding 30, Garinger 6; South 24, Myers Park 21; West Charlotte 17, Olympic 10; Latin 14, Asheville School 6; Country Day 24, Brunswick Va. Academy 10; Catholic 6, South Stanly 14; Providence Day 14, Wake Christian 6.

METROPOLITAN AREA RANKINGS

1. Harding, 6-0, 3-0 - For the second week, the Rams have prevailed in the number one position. This time it took a hellacious comeback to beat West Charlotte, 19-9, in the last two minutes.

2. West Charlotte, 5-1, 2-1 - The Lions still have the number two spot to look towards. The Rams would have to lose two games for the Lions to take over.

3. East Mecklenburg, 5-1, 2-0 - The Eagles are still flying high. They are the best team in the Southwestern 4A.

4. Ashbrook, 6-0, 2-0 - The Green Wave is for real.

5. Independence, 4-2, 2-1 - The Patriots have a big one coming up in Gastonia.

6. South Mecklenburg, 4-2, 1-1 - Do not count the Sabres out of the Southwestern 4A race.

7. Hunter Huss, 2-4, 1-2 - The Huskies are having a rough year.

8. Crest, 3-3, 1-1 - The Chargers are beginning to make some noise.

9. West Mecklenburg, 2-4, 0-2 - The Indians of West Mecklenburg lost a close one in Boiling Springs.

10. Myers Park, 2-4, 1-2 - The Mustangs lost a tough one to conference foe Independence.

11. North Mecklenburg, 3-3, 2-1 - The Vikings eked by Olympic.

12. Olympic, 1-5, 1-2 - The Trojans need to get some offense to go with a good defense.

13. Catholic, 6-0, 4-0 - The Cougars are on a roll.

14. Country Day, 5-1 - The Bucs are making waves.

15. Garinger, 0-6, 0-3 - The Wildcats are having a tough time of it this year.

16. Latin - The Hawks beat Providence Day.

17. East Gaston, 1-5, 0-2 - Everyone is getting a piece of the East Gaston rock.

18. Providence Day, 3-4 - The Charges lost to Latin, 15-0.

Coach Bob Moore's Optimistic As Golden Bulls Open Basketball Practice

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Here that sound! Thump! Thump! Just imagine a scene. There is a packed hour with fans hanging from the rafters of a 3000-seat gymnasium yelling for their favorite teams as the second tick away in another home victory.

A dream.

No, this is a reality and in a few weeks when the Golden Bulls invade Brayboy Gymnasium for a home date with Virginia State on November 30, this scene will be repeated week after week until a climax with the CIAA tournament in February and hopefully an NCAA Division II bid.

Coach Bob Moore is optimistic, saying, "I don't care who we play, they will be in trouble this year."

His Golden Bulls started practicing October 15 for a November 25 first round encounter with Gardner-Webb in the annual WBTV Classic.

The team which made it to the quarterfinals of the CIAA last year expects to be a little more experienced and a lot quicker with the moving of James Shockley, All-Tournament at the last CIAA, to shooting guard and Gardner-Webb transfer Vincent Brown and former West Charlotte standout Reggie Moses to small forwards.

"We are working on our weaknesses," said coach Moore. "We have got to play good defense. If we do, we can whip any team."

The Bulls were 16-13 last year. Three starters return.

James Shockley, 6'3", 165-pound senior guard, averaged 14 points last year while leading the team in assists with eight per game.

Dante Johnson, 6'6", 185-pound junior, was All-CIAA with his 22 points and 13 rebounds per game average.

Charlottean Reggie Moses, 6'3", 190-pound junior, averaged 12 points per game and four rebounds per game last year.

Six-eight, 210-pound senior Eddie Jordan leads the list of non-starters who are returning to the team. He averaged seven points and six rebounds per game. Also back are 5'9", 170-pound junior point guard Ricky McCormick, 6'6", 185-pound forward Keith Green, 6'4", 220-



Coach Bob Moore
JCSU basketball coach

forward Kevin Hinton, 5'8", 160-pound point guard John Dennis, 6'3", 170-pound freshman Rodney Richardson, and 6'4", 175-pound Gardner-Webb transfer Vincent Brown.

"Rodney Richardson was averaging 14 points per game last year before he was injured," said coach Moore. "We decided to red-shirt him."

Of the four junior college transfers who will join the Golden Bulls program, Christopher Jones out of Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, Mass., is the one with the best credentials. He averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds per game for Bunker Hill. He is a junior center.

Charlottean Mike Smith is a 6'6", 225-pounder by way of Dekalb Com-

munity College in Atlanta, Ga.

Alfredo Finklea is the guard who led Jones at Bunker Hill. He is a 6'9", 150-pound junior point guard.

Jeff Erwin is a 6'6", 185-pound sophomore from Chowan College where he averaged eight points and nine rebounds per game.

The top freshmen are 6'7", 190-pound Jerome McCoy, who averaged 12 points and seven rebounds per game as a forward at Miami's Jackson High, and Wayne Moulton, a 6', 190-pounder, who averaged 16 points and six rebounds per game on the same team.

The Bulls' first test comes when they engage in the tough WBTV Classic with Pfeiffer, Belmont Abbey, Gardner-Webb, Livingstone, Winthrop, Wingate, Limestone, Barber-Scotia, and Lenoir-Rhyne.

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