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Pat's **Peckings**

Presidents Have Time For Sports, Too

The final score on the great debate will be written next Tuesday and we will learn, among other things, whether the new occupant of the White House has the same interest in sports and recreation as some of his produces.

The mountaineers had that winning touch, again, last Friday of the threat early in the fourth stanza, pushing down to the RSC 21-yard line, but a couple of 15-yard penalties halted that hope.

Kings Mountain defense, instead and the struck successfully twice and a ground-defense which was never better.

The end result was a 14-6 triinterest in sports and recreation as some of his predeses-

One has only to read today's papers to realize that presidents do mix sports with politics . . . Eisenhower, for instance, probably is the most sports-minded president, certainly the most-dedicated golfer . . . And he has followed the tradition of tossing out the first ball for the major leading Lincolnton Wolves.

Lincolnton moved a step neargue baseball season, although he did pass-up the invitation for a game of golf in 1953 . . . Rain helped him off the hook work cherryville and now the Wolves have only a game with large and force that president were personally responsible for tossing Central backs for losses during the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossing the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossing the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossing the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossing the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossing the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossing the half, each tackling ball-carriers behind the line of scrimage. In addition, Harris made were personally responsible for tossible faith hopes the most form the personal pers with the diamond fans, however, the opener being washed out, and Ike made amends, tossing out the first ball for a

Whether Kennedy or Nixon follows Ike as a sportsman remains to be seen . . . Nixon thinks and acts like his man remains to be seen . . . Nixon thinks and acts like his boss, being quite a golf bug . . . But it can be told that he doesn't shoot as good a game as does Ike, who normally scores in the mid-80's . . . The story goes that Nixon is a mid-90 shooter.

Kennedy who played football in prep school, now leans to yachting and boating for his sports and recreation activities . . . In those sports, Kennedy follows the lead of that other great Democrat, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was an avid yachtman and small-boat handler

Nixon also is quite a fan of all sports, making men-tion in one of his recent jaunts to North Carolina that he and a point-after. seldom missed a football game while a student at Duke . . And he admitted cringing with the rest of the Blue Devil folk while TV-watching Carolina's 50-0 win last Thanks- the other tally, and Robbs also giving . . . He is also an avid Washington Senator (that's passed for one of the important the American League baseball team) fan . . . One story has it that Nixon once asked his friend Billy Graham to pray for the Senators . . . Billy said he would, if Nixon would arrange to get the Nats a couple more pitchers.

| Mad to share the spotlight with the rugged Mountaineer line which completely stifled the

The vice-president also turned up at the Football Writers' Association meeting during the football all-star game in Chicago last summer, and made some such remark that he "would rather be a sports writer than president." . . . I Hilltopper backsfor minus - ten imagine the Democrats can arrange that.

Wilson Used Red Golfballs In Snow

Linking past presidents with sports, it's odd that the biggest and bulkiest of our Chief Executives was the "first" in the two fields of recreation most closely-association in the two fields of recreation most closely-association of the two fields of recreation most closely-association of the two fields of recreation most closely-association. ted with presidential pastimes . . . A red-hot baseball fan, termission. The net result of the Taft was the first White House occupant to throw out the first ball of the baseball season in Washington, a custom yards. which is now tradition . . . Taft also was the first president to play golf to any great extent, despite his size which tipped the scales at 354 pounds at inauguration . . . Reports have it that Taft could and did break a hundred around a touchdown in the first president tral turned to the air for its only success, a 63-yard pass from Tom Culbreth to Steve Buff providing

Woodrow Wilson was another golf lover and he liked the game so well that he played in the snow, using a red ball. . . It's a fact, too, that Wilson was on the golf But an interception halted that course when a messenger brought him the news that a German U-Boat had torpedoed the Lusitania . . . Scorekeepers report that Wilson seldom broke a hundred, how-

In contrast, Harding is reported to have toured the 18 the local defenders began flexs in the upper 80's . . . Coolings was a part-time golder ing their muscles, with Jerry A. and FDR also played, prior to his polio, and, of course, be- dams and Mike Dixon making fore he entered the White House.

Golf, it seems, was too tame for Teddy Roosevelt It's interesting to note that Jerry Dalton whose avid athletic inclination leaned to more strenuous RSC picked up 31 yards on the exercises, such as big-game hunting and six sets of tennis first six plays of the game, in Delano Prince in an afternoon, all to his favorite expression of "Bully."

Actually, the first golfing president was William Mc-Kinley, who created quite a stir in the pre-1900's by appearing on a golf course at Hot Springs, Va., not to play but to allow people to see him swing at a little white ball but to allow people to see him swing at a little white ball and, RSC did not make a first down rushing after the opening of the remainder of the contest. Actually, the first golfing president was William Mc- yards net for the game . . One tax-payer, aghast at such goings-on, penned a letter to the editor of a Boston newspaper, hoping to quell drive, the other four coming on Bland

Ulysses S. Grant saw his first game of golf in England after leaving the White House, and remarked: "That looks like good exercise, but what's the little white ball for?"

The Mountaineers turned a break into a TD drive late in the first period. Forced to kick Garland B

FDR Was Wildest First-ball Tosser

Baseball has been another favorite pastime for most gained possession at the KM 41 and methodically ground out the remaining 59 yards with five

Hoover, however, was a shortstop at Stanford University and, still, has a crooked finger as a momento of his yard penalty, and it was strictly playing days . . . Eisenhower, too, played baseball at West a foot soldier march, without Point, and, reportedly, had a brief professional fling under pass being thrown. An 11-yard

Pitching has been the favorite baseball recreation for drive's longest gainer. the presidents, pitching out the first ball of the season,

Taft started it in 1910 and every president since then has taken his turn on the first-ball mound . . . As expected, has taken his turn on the first pitches, eight, and Truman attended seven openers in a row after missing the first shortly after Roosevelt's death.

The was a scatter-arm who once took aim for his toss, in the point and a 7-0 lead.

The point is first football victory of the same club and also berson scored twice, Charlie Nog-in two years, however, Chase the point and a 7-0 lead.

This time Robbs hit Harris for the point and a 7-0 lead.

Happy with the lead and buzzing with excitement a few minutes later following Wally Harris for the point and a 7-0 lead.

The Little Mountaineers lost at the point and a 180 berson scored twice, Charlie Nog-in two years, however, Chase gle, Johnny Green and Dennis the point and a 7-0 lead.

Wolves who just about wrapped to the final play of the game, a 67-yard pass from Carey Anderson to Phil Tate.

Pat Murphy scored all two years, however, Chase gle, Johnny Green and Dennis the tistle-winging Morrison once each in the vice of the point and a 7-0 lead.

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but, instead, smashed a press photographers' camera with

Wilson and Harding were staunch diamond fans and both kept professionally-accurate scorecards, abilities tracing back to their baseball up-bringing . . Wilson was manager of the Princeton baseball team, and Harding was manager of the Princeton baseball team, and Harding was league team in Ohio.

Coolidge attended baseball games at the insistence of his wife, a real fan . . . Mrs. Coolidge, in fact, kept an active with a diamond fans and the central manager of four wins and a loss, with two big games with two big games with two big games and a loss, with two big games to play, at Belmont this week to play, at Belmont this

his wife, a real fan . . . Mrs. Coolidge, in fact, kept an accurate scorecard on the proceedings . . . Silent Cal, however, knew little about the game, evidenced by the fact that he tried to leave the park at the end of the ninth inning of the seventh game of the historic 1924 World Series intermission. between the Senators and the Giants . . . What's odd about that? . . . The score happened to be tied . . . A violent yank at his coattail by Mrs. Coolidge saved-face for Cal.
Fishing was a favorite recreation for Coolidge, Hoover

and Grover Cleveland, and Hoover also was quite an enthuiast of a session with the medicine ball.

George Washington was a racing fan and owned sev-

George Washington was a racing fan and owned several racing horses . . And Andy Jackson added thorough bred racers to the White House stables.

It took six plays to negotiate the summary:

John Quincy Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Harrison were exponents of billiards, and Rutherford Hayes had a croquet set for the White House lawn . . . Adams reportedly, liked early morning dips in the Potomac . . . And, of course, the walkers-for-recreation were Truman and of course, the walkers-for-recreation were Truman and Lincoln . . . Harry, also, is known to have enjoyed an orcasional game of poker.

Mountaineers took charge at the Valdese, each with six straight league wins.

It took six plays to negotiate distance, the payoff being a 28-yard pitch from Robbs to Clontz who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings points, followed closely by Lincolnton's 133 and Central's Lincolnton led all the way in its win over Cherryville, marching a 28-yard pitch from Robbs to Clontz who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yards to Curt who had faked the RSC opening kickoff. Harold Billings passed the final 37-yar

Tougher Ground Defense Sparks Victory Over RSC

The end result was a 14-6 tri-umph over the defending South-west Conference playoff cham-pion R. S. Central Hilltoppers, Floyd and Dale Hollifield were

Wolves have only a game with Chase remaining . . . but the Mountaineers can hope, as they head into their final pair of games, at Belmont and against Cherryville here.

to run his season's scoring total

Chester Clontz pulled in a 28 yard pass from James Robbs for

The offensive aces, however, had to share the spotlight with which completely stifled ground for the game, throwing

eer linemen were regular intru-ders into the privacy of the Hill-toppers backfield in the second Wally plays was minus-ten

a touchdown in the final minute of the first half and a couple of Arthur Allen

But an intercetpion halted that. Only the game-opening Hill-topper running attack fooled the Mountaineers. Central drove the opening kickoff from its own 44 Player down to the KM 25. But there Chester Clontz key tackles on second and third

that opening drive, and only 27 Garland Bridges pass completions.

the first period. Forced to kick Garland Bridges from his own 26 on fourth down Archie Warren and four to go, Wally Harris was roughed-up by a Central lineman, and Kings Mountain re first downs. In all the 80 yard

side for the final yard and the for 1960. TD. Perry Champion ran the ex-

ris' tremendous 47-yard punt, from scrimmage, Mountaineer tie, a slight edge over Kings which had reading their losing jag which had reading their losing thei

Defense reared its impressive head again to help the Moun- liminated from title contention. are idle. taineers add the other score in the third period.

Jerry Adams led a defensive pionship and send Coach Von ing, with 175 points in the eight surge which partially blocked a Harris' team against the North-Henry Griffin punt and the west winner, either Hickory or Mountaineers took charge at the Valdese, each with six straight

terception of a Culbreth pass in the end zone with the Hilltoppers on the 11-yard line and less than a minute to play.

Mountaineer **Grid Graph**

YARDSTICK First Downs Passes Int'cpd. by Fumbles Lost Yards Penalized SCORE BY QUARTERS

For Kings Mountain Touchdowns: Punch Parker The hard-charging Mountain- 1 (28-yard pass from James

R. S. Central

Extra Points: Parker 1 (run), Harris 1 (pass from Touchdown: Steve Buff (63-

yard pass from Tom Culbreth.) INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

R. S. Central Rushing Kenneth Bland Tom Culbreth -10 27 R. S. Central Passing

a foot soldier march, without a pass being thrown. An 11-yard run by Alton Stewart was the drive's longest gainer.

The chase is almost over . . . period. Mike Laney tallied both only Chase remains between Lintimes for Cherryville.

Coach Fred Withers' outfit tangles with R. S. Central Junior tangents are lessing to the left tangents are less almost over . . . period. Mike Laney tallied both to be played at City Stadium.

Parker punched off the left

Champion West Midgets Post Perfect Record

ph of the fall for the charges of Coaches Vic Smith and Jimmy Littlejohn, who succeed Central as the champion of the small-fry

ded a fouchdown in each of the last two stanzas to pace West's 19-0 victory over North. Jay smashed over from three yards out for the first score, and Johnny rambled 35 yards and eight yards for his two scores. Fred Wright added the extra point for the champe

Van Dyke and Powell were a-

a foot injury during the game. 41-0 triumph over Central.

yards rushing in the second half. (1-yard smash), Chester Clontz Ricky Hamrick tallying one TD Belmont

period. He scored again, on a 13yard canter, in the second quarter. Steve scored on a three-yard Teams run between Jerry's pair of tal-

Paul picked up both his TD's in the second half, running three Cherryville vards for a third stanza score R. S. Central and rambling 24 yards for the final marker of the game. Ricky drove three yards for the other second half touchdown by the

Hamrick and Steve Goforth, each scored two extra points, and Paul Reynolds marked-up the other, all on runs. In addition to his scoring runs Paul Reynolds also had runs of

a defensive star for the winners, along with Tommy Goforth, Steve Goforth, Roger Ross Jerry Ramsey.

123 ght. 0 0 0 0-0 Scoring Touchdowns for East-

Yards Central Hamrick. Extra points—Hamrick (2), Goforth (2) and Reynolds.

sweep used 15 plays, plus the 15-yard penalty, and it was strictly

following Friday.

will give the Wolves the cham-

ference football championship, straight win since losing to High tonight at 7:30, seeking to Kings Mountain, trouncing Bel- avenge an earlier defeat at the

lead the Southwest clubs in scor- ran five yards for the final mark-

Champion West wrapped-up ts undefeated season Saturday night scoring a 19-0 victory over North in one of the final two ga-mes of the Kings Mountain mid-get football campaign.

It was the sixth straight trium-

for the winners, along with Roy Medlin, Wayne Odell, Tommy Day and Mike Goforth.

Phillip Ruff, Kenny Plonk and Norman Camp were among the defensive stars for the losers, who lost Butch Blackburn with East scored in every quarter in rolling up the six TD's and the

Jerry Ramsey and Paul Rey-olds scored twice each for the

Jerry opened the East scoring with a 12-yard dash in the first

The one - TD markers, Ricky

Yords 34 and 35 yards. Paul also was

ame with an injury, Eddie Gladden and Danny Kiser were leading defenders for Central.

7-19 North Scoring: Touchdown for West-Johnny Van Dyke (2) and Jay Passes Comp. Incp. Yds Powell. Extra point-Fred Wri-

Jerry Ramsey (2), Paul Reynolds (2), Steve Goforth and Rickey

Doug Harmon scored the TD's, Mauney and guards Lynn Ches-and Jerry Francis, an all-Confer-hire and Sid Carpenter played ence end last year, made the ex-

MIDGET FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - The West School team, pictured above, captured the Kings Mountain midget football title this auamn, sweeping to six straight victories. The eague champions will meet an all-star team

picked from the other three clubs in the midget grid wind-up at City Stadium Saturday

Putnam; SECOND ROW - Ray Miller, Wayne Odell, Mike Goforth, Scott Cloninger, Freddy Wright, Rickey Stewart, and Gene Hammett; BACK ROW—Coach Jimmy Littlejohn. Ben Grimes, Johnny Van Dyke, Steve Wilson, Dean Henderson, Jay Powell. Phillip Putnam, and Coach Vic Smith. The following were absent

grid program. East rolled up the biggest score of the season in the four team league, with a 41-0 victory over Central in the other game last Saturday night. Jay Powell scored a first quarter TD and Johnny Van Dyke added a touchdown in each of the last two stanzas to pace West's get grid wind-up at City Stanium Saturday night, FRONT ROW — Fred Clary, Tommy Day, Wayne Mullinax, and Mike Boheler. Speedier Mountaineer Lineup To Start Against Red Raiders

Southwest Conference Football

CONFERENCE STANDING Lincolnton Kings Mtn. Cherryville

SEASON'S RECORDS WLT Pts.

Lincolnton

Kings Mountain at Belmont. Chase at Lowell Shelby at Gaffney, S. C. Marion at R. S. Central. Cherryville at Mooresville RESULT LAST WEEK

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Kings Mountain 14, R. S. Cen-Lincolnton 13, Cherryville 12. Shelby 34, Belmont 7 Chase 13, Forest City 12.

MIDGET FOOTBALL FINAL STANDINGS

SATURDAY'S RESULTS West 10, North 0. East 41, Central 0. West 19, North 0.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE West vs League All-Stars (City Stadium, 7 o'clock).

Plays RSC Here

The Kings Mountain Junior High Little Mountaineers re-turn home Thursday night in the

Despite its first football victory mont, 34-7, last week. Butch Ro- hands of the same club and also

staunch defensive ball. Lincolnton scored in quarter in the victory. Byrd ran The Mountaineers game at the first TD from one yard out, ollowing Friday.

Every other team has been eiminated from title contention.

Belmont is the lone Conference
game this week, as two teams
are idle.

The Mountaineers game and he passed to Morris on a 30yard play for the second score.
Morris added the third tally, too, Kings Mountain continues to on a 45-yard romp, and Richards

plete their seven-game schedule here on Thursday night of next

showed accelerated team speed its starting assignment in the 38 Southwest Conference clash at 39 Belmont Friday night.

Three changes in the defensive alignment considerably boosted 19 the speed and pursuit of the Mountaineers in the victory over R. S. Central here last Friday evening and Coach John Gamble said that indications are that the switches will remain in effect against the Red Raiders.

The changes involve two new faces in the defensive unit, with three positions affected. One of the changes was necessitated by an injury and the other to pro-vide more heft to the line-back-

Regular guard Charles Burns has been moved to tackle, replacing Don Champion who missed last week's game due to an ankle sprain. Tommy Armstrong moved into Burns' guard post, as the Mountaineers lost some 90 C the Mountaineers lost some 90 C pounds in weight but gained val-

confining most of his center duty to offensive play, took over the line-backing role and turned in an outstanding performance. "If we can get the same sort of line-backing out of Dixon, we Pos.

Mike Dixon, who has been

will have a tougher defense." asserts Coach Gamble. Champion has returned to drills with the Mountaineers, but RG still is not at top strength and RT has not received the final okeh RE to play on the ankle injured in QB

the Lincolnton game. The Mountaineers' final road RH game and next-to-last contest of FB .333 the year is carded for Belmont at

1 5 .167 7:30 Friday. a record of three wins and five losses, two of the lickings being to strong Northwest Conference

neighbors, Hickory and Lenoir.

183 150 165 160 170 166 150 165 164 165 Tommy Armstrong Mike Dixon Curtis Floyd Charles Burns Chester Clontz Punch Parker Wally Harris BELMONT Blake Price James Crisswell

THE RECORDS

KINGS MOUNTAIN

West Mecklenburg 6

BELMONT

Lincolnton 14 North Mecklenburg 7.

Forest City 0

Clover 14.

Bessemer City 7 Chase 0

R. S. Central 6.

Cherryville 18

Forest City 6

Starting Lineups

In Belmont Game

Dale Hollifield

KINGS MOUNTAIN

Shelby 34

170 150 210 180 165 155 150 180 Tom Hunter Darryl Robinson Don Bumgardner

Cooke, another sub back. Kings Mountain puts its lea- scored three TD's, and four backs gue record of four wins and one have tallied twice each, as a tooss against the Raiders' record tal of nine different players of two victories and three de-feats. Overall, the Raiders have pared to eight Mountaineer sco-

Coach Willie Holland's club a flashy brand of spread forma-Although not a starter, half- tions, split ends and men-in-moback Phil Tate is the club's tion. The Raiders also boast one

leading scorer, with four touch-downs on the season. Chester Carey Anderson. **All-Star Midget Team Selected** To Play Champion West Saturday

A 27- member all-star team Proceeds from the gate will be has been selected to play cham-pion West in the midget football members of all the midget footfinale at City Stadium Saturday ball teams this season

ed by their coaches from each of participate in the game are, by points for Kings Mountain in the ed, to do something that they that is beat West.

The West team, coached by Vic Freddy Simth. Smith and Jimmy Littlejohn ept through six straight wins in the league season, defeating each of the other thre teams Danny Bagwell coach of runner-up East team will

head coach of the stars. teams in the local small-fry grid enter a contest to name the "Miss Midget Football Queen" for the season. The selection of the queen will be made and announced at the game Saturday

Queen candidates from three

Members of the all-star team, Nine players have been nam- as selected by their coaches, to

CENTRAL

Phillip Wright, David Left-wich, Mike Sanders, Olive Grant, Eddie Gladden, Danny Kiser,

Chip Bridges, George Camp, Kenny Plonk, Scott Cole, Butch Blackburn, James Carroll, Philbe lip Ruff, Bill Russ and Paul Gaffney.

Paul Reynolds, Dwight Foster, Grady Foster, Steve Goforth, Rickey Hamrick, Eddie Hamrick Jerry Ramsey, and Rocky Brown. Members of the title-taking West club which will face the