

High Gridders Open Practice

League Windup Features Ties

The Tri-County league ended its regular schedule last Saturday with the Kings Mountain Vets in a tie with Superior of Mt. Holly for third place honors.

Rex defeated Carlton in Cheryville on Saturday night 15 to 5 to go into a tie with Mun Randall's club for first place.

Hanover was defeated by the lowly Clover nine on the last day 11 to 10 to drop out of the play-offs, finishing up in fifth place, with Clover in the cellar.

The Vets stopped a trio of Superior pitchers here on Saturday afternoon 11 to 7, gaining a tie with the losers for third place. Gus Hartsoe was the star of the final game, hitting a homer with two on in the second, and effectively spacing the hits the losers garnered.

First and second place will be decided in a two out of three series beginning Wednesday with the first game in Cheryville under the lamps. The second game will be played in city stadium here in Thursday.

Third and fourth place will be decided today (August 22) at 4 p. m. on the neutral Rex field with Kings Mountain as the visiting club and Superior as the home club.

Playoffs will begin on Saturday with the two top teams drawing the first home games. The vets will meet their opponents here in city stadium on Monday for their first home appearance in the playoffs.

TRI-COUNTY STANDINGS

As of August 17:

	W	L	Pct.
Rex	23	7	.766
Carlton	23	7	.766
Kings Mountain	14	16	.466
Superior	14	16	.466
Hanover	13	17	.433
Clover	3	27	.109

Mountaineers Will Have New Equipment

Kings Mountain Hi's Mountaineers, the gridiron representatives of the Historical City, will take the field for their opening contest on Friday night, September 27, in city stadium, for their first home game in practically brand new uniforms.

Principal J. E. Huneycutt announced this week that new game pants should be here and that other new items are now on hand.

Listed among the new items are bench parkas, of the type formerly used by U. S. Army Ski Troops, for keeping the players warm while they are on the bench.

For practice sessions, new pants have been secured which should insure the players a good looking pair of pants for games.

Hartsoe's Homer Leads 11-7 Win Over Hollies

The Vets downed the red-hot Superior outfit from Mt. Holly here in city stadium last Saturday 11 to 7 to stay in the Tri-County race, going into a dead-lock with Superior for third place as an underdog Clover nine came through with a 11-10 upset over Terries.

Gus Hartsoe was on the bill for the Kings Mountain club scattering eleven hits over the south end of the field, including a homer with two men on in the big second frame.

Horton started on the mound for Mt. Holly, giving way to Charlton Torrence, Jr., and Johnson.

Superior opened the scoring in the first as Al Davis lead off with a double, scoring on Doc Queen's line single.

The visitors added two more in the second as Auten lead off with a single and Charles Ballard allowed Owens' single to get by, both runners scoring on the play.

Ballard opened the Vets half of the second with a tricky Lounce to Queen at third, the throw too late to catch the Vet center fielder at first. Harold Beal and Ralph Mitchem drew free passes to load the bases. Sam Etters slammed a hard one to short, Al Davis juggling the ball allowed Ballard to score, and Etters to reach first in time. Don Parker came in to pinch hit for Bill Throneburg and came through with a double on the bank in center field, Beal and Mitchem scoring. Hartsoe was next up, sending Horton's first pitch over the left field wall.

The Vets tallied four in the fourth on doubles by Parker, Coley Guyton and Ballard, and a triple by Boyce Stone.

Etters lead off the fifth with a double, scoring on Parker's third hit of the game, a single.

The line score: R H E
Superior 120 100 012 7 11 2
Kings Mtn. 060 410 00x 11 3 3
Umpires: Badger and Helton.

Canipe Drills Candidates

With the crack of bats on the old horseshoe shpere of the summer past-time of Abner Doubleday's invention ringing in the background, and under a boiling sun, the rough, tough charges of coaches Clyde Canipe and Don Parker began their training grind last Monday afternoon in city stadium.

Coach Canipe, recently acquired football mentor of Albemarle and Appalachian fame, directed the workout which included conditioning exercises as well as dummy blocking in running plays.

Returning letter-men include Roy Boheler, Bill Cashion, Bill Dettmar, Bill Harmon, Ralph Smith, Bobby Le Better, Buddy Medlin, B. T. Wright, and Bob Neill with the following men gunning for positions on the starting eleven: Jack Ledford, Jack Matthews, William Mitchem, Robert Smith, Dwight Ware, A. V. Yarbro, Jack Camp, James Black, J. F. Harry, Bob Huffstetter, Boyce Huffstetter, F. C. Humphries, and Ernest Jenkins.

Coach Canipe, in commenting on the small number turning out for practice, stated that he wanted all eligible boys interested in football, regarding that he would be happy to field a "B" squad and a midget team in addition to the varsity squad.

All home games of the Mountaineers will be played under the new arena in city stadium.

The schedule includes seven conference games, four at home, and three open dates.

The schedule:

- Sept. 20—Lincolnton—there.
- Sept. 27—Hickory—here.
- Oct. 4—Open.
- Oct. 11—Open.
- Oct. 18—Rutherfordton—here.
- Oct. 25—Cheryville—Here.
- Nov. 1—Open.
- Nov. 8—Lenoir—There.
- Nov. 15—Shelby—There.
- Nov. 22—Hendersonville—Here.

Larger Cotton Crop This Year

Production of cotton in North Carolina for 1946 is estimated at 485,000 bales, according to the first official estimate of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

This represents an increase of 13 per cent over last year's short crop, but is 21 percent under the 10-year (1935-44) average production. The acreage planted this year is 34 percent less than the 10-year average.

Based on present conditions, it is expected that 406 pounds of lint cotton per acre will be produced this season. This is 37 pounds more than was realized in 1945 and 65 pounds above the 10-year average yield. The acreage planted this year is placed at 560,000, or three percent more than last year.

If abandonment follows the average for the past 10 years, about 573,000 acres should be harvested said the estimate.

The condition of cotton is running around 76 percent of a full crop compared to 75 percent last year at this time. Boll weevils are doing considerable damage this season, with heavy infestations being reported in some areas of the State.

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