

Blue Devils Now Practicing For Football Opener At T. C. Roberson

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PERCH PREFER LAKES, BUT CAN BE FOUND IN STREAMS, RIVERS AND CREEKS. MOST RUN UNDER A LB. BUT SOME BIGGER ONES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT. WHEN PERCH ARE HITTING, YOU'LL BE BUSY. PERCH GENERALLY WILL HIT OFF THE BOTTOM, BUT IF THEY'RE NOT BITING, REEL UP UNTIL YOU CATCH 'EM AND THEN NOTE HOW MANY TURNS ON THE REEL YOU MADE TO BRING THEM IN.

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Squad Could Be One Of Brevard's Best

The weather says baseball, (or swimming) but the calendar says that its time for football, and the Brevard Blue Devils are busy with practice sessions preparing for their tough opener at T. C. Roberson on September 3rd.

Coach Ed Emory and his fine staff have been putting the 1971 Blue Devils through their paces, realizing that the 1970 champions, who finished with an impressive 11-1 record, cannot rest on their laurels.

Brevard was indeed hard hit by graduation. Twelve seniors have departed, and eight of these were at least two year lettermen.

So what do you do when you lose a 230 pound All-Star Shrine Bowl tackle, a fleet halfback who was named Western North Carolina's Player Of The Year, a fine flankerback who was named to the All-WNC squad, a center who just last week played a great game as his team of South All-Stars won over the North in the North-South game 21-6, and a hard running fullback who rushed for 528 yards and scored 12 touchdowns?

In case you didn't recognize the above, they're Gary Nelson, Eagle Mass, Charlie Carr, Lamar Clark, and Vern Gardin, in that order, and they're all headed for college to continue their gridiron exploits there.

It naturally hurts to lose players of this calibre, plus a host of other fine players who marched down the isle last May. But before you start crying over Brevard's prospects, take a gander at what will be returning.

First, there's Denny Griffin at quarterback, returning for his final and what should be his greatest year for the Blue

Both Brevard Little League All-Star Teams Eliminated By Strong Beacon

Devils. Of course he'll have to go some to improve, for last year he completed 77 of 141 passes for 1,477 yards and 18 touchdowns, and then ran for another 326 yards and six more touchdowns.

He'll be throwing to two of the finest prep receivers anywhere in All-WNC end Darius Holtzclaw, who last year caught 30 passes for 610 yards and 8 touchdowns, and flanker Wayne Robinson, who hauled in 24 passes for 565 yards and 8 touchdowns. Both of these youngsters could be headed for more all-star honors this year.

At fullback, there's a new star in the Blue Devil lineup who is likely to keep opposition coaches awake nights trying to think up ways to handle him. Mitch Burr, who just recently moved here from Wadesboro, has all the tools to make most any all-star squad.

Burr's hometown newspaper called him the finest fullback in the state, and they were crying the blues when he left. And no wonder.

The big boy stands 5'11", and weighs 190, and he's built along the lines of the old Sherman tank. He gained 832 yards rushing for Bowman High at Wadesboro last year, and he plays middle linebacker on defense like he invented the position. No doubt about the value that this youngster will have for the Blue Devils this year.

At tailback, where Eagle Moss held forth for three solid years, letterman Terry Crite and speedster Jacob Norman look more than ready to fill the Eagle's shoes. Norman potentially could be one of Brevard High's greatest. He has the Eagle's speed, but is much bigger at 5'9" and 165 pounds. Crite, only a Junior, is bigger yet at 6' even and 175 pounds.

Soph Danny Walker 5'10", 155 pounder, has been showing up real well in practice, and could see some duty at tailback before the year is over.

Up front, where they say it counts, the Blue Devils will probably be the biggest that they have ever been.

At tackle, Tom Shipman is the biggest of the lot at 6' 2", 292 pounds. He's a big strong letterman with plenty of experience that should make him the "anchor-man" of the line. Other lettermen at tackle include Ben Brown, 6' 1", 200, Van Zeigler, 6' 1", 215, and Jerry Powell, 6' 4", 195, and Ronnie Whitmire, 6' 1", 185.

These will be getting plenty of help from David Whitesides, 5' 11", 201, who could earn a starting berth, even though he's not a letterman, and Clarence Moss 6', 195, who has also been doing well.

At guard, letterman Steve Morgan, 5' 11", 185, looks good, with Juniors Robbie Merrill and Mike Heath, and senior Dana Ray all battling for the other spot.

Letterman Mitch Dockens, 5'11", 170, will be called on heavily in the defensive backfield, along with another letterman, Dwight Hooper, 5' 9", 160. Randy Marez and Keith Nicholson, both seniors, and Stan Hudson and Brad Palmer, both juniors, could all battle their way into the defensive backfield.

Junior lettermen Ronnie Banther, while only 5' 9" and 150 pounds, plays a big game at linebacker, while another junior, James McKinney, is also tough backing the line.

Soph Dennis Clark, 5' 10", 155 pounder, is making a strong bid to fill brother Lamar's shoes at center, along with junior John Ashworth, 5' 7", 155 pounds.

Junior Robert Charles is a fine throwing replacement for Denny Griffin at quarterback, while juniors Randy Frisbee and Ricky Saltar are working hard to become his principal targets at flanker.

That's the way that some of the personnel shape up at this early stage, and there are others

Beacon's Little League All-Stars came up with two great efforts and eliminated Brevard's two All-Star teams in the Buncombe County Tournament last Tuesday and Wednesday night in Asheville.

All-Stars No. 1 first felt the sting of Beacon last Tuesday night when they managed only two hits off submarine pitcher Dave Wilson and lost 7-1.

The strong right-hander had a no-hitter going with one out in the last inning when Tim Childers cracked a hard single and Jim Hyatt followed with a Texas leaguer to right to account for No. 1's only run of the game.

Jim Perkins and Greg Frisbee both pitched well in defeat, but errors and a lack of hitting on Brevard's part cost them the game.

Brevard No. 2 made a real contest of it the following night, grabbing a big four run lead on Jon Winchester's home run, and another round tripper by Doug Pressley with one on.

Disaster struck in the bottom of the fourth inning with two out. With No. 2 leading 4-0, Beacon took advantage of some timely hits and several errors to score six big runs before that third out could be made.

Beacon added an insurance run in the fifth, but they didn't need it as they ousted No. 2 from the tourney 7-4.

Jon Winchester led No. 2's hitting with three for four, including the home run.

Danny Roberts was tagged with the loss, even though he pitched well in defeat. Several costly errors in the field hurt what was otherwise a fine pitching performance on his part.

The elimination of All-Stars No. 1 and No. 2 brought to an end a highly successful little league season here, and the managers and coaches stated that they were all extremely proud of the way that all of the youngsters performed during the entire season.

If the unforeseen doesn't happen, and if a rash of injuries doesn't sideline some key performers, this just could be one of Brevard's greatest teams ever.

Blue Devil Club Plans To Hold Organizational Banquet

The Blue Devil Club, Inc. will hold its first annual banquet on Friday night, August 20, upcoming season.

The big affair, which will kick-off the local football season, will get underway at 6:00 p.m. with the banquet held in the BHS cafeteria.

During this time, those attending will be invited to meet the 1971 Brevard Blue Devils as a preview to the

Afterward, all Blue Devil Club members, season ticket holders and parents of the Blue Devils will be invited to attend the big scrimmage game with a powerful South Carolina team at the BHS stadium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets to the banquet are currently on sale for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

North Buncombe Babe Ruthers Knock Locals From Tournament

Brevard's Babe Ruth All-Stars were eliminated from the Buncombe County tournament, finishing in a tie for fourth place in the big event at Asheville last week.

Manager John Monteith's All-Stars lost a tough one to East Asheville, 4-3 with David Roberts allowing only five hits throughout the contest.

The next night, the locals bounced back with a 7-3 decision over Fairview with "Chuck" Pressley getting credit for the win with a fine pitching performance.

And then, rugged North Buncombe really put it all together to oust Brevard the following night with a convincing 5-0 shut-out over the locals. This loss eliminated Brevard, leaving them with a 3-2 tournament record and a fourth place tie.

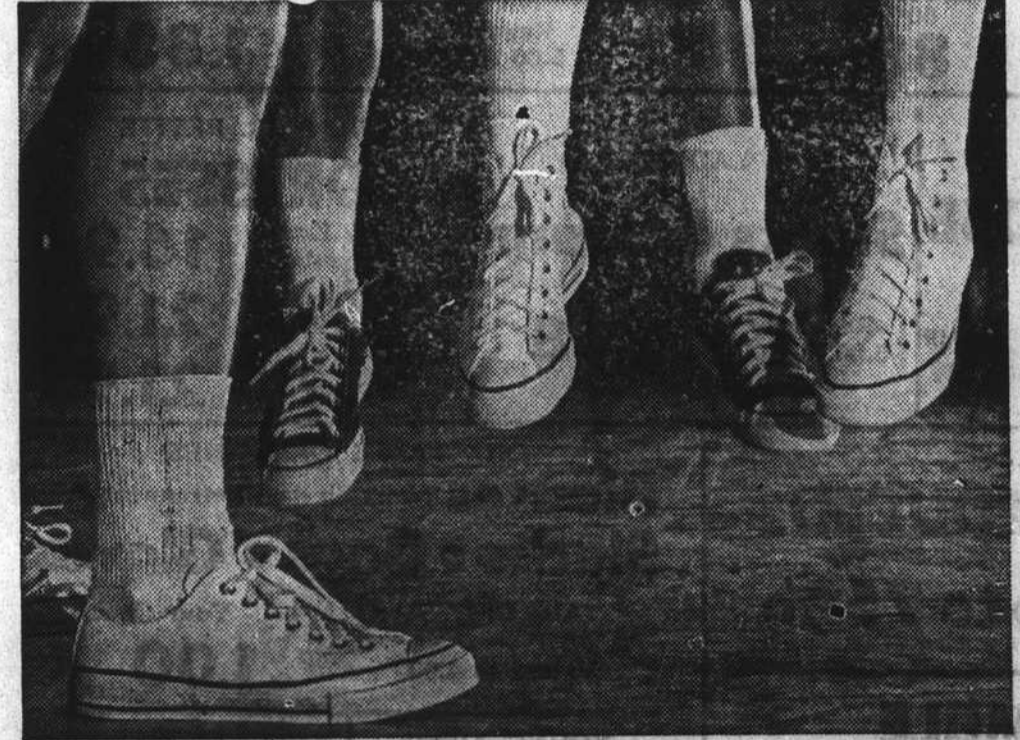
Manager Monteith commented all of the All-Stars for their fine individual and team performances in the tournament, and stated that the Babe Ruth season here had ended on a highly successful note.

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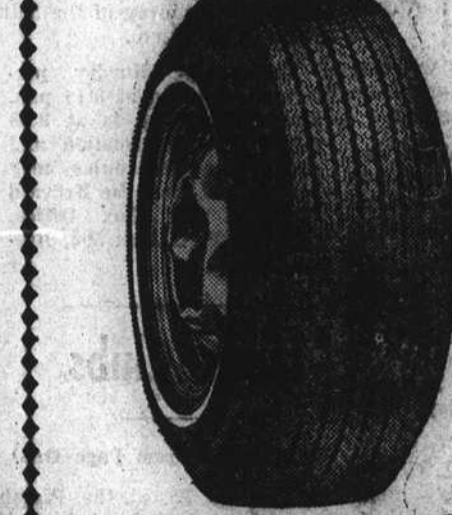
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