

With James Cuthbertson



Prep Chatter

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PREDICTIONS:
Friday, October 10

GARINGER at ASHBROOK

The Ashbrook Green Wave are the best in the Southwestern 4A Conference. The Wildcats are improving but this is like stepping into the fire. Ashbrook 34, Garinger 10.

Olympic 14, West Charlotte 13.

CREST at WEST MECKLENBURG

The Indians are for real this time. Derrick McGowan, Ray Hughes, Scott Wallace, Luther Holder and the boys have finally arrived at the point that Jim Hambacher likes to have his program. After paying their dues, they are not the elite of the Tri-County Conference. West Mecklenburg 24, Shelby Crest 10.

EAST GASTON at EAST MECKLENBURG

This is a non-conference warm-up for the East Mecklenburg Eagles. The Warriors from East Gaston are not in the same league as the Eagles in more ways than one. East Mecklenburg 15, East Gaston 7.

HUNTER HUSS at SOUTH MECKLENBURG

South Mecklenburg is having a rare down year. Coach Linwood Ferguson just does not have the horses. The Huskies are headed for a season ending showdown with the Ashbrook Green Wave that could decide one of the playoff spots in the Southwestern 4A Conference. The Sabres are out of the running. Hunter Huss 21, South Mecklenburg 7.

MYERS PARK at INDEPENDENCE

The Mustangs of Myers Park are having a bad year. The Patriots have been thrust into the spoiler role because of a tough early injury to quarterback Troy Meeks. Independence 14, Myers Park 13.

WEST CHARLOTTE at HARDING

Last year this game was for first place and the Rams came from behind with 2:10 left on the clock to beat the Lions at West Charlotte.

This year, the Rams will not be playoff bound. But they will be spoilers. Harding 24, West Charlotte 14.

NORTH MECKLENBURG at OLYMPIC

The Vikings are tough this year, but so are the Trojans. Look for a rugged game at Olympic, but this could be the year that the Trojans wrap up one of two playoff spots. Olympic 21, North Mecklenburg 14.

IN OTHER GAMES

Providence Day 24, Charlotte Latin 14; Catholic 16, Country Day 15; and, Asheville School 16, Gaston Day 6.

THE RANKINGS

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1. **ASHBROOK GREEN WAVE** - The Waves keep flowing and flowing. The sea looks like the playoffs. They could be the best team in North Carolina.

2. **EAST MECKLENBURG EAGLES** - The Eagles are flying high now. What a difference a day makes. After a lackluster performance against Richmond County, they put together a string of victories that included a 7-6 squeaker at Olympic, and a 28-21 upset of the Rams at Harding. Also included was a 17-0 shutout of Independence at Independence. When the Eagles come marching home again. Hurray! Hurray!

3. **OLYMPIC TROJANS** - It has been a long time since I had a chance to rank my alma mater this high, but the Trojans have the horses in Vinson Perry, Robert Grissom, Linnell Davis, Vernon Alsbrook and Company. This could be their first trip to the playoffs since 1970 when they finished second in the state. That was the great team with Randy Rhino, Danny Rhino, and Bobby Cook. They lost to Raleigh Broughton.

4. **HUNTER HUSS HUSKIES** - The Huskies up from a down year have blended Avery Floyd (brother of Dirk and Darryl) and Kevin Armstrong into a unit that is rivaling crosstown Gastonia Ashbrook for the publicity in the Southwestern 4A Conference.

5. **WEST CHARLOTTE LIONS** - The Lions have struggled through some ballgames, but athletes like Clay Overcash, Adam Reynolds, Venton Bell, and Kenny Patterson have helped the Lions to move into the forefront of the Tri-County Conference.

6. **WEST MECKLENBURG INDIANS** - The Indians are shooting poisoned arrows at the rest of the conference. Derrick McGowan is being looked at by a lot of people. One of the teams that wants him badly is Johnson C. Smith University.

7. **HARDING RAMS** - The Rams are still dangerous. Anthony Houston can throw and Kenny Stevenson can catch. Both join hands with Antonio Walker and O'Neal Faulcon and give the Rams a unit that will decide who goes to the playoffs from the conference. They are still not out of the running.

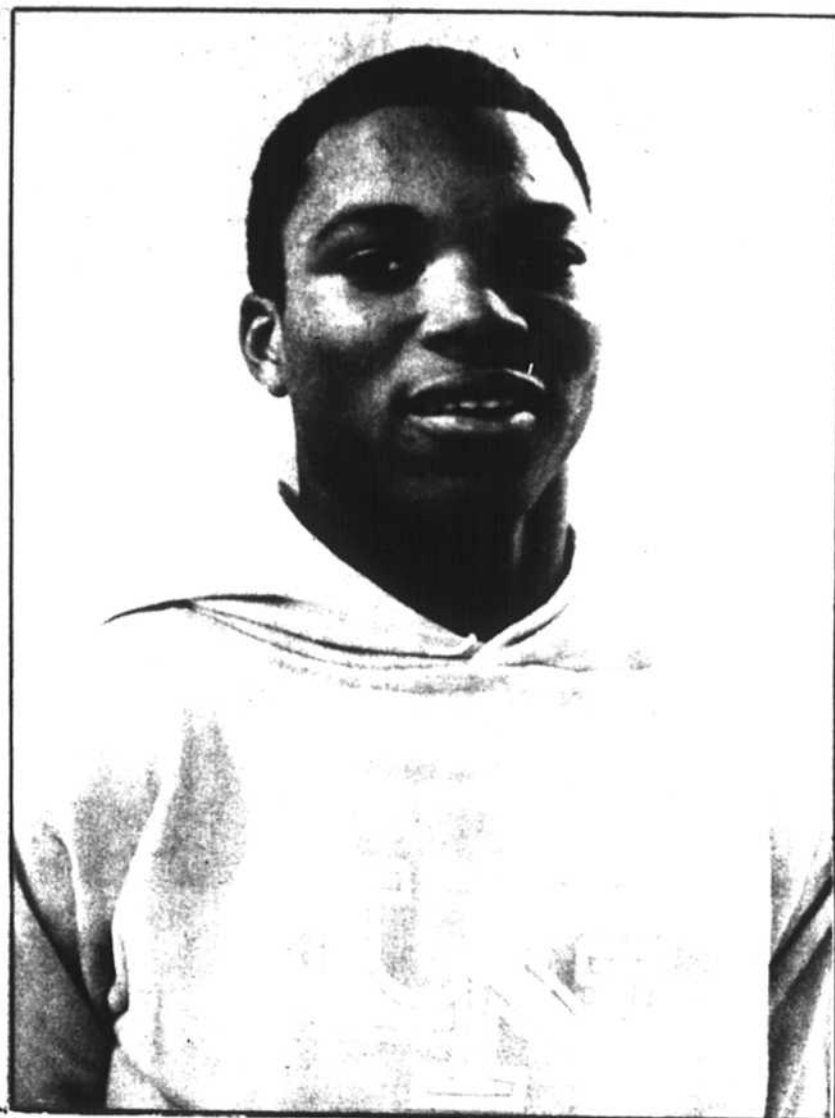
8. **NORTH MECKLENBURG VIKINGS** - The Vikings are still in the running. Defensive back Bobby Moore is one of the best around. The young man can really hit.

9. **INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS** - A loss of Troy Meeks probably cost the Patriots a shot at the playoffs, but they still can decide who goes and who stays at home. With him, they are dangerous. Without him, they are average.

10. **CATHOLIC** - Jim Odo always has a good Catholic team. He is a super coach and Boo Hood is a great athlete.

THE BEST OF THE REST:

11. Crest, 12. Providence Day, 13. Garinger, 14. Myers Park, 15. East Gaston, 16. Latin, 17. Country Day, 18. South Mecklenburg, 19. Gaston Day.



Reginald Clark
...Scored three touchdowns

Player of week

Reginald Clark Is Awesome Specimen

Providence Day's Reginald Clark is an awesome specimen. Reggie has seven touchdowns this season and his team is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Independent League.

Against Orangeburg Prep, the independent team in South Carolina, he scored on a 72 yard run and a 28 yard run.

He had a 12 yard run the next week when Providence Day battled highly regarded Sun Valley to the wire before losing, 7-6.

He had runs of seven and 75 yards against Gaston Day.

He had a run of seven yards in the 21-0 win over Indian Land and two touchdowns as the Chargers plumed Eastern power Ravenscroft of Raleigh, 35-0.

Clark had 215 yards in the opening game for the season high for Mecklenburg County backs.

The Ravens are defending N.C. Independent Schools Athletic Association Champion and Providence Day atoned for a 32-14 loss to Ravenscroft last year.

In the game Friday at Providence Day, Reggie Clark, this week's Charlotte Post Player of the Week, led the Providence Day attack with 145 yards on 10 carries and three touchdowns.

Other Outstanding Players
Middle guard Sergio Dawkins of West Charlotte smothered Derrick McGowan for a four yard loss on an option play with third and goal at the one to preserve a Lions' win.

McGowan had 92 yards and a long run of 65 yards in the Tri-County game at West Charlotte.

Venton Bell caught a 39 yard pass from Carl Pettis for the winning touchdown.

Linnell Davis of Olympic scored with three minutes left from the 16

SOUTHWESTERN 4A

Team	Conf.	O'all
Hunter Huss	2-0	4-0-1
East Meck.	2-0	4-1
Ashbrook	1-0	5-0
Garinger	1-1	1-4
South Meck.	0-1	0-5
Independence	0-2	2-3
Myers Park	0-2	0-5

Tri-County 4A

West Charlotte	2-0	5-0
Olympic	2-0	4-1
North Meck.	1-1	3-2
Harding	1-1	3-2
West Meck.	0-1	4-1
Crest	1-3	1-4
East Gaston	0-2	2-3

Other Teams

Charlotte Catholic	4-1
Country Day	1-1
Providence Day	3-1
Latin	5-0
Gaston Day	1-2

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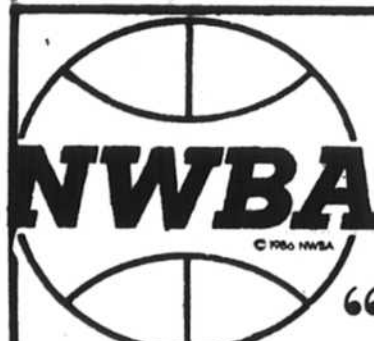
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