



# Pat's Peckings

By NEALE PATRICK

## Gamble And Carlton 'Jinx' Each Other

Mountaineer mentor John Gamble and ex-Mountaineer headman Shu Carlton of Gastonia Ashley are almost ready to sign a mutual pact, specifying an agreement to "stay away from the others' football games."

The former coaching partners here are slowly arriving at the conclusion that they bring each other "bad luck" in big ball games. . . . Gamble, for instance, accompanied the Gastonia team by bus to Greensboro a couple of weeks ago, only to watch Carlton's club lose to the Gate City team, 19-6, in the state 4-A semi-finals.

That brought to Gamble the reminder that Carlton has watched two big Mountaineer games in the past couple of seasons. . . . And the Mountaineers have lost both games. . . . Carlton was here for the Southwest playoff game with R. S. Central last fall, and watched Steve Shehan run wild in the Hilltoppers' 26-0 victory. . . . And Shu and his wife saw the Kings Mountain-Lincolnton game in the latter's park this year, when the Wolves copped the conference crown in a 7-0 victory.

All this led Gamble to make the post-game suggestion to Carlton at Greensboro: "I'll make a deal with you. You stay away from my games and I'll stay away from yours."

Gamble isn't bating entirely zero in watching Shu's Gastonia club, however. . . . The local mentor did see Gastonia beat Garringer, 6-0, for the Conference crown, although he sneaked in late, after Ashley had scored.

The Kings Mountain mentor, incidentally, was on telephone from the press box to the bench in the Gastonia game at Greensboro. . . . But he was "cut off" after the first half when the cheerleaders snapped the wires, and the damage couldn't be repaired.

Shu's father, now a resident of Winston-Salem, finds himself in the same boat with Gamble in watching his son's team play. . . . Mr. Carlton has seen a football team coached by his son play three times, and they have lost all three. . . . The third game was in Greensboro.

## Dole Pulled SC's Upset-Of-Season

The Kings Mountain Lions' Club, again, has "picked a plum" in selecting its speaker for the annual football banquet, honoring the Mountaineers next Monday night.

This time it is Bill Dole, whose Davidson Wildcats pulled the upset-of-the-year in the Southern Conference, defeating Virginia Tech in a late season game. . . . Dole follows the line coaches "in the news". . . . Last year, you recall, Wake Forest's Paul Amen was announced as the ACC Coach of the Year the day after he spoke here. . . . And Clarence Stasavich of Lenoir-Rhyne was here for the '58 banquet, shortly after being named to Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame.

Neither, can the Lions be accused of playing favorites on selecting speakers from special conferences. . . . Dole is the third coach from as many different conferences in the state to speak here in three years. . . . Stas was from the North State, Amen from the ACC, and now Dole of the Southern.

TV-watching Joe Bellino ramble in the Army-Navy game a couple of weeks ago gave me the notion I had seen his type of running somewhere else this year, and I didn't see the Duke-Navy game. . . . Then it dawned. . . . His "double" in the high school running ranks is Robert Munday of Clover. . . . Munday has that same balance and maneuverability which makes Bellino great.

The new Tri-County basketball conference, which replaces the old Cleveland County circuit, can, and probably will, cause some confusion among the fans and headline writers. . . . The lineup of league teams include two "Burns High School", they being the new consolidated units at Fallston and Polkville. . . . And don't be surprised to hear that on some Tuesday or Friday evening two visiting teams turn-up at one "Burns", while the other "Burns" stews and awaits the arrival of the evening's opponent. . . . For the sake of clarity, we will continue to call the teams by their location names, ie: Fallston and Polkville.

There shouldn't be any confusion, however, for Grover remembering when it plays No. Three school. . . . Both of Grover's games with No. Three are carded for the third day on the calendar, January 3 and February 3.

## As Usual, Shrine Pick Had Folks Fuming

Kings Mountain had company while fuming about being overlooked for last Saturday's Shrine Bowl. . . . Local football fans just couldn't understand Punch Parker being overlooked, when it's a known fact that he was one of the leading prep scorers in the state, and we haven't heard of a player with more than 122 points. . . . And other Southwest Conference communities also felt left-out, Lincolnton sports writer Smack Proctor noting that overlooking Wolves tackle Nelson Beam was a "real puzzler."

It remains a puzzler, too, why five players were picked from the neighboring Northwest Conference, and not one from the Southwest circuit. . . . Or, perhaps it isn't such a puzzler, after all, since Frank Barger of Hickory was one of the Shrine coaches.

The Kings Mountain girls basketball team has a "Queen" among its members for the third straight season. This year it's Pucky Lewis, the Kings Mountain Queen in the Carrousel at Charlotte, and she made her TV debut on Thanksgiving afternoon, being spotlighted by the big camera during the parade.

As a "Queen" in basketball attire, Pucky follows the lead of a couple of others. . . . Two years ago, Judy Medlin was the local queen in the Carrousel. . . . And last year, Brenda Goodson was the local Homecoming queen. . . . As a matter of record, too, it might be noted that both Judy and Brenda were selected on the All-Conference team in the season of their reign.

And one item we overlooked in this space last week when reviewing the Mountaineers' top six-year football record in the Southwest Conference. . . . The six victories over SWC foes this year constitutes the most Conference wins in a single season in Mountaineer history. . . . The league had only seven members before 1959, and the local lads never posted a perfect year of six straight triumphs.

# Mountaineer Cagers Open Here Monday



TROPHY WINNERS — Kings Mountain football folk, present and past, carried home the silverware from the annual Gastonia Gazette football banquet in Gastonia on Monday night. Two Mountaineer players won trophies, Charles Burns, left, being named the most outstanding lineman in the 3-A schools in the area, and Punch Parker, center, winning the scoring trophy with his 122 points on the season. Shu Carlton, right, former Mountaineer coach and now mentor of the Western 4-A Gastonia Ashley team, won a trophy as coach-of-the-year.

## Burns And Parker Win Trophies At Gastonia

### Moss Optimistic Regarding WCL Plans For 1961

President John Henry Moss looks optimistically toward the Western Carolina League operating for its second straight season as a D circuit following his return from the minor league baseball confab in Louisville, Ky., last week.

The local man who helped put the league on its feet last summer said that he was much encouraged about the possibilities of operating again following his discussions with minor league czar George Trautman and representatives of six major league teams.

"Mr. Trautman and the farm directors of the teams with whom I talked are very definitely interested in the Western Carolina League," said Moss here this week, "and we have planned further talks with the major representatives."

Moss indicated that operational plans for 1961 hinge largely on the expansion of the current major leagues. New teams due to join the majors are the same clubs which formerly made up the proposed lineup of the Continental League, with which the Western Carolina worked last year.

The WCL president said he has received definite assurance from Trautman that the Western Carolina will participate in the player development fund set up by the major league teams for all minor league clubs. Under terms of the fund program, each team in the WCL will receive about \$3,000 for use in development of talent. That amounts to a total of \$24,000 for the eight-team circuit.

Moss also revealed a personal honor at the National Association convention, being elected secretary of the League Presidents' board in the B, C, and D classifications. There are 14 leagues in the three classes, including eight Class D loops.

In addition to Moss representing the Western Carolina as a whole, three other Kings Mountain residents represented teams in the loop. They were George Lublanekzi, president of the Gastonia team; Fleete McCurdy, president of the Statesville team; and George Wilson, manager of the Shelby Colonels in 1960.

Three other WCL teams also were represented, Hickory, Lexington and Rutherford County. Moss said that tentative plans call for the Western Carolina to extend its schedule to 112 games during the 1961 season, compared to the 100-game card played last summer.

He has called the next meeting day night, December 12, at New-

Mountaineer gridders captured half of the trophies awarded Class 3-A players at the Gastonia Gazette's annual football banquet on Monday night.

Punch Parker received the area scoring championship trophy as reward for his 20 touchdowns and two extra points for a grand total of 122 points on the season. The senior halfback's total, in fact, was the highest figure in the area, regardless of classification.

Charles Burns, scrappy 160-pound guard, was presented the trophy as the most outstanding 3-A lineman in the area, thus giving Kings Mountain half of the awards in the classification.

The other half of the 3-A trophies went to Southwest Conference champion Lincolnton. Von Ray Harris of the Wolves was named as the Coach-of-the-Year in the 3-A circles, and the Lincolnton quarterback, Harold Billings, was named as the outstanding back.

Kings Mountain also claimed "kinship" to another huge trophy handed out by the Gazette sports staff. Former Mountaineer mentor Shu Carlton also was awarded a Coach-of-the-Year trophy as reward for his Gastonia Ashley High team capturing the Western 4-A football crown this year.

Normally the Gazette awards only one Coach-of-the-Year trophy, sports editor Ken Alexander of the Gazette explained, but this season the selection committee could not decide between the two conference title winners, Carlton and Harris, and gave identical trophies to both mentors.

Parker and Burns both won player-of-the-week ratings by the Gazette during the fall and were guests along with Mountaineer coach John Gamble at the banquet at the Gastonia Eagles Club on Monday night.

The 160-pound halfback scored in nine of K. M.'s ten games during the fall, and racked-up three touchdowns in each of four different games. His 122 points topped the Southwest Conference, as well as the three-county area covered by the Gazette awards. His 122 points also is one of the top figures, if not the highest, in the state.

Burns was the leader of the Mountaineers' defensive tough team this year, calling the defensive signals, and being a player who "thinks football," according to his coach. The smallestish guard turned in many significant plays during the year, one of the most important being the punt he blocked against R. S. Central to set up the final and clinching TD. Credit for the block had been given to another player, but now it comes to light that it was Burns who made the block.

Four other awards were handed out to players in other classifications, Shrine Bowler Neil Styers being named top lineman and interception ace (17 for the season) Buddy Brunner the best back for Carlton's Gastonia team. Wayne Bolick of Mt. Holly was the leading back and Jerry Campbell of Cramerton the top lineman in the Gaston Little Six.

Wake Forest grid coach Bill Hildebrand was the speaker.

## Two Trophies For KM Grids; Dole To Speak

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It's interesting to note that two of the award winners last year were members of North State Conference football teams this fall, Fisher at Lenoir-Rhyne and Ware at Catawba.

Mountaineer football coach John Gamble heads a committee which makes the selection of the players for both awards.

Gamble will announce the winners at the banquet, and will also introduce his squad and members of his coaching staff.

The speaker for the occasion Coach Dole has been head football mentor at Davidson since 1952 and has turned-out several outstanding small-college elevens.

He is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich., and attended Michigan State and the University of West Virginia, and received his Masters degree at New York University.

Dole started his coaching career in West Virginia high schools, and came to North Carolina after World War II as head coach at Fayetteville. He turned over a pair of state championship clubs there, in 1947 and 1948, and had a three-year record of 23 wins, three losses and one tie.

Later he coached at Eastern Carolina College and was named the North State coach-of-the-year following the 1950 season.

Dole assumed the coaching reigns at Davidson in 1952, and his squads have included several players from Kings Mountain, including Jack Ruth, C. F. Mauney, and Ollie Harris, Jr.

Harry Jaynes, principal at Kings Mountain High, and a Lions' clubber, is in charge of arrangements for the program. George B. Thomason is president of the club.

Eighteen candidates have been drilling for the past week and a half for the Kings Mountain High Jayvee basketball team. Coach John Gamble will tutor the team which will consist of boys from the ninth and tenth grades at Central High School, being a combination of the junior varsity and junior high groups. The list of candidates this week included 11 ninth-graders, and seven tenth-graders. Then mentor said the squad probably will be trimmed to 15 this week.

Gamble has arranged ten games on a post-Christmas schedule, and said that he is attempting to line up four other contests, with two open dates, in each January and February.

## Letter Winners To Start Games With Grover

BY NEALE PATRICK

Letter-winners are tabbed for most of the starting chores when Kings Mountain High basketball teams tip-off the season against Grover here on Monday night.

The girls' half of the twin-bill is carded for 7 o'clock with the boys game set for shortly after 8 o'clock. The openers have been stepped-up one day so as not to conflict with the Mountaineers' annual football banquet on next Tuesday night.

All four of the returning lettermen are expected to get the starting nod from Coach Don Parker in the boys game, and five of the six letter-winners returning to the Mountaineers are due to open the game for Coach Bill Bates club.

The other starter for each Kings Mountain team will be a player who saw part-time duty as a reserve last year.

A probable lineup for the Mountaineers will have lettermen Arthur Allen and Perry Champion at forwards, Punch Parker and James Robbs at guard, with holdover Squadman Jerry Adams at center. The sixth man on the boys' club is Chester Clontz, another non-lettering reserve, who might oust one of the other players by game time Monday.

Parker and Robbs are the leading point-makers returning from last year, scoring 103 and 101 points respectively, figures which ranked third and fourth on the team. Chip Thorburn was the team's leading scorer last winter, with 271 points, but he moved to Asheboro before his final season. Don Fisher was the runner-up scorer last time (147 points.)

Champion scored 22 points, Adams 16 and Allen 14 last year, while Clontz, in only brief duty, tallied two.

The top six players on the club at the moment are the only ones returning with varsity scoring figures for last year.

Players up from the Jayvees and junior high teams lend support for the season. Big Eddie Ross, at sixfive the tallest player on the squad, paced the Jayvees last winter with 64 points. Charlie Goodson was the leading junior high point-maker last trip, with 108. Wally Harris who scored 89 for the junior highs and Sammy Houston, a Jayvee backcourtman, are the other top candidates.

Marlene Weir, an all-Conference selection and the team-leading scorer with 381 points (19 point average), heads the delegation of six letterwinners for the girls team.

Two other monogram wearers will be at the other forward posts, probably Pat Gladden and Marion Plonk, with another letter winner, Pucky Lewis, the top reserve. Pat scored 140 points last year and Marion 37 for the varsity and 93 for the Jayvees. Pucky was the leading Jayvee scorer with 130 points and also had 11 on the varsity.

Sophomore Diane Roberts, leading junior high scorer with 72 points, and Betty Morrison, a Jayvee last year, are other leading forwards. Betty scored 31 for the junior varsity.

Two letter winners start at guards, Charlene Yates and Sara Rose Lennon, with the other post being filled by Joyce Plonk, a reserve moving-up.

Charlene is a starter for the third straight season, a feat also claimed by forwards Pat Gladden and Marlene Weir. Sophomores Sara Hendricks and Petie Lynn and senior Martha Lou Ware are the first-line reserves at guard.

## Eighteen Candidates Seek Berths On Junior Varsity Cage Squad

The schedule, as it now stands, calls for games home and away with five other Southwest Conference foes, R. S. Central, Chase, Shelby, Lincolnton and Cherryville.

Following is a list of the candidates for the boys team:

- TENTH GRADERS
    - Reggie White, Charles Camp, David Adams, Eddie Spencer, Robert Plonk, Timmy Heavner, and Eric Yates.
  - NINTH GRADERS
    - Steve Vickers, Johnny Dye, Fred Dixon, Hubert McGinnis, Butch Harry, Warren Goforth, L. V. Brooks, Russell Garmon, Roger Owens, Ronnie Gillespie, and Paul Lovelace.
- Following is the schedule (all games at 7 p. m.):
- JANUARY
    - 9 — at R. S. Central, here.
    - 12 — Chase, here.
    - 16 — at Cherryville.
    - 19 — at Lincolnton.
    - 23 — Open.
    - 26 — Open.
    - 30 — at Shelby.
  - FEBRUARY
    - 2 — at Chase.
    - 6 — at R. S. Central.
    - 9 — Cherryville, here.
    - 13 — Shelby, here.
    - 16 — Lincolnton, here.
    - 20 — Open.
    - 23 — Open.

## Mountaineer Cagers

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class
*Perry Champion	6	165	Senior
*Arthur Allen	6-1	160	Senior
Charles Goodson	5-11	160	Soph.
Wally Harris	5-10	165	Soph.

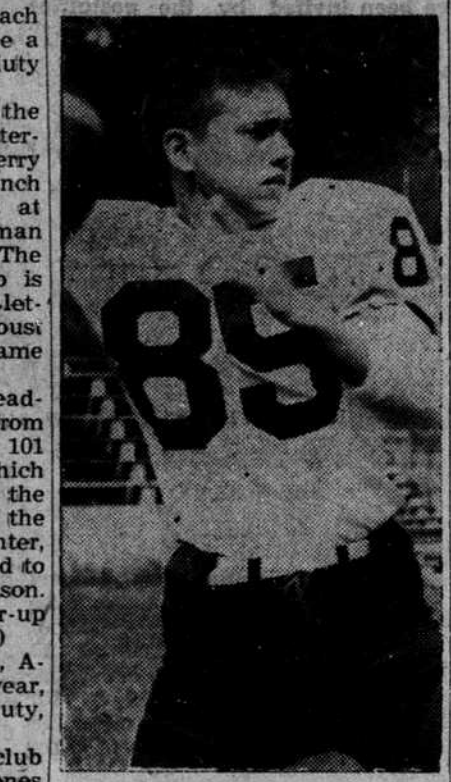
  

CENTERS			
Jerry Adams	6-2	195	Senior
Eddie Ross	6-5	215	Junior
Dale Hollifield	6-1	185	Senior

GUARDS			
*Punch Parker	5-10	165	Senior
*James Robbs	5-10	150	Senior
Chester Clontz	5-10	170	Senior
Sammy Houston	5-10	155	Junior
Henry Raines	5-9	150	Junior

(\*—denotes letter winner)



DON FISHER

## Don Fisher Member Of Bowl-Bound Bears

The Mountaineers will have another football product in a bowl game this season.

Don Fisher, quarterback star for Kings Mountain High for three years, is a freshman center and line-backer on the Lenoir-Rhyne team which will meet Humboldt State of California in the Holiday Bowl game at St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday night.

Lenoir Rhyne won the right to represent the east the NIAA football finals, defeating Northern Michigan by a statistical edge last Saturday afternoon. The teams tied 20-20 at Hickory, but the Bears were declared winners on basis of having gained 25 more yards from scrimmage. The Bears scored the tying TD in the final 37 seconds of the game.

Fisher has been a member of the varsity squad this season, as a freshman, and has seen action in several games. This marks the second time in four years that a former Mountaineer quarterback has gone to a grid bowl. George Harris was a Duke sophomore quarterback in the Orange Bowl, following the 1957 season. The Blue Devils lost that one to Oklahoma, 48-21.

## Bethware Boys Post Victory

Bethware's cagers divided a pair of games with Bessemer City on the Buccaneers' court Tuesday night, the home-standing boys winning, 65-42, after the B. C. girls copped the opener, 56-54.

Four Bucs scored in the double digits, led by Ken Cash's 16 points, with Lawrence Bolin chipping in with 15, John Cashion 13, and Tommy Barrett 12. Bethware led at halftime, 37-18.

The Bethware girls lost, 56-54, after holding a 26-19 edge at halftime. Linda Herndon scored 26 and Pat Bolin 25 to lead the Lady Bucs. Berry tallied 25 to pace B. C.

Bethware's clubs play host to Polkville in Tri-County Conference games Friday night.

BOYS		GIRLS	
Bethware (65)	Bessemer City (42)	Bethware (54)	Bessemer City (56)
F. Cash 16	Honeycutt 9	F. Bolin 25	Wallace 24
L. Bolin 15	Millwood 4	F. Herndon 26	Sarge 6
C. Morris 9	Barnett 10	G. Watters 26	Berry 25
B. Barrett 12	Hook 4	G. Cashion 13	Truitt 8
G. Cashion 13	Gamble 12	G. E. Bolin	Sharpe
Subs: Bethware — Herndon, Boyer, Ware, Goforth, Queen, Wass, Bessemer — Smith, Broom, Dover 4, Bumgardner 2.		Subs: Bethware — Hoopough 1, Watters 2.	Carpenter
Halftime score: Bethware 37, Bessemer City 18.		Halftime score: Bethware 26, Bessemer City 19.	

Reporter: Carolyn Whetstone.

## K. M. GIRLS BASKETBALL

FORWARDS		Class
*Marlene Weir		Senior
*Pat Gladden		Senior
*Pucky Lewis		Senior
*Marion Plonk		Junior
Betty Morrison		Junior
Diane Roberts		Soph.
Peggy Plonk		Soph.
Norma Farr		Soph.
Kay Baity		Soph.
Kay Mauney		Soph.
Carol Jean Goter		Junior

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*Charlene Yates		Senior
*Sara Rose Lennon		Junior
Joyce Plonk		Senior
Martha Lou Ware		Senior
Sara Hendricks		Soph.
Petie Lynn		Soph.
Freida Burton		Soph.
Lana Arrowood		Junior
Janice Bridges		Soph.
Joan McClure		Frosh.
Linda Walker		Soph.
Linda Goforth		Soph.
Laura Page		Soph.

(\*—denotes letter winner).

BOYS		Union (74)
F. Green 9	Yoder 17	
Melton 1	Schroeder 7	
C. Mullinax 39	Cochrane 25	
G. Robinson 0	Ingie 11	
L. Little 8	Rhyne 14	
Subs: Grover — Moss 4, Heafner, Queen.	Halftime score: Union 36, Grover 33.	
Reporter: Gail Little.		

GIRLS		Union (33)
F. Goforth 12	Spencer 16	
F. Baker 15	Wardick 5	
G. G. Huffstetter 12	Chapman 6	
G. C. Allen	Williams	
G. C. Allen	Yount	
G. Rollins	Elmore	
Subs: Grover — Watters, Wright 5, Union — Dellinger 4.	Halftime score: Union 18, Grover 15.	

## Jack Mullinax Hits 39 In Loss

Jack Mullinax burned the nets for 39 points in a losing effort for the Grover boys Tuesday night, losing to Union, 74-61, in a Tri-County Conference game.

His big evening could not offset the fact that four Union players hit the double digits, led by Cochrane's 25.

Linda Eaker tallied 15 and the Huffstetter sisters, Gloria and Gail, 12 each leading the Grover lassies to a 40-33 win in the opener.

Grover plays host to Fallston in a conference game Friday night, and visit Kings Mountain next Monday night.

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## Parker Amassed 288 Yards In Bowl

The final statistical returns are in on the Lions Bowl football game in Forest City on Thanksgiving Day, revealing. . . that Kings Mountain's Punch Parker amassed a grand total of 288 yards totting the pigskin in the all-star contest.

The yardage totals include runs from scrimmage, pass receptions and running back punts and kickoffs.

The final tally table for Parker's busy afternoon for which he was named the most outstanding back in the South's 14-13 victory:

Play	Number	Yards
Scrimmage runs	11	72
Passes caught	3	102
Punt returns	2	73
Kickoff returns	2	73

TOTALS 18 288

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