

With James Cuthbertson



James

Prep Chatter

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced a new expanded basketball tournament format for the 1986-87 season.

NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams said that the tourney field will include a 64-team draw in each of the Association's four classes for both men and women.

"We're tremendously excited about the possibilities with this new format but we're also very cautious because it is a completely new endeavor," said Adams. "The old format was going well and you don't usually tinker with success, but this was an attempt to expand our playoff program and get more teams involved and also eliminate some of the duplication we'd had in the past between conference tournaments and then the sectional event."

Adams noted that the new format would be experimental for two years and then "we'll evaluate both the old system and the new and look at which seems to be the most suitable, both for our member schools and the Association as a whole."

Every conference in the state of North Carolina, with one exception, will earn four berths into state playoff competition and some leagues may have more. Credibility will be provided for regular-season competitions by making the regular-season champion the number one seed from each league.

Conferences will now be required to hold conference tournaments, from which they will receive all the revenue, and the league tourney winner will receive a conference's second seed in state play. The leagues themselves will determine the criteria for qualifying for the other berths.

The first round of 32 games will be played at the site of the higher seeded teams, and then those winners will be brought together into sectional tournaments. There will be eight sectional tournaments. Conference representatives will be sent in different directions, as close geographically as possible but still providing a strong league a chance to advance more than one team to the regional tournament.

Sectional tournaments will be played at neutral sites roughly in the center of the sectional area, or will be hosted by a designated conference if a neutral site is not possible.

"There will be a little more travel involved in the early rounds," says Adams, "but that is necessary to keep conferences from having to turn around and play one another again after a league tournament. The format is roughly patterned after the one we've used with some success in our football playoffs, but we will be looking at this again after a two-year period."

How does this affect the Southwestern 4A and the Tri-County 4A? The men and women follow the same format.

The Southwestern and the Tri-County will have three chances to emerge with a sectional representative.

In the bracket which will determine the Western Sectional number two representative, the third seed from the Tri-County will play the third team from the Metro Conference (Greensboro, Winston-Salem) in the first round on the road.

In the bracket to determine the number three representative to the Western Region, the Tri-County number one seed will be at home to the Southwestern number five, the Tri-County number four seed will be on the road at the Northwestern number two seed, the Southwestern number one seed will be at home to the Tri-County number five team, the Southwestern number three seed will be at the Northwestern number one seed, the Southwestern number two seed will be at home to the Northwestern number four team, and the Tri-County number two team will host the Southwestern number four team.

The Northwestern Conference consists of Alexander Central, Watauga, McDowell, South Caldwell, Hickory, East Burke and Freedom.

The Metro Conference includes Winston-Salem Carver, East Forsyth, Winston-Salem Glenn, North Forsyth, Greensboro Page and Greensboro Smith.

Player Of The Week

Boo Hood Makes Last-Minute Touchdown

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

With Boo Hood scoring two touchdowns, Charlotte Catholic dominated South Stanly to move into first place alone in the Rocky River 3A Conference.

Boo Hood ran it in from the eight yard line with one minute left in the second half to put the Cougars ahead. He scored again with the Cougars facing a fourth and eight at the South Stanly 24. He caught a 11-yard pass to get the first down and then took it in. He is the Charlotte Post Player of the Week. He gained 108 yards on the ground and 12 in the air.

Other Outstanding Games
Kevin Armstrong of Hunter Huss in Gastonia ran 44 yards for a touchdown with three minutes left to seal down for the East Mecklenburg Eagles. He had 22 carries for 121 yards. Will Coleman recovered a fumble for Hunter Huss to move the

Huskies into second place in the Southwestern 4A Conference.

Anthony Houston of Harding threw for 233 yards as Harding tromped Garinger, 49-8. Kenny Stevenson had two touchdown catches in that game. He has seven

for the season. Robert Johnson also picked up his seventh touchdown pass for the year in that game.

Randy Faust had two touchdowns in Myers Park's upset of South Mecklenburg. Ray Hughes rushed

for 166 yards, including a 63-yard touchdown as West Mecklenburg

moved to 6-1 with a win over Hunter Huss. Junior Hall had three touchdowns for Ashbrook as the Green Wave rolled on.

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Educators To Attend

Special Workshop

Special To The Post
High school principals, superintendents, guidance counselors and coaches have been invited to a special workshop on Proposition 48 at North Carolina State University, Saturday, October 25.

The free workshop is being sponsored by the NCSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Department of Athletics. It will be held in the University Student Center.

Proposition 48, now Bylaw 5-1(j), deals with eligibility standards for student-athletes entering NCAA Division 1 colleges and universities. The regulation sets minimum high school grade point averages in core academic courses and minimum SAT scores for incoming freshmen student-athletes.

NCSU Dean of Admissions Anna Keller said, "There have been a lot of questions from the high schools about Proposition 48. We hope to explain the regulations and clarify how they affect athletic eligibility. Additionally, we'll be discussing NCAA recruiting rules and regulations, NCAA forms, the NCSU Academic Skills Program and financial aid procedures."

The workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The room in the Student Center is not set at this time. We must know if you wish to attend the workshop, so that we can provide adequate space. Please make reservations by October 22 by writing Jim Pomeranz, director of marketing and promotions, NCSU Athletics, Box 8501, Raleigh, NC 27695-8501, or call him at 919-737-3406.

Prep Review

Tri-County 4A	
N. Meck	3-1-5-2-0
W. Charlotte	3-1-6-1-0
Harding	2-1-5-2-0
W. Meck	2-1-6-1-0
Olympic	2-2-4-3-0
E. Gaston	0-3-2-5-0
Crest	0-3-1-6-0

Southwestern 4A	
Ashbrook	3-0-7-0-0
E. Meck	2-1-5-2-0
Hunter Huss	3-1-5-1-1
Garinger	1-2-1-6-0
S. Meck	1-2-1-6-0
Independence	1-3-3-4-0
Myers Park	1-3-1-6-0

Last Week's Results

Ashbrook 33, Independence 7; Harding 49, Garinger 8; Latin 59, Gaston Day 18; Brunswick 17, Country Day 14; Providence Day 27, Wake Academy 0; West Charlotte 20, Olympic 7; West Mecklenburg 24, East Gaston 14; North Mecklenburg 19, Crest 13; Hunter Huss 21, East Mecklenburg 7; and, Myers Park 36, South Mecklenburg 15.

Independents	
Catholic	6-1
Providence Day	0-1
Country Day	1-6
Gaston Day	1-7
Charlotte Latin	6-1

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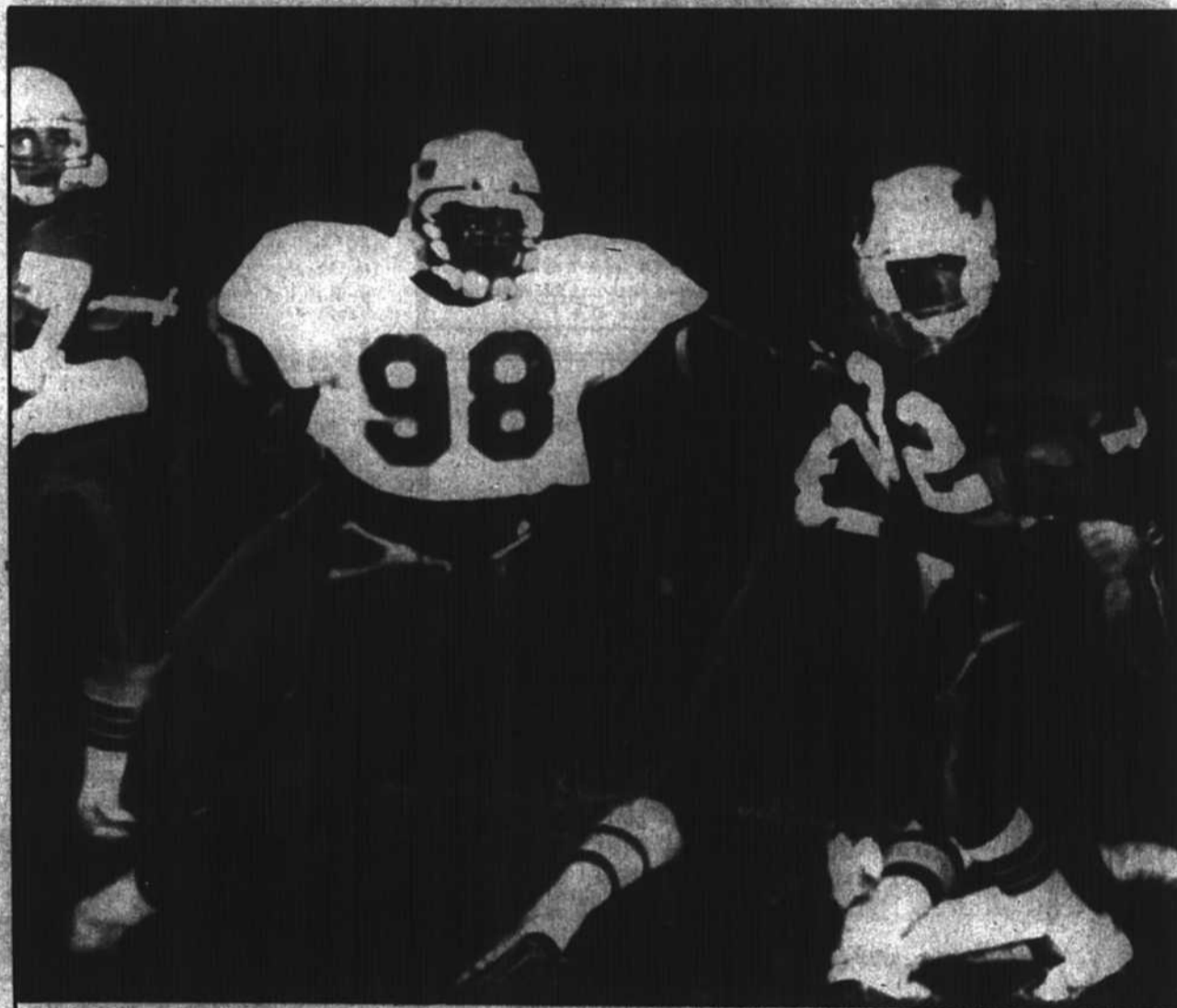
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Next Week

November 7
Hunter Huss at Ashbrook; Crest at Olympic; Harding at East Gaston; Garinger at East Mecklenburg; Independence at South; West Charlotte at Myers Park; and, West Mecklenburg at North Mecklenburg.



North Meck's Ray Anderson (No. 32) look for running room, but Crest defender No. 98 is there to make the big hit. Vikings prevail in overtime, 19-13.

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