



# Pat's Peckings

By NEALE PATRICK

## Baity 2nd K. M. Shrine Bowler

The cream of North Carolina's crop of high school football players are swapping licks in Charlotte this week preparing for the annual Shrine Bowl game Saturday in the Queen City's Memorial Stadium.

Among those on hand and making his presence well known to his coaches and his fellow teammates, not to mention the flock of college gridiron scouts, is Kings Mountain's pride and joy, Ken Baity. The blond bomber of the Mountaineers is one of the prize halfbacks on the Tar Heel outfit, and he figures to see plenty of ball-carrying action for Coach Buddy Luper's club.

Baity justly earned his position on the Shrine Bowl team, an honor which every high school player in the two Carolinas rate at the top of the list in his prep football career. A lad chosen to the Shrine team knows he is really an all-star. He actually plays with and against others of the same mold. All other all-stars, etc., selections are mythical items, lack the true test of stardom which come to Shrine Bowlers.

And Kings Mountain football folk are just as proud of Baity as their representative. As far as we have been able to determine, Baity is only the second Mountaineer football star in history to land a berth in the Shrine Game. The other was George Harris, the talented quarterback two years ago. For Harris, the Shrine Game was a stepping stone toward a college grid scholarship at Duke. Now, George is a sophomore quarterback on the Blue Devil team which will be heading for a bowl game of its own New Year's Day, the Orange Bowl in Miami.

If there have been any other Kings Mountain Shrine Bowl performers down through the years, we have missed their names in a look over Shrine rosters of the past. If there have been others, let us know.

## Gains Nearly Two Miles In Career

Baity's high school record ranks with that of any of the stars in this year's contest. The Mountaineer is one of the greatest ground-gainers in Southwestern Conference history, with 1,289 net yards rushing during the past season, and a three-year net yardage figure of 3,025.

He averaged seven and a half yards every time he tucked the pigskin under his arm running during the past campaign, and he has a career rushing mark of better than six and a half yards per carry.

If that career figure of 3,025 yards gained doesn't register any excitement on your adding machine, perhaps you might measure the distance more accurately by breaking it down into miles. The figure of 3,025 is just slightly shy of two miles running with a football under one arm, while trying to ward-off eleven other fellows with the other. Try it sometime.

A year-by-year boxscore on Baity's romps may give further sight on his brilliant three-year career as a Kings Mountain High School grid star.

Year	Runs	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.
Soph	117	675	10	665	5.7
Junior	163	1079	8	1071	6.6
Senior	173	1308	19	1289	7.5
Career	453	3062	37	3025	6.7

That's quite a record for a young man who became a regular halfback late in his sophomore season and quickly became the most feared ball-carrier in these parts. One of the most amazing things about Baity's yardage record is that he lost the grand total of only 37 yards in 453 carries during his career.

## Scores 144 Points In Three Years

Baity doesn't merely chew-up the yardage between the 20-yard lines, either. He goes all-the way on plenty of occasions, and does his share of crossing the final double stripe.

He scored 24 touchdowns for 144 points in his prep career, his junior season of 1956 being his best year. He led this area in scoring with 78 points, and received the area scoring trophy from The Gastonia Gazette, which, incidentally, furnished the picture of Baity in the last issue of The Herald. This year, Ken fell-off in the scoring, with 54 points, but still was tops for his team.

The three-year scoring chart for Baity reads like this:

Year	Season	TD	Points
1955	Soph	2	12
1956	Junior	13	78
1957	Senior	9	54
Career		24	144

Just what all those yards and touchdowns have meant to his team is shown in the won-and-lost record of the Mountaineers in Ken's three years. He has played on teams which have won 27 games, lost four, and tied two. He played on two consecutive Southwestern Conference championship teams (1955 and 1956) and for the runner-up team this season.

Although his team failed to win the league title again this season, the ace halfback rates the distinction of being the Southwestern Conference's number one player. At least, he is the league's lone representative in the Shrine Bowl game.

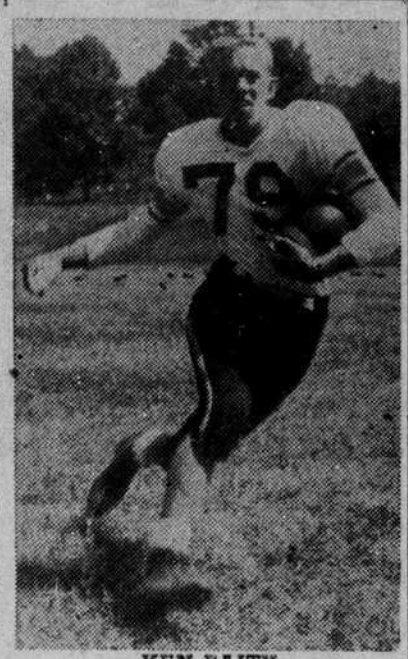
## Student-Faculty Cage Games Slated For Gym Friday Night

The annual student-faculty basketball games, sponsored by the local chapter of the NCEA, will be played at the high school gymnasium Friday night.

Kings Mountain High Schools girls will meet the women teachers in the city schools in the first game starting at 7 o'clock. The Mountaineers will meet the men teachers in the second game. The students won both games last year, and will attempt to make another clean sweep Friday night.

Mrs. W. F. Powell is the president of the NCEA.

# Mountaineer Cagers Lose Pair At B. C.



KEN BAITY

## UNC-Clemson Play First TV Cage Game

Armchair basketball fans are in for a treat this winter cage season. An 11-game Atlantic Coast Conference basketball television schedule will start over station WBTB, Charlotte, on Saturday afternoon of this week.

The opening telecast will feature the University of North Carolina 1957 National Collegiate champions playing Clemson at Chapel Hill. Game time this and every week will be at 2 p. m.

Telecasts will originate from the campuses of ACC schools and all the games will be televised on Saturday afternoons through March 1, with the exception of December 21 and 28 due to Christmas vacations at the colleges.

Every team in the ACC will participate in at least one televised game, with the champion Tar Heels due for five appearances.

Maryland will play Navy on Feb. 1 in the only non-Conference affair. The remaining ten games will be conference clashes.

WBTB is also anticipating carrying the ACC tournament finals to be played in Raleigh on Saturday, March 8. However, plans for telecasting this game have not yet been cleared.

Jimmy Simpson will describe the play-by-play action and Bill Creasy will handle the color commentary for the telecasts.

The complete schedule is as follows: December 7—UNC vs. Clemson. December 14—UNC vs. S. C. January 4—S. C. vs. Virginia. January 11—Duke vs. N. C. State.

January 18—UNC vs. Clemson. January 25—TBA (Probably a UNC game).

February 1—Navy vs. Maryland. February 8—UNC vs. Duke. February 15—N. C. State vs. Maryland.

February 22—S. C. vs. Wake Forest. March 1—S. C. vs. Maryland. March 8—ACC Finals (Tentative).

## Local Men Want To See To Believe

Lions Club program chairman J. Ollie Harris is doing some fast talking with Warren Giese, South Carolina head football coach who will address the Lions' annual football banquet here next Monday night.

First, Harris talked Giese into coming to Kings Mountain as the principal speaker for the big affair.

Now, he is trying to talk the Gamecock coach into bringing along films of South Carolina Carolina's 29-26 loss to State's Wolfpack a couple of weeks ago. The Kings Mountain man isn't anxious to see pictures of South Carolina losing, but he wants to be sure that was the final score.

Harris and Charles Dixon attended the game in question at Columbia on Nov. 23. They saw the Gamecocks and the Wolfpack battle down to what they thought was the final play of the game, when Alex Hawkins of South Carolina intercepted a pass and was stopped 15 yards short of State's goal.

The clock showed the game was over, and the crowd milled onto the field. The two Kings Mountain men hurried to their car and started home.

Later they turned on their car radio and heard announcers giving the score as N. C. State 29, South Carolina 26. Harris and Dixon thought somebody was off his rocker.

Finally, they could stand it no longer, and stopped at a Wadesboro service station to check the score, and truly, found that State won by three points on a field goal by Dick Christy after the game was over.

Now, Harris and Dixon want to see pictures of that ending, to

## Bowling Leaders Hold Top Posts During Week

League leaders held onto their top-ranked posts in all three of the men's duckpin bowling loops at the Mountain Lane Bowling Center during the past week.

Independents copped two games from the Keglers Monday night, with high line honors going to Lowery with a 138, and the high set to Albert Brackett with a 328. Furlson topped the Keglers with a 127 line and a 355 set, tops for the match.

The Kingpins won two games from the Alleycats in the other match. Captain Billy Barber led the winners with a 132 line and a 326 set. D. Ware was the high scorer for the Alleycats, with a 122 line and a 343 set.

Hillbillies held their lead in the Sportman league despite the fact they lost two games to Foote Mineral. Caldwell rolled the high line of 110 and Brackett the high set of 311 for Foote. C. Morrison was the high scorer for Hillbillies, with a 109 line and a 311 set.

Cherry Pickers picked off two wins from Champions as B. Ware rolled the high line for the winners, a 112, and B. Herndon rolled the high set, 288. B. Brendle led the Champions with a 118 line and a 308 set.

Wildcats made a clean sweep, copping three from Outcasts. F. Peterson rolled high line of 118 and Captain Harold Barber had top set, 318, for the Wildcats. Houser topped the Outcasts, with a 117 line and 294 set.

Maintenance won two from Production in the Lithium League. J. Bridges rolled a 108 game and a 287 set to pace the winners. Sherrer had a 117 line and C. Guyton a 308 set to top Production.

Lab took two from Staff as Bridges led the scoring for the winners with a 104 line and a 289 set. Kennedy's 120 line and 319 set was best for Staff.

The leading Anne Randall team boosted its lead in the ladies league Tuesday night, winning three from the Jenny Oates club. Anne Randall and Sara Faye Ruppel rolled lines of 98 and Anne Randall a 280 set for top honors. Jenny Oates led her team with a 95 line, and Jennelle Dedsold had top set of 254.

Lib Bolin team moved into a tie for second place with three wins over the Diana Gamble team. Lib Bolin led her team with a line of 112 and a set of 292. Diana Gamble was tops for her club with a 95 line and a 270 set.

**K. M. MEN'S LEAGUE**

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Independents	23	16	.590
Kingpins	21	18	.538
Alleycats	23	20	.538
Regiers	14	25	.359

**SPORTSMEN LEAGUE**

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Hillbillies	27	12	.692
Wildcats	21	18	.538
Cherry Pickers	21	18	.538
Champions	18	21	.462
Foote Mineral	15	24	.385
Outcasts	15	24	.385

**LITHIUM LEAGUE**

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Maintenance	27	12	.692
Production	21	18	.538
Laboratory	19	20	.487
Staff	11	28	.282

**K. M. LADIES DUCK-PIN LEAGUE**

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Anne Randall	27	9	.750
Jenny Oates	19	18	.514
Lib Bolin	19	17	.529
Diana Gamble	7	29	.250

## Area Four Legion Junior Baseball Officials Air Complaints At Meet

By NEALE PATRICK Herald Sports Editor

Legion officials are heating up their junior baseball hot stove league with some combustible items which should keep things warmed-up during the cold winter season.

Several state and Area Four Legion and junior baseball moguls gathered at the Legion Hall in Gastonia Sunday afternoon to discuss the program for next summer, and to air some of their complaints about the rules which govern play in the kid diamond program.

The group representing almost every Legion Post with a junior baseball team in the Western Area Four could not, and did not, take any action about the rules and regulations which led to quite a bit of bickering and controversy last summer. But area athletic officers did state their complaints and indicated plans for sending their suggestions for changes to the state Legion athletic committee, headed by Charles Smith of Albemarle.

The present and past state commanders of the American Legion were among those on hand for the meeting to hear the complaints. They are Tim Craig of Newton the immediate past commander, and Dudley Robbins of Burgaw, the present Tar Heel Commander.

Also on hand was Oscar Bradshaw, the Legion baseball commissioner for the Eastern North Carolina Area. Presiding over the meeting was John Mosteller of Cherryville, 26th Legion district commander, and a leader in the Cherryville Post junior baseball program.

William Plonk, Kings Mountain junior baseball committee chairman, was on hand representing the local post.

## K. M. Gridders To Attend Fete In Gastonia

Coach John Gamble and three members of his 1957 Mountaineer football team will be among the guests at the Annual Gastonia Gazette football banquet next Wednesday night December 11.

Attending with the mentor will be halfbacks Ken Baity, and Don Gladden and tackle David Marlowe. All three were cited as players of the week during the past gridiron season.

They will join players from other schools in the Gastonia area who are honored for fine performances. Several trophies will be given to outstanding coaches and players.

## Gamecock Coach Giese Speaks At Lions Meet

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Tatum at Jacksonville Naval Station. He followed Tatum to Oklahoma and played on the Gator Bowl team which defeated N. C. State. He later joined Tatum as an assistant coach at Maryland and became his chief aide.

Giese was named head coach at South Carolina two years ago, about the same time Tatum went to North Carolina.

Sharing the spotlight with Giese at the Lions banquet will be the annual presentation of the Fred Plonk blocking trophy to a Mountaineer grid star. This year's winner to be disclosed at the banquet, will be the fifth award.

The other blocking trophy winners: 1953—Ronnie Layton, end. 1954—Charles Yelton, guard. 1955—Joe Meek Ormand, center. 1956—David Marlowe, tackle. This year's winner will be determined by Coach John Gamble after a study of the Mountaineer grid films.

## Gardner-Webb Hosts Tourney

BOILING SPRINGS — The athletic event of the year on the Gardner-Webb campus takes place Dec. 6 and 7 as the first Baptist Junior College Tournament gets under way.

The four competing teams will be Campbell, Wingate North Greenville, and Gardner-Webb. Wingate and North Greenville will lead off as they clash at 7:30 P. M. on Friday. Gardner-Webb will play Campbell in the nightcap at 9 p. m. On Saturday night the two losers will be fighting for a third place spot and the two Friday night winners will be competing for the championship.

North Greenville will be the team to beat in the tournament as they ran way with the conference championship last year. The Spiders, who lost only one of their players from last year, will lay their 24-3 record on the line.

## Bethware Splits Pair With Waco

Bethware cagers split a pair of Cleveland County Conference games with Waco Tuesday night, winning the girls game, 52-50 in an overtime, and losing the boys contest, 68-65.

Pat Yarborough led the scoring for the Bethware lassies, tallying 21 points, and five of her teammates also entered the scoring column. Neal led Waco with 25.

Boys' Waco 68 Bethware 65

Girls' Bethware 52 Waco 50

**BOYS**

PLAYER	PTS
Edwards	18
Burton	17
Ranton	17
Anthony	8
Williams	5
Wright	2
Freeman	2

**SCORE BY PERIODS**

1	2	3	4	OT	TOT.
14	16	19	25	—	65
14	16	17	21	—	68

**GIRLS**

PLAYER	PTS
Yarborough	21
Neal	11
Grigg	9
Delinger	8
Hammick	7
Gantt	4
Hammick	3
Falls	3
Cranford	1
Hammick	1
Wease	1

**SCORE BY PERIODS**

1	2	3	4	OT	TOT.
16	8	9	15	2	50
17	12	12	7	4	52

## Keith Layton And Diane Cansler Lead K. M. Scoring In Defeats

The third quarter proved the downfall for Kings Mountain's pair of high school cagers in the season's openers at Bessemer City on Tuesday night.

Both the Mountaineers and the Mountainettes were victims of big 17-point third quarters by the Yellow Jackets who copped the double-header by a 53-47 score in the girls game and by a 50-42 count in the boys tussle.

Kings Mountain's lads and lassies were holding their own through the first half of each game, with Coach Lib Collette's girls boasting a 24-23 edge at rest time, and Coach Don Parker's boys were tied at 24-all.

Then in the third period, the Yellow Jackets pulled all the stops on all their stingers and hooped 17 points each during the eight-minute period, and, to all intents and purposes, that was all for Kings Mountain.

Despite the losses, Kings Mountain came up with the individual high scorer for the games. Dianne Cansler hooped 26 points to lead the girls, most of her tallies coming on her driving jump shot. Keith Layton helped keep the Mountaineers in contention with 24 points.

But they could not match the balanced scoring of the Yellow Jackets. Anne Simmons and Pat Canipe scored 20 points each for the Bessemer City girls, while four of Coach Jack Parker's ranga boys hit the double figures. Hoyle Strutt, a smooth-operating youngster topped the point-making for the winner with 14, and three others had ten each.

Kings Mountain's girls grabbed an early lead in their game, held a 12-8 edge at the end of the first quarter, and maintained a 24-23 edge at halftime. But then third-quarter lightning struck as B. C. hit 17 points, and the Mountaineerettes fell behind despite a 13-point stanza of their own.

The boys game followed somewhat the same pattern. The teams were tied at nine-all at the first period, and 23-all at halftime.

With three minutes gone in the third period, the score was still

deadlocked at 26-26. Then it happened. Big, red-headed Richard Sisk, Bessemer City center, tapped in two rebounds, and Donnie Honeycutt scored on a fast break and the Jackets were winging. Bessemer City ran the score to 42-27 before the Mountaineers could garner another field goal after a minute and a half of the fourth period.

The Mountaineers, thus, went almost seven minutes without a field goal.

Bessemer City's second unit entered the game midway of the fourth quarter, with a 44-32 lead. Layton cracked three quick field goals, and J. D. Biddix and Don Fisher a pair of foul tosses each, and the Mountaineers cut the margin to 44-40. The Bessemer regulars hustled back into the game to protect the lead.

**BOYS**

KINGS MOUNT.	FG	FT	TP	PF
Layton, K.	11	2-3	24	1
Honeycutt, F.	1	3-3	10	1
Presley, C.	1	1-1	3	1
Biddix, J.	2	3-3	5	3
Thomas, G.	0	3-4	5	0
Conner, G.	0	0-0	0	1
TOTALS	15	10-14	48	12

**GIRLS**

KINGS MOUNT.	FG	FT	TP	PF
Layton, K.	5	0-0	10	2
Strutt, H.	5	4-6	14	2
Sisk, C.	4	2-2	10	2
Holland, G.	3	0-1	6	2
Davis, G.	2	6-6	10	2
J. Rockholt	0	0-0	0	1
Harmont	0	0-0	0	1
Robinson	0	0-0	0	1
Mackey	0	0-1	1	0
R. Rockholt	0	0-0	0	1
TOTALS	19	15-16	50	11

**SCORE BY PERIODS**

1	2	3	4	OT	TOT.
12	12	15	—	—	42
9	12	17	12	—	50

**GIRLS GAME**

KINGS MOUNT.	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cansler, D.	11	4-10	26	2
Raines, F.	5	5-8	11	10
Black, F.	0	0-1	0	0
Kirby, F.	0	0-0	0	0
Wright, G.	0	0-0	0	0
Edwards, G.	0	0-0	0	0
Pearson, G.	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	16	9-16	47	12

**SCORE BY PERIODS**

1	2	3	4	OT	TOT.
12	12	13	18	—	47
9	12	17	12	—	50

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