

218-Pounder In Shelby Hi Grid Line

Heaviest Line Here In Years, Another 'Buck'

"Fat" Williams Playing Tackle For Morris. Other Hefty Boys There.

Nothing but gloomy reports have been coming from the Shelby high athletic field lately and the prospects there are admittedly gloomy, but fans have an eye-opener surprise in store for them Friday when Coach Morris trots his eleven on the field for the opening game with Belmont Abbey.

That surprise, if it can be a surprise after being related here, is the heaviest line seen at Shelby high since back in the days when Fred Beam, Big Sarratt, Noggles, Big Six Caldwell, Auten and Harry Grigg rubbed shoulders together in the line as they battled for Dick Gurley. It may be heavier. It is something Shelby fans have been praying after for four years to hold opposing lines off a fleet of fast backs. Now this year the heavy line, although green and inexperienced, is there, but the fleet backs are gone. There isn't a Max Connor, a Hennessy, a Laymon Beam, or a Milky Gold to trot the pigskin along behind the big line. Such is the luck that falls to the lot of football coaches.

Look Out, Guys.

In that line, where not a single fellow has his berth won as yet, "Fat" Williams, 218-pound tackle, is the giant of the group. "Fat" is the big fellow who last year accompanied the football and baseball teams to every game, occupied the bench with the coach and whooped it up upon any and all occasions. And it seems now if the big fellow is taking to football like a duck does to its chaser. It will take a good sized fellow to keep him down.

Other Big Ones.

Others in the preliminary line who are pretty hefty include Newberry Wilson, the veteran guard who has been made into a fine center; Bus Newton, and Buster Brown. There are not little fellows in that lot. Wilson, who may be a football captain before the end of the year, is a strapping big youngster with plenty of football knowledge and a body full of scrap. Newton, from over the Dover-Ora way, is a young giant, who will hit the scale around 190, while Brown, of South Shelby, will stack some 130 pounds up to the opposition. Williams and Newton are being used at tackle, Brown at guard, and Wilson as a roving center. Corbett, a scrapping little 150-pounder, is giving battle for the other guard berth and may make it despite his weight. Parris and McSwain, both veterans from last year, are fighting to hold their end berths. But over on the second squad and on the slightly injured list are several other good-sized boys who are not out of the running by far. There's Hulick, and Logan experienced line players, and Charlie Beam, an end, and four or five others who will see plenty of action.

Putnam To Backfield.

Having a scarcity of backs at the beginning of training, with Gold gone and Wall injured, Coach Morris began to look about and his eyes fell upon Max Putnam, sub tackle of last year, a big ranky kid built along the lines of Gold. And now Putnam is backing up the line as a halfback or a fullback. He may win a berth back there. Rippy, who has improved, will more than likely see service at quarterback until Wall gets back in after the first game or so. Eskridge is scheduled for the fullback post because of his drive, his kicking and his passing. That, counting Putnam in, will leave a half back berth open. "Purp" Barrett, a hard-driving lad from South Shelby, is trying to make it as is R. K. Wilson, and another lightweight kid whose name will bring gridiron memories to Shelby. This latter youngster is O. C. Connor, brother of "Buck," the prettiest running half back this section has ever seen. This lad, known on the field as "O See," has the hips of Max, the shifty run, the big pass-tossing hands, and a desire to play football like his brother, and he may be doing it soon. Another fleet little fellow in the backfield is Williams, light but a flash in getting over ground.

When Wall gets back in Coaches Morris and Falls may not have one of these famous Shelby teams, but put it down for a certainty that it will not be the worst. It is a green, awkward eleven now, can hardly catch signals, and often runs into itself while trying to go somewhere. But sooner or later those boys will get to know more about making touchdowns, and when they do they will be interesting.

Better see this odd lot start off Friday.

Three large monolithic concrete siles are being built and filled in Burke county this fall.

Sport Shorts In Shelby

Another Connor Grids at Shelby High.

There is a little wiry, tow-headed kid trying to play football for Casey Morris over at the Shelby high park who should be watched as the next few years roll by—and he more than likely will be watched because of his name. It's a football name to Shelby, and connects itself with dozens of occasions in the past when packed sidelines at Shelby high football games became raving maniacs as a lank, blue-jerseyed back weaved time after time by would-be tacklers for touchdowns.

His name, if you haven't guessed is "O See" Connor, and he's none other than the Connor once known to all high school football fans in North Carolina as Max, "Buck," and "Speedy."

This writer never likes to tout a young athlete too much. It has a tendency to go to a youngster's head if he is rated as good before he meets the grueling test of several years play. But this boy were talking about, if his natural ability and the praise it draws does not give it to him in the neck, has all the natural-born requisites for gridiron play that his older brother had. And that means about everything essential to getting the pigskin down the field in the air or on the ground.

His hands will soon reach as far around a football as did his brother's and his brother could toss them further than any gridder who ever pitched footballs around here. But that isn't the sweet sight about the youngster. It's those hips—hips that send coaches home by night mumbling to themselves! Hips that make a long end run look more beautiful to football fans than any thrill that can happen on the gridiron. "O See" struts them as did Max. To this side, to that side, here, there and on down the field they go, for already he has them reaching for the hips that are not there when you grab.

"O See" will have to add a number of pounds—he weighs between 125 and 130 now—before he can stand the grind of regular play where backs who get anywhere are pummeled and pounded. But give him those pounds, keep his head from swelling, and it will not be many years before the name Connor will be screamed about the city park here again. Until that time keep your eyes on him. Youngsters of the type keep football attendance sweeping up each year. They're "natural born," if you get us.

This 'N That. This department, perhaps a bit too enthused over struggling high school youngsters who go out and go somewhere, is ready to say again that of all the big time baseball players who have appeared in the city title series there are none who have the future ahead of them that Cline Owens Lee. He looks good on a high school team, on a league team, and on a team of big stars assembled from everywhere. And he's young yet.

Connie Mack, we believe, would admit any Southern baseball fan to every game of the World Series without charge who could spell his name and the real name of his star player, known on the sport pages as Al Simmons. Connie's name is Cornelius McGillicuddy, and Al's is Aloysius Simoneyski—or something like that. Nevertheless, Connie knows how to run a team, and Waterbucket Al can hit 'em for our overdrafts.

"Spig" Jones, 190-pound fullback for Dick Gurley's eleven, may show football fans hereabouts some real plugging Saturday in the fall game with P. C. Local fans should boost that game on every hand. It is Shelby's first college game and the manner in which it "takes" will decide whether or not Shelby will have more and bigger college games for fair weeks in the future.

Dick Graham, Southern Railway official, says the special Pullman from Shelby will not be the only one going to Atlanta and Athens for the Carolina-Tech game and the Yale-Georgia game. Just 65 Pullmans are going over the Southern and one of them will carry the Governor of Connecticut, the Governor of Virginia and the Governor of North Carolina.

One other thing—grid enthusiasts hereabouts who are beginning to wonder what Blaney Rackley has out to Bowling Springs will get to see just what on Friday week, October 4, when the junior Baptists play the trampling Gaffney high eleven at Gaffney.—RENN DRUM

Eastside Winner Of City Title

"Snag" Ormond's Hopping Ball Makes Leaguers Look Helpless. Lee Stars Afield.

Thank to the hurling of "Snag" Ormond, Sally league pitcher, the Eastside baseball club won the Shelby city title here Saturday afternoon, before 2,200 rabid fans, by defeating the Cleveland Cloth mill in the third and deciding game of the series by a 4 to 3 score.

It was one of the largest crowds ever to witness a baseball game in Shelby and it is one of the best baseball games in a town that remembers many a good baseball tussle. But most of the entertainment was furnished by "Snag" Ormond, who is both loved and hated in Shelby. Time after time Ormond in critical places shot his hopping ball along the way to whiff "Clirik" Outen, Tom Nash and other of the leading hitters of the Sally league.

Plenty Of Leaguers. Practically all of the Asheville, Sally league, club was in the uniform, while quite a bit of three leagues performed for Eastside, although five of the Eastside club were Cleveland county natives—"Snag" Ormond, Sally leaguer; "Red" Ormond, International leaguer; Tommy Harrill, Piedmont leaguer; Cline Owens Lee, Southeastern leaguer; and Ray Farris, Shelby high catcher.

Eastside scored first and held the lead until a hit and an error got two on for the Cloth and the Eastside third sacker let a hard hit ball get away from him while two scored. Shortly thereafter Ormond walked, Lee laid down a perfect sacrifice for the second time, Reinhardt singled, and a double sent in two runs. That was the end of the scoring—4 to 3.

In the sixth inning Mannerling, Sally league hurler, replaced "Curly" Smith on the mound for the cloth mill, but his injection into the game failed to change the standing. Ormond was still master of the situation, helped in one or two instances by brilliant fielding, and he was one run ahead. That was the winning run and Ormond kept others from crossing the plate, particularly in the seventh when he struck out two hitters with a runner on third and one on second.

Fielding Sensation.

There were few thrills to the close contest other than Ormond's superb hurling, made possible, Cloth mill supporters say, by the wet emery ball. Several lightning-like double plays by the Cleveland Cloth mill infield with "Smut" Smith, second sacker, starring brought cheers from the big crowd, as did the catching of Ormond's hoppers by Ray Farris, Shelby high school catcher, the only amateur player in the game. However, the big kick, the play that sent all hats and cheers flying into the football atmosphere was a great running catch in the ninth inning by Cline Owens Lee. The former Shelby high captain, performing at shortstop for Eastside, halted what appeared to be a dangerous rally in the final frame by flashing across behind third to snag a high foul across the deep leftfield line. This brilliant climax to a hair-raising game brought all fans, Eastside and Cloth mill supporters, to their feet cheering.

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Lenoir-Rhyme Scrimmages For Fair Game Here

Jones And Hager Lead Attack On Fresh Eleven, Has 20 Players For Game.

(Houston Lawing In Hickory Record).

Action on the local grid fields was in full swing last week as the Mountain Bears ran through a number of plays to be used in the opening clash of the season against Presbyterian college at Shelby September 28, while Coach Shores' Red Tornado of Hickory high school plugged up the lines and went through a scrimmage tilt.

With three teams on the field, Coach Gurley will have about 20 men eligible for the battle with Presbyterian with the freshmen players barred from the contest.

The veteran candidates who will be eligible for the contest next week were placed against the freshmen in a scrimmage tilt during the afternoon. The veterans, led by the line plunges of Jones and Holshouser, the punting of Jones, plunged through the freshmen for two touchdowns, while the veteran line held the opponents almost at bay.

Mrs. Katherine Woods of Addlestone, Eng. has again been barred from the football grounds because she attacked an official for his decisions.

Men, women and children in Derby, Eng. turned out to hunt rabbits and in one day killed more than 1,000.

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