

Victories Over Andrews

In top picture, Murphy Midget halfback Kenny Hall, leading point maker, goes through Andrews defenders for extra yardage as the Murphy team completed an undefeated season last Saturday night.

Below, "Satch" Hughes, Mite quarterback, comes to grips with an Andrews tackler. The local Mites also won their game with Andrews. (Staff Photos)

Midgets Post Perfect Season

Midgets And Mites Beat Andrews Teams

By Red Schuyler
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The Murphy Midget and Mites football teams ended the 1969 season with wins over the Andrews teams.

The Midgets defeated a well-coached Andrews team by the score of 20-12 to wind up the season undefeated. The Murphy Midgets had victories over Cherokee, Sylva, Robbinsville, Swain, Hayesville and Andrews.

The Midgets scored early in the second quarter on a pass from Larry (Satch) Hughes to Rose that covered eight yards. Hall tried to pick up the

conversion but was stopped at the line of scrimmage.

The next TD was the result of a pass from "Satch" to Hall that covered 18 yards and put another score on the board. The pass play from Hughes to Colbert was good for two more points.

Murphy added another six pointer in the final period as a result of a one-yard run by Hall. The conversion play failed.

Andrews big gun was a youngster by the name of Gray. Gray scored both Andrews touchdowns on runs of 15 yards and six yards. Both tries for the extra points failed.

Game Of The Year Set Here Friday

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As far as the 1969 football season is concerned, the players and fans can forget about the last seven weeks. This Friday night on the local field is the week that will count. The Swain County Maroon Devils and the Murphy Bulldogs will play a whole season when the whistle blows at 8 p.m.

This game will in all probability be the one for the "marbles". At stake is the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship and Double A Championship. The winner of this game will in all probability earn the right to represent the far west in a game with Hendersonville to determine the Western Class AA Champion in a post season game.

There are a lot of "ifs" connected with the above statement. First of all Swain and Murphy are now tied with five wins and one defeat. Murphy's defeat came at the hands of Robbinsville in the first game of the season. Since that first game, the Bulldogs

became of age and have a string of five games going for them in the win column. They have defeated all these teams by one sided scores and not allowing any of these five over one touchdown per game. Two games were shutouts.

The Swain County "Devils" won six straight games before bowing to the Franklin "Panthers" Friday night in what some people would call an upset. In this writer's opinion, I would differ. Even though the Bulldogs defeated the Panthers by a score of 35-0 it doesn't mean a thing. If you saw the game you will remember that when the breaks were passed out, the Bulldogs were the recipients of them all. The Panthers had to play "catch up" and sometimes when this happens you make mistakes and this is what happened the night the Bulldogs defeated Franklin.

After the game Friday night Murphy has to meet rival Andrews the following Friday night. This is another game that you can forget past performances by both teams. The record really doesn't mean a thing.

Swain also has to meet the strong Sylva-Webster team. This is another good team that the Bulldogs defeated early in the season and also a game that the Bulldogs took advantage of a few breaks and walked off the field with the victory. In my opinion, Sylva-Webster is capable of turning the trick on Swain County if Swain doesn't play up to its capability. S-W is not out of the running yet. They have only lost two games.

Now here is the situation: IF Swain defeats Murphy Friday night and then S-W defeats Swain the conference honors will be between Murphy, Swain and S-W. This would be a three way tie and probably a first for the S.M. Conference. The Bulldogs can straighten out this mess with victories over Swain County this week and a victory over Andrews the following week.

One word of advice to the fans. The Swain County fans will be in full force and many people will make the trip over Red Marble gap for this game. If you want a seat you better come early.

One other suggestion, if you please. To avoid a traffic congestion, it will help if you have the correct change ready for the gate tenders. If at all possible please do this. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students. If the gate tenders have to make change for every car, there are going to be a lot of people that will miss the kickoff and part of the game.

Let's fill the stadium Friday for the game of the year.

Carnival Set At Peachtree

The parents and teachers at Peachtree will hold a Halloween carnival at the school there on Saturday night, Oct. 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited, the PTA officials say, and there will be cakewalks, bingo, fishing booths, refreshments, door prizes, a country store and a surprise auction.

Bazaar Slated At Hayesville

The annual bazaar and bake sale of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the church.

Homemade cakes, pies, cookies and breads, gift items, novelties, needlework and crafts will be on sale.

Slimnastic Class

Circle No. 1 of the United Methodist Church will sponsor a Slimnastic class which will start Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Frank Mauney Fellowship Hall of the

Educational building. Proceeds will go to the building fund. Class will last six weeks and Miss Ella Jean Wells will be the teacher.

Reducing Club

Overweight persons interested in losing excess poundage will be welcome at a special meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Power Board Building in Murphy. A reducing plan called TOPS, for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, will be discussed with an eye toward establishing a chapter in Murphy.

Cherokee Braves Scalp Hayesville, 54-26

by Larry Ford
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The Cherokee Braves took advantage of defensive lapses by the Hayesville Yellow Jackets to roll up a 54 to 26 victory last Friday night at Cherokee.

Although the Jackets came up with one of their better offensive efforts of the year, the defense was unable to stem off the Braves' one-two punch of halfback Eddie Crowe and the passing combination of Ernie Lossiah and Buford Smith.

Yellow Jacket Captain Phillip Payne called the toss of the coin and the jackets received the opening kick-off. Gary Mease returned to the Jacket 35. Jim Nelson romped 11 yards on the initial play to gain a first down on the 46.

But here the drive died early and Nelson punted to the Brave 30.

Rushing yardage by Eddie Crowe and Rick Long, plus penalty yardage against Hayesville quickly moved the ball to the Jacket 20. Then Brave QB Ernie Lossiah pitched a 20 yard TD strike to Buford Smith. Crowe took the PAT pass and the Braves led 8-0 with 7:34 left in the quarter.

Gary Smart's penalty-aided kick-off return placed the ball on the Braves' 48 yard line. But the Jackets couldn't gain and Nelson booted out to the Cherokee 18.

Eddie Crowe's 47 yard romp set up Cherokee's next score, a 22 yard run by Rick Long. Smith grabbed the conversion pass and the score stood 16-0 with 3:59

remaining in the first quarter. Nelson ran the kick-off to the Jacket 34, then ripped off 7 yards in two carries.

Lunsford's keeper secured a first down on the Jacket 45. Two penalties against Cherokee moved the pigskin to the Brave 34. Then Jacket QB Barry Lunsford fired a pass complete to Dave Bracken for a first down on the 24. A Lunsford keeper netted 4, then Nelson carried to the Braves' 12. At this point, the first quarter ended with Cherokee leading 16-0.

That score didn't stand very long, for on the first play of the second quarter, Barry Lunsford passed to Eddie Mayfield for the Jacket's first score. The PAT failed and the score was 16-6 with 11:54 left in the half.

Cherokee couldn't gain after the kick-off and punted to the Jackets. Hayesville moved to their 45, but fumbled and the Braves recovered.

Crowe and Long combined for a TD in three plays, with Long scoring both the touchdown and the PAT, making the score 24-6.

Dave Bracken returned the kick-off from his own 20 to the Jacket 38. During the next series for Hayesville, Nelson reeled off 29 yards in the five trips through the line, and the Jackets punched to the Cherokee 16. Again Barry Lunsford fired the TD pass, this time to Mike Hedden on a 16 yard play. Nelson ran the PAT for a 24-14 score.

Neither team gained much ground in the remaining minutes of the first half and it ended with Cherokee leading 24-14.

Crowe took the second half kickoff back to the Cherokee 39. Crowe and Long moved the Braves down into Jacket-land, then Lossiah hit Smith with another TD pass. Long got the PAT for a 32-14 lead.

The Braves got on the warpath again when they recovered a Jacket fumble on the Hayesville 40. A Lossiah-to-Grant pass was good to the Jacket 16, Long hit for four, Crowe went to the Jacket 5, and then Long plunged over for the score. Eddie Crowe tallied the PAT and it was 40-14.

Another fumble by

Hayesville set up Crowe's 36 yard scamper for a TD. Long got the PAT and it was 48 to 14.

The Braves recovered their third consecutive Jacket fumble, but it did no harm as Nelson broke up a fourth-down pass to give Hayesville the ball on the Jacket 35.

Nelson lugged for three, then the Jackets gained a first down on an 11-yard Lunsford-to-Meese pass on the 49. Lunsford hit Bracken on another 11 yard toss to the 38, then Nelson rambled for 10 yards to the 28 and the third quarter ended.

Starting off the fourth, a Jacket pass fell short, but Nelson hit for five, and Gary Mease ran a sweep for 20 yards to the Cherokee 6. Two plays later, Lunsford found Hedden in the end zone again for a TD pass. The PAT was no good and the score stood 48-20.

The running of Crowe and two Lossiah-to-Smith passes set up a two yard scoring toss from Lossiah to Russell Boni, the final Brave score of the night. The PAT failed and the scoreboard read 54-20.

With 2:42 left in the game, the Jackets got the ball again. From the Hayesville 20, Lunsford rolled out for 16 yards to the 36. A pass failed to connect, then Mease carried for two. A Lunsford to Bracken pass was just short of a first down, but Nelson sliced off 12 yards to the Braves' 45.

A penalty moved the ball to the 30, and on the next play, Nelson sprinted around end for an easy 30 yard TD. The PAT was short and the final score was 54-26.

But with only 30 seconds left to play, the Jackets weren't through. Lunsford intercepted a long Cherokee pass in his end-zone and returned it to the Jacket 20. Lunsford's keeper picked up 9 yards and Nelson added 13 more on the next play.

But time ran out before Hayesville could drive very deep into Cherokee territory. Jim Nelson carved out 137 yards rushing of the Hayesville total of 234. Nelson carried the ball 20 times and boosted his season total to 899 yards in eight games. Nelson has one game remaining in which to

and Robbinsville.

The coaching staff of Chuck McConnell of the Midgets and the staff of Douglas Martin, Dickie Davis and Gene Farmer of the Mites are to be commended and congratulated for the fine coaching and training of these young men who in no time will be playing high school ball.

The Murphy Lion's Club is to be commended for the untiring effort put forth in sponsoring such a worthwhile and needed project. This scribe would also like to tip his hat to the many young boys who put in many hours of hard work each afternoon in trying to put together a championship team.

We would also like to tip out hat to the mothers and dads who waited many hours for practice to end to pick up that precious cargo and take him home and practically hand feed him if necessary and then maybe later tuck him in bed for another well-deserved night's rest only to do the same

thing each day during the season.

With all the pleasure and thrills these boys have given us there's always a bit of sadness when you arrive at the end of season of any kind. Mo anyone that follows sports have known most of the "kids" since they were babies.

Before you know it they are out on an athletic field playing some kind of ball. A short time later they are receiving instruction from persons who are interested in our young boys. From here they go on to the high school level and to college and who know possibly this past season you might have had the pleasure of seeing a future All American being made. If this should happen and it could happen, am sure that the person involved in this year's program and in the programs in the past and future would feel that the effort and time put forth would be well spent.

Mouth Of The South

The feathers and feet which I have been forced to consume in my crow-eating act this week have been rough on the innards. After we made the whirlwind tour of the Atlantic Coast Conference football camps on Operation Football, safely I selected the Gamecocks of South Carolina to win the title in 1969. Later, after seeing the North Carolina game against the Chickens in Columbus, I was slightly disenchanted, and with my usual courage, abandoned my selection of South Carolina and took N. C. State.

Last week's episode in the Palmetto capital in which State fell left me with a lot of bird to choke down. South Carolina fans have been generous in their correspondence during the days since the ball game, and I am abashed. It is my last prediction at least for this season. Now, though, it seems probable that my first pick was a sound one. Paul Dietzel is putting three solid years of recruiting on the field, and he is winning. Of course there are many hard games ahead, but I'm not getting in a position to get any more letters from those irate Gamecocks. Those cats are smelling blood, and I don't care a thing about its being mine.

This is not supposed to be a great football year at North Carolina, and the record to date bears out the fears which Bill Dooley had about his young Tar Heels. It also bears out the promise which the team holds for the future.

Right now the North Carolina aggregation is where the South Carolina crew was a year ago. Dietzel did not get his troops mobilized in winning formation until after the halfway mark in 1968. They were just too young to win. But at midseason things changed. Folks at Chapel Hill think the Tar Heels are about to make the same turn for the better and by next year-ah, there's a sweet contemplation for the long denied North Carolina supporter.

The Southern Conference isn't exactly a world beating outfit, but it has one of the nation's most colorful teams. What with Lefty Driesell's basketball, much staunch

Davidson followers almost forgot the Wildcats play football. But now, Homer Smith has produced four straight winning efforts, including a victory over a truly spectacular Richmond crew. In the four games, Davidson has averaged almost forty points per outing, and this week the 'Cat quarterback, Gordon Slade, was national back of the week. It has been forty-two years since Davidson won four in a row. It won't be that long again.

Wonder if Bud Carson is in any real trouble at Georgia Tech. Hopefully, he will be given longer to build a winner. Bud is a firebrand competitor, and an able teacher of the game. But coming in after Bobby Dodd put him in the unenviable spot of taking up the reins dropped by one of

the masters. Successors to the great ones usually fail because they don't have time. If the Yellow Jackets get buck fever and run Bud off, they will make one of the year's biggest mistakes.

Basketball practice has begun in the colleges, and the Cougars are opening the season Saturday, and right here in the middle of football season were watching the World Series. Man, that's too much for a country boy. A generation ago it couldn't have happened. They had to wait for one sport to end so that athletes could play the next one. If the age of specialization advances much further they have batters who can't throw and pitchers who can't bat. Really, it won't be so new that. We got those folks, like the poor, with us always.

Audubon Society Seeks Members

RALEIGH - A statewide membership campaign of the National Audubon Society has been launched which is expected to add over 3,000 new member to the rolls of the conservation organization. Governor Scott, in a directive proclaiming November, North Carolina Audubon Month, appealed to people from all segments of business and professional life to participate in the drive.


As an added incentive for joining the society during the campaign, every new member may choose one of a pair of signed lithographs by two of America's leading wildlife artists: "Cardinals," the state bird, painted by the famous ornithologist-artist Guy Coheleach; and "Flowering Dogwood," the state flower, by Anne Ophelia Dowden, outstanding botanical artist. The prints are furnished by the Frame House Gallery of Wildlife Art, Louisville, Ken. Under whose auspices the artists' works are reproduced.

Membership in the Society is \$12.50. Application forms

and samples of the book prints are available at all offices of the North Carolina National Bank. Membership applications may be made P.O. Box 65054, Charlotte, N.C. 28201. With a remittance the new member should state his choice of free print. Checks should be payable to National Audubon Society.

The activities of the Audubon Society go beyond "bird watching". It is a powerful voice of conservation in America. Its purposes and programs are not mere protection for the birds, but for all natural resources and ultimately, for the people themselves. The bi-monthly Audubon magazine—one of the country's leading conservation magazines—and participation in the programs of the society are included in membership. "Our State's rich variety of wildlife, as well as our stream forests and population center must be protected if future generations are to know the land as we know it today," officers of the Society say.

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