

Warrenton Opens Season With Grid Battle At Apex

Friday Night Tilt To Give Jackets Test

An inexperienced Warrenton team will be battling possible stage fright and a Class AA team Friday night, when it raises the curtain on its 1962 gridiron season at Apex.

Coach Preacher Parker's Warrenton team, strong of manpower but short on experience, should get a strong test from the Apex club, which finished last year's season with a 7-3 record after dropping their opener to Warrenton, 13-7.

"We won't know what kind of a team we will have until this game is over," Parker said. "With a victory Friday night, we could go on to have a fine season."

Cause of most of the former Wake Forest quarterback's concern is an untested forward wall. Four of the starting seven linemen are lacking in experience, and the way the untested linemen perform on Friday night will be the key to the outcome, Parker admits.

"We have a fine nucleus for our line in Billy Rogers (195-pound center) and Ricky Etheridge and Roddy Drake have both proven themselves as capable performers," Parker says.

From end to end, Warrenton's starting line will average 170 pounds and its backfield will average 165 pounds. Parker says the 1962 edition will probably be as powerful as last year's backfield which contained two players who are now college performers. "We will fall a bit short of last year's speed," he admits.

Slated to get the starting nod in the backfield Friday night are Billy Benson at quarterback, John Coleman and Al Blalock at the halfback posts and Steve Clark at fullback.

Parker has indicated that this year's club will not rely on its passing as heavily as did the 1961 team. He says that when the occasion arises, however, he has a couple of boys who will be able to toss the ball.

Expected to start on the line for Warrenton Friday night will be Bill Perry and Drake at ends, Macy Paynter and A. C. Collier at the tackle slots, Etheridge and Edward Shearin at guards and Rogers at center.

Parker will have 30 boys dressed for Friday night's contest, slated to get underway at 8 p. m. Unable to dress for the game will be Gilbert Mustian, tagged a pre-season starter, but out for indefinite period with an injury.

Friday night's contest will be the first of nine games scheduled by the locals this season. Five of the contests will be home games. Last year's club made Parker's coaching debut a highly successful one, compiling a 9-2 record and advancing to the district playoffs.

Warrenton lost 12 seniors from that club, but Parker is confident over the chances of this year's squad due to reserves reporting this year.

"The boys are bigger and stronger than last year and we are anxious to see how they perform under game conditions."

Carey Wilson, Jr. Receives Degree
Carey Wilson, Jr., son of Mrs. Carey F. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Richmond at the commencement exercises held on Tuesday evening, August 30.

Wilson accepted a position in the Internal Audit Department of Dan River Mills, Danville, Va., where he will begin his duties on September 17.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weston and daughters of Franklinton visited relatives here on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Miller visited relatives in Colonial Heights, Va., on Sunday. Mrs. Miller remained for a visit.



TO CAPTAIN JACKETS—Much of the hope for the 1962 season rests on the shoulders of the three senior lettermen shown above. Fullback Steve Clark, 175 pounds; center Billy Rogers, 195 pounds; and guard Ricky Etheridge, 150 pounds, should give Parker's inexperienced club a measure of leadership. All three, named co-captains for the 1962 season, were starters on last year's championship squad.

Norlina Stages Grid Debut At Davie On Friday Night

Norlina's Blue Wave opens its 1962 football Friday night when it steps outside the Tar-Roanoke Conference for a contest with William R. Davie's Blue Devils.

Norlina, untested this season and operating without the services of triple-threat quarterback Billy Fuller, will be going against a team which already has one game under its belt.

Davie came out on the short

end of a 31-0 score last Friday night as Elm City's Bears made its 11-man football debut with a smashing success.

Davie had one bright spot in the game as back Jessie Bryant picked up 110 of Davie's 120 rushing yards. Davie had nine first downs to only four for Elm City, but long-gainers and the conversion of Davie errors spelled the difference between the two

teams. Elsewhere in the Tar-Roanoke Conference, Weldon's Tornadoes host Louisburg in a battle that is expected to shed considerable light on conference strength this season.

Weldon erred its way to a 20-0 loss at the hands of Scotland Neck last Friday night. Charles Pierce was the workhorse for the Tornadoes in their loss, picking up 60 yards in 15 carries.

Louisburg and Nashville played a bruising first quarter last Friday night, then slowed down for three quarters and had to settle for a 6-6 deadlock. Bob Hobgood pushed across Louisburg's lone score from nine yards out during the first quarter.

Franklinton, also a member of the Tar-Roanoke Conference, bowed to Benevise in its opener, 13-0. Oxford Orphanage, a new member of the conference after stepping down from the AAA ranks at the end of last season, gets a chance to test its strength Friday night when it encounters Nashville in a game that will be used as a yardstick by loop coaches.

Roads Led To Court For Many On Friday

All roads seem to have led to Warren County Recorder's Court on Friday when 15 of 18 defendants cited were charged with violations of the state's motor vehicle laws.

A host of charges—including racing, speeding, drunk driving and others—were aired before Judge Julius Banzet and fines were levied ranging from \$10 to \$200.

Two of the defendants were found not guilty on charges of motor vehicle law violations. Don Edison Swain, charged with operating a motor vehicle in excess of a safe rate of speed, and Raye Gardner Crowe, charged with driving on the wrong side of the road, both were found not guilty.

One defendant, Marvin Sinclair White, Jr., fined \$10 and costs on a speeding charge, appealed the verdict to Superior Court. Appearance bond was set at \$50 by judge Banzet.

In other cases disposed of Friday, the following action was taken:

Clyde Brooks Smith, charged with racing, tendered plea of guilty of speeding 60 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone, prayer for judgment continued for two years, \$10 and costs.

Frankie Edward Crutchfield charged with racing, tendered plea of guilty of speeding 60 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone, prayer for judgment continued for two years \$10 and costs.

Philip Jones, Jr., reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

William Martin Goode, speeding, costs.

Harlan Leven Hartel, speeding, costs.

Francis Lloyd Gardiner, speeding, \$10 and costs.

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Ruddy Erwin, Sueding, costs.

James Horace Mayfield speeding, costs.

Willie V. Alston, non-support, costs.

Willie Odell More, no operators license, \$25 and costs.

John Henry Milam, driving after license revoked, \$200 and costs.

Mac Arthur Hedgepeth, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Willie Jackson Dickerson, charged with drunk driving, tendered plea of guilty of driving on wrong side of road as defendant is a diabetic and having reaction, costs.

George Stansbury, larceny, six months.

Sammy Brown, assault with a deadly weapon, action previously brought, defendant charged with costs of court.

Willie V. Alston, non-support, costs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. White of Durham visited relatives and friends here on Sunday.

Mr. Benjamin Terrell left on Sunday for his home in Raleigh after spending five weeks in Warren Plains with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. King.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Foote, Jr., and son, Gaston, III, Mrs. G. S. Foote and Miss Kate Foote will remain for a visit.

Mrs. John Henry Short returned Sunday from visiting relatives in Emporia, Va., for several days.

Cards of Thanks

Copy for cards of thanks must be in this office by Tuesday night, earlier if possible, accompanied by 50¢ to cover cost of insertion.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to friends and relatives for the many acts of kindness shown while I was a patient in Warren General Hospital for such a long stay and since my return home. Special thanks for the visits, cards, flowers and gifts and for the transportation given my daughter; also to Dr. Hunter, Dr. Davis and the entire hospital staff.

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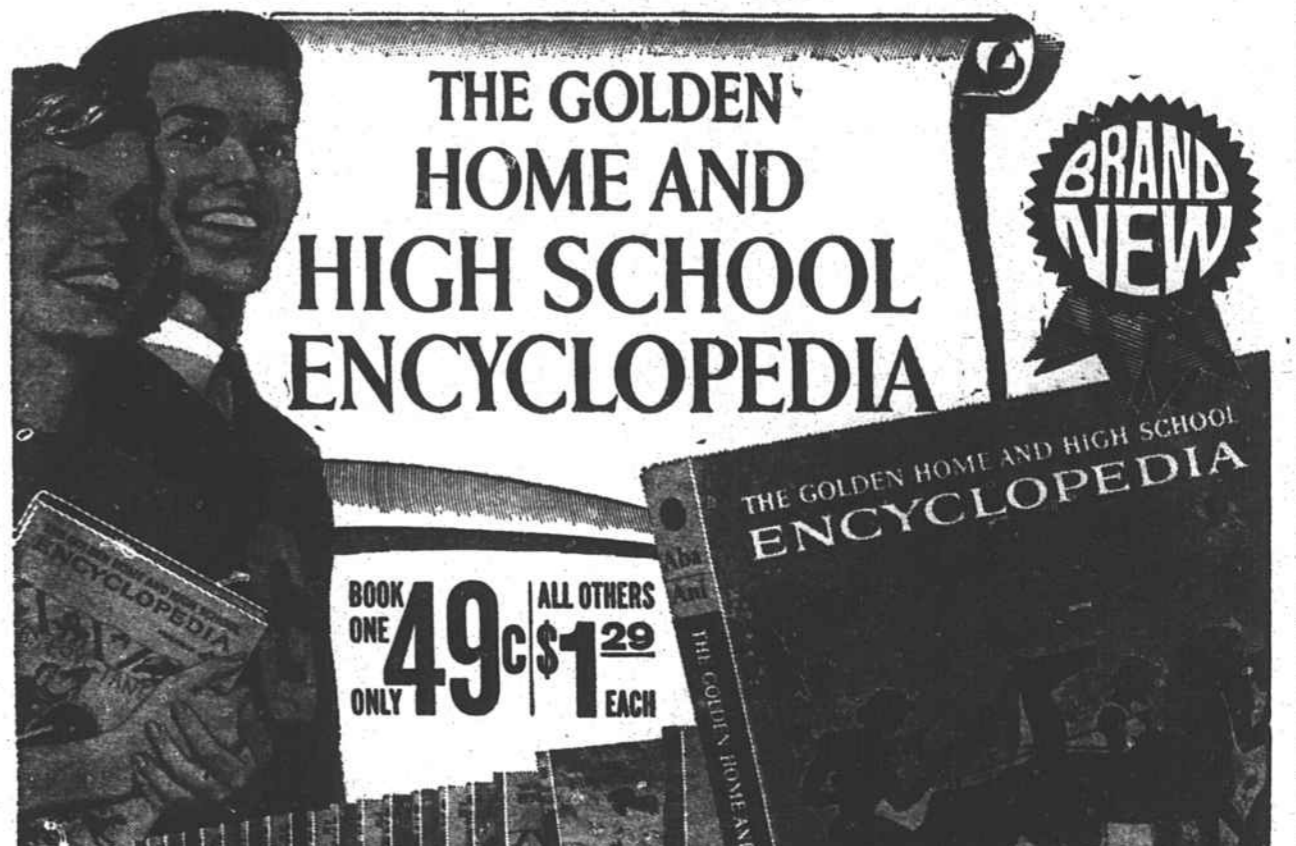
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