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## KISER'S KORNER

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Maryland, East Carolina, Belmont, Lees-McRae To Cop Titles

It's football time again. Crystal ball in hand, this reporter will again, week after week, attempt to select the winners. This weekly column will be devoted, through the entire grid campaign, to picking the winners.

Let us get the crystal gazing under way by attempting to select the winners and the final standings of North Carolina's high school and college conferences. Here's the way this reporter sees the final standings next November: Carolinas Junior College, and Western AA high school loops:

### ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

1. Maryland
2. Duke
3. Clemson
4. South Carolina
5. Wake Forest
6. Carolina
7. Virginia
8. N. C. State

### NORTH STATE CONFERENCE

1. East Carolina
2. Lenoir-Rhyne
3. Elon
4. Catawba
5. Appalachian
6. West Carolina
7. Guilford

### WESTERN AA SOUTHERN

1. Belmont
2. R-S Central
3. Shelby
4. Cherryville
5. Forest City
6. Kings Mountain
7. Lincolnton

### WESTERN AA NORTHERN

1. Lenoir
2. Hickory
3. Morgantown
4. Newton-Conover
5. Asheville

a few of the stars slated to make Duke's Devils the top college outfit in the state.

The Durham boys take on a tough schedule including Pennsylvania, Army, Purdue, Tennessee, Navy, and Georgia Tech. The Army game is to be played at Durham Oct. 16.

East Carolina and Lees-McRae have a number of veterans returning from last season's Bowl squads. The Pirates, led by passer-delux Dick Cherry, lost by 12-0 to West Chester, Penn. in the Lions Bowl at Greenville with Lees-McRae dropping a 20-0 decision to South Georgia in the Golden Isles Bowl at Brunswick, Ga.

Gardner-Webb, which has three Shelby boys and a Bessemer City lad on their roster, is expected to make a good showing in the junior college circuit. Jerry Hawkins, Bob Bridges, and Bill Gamble are the Shelby boys in the Gardner-Webb camp with Bessemer City's Ben Smith and Lincolnton's Johnny Beal also on hand at Bowling Springs. Beal is a center.

### Davidson Southern Weak-Sister Again

Coaches Bill Dole and Chuck Clements have made a few changes at Davidson, but the Wildcats, according to pre-season dope, will again finish in the second division of the Southern Conference. The mentors have 53 boys in harness at present plus a light schedule for the coming season. That 53 numbers represents the largest number of boys to turn out at the Mecklenburg school in some time. The lighter card, faced by the Wildcats, includes V. M. I., Stetson, Wofford, Elon, Catawba, Citadel, Furman, and Presbyterian. Gone are the toughies met last season, namely Georgia Tech, Harvard, and North Carolina State.

Kings Mountain's Ollie Harris and Hickory's Dyke Little are two of the backfield hopefuls. Both starred in the Western AA loop last season. A pair of Gastonia boys and two other Western AA standouts are on the 'Cat roster. Tackle Adair Hatcher of Morganton and Guard Little Howard are

## Belmont "Red Raiders" Seven Point Favorites Here Friday

Cherryville vs Belmont. Wrath Johnson vs Bill Link. Charles Black and Ronald Turner vs J. C. O'Daniels and Doug Mauldin. That's the menu for local football fans Friday night at the high school park as the Ironmen pry the lid off the '54 season with the defending champion Belmont Red Raiders. Gametime is 7:30.

Wrath Johnson and his Raider lads haven't tasted defeat through 10 regular season tests, having whipped 10 foes last season before bowing to South Piedmont champ Albemarle in the AA play-offs. Lenoir, Forest City, R-S Central, Morgantown, Hickory, Newton-Conover, Lincolnton, and Kings Mountain were the Western AA foes to stumble before the powerful Raiders in '53. Non-loopers Winston-Salem Grey, Cramerton, and Monroe were also added to the victims' list.

Gone from last season's outfit are Jack Lineberger, the jarrin fullback, James Biggerstaff, the high-stepping tailback, Pat Munby and several others. Nevertheless, the Raiders have still come up with a top flight club. Doug Mauldin, a 150 lb. ee'hipped speedster, will operate at Biggerstaff's position with J. C. O'Daniels running from lineberger's post. Also a diamond star at Belmont, O'Daniels tips the scales at 170 lbs. Gene Byers is slated to start at blocking back in the Tennessee-style T, employed by Johnson and aid Johnny Coble. Gary Cannon, now enroute home from Yakima, Wash, with the Gastonia legion outfit hasn't been able to practice on account of the crack legion nine but may see limited service Friday. Cannon, captain of the legion team, cleared the way for Lineberger and Biggerstaff last season.

Two backfield hopefuls were injured last week as the Raiders prepared for this all important game. The ex-AA stars with Quarterback Bill Rowland and Tackle Harold Davis the Gastonia boys.

with Daggerhart. A non-letterman Larry Kiby, will be starting at center with Roy Daggerhart, a newcomer, at the other end post. Probable starting lineups:

<b>BELMONT</b>	<b>CHERRYVILLE</b>
Williams	LE Dellinger
Thrower	LT J. Daggerhart
E. Byers	LG Blackweider
Helton	Kilby
Kee	RE Reynolds
Uiltz	RT Boyle
Maynard	RE R. Daggerhart
G. Byers	QB Hallman
Mauldin	LHE Turner
Lineberger	RHB Camp
O'Daniels	FB Black

## Feimster To Coach Ironmen Bees

Emmett Feimster, the new Cherryville High School assistant football coach from Valdese, will coach the Ironmen Junior Varsity this fall. The tall mentor hopes to arrange a six or seven game schedule for the Bees.

Thirty-six boys answered the initial call for drills on the high school field Thursday afternoon. The boys went through a classroom skull session last Friday, then started workouts in earnest on Monday.

A breakdown of the present roster shows that there are eight ends in camp along with six tackles, six guards, two centers, and 14 backs.

The complete roster: Ends — David Thomas, Ronnie Alexander, Alton Morrison, Ken Russ, Dale Hudson, Bobby Alsbrooks, Billy Davis, Larry Keester. Tackles — Dale Carpenter, Eddie Homesley, Michael Mauney, Stanley Crismon, Ted Beam, Alvin Turner. Guards — Jerry Helms, Bobby Bridges, Boyce Eaker, Jerry Schrum, Michael Dellinger, Jerry Hunsinger. Centers — Jerry Hayes and Bobby Rudisill. Backs — Don Brown, Randy Whitaker, Ken Chapman, Guy Eaker, Garland Neal, Doug Williams, Ned Cody, Nelson Craft, Bob Peeler, Arnold Dellinger, Cecil Jenkins, Jr., Don Heavner, Vernon Ledwell, Dutch Heavner.

## West End Hands C.F.C.C. Boys Defeat

The West End Strikers defeated the C.F.C.C. boys by the score of 1566 to 1519 in the first bowling game last Wednesday night.

Ben Tillman was high in total pins for West End with 332 for the three games. Carol Lackey was also high score with a game of 124.

For the C.F.C.C. Merle Bumgardner was high in total pins with 319 while Burl Hartman was high man with 122.

## Scrubbs Defeat The Independents 80 Pins

Last Thursday night the red hot Scrubbs jumped on the favored Independents to take all three games in a hard fought battle which put the Independents in the cellar to start the season off.

High score for the Independents was Hub Black with 128. Once again Harvey Carpenter was high for the Scrubbs with 126. Louis Dellinger was high in total pins with 350 for three games.

## Football Practice Started At G-W

Boiling Springs — Coach Norman Harris issued the call for initial drills at Gardner-Webb College Wednesday afternoon and was greeted by 38 prospects.

Among those present were five letter-winners from last year's team. Leading this quintet of returnees were Co-Captains Ronald Burns and Dean Upton. Others returning were James Parker, Jim Smith, and Henry Fogle.

Coach Harris proceeded to send his aspirants through a light workout and continued Thursday with two daily sessions that are designed for conditioning. This practice will continue until next week when heavier duties will be stressed with only one meeting daily. The boys have a rugged eight game schedule in which they open by playing just to the Chowan College eleven at Rutherfordton September 25. The two teams fought to a scoreless draw last year.

Coach Harris is faced with the task of rebuilding with only a half dozen letter-winners and a host of freshmen and other newcomers. Graduation claimed the backbone of the '53 club which broke even with three wins, three setbacks, and a tie. Among the missing are such stars as: Ernie Beverly (who has returned to assist Coach Harris), "Bunny" Price, Richard Yearwood, Norman Hardin, and Edgar Teague.

Farris does not see a pessimistic outlook on the situation. However, he has an ample supply of "crying towels" on hand for various reasons; namely — Joe Saunders' broken leg that will keep the speedy back on the sidelines for an indefinite period; sturdy T. G. Phillips, a big brick in last year's forward wall has a shoulder injury that will cause his absence from play for at least a month; and the failure of Alfred Stepp, Dennis Dorman, Bill Norris, Don Toney to report to camp. The former four are let-

termen and the latter is a transfer from Mars Hill College where he played last year.

Those present for opening drills are: BNDS: Jerry Doby, Ted Turner, Horace Broome, David Tolley, Stanley Davis, James Parker, and Ben Smith.

TACKLES: Henry Fogle, Ronald Burns, Ben Corwell, Bill Sitton, Bob Newton, and Carlos Bulle.

GUARDS: Bob Bridges, Bill Gamble, David Pressley, Jack Parker, and Tom Sheets.

CENTERS: Johnny Beal, Tom Poston, Don Poole, and John McBrayer.

BACKS: Bill Kent, Jack Creech, Jerry Hawkins, Richard Thomas, Charles Belcher, Bob Hall, Jim Smith, J. T. Davis, Joe McGinnis, Paul Biler, Don McCarsen, Dean Upton, and Bob Tobin.

The complete schedule: Sept. 25 — Chowan, Rutherfordton Oct. 2 — Asheville-Biltmore, Asheville Oct. 9 — Lees McRae, Banner Elk Oct. 16 — Lees McRae, Boiling Springs Oct. 23 — Mars Hill, Mars Hill Oct. 30 — Asheville-Biltmore, Boiling Springs Nov. 6 — Mars Hill, Shelby Nov. 13 — W.C.T.C. JV's, Boiling Springs.

## Four Local Pugs On Sat. Card Here

Four of Red Dellinger's top boxers are slated to step into the ring Saturday night at Charlotte's Griffith park as the Carolinas Amateur Boxing Association sponsors its initial show of the season. Scheduled to get under way under the stars at 8 o'clock, the program will have 24 bouts on the calendar.

Coleman Warren, Reece Lynn, Larry Boyles, and Paul Ginn are the local fighters that will be on the program. Warren, cocky little 126 pounder, scraps Harold Williams of the Belmont Boys' Club with Lynn, husky 200 pounder, meeting an unnamed foe from Rock Hill. Lynn's opponent tips the scales at 260. Ginn, a 160 pounder, meets Tom Williams of the Charlotte Police Athletic League, while Boyles, at 135, meets an unnamed opponent from Gaffney, S. C.

The headline attraction will be a heavyweight go between Billy Walters of Rock Hill and Waban Thomas of Charlotte.

Other Gaston Countians on the program Saturday night hail from Mt. Holly and Belmont. The Hawks, managed by T. L. McManus and Belmont, handled by Ebb Gantt and Snooks Howard, are charter members of the Carolinas Amateur Boxing Association along with Cherryville, Gaffney, Charlotte, and Rutherfordton.

Max Davis, 118 of Mt. Holly, will clash with an unnamed foe from the Charlotte Police Athletic League with Frank Brewer, 133, matching blows with James Hyder of Rutherford's American Legion. Both those scrappers saw action here last winter in Cherryville's first annual Golden Gloves.

Another Mt. Holly pug, Billy Horne, meets Chummy Mull of the Newton Optimist Club with three Belmont lads also seeing action. Terry Henderson, 137, will scrap Kenneth Dellinger of the Kannapolis Boxing Club with Harold Williams meeting Warren and Guy Brown, 123, exchanging blows with Gaffney's Max Nix.

An automobile will be given to the lucky ticket holder Saturday by the boxing group, whose sole purpose is to stimulate amateur boxing in the Carolinas. There are now 11 members of the association.

Other members of the Cherryville, Mt. Holly, and Belmont teams that will provide entertainment for county fans through out the winter are:

Cherryville — Franklin Wright, Warren Griffin, Dennis Humphries, Carroll Keever, Carroll Lynn, Michael Dellinger, Dan Ginn, Richard Darty, Troy Tate, Mt. Holly-Russ Cannon, Billy Saunders, Bill Norck, Jerry Waters, Jack Waters, Larry Rick, Ronnie Harrison, Ned Bell, C. W. Sneed, Roy Sletzer, Bearl Davis, Jim McManus, Larry Saunders.

Belmont-Roger Brown, Walter Green, Allen Wilson, Gene Cloninger, Ben Wilson, Cliff Smith, Jr.

## Quality Can Help Make Up For Acreage Loss

Despite the loss of 154,000 acres of cotton in North Carolina—and prospects of further reductions in allotments — cotton growers can still increase their incomes.

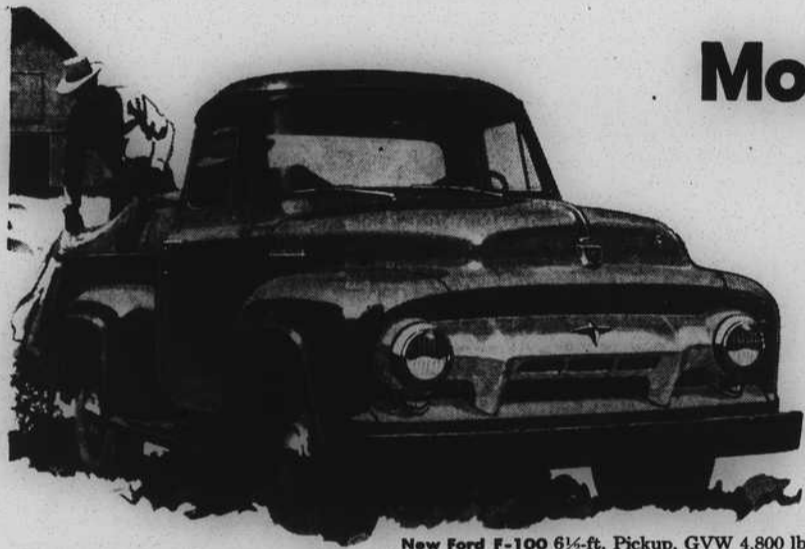
David S. Weaver, director of the State College Agricultural Extension Service and member of the state Cotton Quality Improvement Committee, suggests that growers and others set their sights on: Improving the inherent quality of cotton and preserving that quality through production, harvesting, ginning, handling and other processes.

Weaver points out that North Carolina is largely a state of small cotton growers; there are 87,000 farmers producing less than 600,000 acres. This small acreage per farm means that certain practices that have proved profitable elsewhere, such as mechanization, are difficult to carry out in North Carolina. In this state, 96 per cent of the cotton is hand-picked, compared to 38 per cent in California and 19 per cent in Texas.

On the other hand, North Carolina enjoys some advantages over these states. North Carolina cotton is close to the markets, and local mills favor high-grade North Carolina cotton. Weaver declares that "the heel farmers can produce a cotton of a very high quality if they will observe every practice essential to maintaining that quality."

North Carolina farmers are expected to produce nearly 4.5 million bushels of soybeans this year, 17.5 per cent above the 1953 crop.

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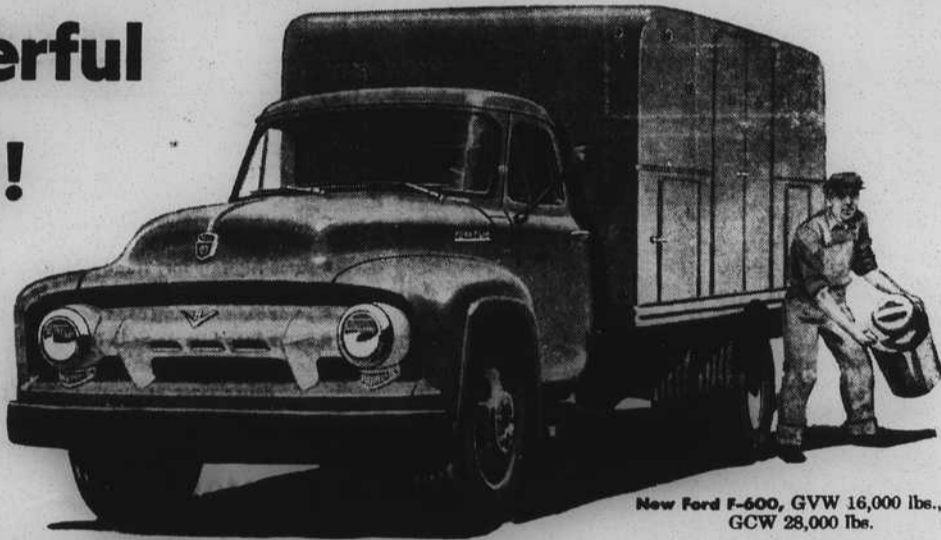
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