



Pat's Peckings

By NEALE PATRICK

KM'S Claim On Top Lineman

Sports notes to you... This requires a slight stretch of the imagination, but a fellow could figure-out the angle that Kings Mountain almost claimed all three of the most recent linemen-of-the-year in the Gastonia area.

Here's the angle... David Plonk of the Mountaineers, of course, won the trophy, given annually by the Gazette, in 1958... The year before (1957) the top lineman in the four Southwest Conference schools in the Gastonia area was J. B. Owens of Belmont, who had moved from Kings Mountain a couple of seasons before... and this year, the trophy went to Harold Hallman of Lincolnton, who made an effort to enter Kings Mountain High for this his final school year, but learned that he would be ineligible to play here.

The story has already been related that Harold hoped to live with uncles and aunts here, while his mother and step-father remained in Siam where the latter is an air force major... But when the WNCCHSAA ruled he could not play here under such residence rules, he moved to Lincolnton where his father resides.

Coach John Gamble merely shakes his head about losing such tackles as Owens and Hallman in three years, and repeats the age-old lament of fishermen and grid mentors, alike... That the biggest ones always get away.

Paul Amen told about one he missed his first season at Wake Forest... "When I arrived in Wake Forest four years ago, people kept telling me to go down to Kings Mountain and get the quarterback down there... George Harris... But I didn't get here early enough... and lived to regret it this year."

Harris heaved the only two touchdowns of his college career in the game against Wake, and those pitches were instrumental in Duke's 27-15 triumph, the Deacons' only loss by more than one touchdown.

Wright Out Of Coaching For Year

Keeping up with a couple of Kings Mountain coaching products:

B. T. Wright, Jr., came back to his hometown for the Lions Club grid banquet last week, and revealed that he is out of coaching this season, while working toward his masters degree at Western Carolina College... "But I like coaching and plan to return to it next season," he says... Wright coached the Erwin High School team at Asheville in the 1958 season.

Citadel aide Pride Ratterree has been taking exercise—pushing back from the table... He trimmed his weight from 230 to 189 during the summer months... "But I got so mean that I couldn't stand myself," he says, "so I put 11 pounds back on so that I could feel jolly again."

Amen was telling K. M. Mentor Gamble following the fete here last week that he is seeking tall quarterbacks and rangy ends for his future Wake Forest teams... Those tall fellows, in fact, are tops on the want list for almost every school... And football coaches are finding that most such big 'uns are playing basketball instead of football in college.

Carolina coaches, for instance, figure they have three of the best end prospects in the country in school at Chapel Hill, but all concentrated on basketball. All three are six-seven and weight about 220... Danny Lotz gave football a one-season twirl this autumn, and developed into a good one... Tar Heel coaches just drool over a couple of other cagers, Lee Shaffer and Jum Huddock... The latter giant was all-state football in Pennsylvania, and Coach Frank McGuire's stiffest competition in recruiting Huddock came from Notre Dame which wanted him for football.

Gamble Remembers Cline 'When'

Doug Cline of Clemson was named the best blocker in the ACC this season, but Mountaineer football fans still remember the big fullback from Valdese for his running ability against Kings Mt. in the Western playoff game four years ago... "Steve Shehan of Rutherfordton looked good against us in the final game, scoring those four touchdowns," recalls Coach Gamble. "But he didn't look in the same class with Cline who scored two TD's to beat us that year... Cline ran like a halfback in the open, and was powerful to boot."

State's Wolfpack adds the newest chapter in the fallacy of statistics... State lost nine of ten games this grid season, but were not out first-downed all year... The Pack "beat" seven teams and tied three in the number of first down... And for the complete season, State made 148 first downs compared to 122 total for the ten foes.

Records don't seem to help, either... The Wolfpack set 24 school and conference records this year despite the 1-9 mark... Maybe the "luck" angle does explain it all... The Wolfpack couldn't even win the pre-game coin toss, missing every call.

Football season is over for the high school boys, but the honors continue to come in for the Mountaineers... Jerry Adams was named to the Charlotte Observer all-state 3-A team, and a well-deserved recognition... Jerry "had a nose" for the pigskin this fall, having the uncanny knack of turning up in the area of loose footballs... He made an unusual number of interceptions and fumble recoveries, and cleanly blocked at least two punts.

The final records are in, and just for the records, as you will note in a story on this page, Paul Hendricks was the scoring champion of the Conference this season, the second time in three years that the Mountaineers can make that claim.

The arm-chair quarterbacks who like to stay at home and watch their neighborhood football teams play will have a field-day on television Saturday... First, its Lenoir-Rhyne in the NAIA championship game in the Holiday Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla., and later in the afternoon, Clemson dons its bowl cap, again, in the first Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston, Texas... And you can see them both over WBTV... Quite a treat for "home folks".

K. M. Can't Locate Hoop In Dallas Losses

Mountaineers' Top Point Total In Two Years Paces Double Win

GIRLS				
Kings Mt.	(46)	FG	FT	TP
Forwards		5	1	11
Raines		8	9	25
Weir		4	2	10
Gladden				
TOTALS	17	12	46	
Guards: Yates, Goodson, Lynn, C. Plonk, J. Plonk, Lennon, Grover				
BOYS				
Kings Mt.	(62)	FG	FT	TP
Fisher		3	4	3
Blanton		5	3	3
Thorburn		8	4	3
Parker		3	3	5
Robbs		4	2	4
Wright		0	0	0
TOTALS	23	16	27	18
Grover		6	2	6
Crocker		12	4	8
Mullinax		1	1	3
Humphries		1	3	4
C. Green		3	0	3
D. Green		3	0	2
Bess		3	0	1
TOTALS	23	10	29	19
Kings Mt.		13	18	12
Grover		13	19	11

The Mountaineers had their shooting irons well-oiled last Friday night.

They came up with their biggest scoring binge in nearly two years, defeating Grover, 62-46, for the Mountaineers' first victory of the young season. The Kings Mountain girls completed the clean sweep with a close 46-44 triumph in the first contest thus posting their second victory of the campaign.

Friday's 62 points is the biggest point total for the Mountaineers since a 63-point production against Cliffside in mid-season two years ago. Last year, the top scoring effort for the Mountaineers was 50 points in the final game of the season against Caroleen.

Chip Thorburn tossed in 20 points to pace four Mountaineers scoring in the double-digits. Jimmy Blanton added 13, and Don Fisher and James Robbs ten each. Punch Parker barely missed the double-figures, with nine points before fouling out of the game in the late stages. Jerry Wright, who replaced Parker was the only sub in the game for the Mountaineers who broke the game open with a last quarter spurt.

Grover led 32-31 at halftime, and the clubs were tied at 43-all at the end of three stanzas. Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers pulled away in the last period with 19 points, compared to Grover's 13. Accuracy from the foul line played a major role in Kings Mountain hiking its lead.

In fact, foul-shooting decided the game. Both clubs hit 23 field goals, and Kings Mountain was more deadly from the free throw line, sinking 16 out of 27 for the game. Grover hit only 10 of 29.

Thorburn scored eight of his game-total 20 points in the final quarter, with Blanton picking up five of his markers in the clutch situations. Top scoring honors for the game went to Jack Mullinax of Grover with 28 points. He sank 12 field goals and four free tosses, garnering 21 of his points in the first half, and being largely responsible for Grover's early lead.

Marlene Weir was the top scorer for the Mountaineers for the second straight game, tossing in 25 points and helping her club gain an early lead which provided a cushion against late rally by Grover. Marlene scored ten points in the first quarter and 17 at half time as Kings Mountain gained its 28-20 lead at intermission.

The Mountaineers boosted the margin to 11 points (41-30) at the end of three stanzas. Coach Bill Bates girls managed only one field goal and five points in the last quarter as Grover trimmed the score to the final two points.

Linda Eaker was the top point maker for Grover, with 23 points. Usually high-scoring Gloria Huffstetler was limited to seven points.

Coach Preston Holt's Grover teams will return the visit to Kings Mountain in the first game following the Christmas holidays, here on Friday night, January 8. That will be the Mountaineer club's final non-Conference contests of the season.

Kings Mt. Cagers Lose Third In Row

Kings Mountain lost its third straight game in the National recreation basketball league in Gastonia Tuesday night, bowing before Red Shield Club, 53-31.

J. D. Biddix, backcourt star for the Mountaineers a couple of seasons ago, scored more than half the Kings Mountain points, with 16. Top scoring honors for the game went to a Gastonia Red Shield player, Jake Black, with 22. Red Shield led at half-time, 22-10.

The game completes the pre-Christmas slate for the recreational league. The Kings Mountain teams returns to action on January 8.

Western Carolinas League Seeks Tie-Up With New Continental Loop

The proposed Class D Western Carolinas baseball league is eyeing a tie-up with the new Continental major league.

WCL President John Moss of Kings Mountain and directors of the eight teams in the circuit met in Newton Wednesday night with Dwight Davis of the New York Club in the new Continental League to discuss the possibilities of the tie-up between the two new leagues.

Davis, one of the backers and officials of the New York club, attended the Newton meeting as the personal representative of Branch Rickey, the president of the Continental League.

Rickey notified Moss that he considers the Carolinas as an outstanding area for young talent and is vitally interested in all proposed clubs in the West-

ern Carolinas League. The president of the Continental circuit was unable to attend the meeting in Newton, but sent Davis as his representative to attempt to work out plans for the two new leagues to work together.

If such negotiations can be worked out, the Western Carolinas League would be the first step by the Continental League in the player development program.

The plan would call for each of the eight teams in the WCL to have a working agreement with one of the members of the new major league.

Eight clubs have indicated plans to enter the WCL. They are Shelby, Rutherford County, Hickory, Newton, Statesville, Lexington, High Point-Thomasville, and Rock Hill, S. C.

Mountie Cagers Suffer First Double Defeat



TONY GOINS

Tony Goins Plays On Marine Team

Former Mountaineer football star Tony Goins is continuing his grid career in the Marines.

Now attached to the headquarters battery of the Third Marine Division in Okinawa, Pfc. Goins was a member of his unit's football team this autumn.

He has been in the service for 18 months, since his graduation from Kings Mountain High School.

Tony played end for the Mountaineers, completing his grid career here in the 1957 season.

He sends word that he would like to hear from his friends here, at the following address: PFC William Anthony Goins, Headquarters Battery, 12th Marine, Third Marine Division, Okinawa, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

BOXSCORES

GIRLS				
Kings Mt.	(22)	FG	FT	TP
Forwards		3	0	6
Raines		5	3	13
Weir		1	1	3
Gladden		0	0	0
M. Plonk		0	0	0
TOTALS	9	4	22	
Guards: Yates, Goodson, Lynn				
DALLAS (33)				
Forwards		7	1	15
Jenkins		7	1	15
Lutz		1	1	3
Norman		0	0	0
Puitt		0	0	0
TOTALS	15	3	33	
Guards: Robinson, High, Jenkins				
BOYS				
Kings Mt.	(30)	FG	FT	TP
Fisher		5	0	2
Blanton		1	0	4
Thorburn		4	0	2
Parker		2	1	2
Robbs		2	1	2
Wright		0	0	0
Allen		0	0	0
Adams		0	0	0
TOTALS	14	2	12	30
Dallas		4	4	9
DALLAS (44)				
Forwards		3	1	0
Carrigan		2	1	2
Jenkins		7	1	2
Rhyme		1	2	3
High		1	2	4
Lineberger		5	3	2
Neal		0	0	0
Lutz		0	0	0
Brewer		0	0	0
Ratchford		0	0	0
Holland		0	0	0
TOTALS	18	8	15	6
Kings Mt.		4	4	9
Dallas		9	7	16

Bryant Top Scorer In Gun Club Matches

T. W. Bryant of Kings Mountain posted top honors in two divisions in the monthly meeting of the Universal Gun Club at the range in Grover on Sunday.

He won the 22-cal. rifle match over the Dewar Course, and also had top score in the center-fire pistol match on the NRA short course.

Bryant fired a score of 390-11 in the 22. cal. rifle match for the Dewar Course of 20 shots for 50 yards and 20 shots at 100 yards. Frank Sikes was second with a 389-12 score, and Fain Hambricht of Grover third with a 388-9 score.

Bryant's winning score for the center-fire pistol match was 268-4. Fain Hambricht was second with a mark of 218, and F. T. Green was third with a 196 score.

Jerry Adams Selected As Center On 3-A All-State Football Team

Jerry Adams is the Mountaineers' all-state footballer for the 1959 season.

The big junior center was named to the all-state 3-A football team as selected by a board of coaches for The Charlotte Observer.

Adams was selected as one of the two centers on the 22-man squad. The other all-state center in the 3-A classification was Marion Kirby of the WNCCHSAA champion Hickory team. Kirby distinguished himself during the year, kicking 46 of 50 extra point attempts.

Kirby was one of five Hickory players on the all-state selection. Adams was the only player from the Southwest Conference and one of a few juniors on the otherwise senior-dominated mythical club.

The all-state berth is the second post-season honor for Adams, who earlier was named on the All-Southwest Conference football club. He was one of six Mountaineers on that all-star pick, and the lone local junior so selected.

Adams played both center and end for the Mountaineers this season and was particularly adept at backing-up the line.



JERRY ADAMS

The husky all-stater is six-foot, two-inches in height and weighs 175 pounds.

Paul Hendricks Leading Scorer In Southwest Conference For '59

The final tabulations are all in... and Mountaineer halfback Paul Hendricks is the scoring king in Southwest Conference football this season.

Playing his first and only season as a regular, the senior halfback, raced to eight touchdowns for a 48-point total and tops in the individual scoring race for the players on the eight Southwest Conference teams.

Hendricks edged Jerry Hayes of Cherryville (44 points) and a pair of Rutherfordton-Spindale Central backfield stars, Steve Shehan and Sherrill Norville (42 points each) for the scoring title.

The scoring figures are compiled in all games played, including conference and non-conference contests.

Hendricks, who was one of the six Mountaineers named on the all-Conference team this season, is the second Kings Mountain halfback in three years to win the point title in the Southwest Conference. Ken Batty was the point pace-setter two year ago.

Don Gladden was runner-up in the Conference scoring chase in 1958.

Don Fisher also rates among the scoring leaders for the season, with five touchdowns and 30 points.

Hendricks eight touchdowns, of course, also paced the league in the number of times crossing the double-stripe.

Hilltopper fullback Steve Shehan was next in total TD's with seven... and the Mountaineers well-recall that he scampared to four of them against Kings Mountain. Actually, Shehan made a fast finish, scoring all



PAUL HENDRICKS

seven of his touchdowns in Central's final three games.

The top scorers in the Southwest Conference for the 1959 football season:

Player	School	TD	Pat	Pts.
Hendricks	Kings Mt	8	0	48
Hayes	Cherryville	6	8	44
Shehan	R. S. Central	7	0	42
Norville	RSC	6	6	42
Buckner	Belmont	6	1	37
Kennedy	Shelby	6	0	36
Billings	Lincolnton	6	0	36
Champion	Forest City	6	0	36
Fisher	Kings Mt.	5	0	30
Cuthbertson	Belmont	5	0	30
Jones	Forest City	4	2	26
Laney	Cherryville	4	2	26

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