



Herald Sports

By David Baity

Did you catch the convertible races at Charlotte Fairground last Friday night? You should have if you wanted to see a real humdinger of a race.

Joe Weatherly, driving a 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 convertible, took the lead in the first lap and led for the next 178--barring a few pit stops. It was tough luck when he lost a wheel on the second turn and ground to a stop with bent tie rods and a wrecked front end.

Staley, a North Wilkesboro driver astride a 1956 Chevrolet, then took the lead. All the while "Leadfoot" Turner was climbing up from fifth, to fourth, to third to second place.

Turner showed his true colors when he cinched the race on the last turn of the last lap. Coming around the fourth turn for the final stretch to the finish line, Turner, driving a 1957 Ford, gave with a sudden burst of speed and a lot of expert driving and beat by about a half carlength.

Recreation News—Jake Early said last weekend that he still plans to have midget football because of the interest that has been shown. I believe he has e-

quipment for a couple of teams, maybe more.

The Deal Street Pool will close about September 2--open for Labor Day.

The Tennis Tournament is underway and should be finished by Sunday night, September 1.

Quality of Mercy—During one of those old-time Bear-Giant donnybrooks, the Giants had but one good scoring chance, and the immortal King Strong booted a field goal. But the Giants were offside. No goal.

Steve Owen, the Giant coach, had watched the line play, and was surprised to see Joe Kopcha, the Bear Guard, on his knees. Playing opposite him was Steve's two-ton brother, Bill. And Bill hadn't made the slightest gesture toward Kopcha.

From five yards further back, Strong again attempted a field goal. Once more he made it. But once more the Giants were offside and once more Bill left Kopcha, still on his knees, alone.

So Strong tried again and made it. Steve Owen instantly yanked Bill. "What's the matter with you?" he roared. "You had Kopcha set up for a clean shop and

you never laid a shoulder on him!"

"I just couldn't do it, Steve," sheepishly answered Bill. "Every-time Ken got ready to kick, Kopcha dropped to his knees and said, 'Please, Lord, don't let him make it. I couldn't smack a guy when he was praying, could I?'"

A Tip of The Hat—Should go to all the folks who have made life pleasant in the recreation field this summer. First in line would be Jake Early who has done a good job and we're sorry, I'm sure, to hear of his winter program being suspended. John Gamble, working behind the scenes at the pool and around, has helped greatly although little known by many.

Miss Margaret Leech at the Davidson pool should be congratulated for her efforts to get things rolling--and the advisory committee headed by Rev. Campbell.

Then there's Charles Bridges, Ken Baity, James Pressly, Don Gladden who were lifesavers--they were life guards at the Deal Street pool--and only a few of whom I could think.

The concession workers, admittance girls, and the recreation board all helped to make the summer pleasant.

Hate to see summer go, but then an exciting season is ahead. Be looking for you at City Stadium when the Mountaineers meet Bessemer Citizens September 6.

Tickets—In case you didn't catch the bit about the season tickets in last Thursday's paper--here it is again. Lawson Brown is going to sell about 800 season passes to the home games. Price will be \$6.00 each, a dollar for each home game. You will note that the price has not been reduced for getting the before the season start--you're being assured that you will get a seat on those crowded nights, and what more could you ask?

The tickets will be sold at Central School on a first come first served basis--so you'd better get yours soon.

Bomb Shelter—Watching the hefty duffer ripping up the turf with tremendous swings, the ants became worried. As another mighty blow just missed them, one of the ants said: "Let's get up on the ball before this guy murders us."

Ice cream is America's favorite dessert and is also served often with the next two flavors--peppermint and cake.

Three Week's Drilling Shows: Look Pretty Good Says Gamble

The Mountaineer foot ball squad is in it's third week of practice and things looks pretty good according to John Gamble, Head Coach.

The boys is doing a little team work, but individuals are being concentrated on most at this time.

At present the roster stands at:

1957 MOUNTAINEER FOOTBALL ROSTER:

No	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
40	Paul Hendricks	L. H.	5'8"	135	2
41	Garry Blanton	R. E.	6'1"	165	2
42	Jimmy Blanton	F. B.	6'0"	162	2
43	Don Fisher	Q. B.	6'0"	157	2
44	Ernest Howell	R. T.	6'1"	208	2
45	Keith Layton	R. E.	6'2"	179	4
56	Jerry Phillips	L. H.	5'5"	137	3
57	Clifford Kircus	Q. B.	5'9"	123	1
58	Tony Goins	L. E.	6'0"	155	4
59	Fred Hambright	R. H.	5'9"	140	3
60	William Wells	L. H.	5'9"	146	2
61	Jimmy Littlejohn	L. G.	5'9"	135	3
62	Don Parker	R. E.	5'11"	147	3
64	Billy Ware	R. G.	5'8"	175	4
67	Phil Mauney	R. H.	5'9"	150	2
68	Don McKinney	R. H.	5'10"	152	3
69	Karl Moss	C.	6'0"	155	3
70	Gene Bowers	C.	5'8"	155	3
73	Don Gladden	R. H.	5'8"	156	3
74	David	L. G.	5'11"	165	3
75	Jim Bennett	R. G.	5'9"	145	3
76	Bill Herndon	R. G.	6'0"	145	4
77	Roy Hammett	L. G.	5'7"	140	3
79	Ken Baity	L. H.	5'11"	175	4
80	Wray Plonk	F. B.	6'0"	168	3
81	Mike Ware	L. E.	5'8"	167	2
82	Jerry Wilson	L. T.	5'10"	180	4
83	Gilbert Brazzell	R. G.	5'9"	189	3
84	Chip Thornburn	L. E.	6'1"	155	1
85	Steve Wells	L. T.	6'1"	192	4
86	Charles Herndon	L. T.	6'0"	185	2
87	David Marliwe	R. T.	5'11"	212	4
88	Max Lee	L. T.	6'1"	193	3
89	Ronnie Tignor	L. G.	5'8"	148	2
	Reecie Cloniger	L. H.	5'4"	120	2
	Steve Henderson	F. B.	5'8"	157	2
	Jimmy Rikard	F. B.	5'10"	155	1
	Bobby Baity	R. H.	5'8"	136	2
	Jackie Thomason	L. H.	5'5"	120	1
	Edwin Hinson	L. T.	5'11"	190	4
	Jerry Laughter	L. E.	6'1"	160	1
	Jerry Adams	L. H.	6'0"	165	1
	Dale Hollifield	R. E.	5'11"	151	1
	Jimmy White	R. H.	5'0"	100	1

Numbers not shown are duplicated in other players.

Gamble Starts Jr. High Team

Head Coach John Gamble announced Tuesday the starting of a Junior High Football team comprised of eighth and ninth graders. The team will play in strictly junior high competition. The team will be organized when school starts, September 3. An announcement will be made as to where and when to meet, he said.

A six game schedule has been worked out which finds a September 26 contest against Shelby being played there. October 3 the Mountaineer Juniors will play Victory Junior High of Gastonia at City Stadium. October 10 Belmont will be contested there while Shelby will be played here on October 17.

The Juniors will swap a couple with Lincolnton in the closing two games. October 24 will find Lincolnton here; October 31, a Mountaineer-Lincolnton tilt away.

Frazier Spark In Tennis Play

Rudy Frazier, former High Point College star, seems to be the big spark in the Kings Mountain Tennis Tournament now underway.

Frazier, who has been in Kings Mountain a little over a year, says he's just out there for the fun of it--but the fun has taken him to the semi-finals.

An engineer at Burlington Mills, he has been out of college since 1954.

In quarter-final competition Frazier won over Marlowe by 6-1 and 6-3, after having been advanced by a 6-2, 6-2 win over Dick McGinnis.

He will be matched in the Semi-finals with the winner of a match between Dwight Ware, who moved out from Palmer Huffstetler by 6-2 and 6-4, and Harold Jackson, whose three-out-of-three win over Bud Murray was reported last week.

Frazier said that he had to go out of town to play until the recent opening of the tennis courts and feels that it is one of the best advances in the recreational field that Kings Mountain could have made.

Jack Lazarus advanced with 8-6, 2-6, 0-6 victory over Jerry McCarter. Charles Bridges finds himself matched with Lazarus

Local Entries In Drag Races

Gene Champion, Robert Champion, Johnny Kerns, Johnny Robbs, and Ned Yarbrough are among hundreds who will appear in the International Drag Races to be held November 28, 29, and 30 at Chester Drag Strip.

A highlight of the drag meet will be the probable witnessing of a world's record for the top speed established in the quarter mile run. The Arford brothers of Akron, Ohio are expected to power their "Green Monsters" through the timing traps in excess of 170 mph. The dragsters are powered by 1,000 and 2,700 horsepower Allison aircraft engines.

after a 6-2 and 6-2 win over Bill Harmon.

John McGinnis took his two out of three in a 6-3, 12-14, 6-2 match with Bob Hullender. He is matched against George Harris who was advanced to the quarter finals on a bye.

In doubles competition the Marlowe, Lazarus combination took a 6-1, 6-2 match over Charles Neisler and Bob Maner.

The match between the combination of Dick McGinnis and Gene Mitchem and Ken Baity and Keith Layton has not been played.

Bill Harmon and Dwight Ware took a 6-2, 6-3 best two over Bud Murray and Harold Jackson.

Rudy Frazier and Jim Rotan advanced into semi-finals with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over the John McGinnis, George Harris combination.

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