

# Some Sport Shots

## HOW GOLD GOT IT BASKETBALL IN AIR

(By RENN DRUM.)  
 For the first time in the history of the school a Shelby high athlete has been placed on an All-Southern eleven. Reference, of course, is Capt. "Milky" Gold's end berth on the All-Southern eleven.  
 Meantime the long-limbed, vertiginous Shelby star has been placed on every All-State and All-Western eleven published.

How the Shelby captain, although his eleven was not in the state race and played very little out of the immediate territory, managed to place in the select circles is a right interesting story, perhaps because ability, and ability alone, got him there.

First of all, Gold was Luther Byrd's choice for end, Byrd declaring meantime that he was such a versatile kicker, runner, passer, and line-plunger to be All-State full-back, but was worse needed on an end. Byrd in selecting his teams sees many of the high school outfits in action, and consults coaches and sport authorities about those he does not see. Suffice to say that somebody must have told Byrd an earful about "Casey" Morris' captain who could do a little bit of everything in football, and do it right well.

Then Gold placed at the same berth on the eleven picked by Eddie Brietz, Charlotte Observer sport editor. Brietz conferred with 75 coaches and officials. He wrote them or talked to them and asked them the best high school players, three of four, they had seen during the year. Then he asked them to name the best one of the three or four.

After that he picked his eleven.

About the same time down in DeLand Florida, "Red" Davis and his All-Southern board was selecting an All-Southern eleven. With a member on the board from every state in the south, our surmise is that Davis had each member name the outstanding players of his state and then picked from the group the two or three most outstanding. If you noticed, only three North Carolina high school players were named, the fourth being McDade, of the Oak Ridge prep eleven, who served his day in high school and is now good enough to land on most any college outfit.

Judging by that the coaches and officials who wrote to Eddie Brietz and Luther Byrd apparently said several very nice things about the Shelby high lad who plays all three major sports.

Gold hit the All-Southern eleven much like Warner Mizzell, of Georgia Tech, landed on the All-American. Mizzell has been playing at Tech for several years and doing his bit here and there in a modest, acceptable manner. Atlanta folks even seemed a bit surprised when Mizzell blossomed into the South's greatest grid star this year. That was because Mizzell is not and has never been a grandstand player, or one of the sensational variety. When he carries the ball he generally gets somewhere with it, but with very little ado and prancing; he punts consistently, runs great interference, and is a stone wall on the defense. Still he wasn't flashy, but the big boys who pick the real teams, among them several great coaches, can estimate the value of players and overlook the hallyhoo meantime.

Perhaps they watch a little closer these days since they were almost fooled in "Red" Grange. The red-head was a great grider, but of recent years since he has tried his hand at pro football, the experts have realized that something was missing. That something was a halfback by the name of Britton who ran interference for Grange at Illinois. Grange's own coach when he heard how much Grange had made declared that "Red" should "divvy up" with Britton, who made him.

Same thing as to Mizzell. At long-distance for a year or two we have been reading play-by-play accounts of the Georgia Tech games. Somehow it always seemed funny to us that the headlines featured Thomson and others when down in the detailed accounts it appeared as if a fellow by the name of Mizzell was carrying the ball about as much and more than all the others. He usually carried it only six or eight yards a clip—but, gosh, how he just kept clipping 'em off, although it was very seldom that he dashed off on sensational 50-yard runs. This year he got off on several long jaunts and the wise boys began to watch him—and, perhaps, to figure up the yardage at the end of the game.

New Mr. Mizzell is an All-American.

"Milky" Gold in high school circles could be fast as easily overlooked, but the coaches who sent their men against him and wrote letters, Byrd, and Davis of his

could see what he was doing. The eyes of the fans follow the flashy play and take the routine, truck horses as complacently as the goal posts.

Recall the Charlotte game? Bridges was out with a broken hand, Zeno Wall after several brilliant plays was carried from the field. Left in the game was Gold and three inexperienced, light backs. But what did Gold do? He made only one run of interest, an end dash of 30 yards, but during the afternoon he scored five first downs while the entire Charlotte eleven, which won by three touchdowns, was making only four. It wasn't luck, but just determined plunges into the line. One minute Gold would be line-bucking, the next skirting an end for a few yards, then tossing a pass, catching one next, then punting when a kick was needed. On the defense he was stopping nearly every Charlotte play after it came through the line. Somebody down to Charlotte, who is well-versed in football, must have seen Gold and his crew take that licking.

A week or two later, the Shelby eleven was licked again until the final minutes. Out-played from start to finish, the Shelby captain, as the curtain was about to fall, stood on his own 10-yard line and threw one of the longest passes ever seen in high school football hereabouts to Guy Bridges who dashed 50 yards to tie the Forest City score with six points. Then Bridges reversed it and threw one over the goal line to Gold for the extra point and the game.

A year ago a mighty southern championship eleven at Charlotte scored one measly touchdown on the small Shelby eleven. Coming home from the game the fans told of an end—Gold played end then—who kept the score down by working around behind the Charlotte wall and stopping the plays before they got started good. No matter what kind of an offense a football eleven has when the opposition comes tearing through before the advance lever gets out of low even into intermediate, there will be very little scoring.

Ere another summer comes North Carolina fans may learn again that this same Gold plays a fairly good brand of basketball and baseball.

That boy won't have much trouble getting college registrars to send him catalogs of the various schools. Some of 'em may come down and tell him really about the wonders of certain schools. We don't blame 'em, either.

High school basketball is the center of sport interest again.

A few years back few of the high schools hereabouts took basketball seriously. Last year Forest City, Shelby, Kings Mountain, and Boiling Springs had quints threatening the state title. Shelby after a nip-and-tuck tussle managed to down Lattimore by a scant margin. Remember "Big" Harrill and the Weathers brothers? Then a fast-stepping Forest City five eased the skids under Shelby by just a few points. Such was the interest created then that Shelby's "tin can" couldn't accommodate the crowds.

This year the can has been enlarged, rather fixed to seat scores more than last year. Such indicates another big cage year.

There will be "big doings" in the can this year, or we miss a guess. Lattimore and Forest City can always be counted upon to produce flashy basketball players, and Coaches Morris and Falls have a pretty good start in Zeno Wall, Guy Bridges, Gold and the last year reserves they have on hand.

About the time Santa's presents are becoming a bit stale we'll be seeing which has the best aggregation.

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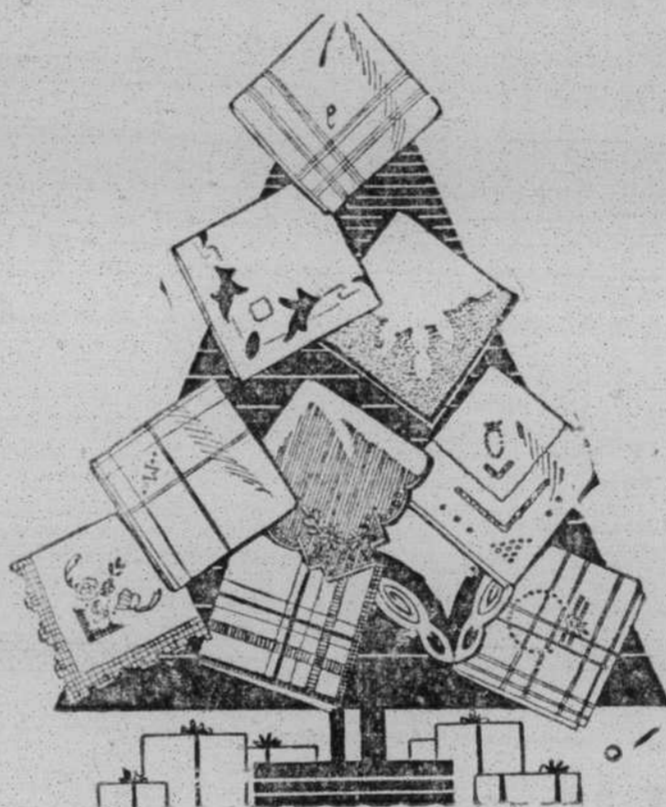
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