

Mountaineers Meet Jackets Friday Night In First Tilt

1956 Grid Opener Is Scheduled In Bessemer City Park at 7:30

Time changes many things — and the Bessemer City Yellow jackets say it's time for a change.

In 1954, the Kings Mountain Mountaineers downed the Bessemer lads by a 42-0 margin, and in 1955 they added insult to injury with a 59-0 romp over the Yellow Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets contend that they have their stringers back this year, and intend to make a football game out of the opening contest.

Meanwhile, back in Kings Mountain, the Mountaineer hopefuls are putting in a full week's practice with some scrimmaging. John McGinnis, first-string quarterback, was sidelined with a pulled muscle for a few days, but started back in heavy duty Tuesday.

Coach Shu Carlton is confident that his team will again defeat Bessemer City, but doubts that the score will be as decisive as in past battles.

Kings Mountain's starters will probably be Keith Layton and

lost all but one of their games last season.

Conference champions last season, the Mountaineers are being mentioned as the team to beat in Southwestern AA loop play this season.

McGinnis, Baily and George are holdover backs from last year, with Doug Rathbone coming up from the "B" squad. In the line, all the boys are veterans.

Layton and Bridges were starters at the flank positions last season, as were Marlowe and Wells at the tackle slots. Stewart saw considerable action last year on defense, and does the extra point and kick-offs for the team. Bill Herndon came up from the "B" team late in the season and saw varsity action. Burton and Bowers are both holdover guards from the 1955 squad, but are being made into centers in an effort to fill the slot left by Joe Ormand's graduation.

Defensively, Tony Goins, a reserve end from last year, and Don Fisher, freshman fullback, have been standouts in practice sessions. Some of the other freshman and sophomores have been showing promise in stopping the first-string backs during scrimmage games.

With three weeks of two-a-day drills under their belts, the Mountaineers have shaped into a pretty smooth working team. There are still some 30-32 boys fighting for the 11 starting positions.

The Mountaineers will open their five-game home card in City Stadium, September 14 meeting a strong West Mecklenburg eleven.

Vehicle Offenses Lead Arrest List

Arrest totals for the month of August soared to 128, a new high for recent months, with violations of motor vehicle laws leading the field with 50 offenders.

Public drunkenness had taken a back-seat to the motor law violators for the third or fourth straight month. Only 22 arrests on drunkenness counts were made during the month.

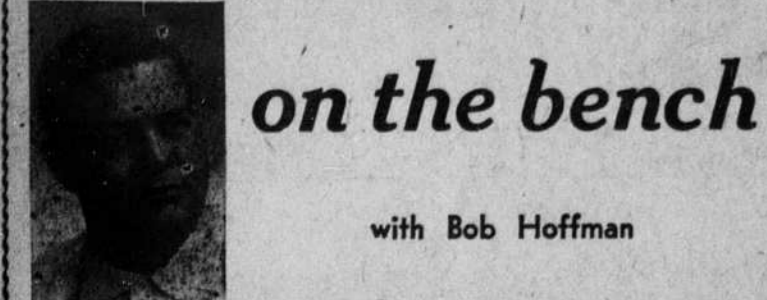
Other offenses and the number of arrests on each charge is as follows:

Capias, 11; driving drunk, five; worthless checks, drunk and disorderly, and profane and indecent language, four each; disposing of mortgaged property, three; assault on a female, disorderly conduct, shop lifting, escapee, temporary insanity, forcible trespass, and forgery, two each.

One person was arrested on each of the following charges: violation of prohibition laws, non-support, larceny of auto, larceny of money, larceny of shoes, aiding and abetting in larceny, assault by threat, failure to have a dog vaccinated, damage to property, assault on a minor, and trespassing.

This list includes all arrests made by city, county and state officers, where the defendants were processed through the local police headquarters.

Grade A milk from producers in North Carolina during the first six months of 1956 was a record level compared with the same period for previous years, says members of the North Carolina Milk Commission.



on the bench

with Bob Hoffman

TATUM'S TROUBLES—Sunny Jim Tatum's woes can be measured by the barrel full these days.

The latest incident involving Tatum and his so-called "irregular recruiting methods" deals with Don Coker, a Reidsville back that promises to be a great college player.

The ACC has shut the door on Coker's chances of playing any type of sports at UNC. The reasons are a little hazy, but nevertheless Coker will probably never be on the Tarheel roster.

Ruling Coker ineligible to participate in sports at UNC, the ACC Executive Committee based its decision on the fact that the boy was given a membership to Penrose Country Club in Reidsville. This constituted illegal aid in the eyes of the distinguished committee.

Robert D. Johnson, a Reidsville automobile dealer, paid for the membership for Coker, who is a good friend of Johnson's son. The interested parties contend that this membership was purchased some six weeks after Coker had decided to enter Carolina this fall.

The ACC is sure trying to raise its standards, or at least give the idea that everything is on the up and up. How about Choo Choo Justice and his convertible, which was a gift of the alumni? Or in another case Wake Forest's ace fullback of a few years ago, Bill George. Big Bill also received an auto from grateful grads.

The executive committee agreed that no person from the University was involved in this Coker incident. Who is responsible for "policing" the activities of thousands of UNC or Duke or other alumni? If no member of the University or its coaching staff is involved why all the ruckus??

Carolina may appeal the committee's decision—and they should. What about Coker—his college athletic career already has a blot on it and the boy has never donned a uniform.

If the present trend continues, and I hope it won't, a college prospect will be afraid to ask an alumni for a match to light a cigarette.

As for Tatum, the only other thing that could happen is for John L. Lewis to call the Pennsylvania boys off the field on strike.

PENNANT PARADE—The New York Yankees have been mopping up everything in sight in the American League—with the exception of Detroit. The Tigers, based on standings of August 24, had a 8-10 record against the mighty Yanks. Washington has been the easiest touch for the New Yorkers, who hold a 14-2 mark against the sagging Senators.

The National League pennant race has turned into a guessing game—you pay your money and take your pick of any of the top three teams.

Milwaukee was leading the pack by one game last week with 29 games to go. Brooklyn trailed by a mere contest with 29 games left, and Cincinnati was three games back with 27 tilts coming up.

The Braves have a pair of games with Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, and New York; five with the Redlegs, seven with St. Louis, four with Philadelphia, and seven with the Cubs.

Brooklyn has a pair with the Braves, Redlegs, Cardinals, and Phils, 10 with Pittsburgh, three with Chicago, and nine with the Giants.

The Redlegs have five with the Braves, two with Brooklyn, Pittsburgh and New York, seven with St. Louis, four with the Phils, and five with the Cubs.

Pittsburg and St. Louis will be the key teams to watch in the remainder of the pennant race. Brooklyn could have trouble with the Pirates over a 10-game stretch, and both the Braves and Redlegs have seven each left with St. Louis, all figures being based on games remaining August 29.

Cincinnati will also have a chance to knock the Braves from the top spot in their five games which remain.

SHORT FLIES—Gus Hartsoe, Jr., had the distinction of being credited with two losses in one day for Monroe, La., in Evangline League play a couple of weeks ago. Gus relieved in both ends of a double-header, and lost both games by a 4-3 score.

Catcher Jake Early is reported to have been the first man to advise Jack Harshman, Chicago Sox pitcher, to use his screwball to reach the majors. Good coaching Jake.

Jolter Jimmy Hall, who recently turned pro, is belting the ball at a good clip in the Nebraska Rookie League. Through August 20, Jimmy was leading the league with a .383 average, including 11 homers and 48 runs-batted-in.

As of last Friday, Mickey Mantle had 26 games in which to get 15 homers to better Ruth's record. A pretty hard road to travel for Mickey. Al Kaline robbed Mantle of a home-run with a sensational catch recently—this could have been a damaging blow to Mickey's chances.

Gardner-Webb Bulldogs Running 40 Gridiron Hopefuls In Drills

BOILING SPRINGS — The Gardner-Webb College athletic field is busy this week with pre-spring, straining, determined football players.

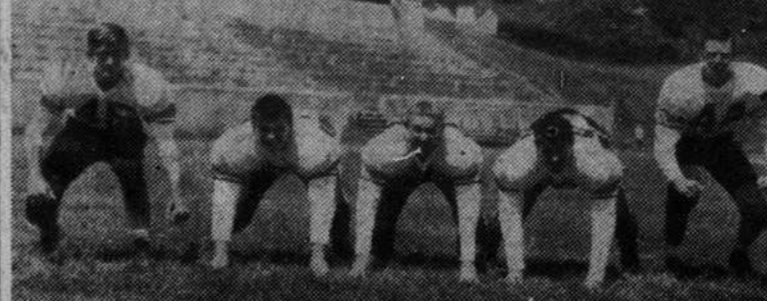
Forty boys—there were 51 to begin with—are working hard to be ready for the season opener Sept. 15 with Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va.

Coach Norman Harris and Assistant Coach James Garrison are high in their praise of the entire squad. Standouts in practice are quarterback James Johnson of Walnut and halfback Paul Roberts of Shelby, team co-captains. The Tomblin brothers, Bob and Jim of Rutherfordton also look good. Weighing a combined total of 415 pounds, they hold down tackle and guard positions respectively. Thomasville again sends its usual group of talent,

this year including Don Miller, a fleet halfback, Clifford Hunt and David Mullis, also at halfback, and Dalton Crawford, end.

Sorely missed are the services of tackle Johnny Putnam of Shelby who joined the Navy after last season, and quarterback Robert Webb and center Bennie Sherhill of Hickory who did not return. Missed also are 10 first stringers of last season who have graduated. Four players will join the squad next week. These include halfback Bobby Crew of Morganton, halfback Arnold Issacs of Charlotte, lineman Paul McLendon of Biscoe, and guard Ray Doggett of Forest City.

Following the intra-squad scrimmage Sept. 1 the 10-game schedule runs to Nov. 17 without a break. All five home games will be played in Shelby stadium.



DETOUR AHEAD FOR BACKS—This might well be the idea of any Kings Mountain foe when they look at the middle of the Mountaineer defensive line. Pictured above (left to right) Keith Layton, David Marlowe, Tony Goins, Steve Wells, and Charles Bridges, all of whom will be waiting to pop that ballcarrier. Goins has especially proven his defensive ability in scrimmage sessions this year, and Coach Shu Carlton is depending upon him to make life hard for the opposition.

Tuesday's Court Session Clears Docket of Several Minor Cases

The City Recorder's Court session held Tuesday saw just a handful of minor cases docketed. The session was postponed until Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday for city hall employees.

Max Odom faced charges of damaging city property and assault by threat, and pled not guilty to the assault count, while admitting his guilt to the damaging of city property.

Mrs. Mary Grace Moore testified that Odom knocked on the door of her apartment and cursed and threatened her. She added that Odom accused her of arguing with his sister, who lives in the same apartment building.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., testified that the defendant set fire to a mattress and sheet and then flooded his jail cell with water. Damages were set at \$12.

Judge Jack White found Odom guilty on both counts and gave him 30 days suspended upon the conditions that he pay the costs and amount of damages to city property. In the assault case, the defendant received a six months jail sentence, suspended upon the conditions that he be of good behavior and not molest Mrs. Moore, and that he pay a fine of \$20 and the costs.

Gene Edward Smith, young Negro of the North Brook area, was accused of larceny of money. A plea of not guilty was entered in his behalf.

Smith had admitted that he took \$27 from the wallet of Louis Sabetti, but said he thought the wallet had been lost. Mr. Sabetti had left his wallet laying on the counter of Ballard's Store, and when he returned \$27 in cash and a number of receipts were missing.

The receipts were found outside in the vicinity of where a Lincoln ton poultry truck had been parked. Smith was found in the truck, and finally admitted taking the money.

Judge White gave the 16-year-old boy a three months suspended sentence upon the conditions that he be of good behavior and pay the costs of court.

Noah Gardner, local Negro, pled guilty to failure to yield right of way, when he appeared in court Tuesday. Gardner had struck a lady crossing a street but said he had paid the hospital and doctor bills.

He was given a 30day road sentence, suspended upon payment of the costs of court.

A hit and run charge was filed against Carl D. Guyton, Gaston County Negro, but the young man denied his guilt of the offense.

Guyton had backed into the car of Julius E. Scism, which was parked in the city's Cherokee Street parking lot, inflicting what Scism said was \$59 in damages.

Jack Kochman Hell Drivers Set For Spindle-Center Fair Show

Thirty vehicles, representing an investment of more than \$100,000 will be jumped, crashed and smashed by the Jack Kochman Hell Drivers at the Spindle-Center Fair in Gastonia on September 10th and 11th.

A revised program liberally sprinkled with new events and with comedy interludes, has been worked out in the training period to give the show an entirely new format.

Kochman originated the use of every body type—sedans, convertibles and station wagons—on the premise that show patrons were partial to different models and so interested in seeing just how the type of car they owned would stand up under daredevil driving. The units, all 1956 models, are spectacularly painted and decorated.

The thrill performances are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights, September 10th and 11th.

Included in the thrilling 22 events programmed are such

stunts as jumping cars through more than 100 feet of space, crash roll overs, end over end and side over side spin, flaming wall penetration and careening at high speeds on two wheels.



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JUMPING JOHNNY—John McGinnis, star halfback of the 1955 Kings Mountain Mountaineer squad, will open his first game in the role of quarterback when Kings Mountain invades Bessemer City Friday night. John was an understudy to George Harris, the Mountaineer All-Southern field general, last season. McGinnis captured the Southwestern AA Conference scoring honors last season with 84 points.

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