

With James Cuthbertson



Prep Chatter

James

The Charlotte Catholic Cougars lost over 20 seniors from last year's state runner-up team.

Linebacker and fullback Chris Kouri is back. Boo Hood is back at safety and halfback.

Cougars of note are quarterback Ted Mulvaney, running back Clayton McDonald, running back Jeff Monin, and quarterback Eddie Sedem.

THE SCHEDULE

September 12 at Monroe Parkwood, September 19 Concord, September 26 at West Stanly, October 3 Monroe Piedmont, October 11 Country Day (Myers Park Stadium), October 17 South Stanly, October 24 Albemarle, October 31 at North Stanly, and November 7 Mount Pleasant. Predicted record 8-2.

CHARLOTTE LATIN-The Hawks of Larry McNulty carried Country Day to the limit last year.

The Hawks have guard-linebacker Kearns Little, running back Cameron Dickerson, running back David Hall and split end Kris Noonan on offense.

Winn Fuller will be the quarterback executing the multiple wishbone.

Vic Gatto Jr., 5-9, 165 fullback, will help out in the backfield.

The biggest player on the team is 220 pound offensive lineman Jim Covington.

Others expected to get considerable playing time are tackle Andy Mermans and center-defensive tackle Brian Anderson.

Kent Jones and Thad Sharrett are the top newcomers.

THE SCHEDULE

September 12 at Pageland Central, September 19 at Buford, SC, September 26 Thomas Sumter, October 10 Providence Day, October 17 Gaston Day, November 1 at Christ School, and November 7 at Country Day. Predicted record 7-2.

PROVIDENCE DAY-The Chargers have Reggie Clark. He is 6-2, 205 pounds and one of the best running backs in the city. Injury has kept him from recognizing his full potential. Coach Steve Shaughness has sent Bryan Killough up to throw or hand off to his premier athlete.

Jim Rowe and Duane Deatheridge will also be in the backfield.

The chief receivers are tight end Andy Browning, Bob Dyer and Jasper Ray.

Mike Carpenter, Guy Land and Brian Boozer are the rugged blockers for the Chargers. Predicted record 6-3.

FEATURED GAMES

South Mecklenburg at West Charlotte

Whenever South and West Charlotte get together, it is almost like fighting the Civil War over again. It usually goes right down to the wire. The Sabres and the Lions are both rebuilding this year which makes it even more exciting. They tell me that Darryl Bonapart of the famous Bonapart brothers is an excellent quarterback for the Sabres and the Lions have the dashing Kenneth Patterson at running back. The defense will probably win this game and if they were playing at South, I would bet on the Sabres. But with the homefield advantage, the Lions might be a step ahead. West Charlotte 14 South Mecklenburg 13.

EAST MECKLENBURG AT OLYMPIC

The Trojans hold only one school victory over East Mecklenburg in their history. So don't expect miracles. They looked bad, really bad, against Richmond County. But the Raiders from the Southeastern 4A Conference have got to be one of the teams to beat. They looked so good. Maurice Flowers will probably have a good game at quarterback and the Eagles do have some receivers who can catch the ball. No Rudy Abrams team loses two in a row. Give credit to coach Ray Barger's defensive team. When the offense catches up with the defense, the Trojans could be dangerous. East Mecklenburg 7 Olympic 6.

In other games, Ashbrook 21 East Gaston 0; Crest 14 Shelby 7; Hunter Huss 14 Kings Mountain 13; North Mecklenburg 22 Garinger 0; Harding 24 Myers Park 12; Independence 22 East Burke 18; and West Charlotte 23 South Point 7.

METROPOLITAN AREA RANKINGS

Harding 1-0: The Rams are rampaging through the west side.

2. Ashbrook 1-0: As predicted, the Green Wave has become a hurricane.

3. Independence 1-0: The Pats have a good offense to go with their tenacious defense.

4. East Mecklenburg 0-1: Richmond County is good. Don't let that loss by the Eagles fool you.

5. Olympic 1-0: The Trojans' defense is still there and the offense is coming around. That's the way to go, alma mater.

6. West Mecklenburg 1-0: The power shift is moving to the west side. Derrick McGowan and the Indians are on the warpath.

7. West Charlotte 1-0: The Lions have a lot of talent in Kenneth Patterson. They have a running back factory.

8. Catholic 1-0: The Cougars never stop winning. Jim Oddo's success story.

9. Hunter Huss 0-0-1: The Huskies tied Shelby. That is a good sign.

10. Crest 1-7: Watch out for those Chargers.

BUBBLING UNDER THE METROPOLITAN TOP TEN

11. North Mecklenburg 0-1; 12. South Mecklenburg 0-1; 13. Myers Park 0-1; 14. Garinger 0-1; 15. East Gaston 0-1; 16. Country Day 1-0; 17. Providence Day 1-0; 18. Charlotte Latin 1-0; and 19. Gaston Day 0-1.

1986 PREP OUTLOOK

1. ASHBROOK - The Green Wave of John Kinlaw advanced to the semifinals of the state playoffs last year when they lost to perennial power Greensboro Page in Gastonia by a 14-9 score.

The backfield will take the Green Wave back to the playoffs. Junior Hall, is a 6-2, 200-pound fullback. Steve Alexander is a 5-10, 150 quarter back, and Curtis Jingles is a 5-10, 180 running back.

Scott Cliner is the tight end at 6-3, 235. The guard will be 215 pounder Doug Ogle.

The Wave lost seven defensive starters but will build a nucleus around 6-2, 210 pounder Robby Sexton, 5-11, 185 Steve Reid, and 5-10, 170 defensive back Keith Hoover.

Derek Fewell is a 6-3, 240 promising tackle.

"I feel we have the potential to have another good team," said Kinlaw. "We will have to rebuild the defense. Predicted Record: 9-1."

2. INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS - The Independence Patriots of Rusty Hester are being named as one of the team to beat in the Southwestern 4A. The Pats lost in the first round of the playoffs last year by a 19-0 score to West Charlotte. This year the Southwestern 4A gets three playoff spots and they are favored to get one of them.

Gone are wide receiver Greg Clifton, offensive

tackle John Anthony, guard Tim Morgan, and safety Harry Fuller.

The backfield is solid with 6-3, 170 quarterback Troy Meeks, 5-11, 205 fullback Freddie Brown, 6-0, 185 fullback Casper Mingo.

Paul Nance, 6-2, 190, will be the split end. Norman Buscom, 5-11, 206, is the left guard and Scott Secret is the right tackle. He is 6-1, 215. The Pats lost a lot of linemen.

Defensively Clint Pressley at defensive back, Steve Baker at noseguard, Dennis Renfrow at defensive end, Damon Meir at linebacker, and Mike Barnes and Rodney Lindsay at defensive end will be back.

Meir is 6-3, 210. Pressley is 6-1, 210.

Promising newcomer are Calvin Sexton, a 5-9, 205 sophomore defensive back.

"He can flat fly," said coach Jester.

The place kicker is back. Whit Neal kicked 27 of 27 extra points, six of 10 field goals of which one was a 42 yarder. Predicted Record: 8-2.

3. EAST MECKLENBURG - The Eagles lost a coin toss and stayed at home last year with an 8-2 record. They were conference tri-champions.

Gone are wide receiver-linebacker Tony Hamer, tailback, Marty Karriker, and lineman Ed House. Place kicker Brad Causey and wide receiver Steve Ford have departed. Don't break out any

lowers for the Eagles. Coach Rudy Abrams is optimistic and when he is that, it spells trouble for the Eagles' opponents. We could be talking state championship here.

Quarterback Maurice Flowers is a 6-4, 190-pound Division I prospect. Reggie Gordon is a 5-9, 170 running back.

Defensive back Bryant Robbins, defensive end Tony Horton and linebacker Leslie Walker will all return.

"We are in a rebuilding year," said coach Abrams. "We have only five starters coming back. I still expect us to be pretty good. We have a lot of tradition here and Flowers is a very good quarterback." Predicted Record: 6-2.

4. SOUTH MECKLENBURG - The Sabres of coach Linwood Ferguson lost everybody on offense and the entire backfield. Missing will be all purpose player Roman Phifer who has departed to UCLA on full scholarship.

"We could be good if a couple of young men come through," said Ferguson. "We lost a lot of fine football players."

The Sabres were 6-4 last year. On defense back are, 6-3, 225-pound defensive lineman Tim Reid; 6-4, 240 tackle Tommy Kubec; 6-0, 205 linebacker, Patrick Glenn; 5-11, 185 defensive back-corerback, Richard Cureton; 5-11, 180 outside linebacker Mark Patton; and 6-3, 240 defensive lineman Derrick Long.



Reggie Clark

Player Of Week

Reggie Clark Has Always Been There

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer
When Providence Day has been down in the past four years, Reggie Clark has always been there to lift the football team to prominence. This week's Charlotte Post Player of the Week is starting the same vain this season.

Recently, in Orangeburg, S.C., Clark found his Chargers behind 15-3 to Orangeburg Prep School, the top private school in South Carolina.

He stepped in and when the dust had cleared, he rushed for 215 yards, scored two touchdowns and intercepted two passes in leading a 16-15 comeback win for the Chargers. His first score came on a 73-yard run with his team trailing 15-3 and then intercepted a pass and returned it 11 yards. Four plays later he scored.

Clark is a senior at Providence Day. Other outstanding players were West Charlotte's Adam Reynolds who recovered two fumbles in the first half and took them in for scores as West Charlotte beat Garinger, 14-7; Clayton McDonald of Charlotte Catholic rushed three times for 79 yards including a 55-yard touchdown. Teammate Boo Hood rushed for two touchdowns and 86 yards on 14 carries.

Also West Mecklenburg's Ray Hughes had 175 yards in the Indians' 22-6 win over Hickory and teammate Luther Holder had 101 yards. Both scored two touchdowns.

Sports Beat For The Latest In Sports



Butch Lewis

Michael Spinks

Berbick, Witherspoon Will Face-Off

Thursday, September 18.

By Tony Brown
Special To The Post
World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Trevor Berbick and World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Anthony Witherspoon will face-off in an elimination match to determine who will fight International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion Michael Spinks for the unified heavyweight boxing title.

But Spinks and promoter Butch Lewis say apartheid must be KO-ed first. With this courageous position, Lewis and Spinks are risking their professional and financial futures by challenging the boxing establishment on behalf of black freedom.

Under superstar-promoter Lewis, the man who masterminded both All-Spinks fights, Michael Spinks has emerged as the hottest property in the boxing world today. But Lewis and the heavyweight champion are on a course that could change boxing history.

They want the WBA to sever ties with the racist South African regime before they will recognize the WBA champion as a part of the heavyweight elimination process.

Lewis has consistently voiced his opposition to the WBA's continual policy of recognizing and ranking South African fighters. He says that several influential positions within the WBA are filled by white South Africans and the organization refuses to condemn the South African government's system of apartheid. Lewis' and Spinks' demand could jeopardize the \$20 million, seven-fight tournament to consolidate the heavyweight title.

The nation's longest running and top ranked black affairs television series has been sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company for 11 consecutive years. Televised on public television, (PBS), the program will be seen in this area on WNSC, Channel 30, at 10:30 p.m. on

C.I.A.A. NOTES

Losing streaks in the CIAA has stretched another game. Bowie St. dropped its 22nd consecutive game and St. Paul's lost its 16th conference game. Bowie and St. Paul's have got their hands full this weekend. Bowie is hosting a strong Ua. Union team and St. Paul's will try to defend against the "Air" Harvey Show of N.C.C.U.

Wade Wilson Scholarship Classic is matching Va. St. against Cheyney University this weekend at Temple Stadium in Philadelphia, Pa. This is the fifth annual classic that honors Dr. Wade Wilson, President Emeritus of Cheyney Univ. Virginia St. is the third CIAA school to play in the classic.

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