

AUER INKS CONTRACT



Kees Auer, right, of Asheville prepares to sign his contract with the Miami Dolphins of the American Football League Thursday as Citizen-Times Sports Editor Bob Terrell looks on. The 6-foot-5, 270-pounder played at Mars Hill College.

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Kees Auer Signs Dolphin Contract

Mars Hill Lions Tackle And Asheville Native Has Dream Come True

Kees Auer, gigantic tackle from Mars Hill College, signed with the new Miami Dolphins of the American Football League Thursday and realized an old dream had come true.

Auer, an Asheville native, sign with the AFL's newest club for an undisclosed bonus.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pounder played at Lee Edwards High from 1959 to 1962 at fullback. At Mars Hill he was converted to tackle and remained at the position for his four years at the Baptist School.

Auer received several offers from major colleges in the South after his high school career but chose Mars Hill, then a junior college, and "never regretted it."

Mars Hill trudged through a 1-5-2 season this past year, but it was only the second year of senior college competition for the school which played some of the better small college teams in the South.

Kees carries a B minus average in education and plans to enter coaching, preferably on the

college level, after his days of professional football are over.

He is presently practice teaching at Enka High School and is helping with the junior varsity basketball team.

Basketball is not really new to Auer; he played in the Blue-White All-Star game in his senior year at Lee Edwards.

For a big man, Auer is a versatile athlete. Besides his football and basketball accomplishments, he holds the shot put record and was heavyweight wrestling champion of the Highland Games. On the school track team he also puts the shot and throws the discus.

This past summer he was in charge of the football and wrestling programs at Camp Rockmont in Swannanoa.

The 22-year-old Auer is engaged to Mary Ann Holland of Charlotte and plans a June wedding.

When at home, he resides with his mother, Mrs. Edith Auer, at 8 Pearson Drive, Asheville.

Auer is looking forward to Miami with its young team and many opportunities for a rookie pro.

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Under the Manpower Development and Training Act, a course in Stenography is being offered. To be eligible ladies should have high school diploma or GED certificate.

The course is being offered in Morganton and is for thirty-nine weeks duration.

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Miss Kirkpatrick, Joe M. Ferguson Married Friday

Miss Willene Kirkpatrick and Joe Michael Ferguson were married Friday, December 10, 1966, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Caldwell of Hot Springs Rt. 1.

The Rev. Estel Strickland, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, conducted the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirkpatrick and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, all of Hot Springs Rt. 1.

The bride was attired in a three-piece beige wool suit, a matching pillbox hat and carried a bouquet of red roses.

A reception followed with Mr. David Kimberly, Selma Holder and Mrs. Mack Tweed assisting.

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Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holly tree, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe, wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries, angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we create in our homes.

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