

SPORTS

KISER'S KORNER

BY RONALD KISER

RAIDERS TO BE ROUGH, TOUGH

Belmont — Cherryville High School will get a chance to know just what to expect from their 1954 football eleven come Sept. 10, the opening of the gridiron campaign. On that date, a rough and tumble batch of Belmont High Red Raiders invaded the Cherryville high school park.

True, the Raiders lost their terrific twosome of last season, Jackie Lineberger and James Biggerstaff, often called "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside". Lineberger, plunging fullback, and Biggerstaff, hard-running halfback, sparked the Red outfit to seven straight Western Conference wins last season. Belmont won 10 before bowing to Albemarle 14-6 in a post-season play-off between champions of the Western and South Piedmont loops.

Belmont, guided by Wrather Johnson and Johnny Coble, the latter of Catawba fame, defeated Shelby, Lenoir, Rutherford Central, Forest City, Lincolnton, Kings Mountain, and Newton-Conover last season in loop play, added powerful Grey High of Winston-Salem, Monroe, and Cramerton to their list of victims before running into Albemarle.

Reggie Huffstetler, captain of last fall's squad, Pat Murphy, Tommy Barry, and Charles Glover are also gone plus Earl Pennington, big tackle, who joined the Marines. Pennington made the all-conference team last fall.

Returning to Raider-land this season are Doug Mauldin, Gary Cannon, J. C. O'Daniels, Denny Williams, Eddie Thrower, Ronnie Helton, Gene Byers, Tommy Uitz, and Dusty Maynard. Mauldin and Cannon operated in the Raider backfield last season with Lineberger and Biggerstaff with Cannon one of the team's better performers at the blocking back spot. Cannon will not work out with the Belmont team until the Gastonia juniors complete their season.

Mauldin May Be Tailback

Stepping into Biggerstaff's shoes will probably be Mauldin, the former Gastonia legion short-stop. Baseball standout J. C. O'Daniels will probably fill Lineberger's shoes at the fullback station. Mauldin tips the scales at 155 lbs. with O'Daniels, No. two hurler behind Harold Stowe on the Belmont High baseball outfit.

last sping, weighing in at 170. Helton, Williams, Thrower, and Byers were first string linemen last season with Helton making the all-loop club.

Junior Varsity lads expected to aid the Raiders this season are Joe Lewis, Tony Smith, Donnie Wentz, eth all-loop first baseman, Dickie Suggs, Truett Lineberger, Dean Auton, Buddy Eller, Hall Kale, and Kelly Kee.

Forty-two hopefuls turned out for the initial drill at Kings Mountain where Everette (Shu) Carlton of Lenoir-Rhyne fame, will direct things with aid from John Gamble and Don Parker. The Sept. 24 opponents of the locals have 13 returnees. Harold Jackson, Jerry McCarter, Charles Smith, Mickey Howser, Earl Marlowe, Curtis George, and Frank Hinson return to the backfield. Returning linemen are Ken Cook, Buddy Mayes, Bobby Wilson, Ken Cloninger, Eddie Goforth, and Palmer Huffstetler. The local beat the lads from the historical city last season by 14-13 here.

Hickory, another school with 42 candidates reporting the first day, is the favorite in the Northern half of the Western circuit with Morganton, Taylorsville, and Lenoir the darkhorses. The Southern winner meets the Northern champion at the end of the season to determine the final league champ.

THIRTY HOPEFULS REPORT AT SPENCER

Spencer, the only South Piedmont Conference club on the Cherrys' schedule this time, had 30 candidates at their initial workout last Monday morning. Nine of last year's starters were lost via graduation, thus new Coach Curt Davidson will have a tough task awaiting him. The Railroaders finished sixth in the South Piedmont last season.

Jimmy Wilson is the lone returning back with right tackle Larry Wagner the only vet up front. Wagner is hailed as Spencer's finest grid prospect in recent years. A rising junior, Larry tips the scales at 205 lbs.

Among the other good-looking talent at Spencer are Skeet Benton, Jim Tarlton, Don Sebastian, Yates Plummer, and Larry Grubb. Coach Davidson, who replaces Bill Lowe as Spencer bossman, plans two daily drills until school starts and says that he expects 45 candidates before school starts.

Ronald Turner Moved To Backfield Slot As Locals Began Heavy Work

Bodily contract work is the order of the day this week as the practice tempo picks up on the Cherryville High School field. The Cherrys open Sept. 10 with Belmont, follow up with nine more tough customers.

Ronald Turner, 180 lb. 6'2" tackle, has been shifted to the backfield, has been showing his wares at the tailback and fullback slots. Turner this season may play offensive fullback or tailback and defensive tackle.

Coaches Bill Link, Emmett Feimster, and Sherrill Cranford are well fixed up front with the backfield a little shaky. Up front are Bob Dellinger (175), Turner

Shelby Optimists Edge Cherryville

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Shelby — Coach Manley Runyan's Shelby Optimist Club came roaring back here last week to register two triumphs over the Cherryville squad by 8-1 and 11-0 scores after Ovie Heaven's Cherrys spilled Shelby 5-3 last Tuesday night.

Ronnie Hovis, an 11 year old, 120 lb. righthander, hurled the Tuesday and Saturday contests, posted 31 strikeouts. He was in the form Tuesday as he held the Shelbians to five hits fanned 15, and walked two batters. Saturday night, wildness and shoddy support brought his downfall. He issued eight free passes, allowed but three base blows, and committed four wild tosses. The Cherrys were guilty of six errors.



RONNIE HOVIS

Big Bobby Hoover, Shelby's ace righthander, hurled a no-hitter

the Rowan district. The following season saw the girls take the county championship. He coached all three major sports at Cleveland.

For the past two seasons, Feimster has been one of the leading characters in the annual City-County All-Star games at Salisbury. In '52, the 6'2" husky piloted the county girl stars to a convincing victory in the Salisbury Post-sponsored game. The following campaign found him joining forces with Tom Jones of Landis High to handle the football all-stars in a contest sponsored by the Salisbury Civitan Club. The city stars, composed of players from Salisbury, Boyden, Spencer, and East Spencer Highs, smashed the county kids at Boyden High stadium.

(180), Jerry Daggert (180), Wade Boyles (165), Bob Reynolds (170), Brother Blackwelder (160) and Larry Kilby (170). There are two fullbacks in camp at present with the exception of Turner. Paul Taylor, a big 190 lb. husky, reported last Wednesday at the fullback slot. Charles Black, a veteran 151 pounder, is the other fullback. Also looking good in the backfield are Joe Hallman, a 150 lb. quarterback, Gene Jarrett, speedy 157 lb. tailback, and Carroll Carpenter.

All the boys are working hard, according to Coach Link. Two-a-day drills are to continue until Aug. 31 on the high school field.

Saturday night after dropping the Tuesday opener, He gave up but three hits Tuesday.

Tom Wright, Jr. went the distance for the victorious Cleveland County crew Wednesday. The Cherryville forces showed across their lone run Wednesday in the first frame when Jerry Lail walked, went to escond on a wild pitch, and scored on Ronnie Alexander's single to right field.

Catcher Ken Willis gave the Shelbians a four-run first frame advantage when he homered to deep left with the bases loaded. An error by Larry Turner, fielders' choice, and Bobby Shull's single jammed the sacks. Singles by Oakie Canipe, Shull, and Willis gave the winners a singleton in the second. They added one in the fourth and two in the sixth stanza.

Cherryville won the Tuesday tilt with four tallies in the fifth after the locals had scored once in the fourth. Shelby added two in the fifth with the Cherrys picking up another in their half of the sixth.

Hits by Jimmy Johnson, and Lester Jenkins coupled with walks to Jerry Walker and Lail, an error, and outfield fly produced the quartet of Cherryville tallies in the fifth with a free ticket to Alexander plus two errors giving the winner their sixth rack tally.

Hoover, big lad from Belwood, fanned 14 and issued four walks. Hovis, who chalked up five wins during the regular season here, recorded three strikeouts in each the first, third, fourth, and fifth, one in the second, and two in the sixth frame.

The local Carolina outfit didn't have a chance Saturday as Hoover tossed his third game of the season. He walked Alexander and Jimmy Summitt in the second inning. George Lohr in the third, Lail and Walker in the fourth, and Hoover, big lad from Belwood, hurled the final two frames for Cherryville.

Shelby's nine scored four in the first, four in the fourth, and three in the fifth. They obtained but three hits off Hovis and Lail.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E
Cherryville 000 041	5	3	1
Shelby 000 120	3	5	4
Hovis & Turner; Hoover & Willis			
	R	H	E
Cherryville 100 000	1	3	2
Shelby 410 300	8	10	2
Alexander and Hovis; Wright and Willis			
	R	H	E
Cherryville 000 000	0	0	6
Shelby 400 43x	11	3	1
Hovis, Lail and Turner; Hoover and Willis			

A detachment of Marines under Colonel Robert E. Lee, U. S. Army, captured John Brown at Harper's Ferry on October 18, 1859.

Gastonia Loses To La. Kids 5-4

New Orleans, La.'s American Legion Juniors erupted for four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning Monday night to trim Gastonia 5-4 in the first game of the sectional "B" tournament. The Gastons were slated last night to meet North Charleston, S. C. with a loss eliminating them from the race.

Two thousand fans attended the tilt, played at Ponchatouli, La. with Bobby Fols and Marshall Piper working on the rubber for the winners who wait until tonight to see their next action.

Gastonia outlit the victors 7-2 with Roger Martin and Gary Cannon getting two each. Sheppard walked eight, committed a wild pitch with Stowe, the left hander, guilty of a pair of wild tosses. The Tar Heels stranded 13 runners on the bases.

Howard Henkle, the local flash playing second base for the Greenville Spinners in the Class B Tri-State League, is hitting .294 according to latest averages released by Howe News services. The Sandlappers are standing in fourth place in the six-team loop. Bobby Beal has recently taken over the managerial reigns at Greenville.

Buzz Peeler got the Lincolnton Cardinals off on the right foot in the Gaston Textile League play-offs last Saturday night by pitching them to a 5-2 win over Stanley's Talon Zipper nine. Peeler gave up eight hits, fanned seven, and rapped out a single and double, batted in two tallies. Porky Rose garnered two doubles and a single in four trips to pace the Redbirds offensively. Bus Huffstetler manages the Cards.

A big all-star outdoor wrestling show is booked for Sims Legion Park tonight starting at 8:00 o'clock. Lou Plummer tangles with Herb Schiff in the opener, a 30-minute one fall job with the gals talking over in the evening's second match. Mae Young and Gloria Abrattini, two of the classiest women grapplers in the nation, hit head on in a one-fall 25-minute time limit. The main event sends Charro Aztec and Al Cortez against Freddie Blasse, the Southern heavyweight champion, and Pete Mangroff in an Australian tag team match, two of three falls with a one hour time limit.

A number of tickets have been sold for the big evening with each ticket carrying a chance at a new automobile.

If you boxing fans want to obtain tickets to the Sept. 11 bouts at Griffith Park, Charlotte, the initial card of the new Carolina Amateur Boxing Association, Red Dellinger has 500. Cherryville station along with Rutherfordton, Gaffney, S. C., Charlotte, Mt. Holly, and Belmont.

Driver Of Goats Preaches Sermon

Selma—A herd of 30 goats and their vagabond driver drew crowds estimated at 50,000 to this small Johnston county community over the weekend.

Chess McCartney rested his goats in a grove just off U. S. 301, the highway the caravan is following in its trek from Georgia northward. Sunday he took a battered Bible from his wagon and preached on "Brotherhood in Kindness."

Police Chief Percy Moore said the droves of curious visitors add up to the largest crowd ever to visit Selma. Police officers and highway patrolmen struggled with at least 10 miles in each direction, he said.

It got so bad Sunday afternoon that Moore and three of his policemen had to route traffic bound north on 301 around the town.

Monday morning McCartney hitched up his goats again and started off northward. At the caravan's pace of a few miles a day, it looked like McCartney would still spend at least several weeks in North Carolina.

Thomas Poirier Named Asst. To Pres. At Chrysler Corp.

Appointment of Thomas Poirier as assistant to the president is announced by E. C. Quinn, president, Chrysler Division, Chrysler Corporation.

Mr. Poirier, who has been on Mr. Quinn's staff for the past year as staff specialist, has been with

Chrysler Corporation since 1936 when he joined Dodge as a tool and die apprentice as part of the corporation's college co-op program. During this time he attended the University of Detroit and Chrysler Institute of Engineering.

In 1940 Poirier was transferred to Chrysler Division's plastics section and assigned to research engineering. Two years later he was assigned to production research, a department devoted to original re-

search in the engineering and production of materials for the armed forces. This department was charged with the development of Chrysler's sea mule tractors, search light reflectors, marine engines, gas producers, smoke screen units and air raid sirens.

He was appointed chief of production research in 1951, a post he held until being promoted to Mr. Quinn's staff.

Mr. Poirier was born in Jackson, Michigan in 1918.

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MEET EMMETT FEEMSTER . . .

Aiding Coaches Bill Link and Sherrill Cranford with the coaching duties at the local school this fall will be Emmett Feimster. A native of Valdese, Feimster has established quite a name for himself at Cleveland High School, Rowan County.

Feimster starred on the gridiron at Valdese High and Western Carolina College before taking over at Cleveland High. As a tackle, he played at WCTC in '48 with Ovie Heaven, Max Beam, and Buffalo Humphries. Coach Tom Young's outfit was paced that

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