



Pat's Peckings

By NEALE PATRICK

Gamble Agrees, Shelby Team To Beat

Half of the Southwest Conference teams gave and received their first game licks of the 1961 grid campaign last Friday night, and now a week later all hands are fit and ready for their first head-butting as the season really opens with a flourish.

All three of last week's games carried the label of tune-up tilts, but a trio this Friday are league tussles which will begin separating the men from the boys in the race for the championship cup to be handed-out in November.

And if the folks who are supposed to know about such things are truly prophets with honor, the team tabbed to walk up and accept the title trophy should be Shelby's Golden Lions. The other coaches of the circuit and the grid-guessers point the finger at our Cleveland County neighbor.

One of the finger-pointers happens to be Coach John Gamble of the Mountaineers, who asserts that Shelby should be favored because it has more boys who played a lot of football last year. John's good friend, Coach Pearly Allen of the Lions, violently disagrees. He has been heard to remark: "We've got one good football player (quarterback Charles Noggle) and they say we have a good football team."

Gamble offers in argument, however, that Shelby has more returning vets, particularly in the line where the games are won. Harold Bell returns at end, Joe Broughton at tackle, Gary Roberts and Doug Turner at guards, and Gary Mauney at center, and the KM mentor knows that those youths were tough customers for the Mountaineers in the comeback victory at Shelby last fall.

Noggle already is being recognized as the top prospect in the SWC and he has trained backfield help in Johnny Greene and Sonny Dockery.

To that, Gamble adds: "Pearly also has the products from an undefeated junior high team."

Although he isn't happy to wear the pre-season "crown", Allen and his Lions seem to be stuck with the favorite's tag.

Lincs May Be Better, Says Harris

In previewing any season, of course, one can't leave out the defending champion. After all, a champion is the champ until dethroned, and Lincolnton copped the Southwest diadem last fall without the loss of a game. Such fine helpers as Harold Billings, Roby Jetton and others are gone now, but Coach Von Ray Harris has heap of holdovers.

The Wolves coach, in fact, has stated: "We might be a little better than last year."

He is particularly pleased with his line on defense, headed by John Carpenter, an all Conference guard in '60 a pair of veteran ends, Richard Smith and Curtis Beal, another tackle in George Page and guard Andy Mauney.

Little wonder Harris says: "I've got some nice looking linemen I'm hoping will give us some heft and bench strength."

The Lincolnton skipper can and probably will start a veteran backfield headed by his 200-pound son, Ronnie Harris, at fullback, along with halfbacks Eddie Hovis, Bill Reinhardt and Guy Howell, and quarterback Richard Moody, who played behind Billings last fall. Harris admits that it will be hard for any new player to break into that holdover unit.

R. S. Central's Hilltoppers started with a bang, beating Fairforest, S. C., 13-0, last Friday night and that's ample and early evidence that Coach Max Beam's crowd will be rough, as usual.

The Toppers have 13 lettermen, including fullback Henry Griffin who scored both of the TD's in the victory over the normally-tough Palmetto team. Quarterback Eddie Parton and halfbacks John Mason and Ken Bland are other backs who saw plenty of service last year, although in Beam's book they were not regulars.

The RSC coach claims that his only returning starters from the '60 season are a trio of linemen, end Steve Buff, tackle Mike Jett and guard David Shehan. But it might be noted that another lineman, guard Bucky Moorman is the captain this year, which strongly hints that he played quite a bit of football last trip.

Cherries And FC Open With Wins

Cherryville also came up with a two-TD victory in a non-Conference opener last week, defeating county neighbor Dallas, 12-6. The Ironmen of Coach Ovie Heavner also had a two-touchdown maker in Mike Laney, the club's leading scorer and gainer last year who seems to be off and running in a repeat style.

He heads the group of ten lettermen at Cherryville and with senior Danny Eaker forms the one-two backfield punch which did the bulk of the ball-carrying and gaining in the opener last week. Bill Wallace is another backfield ace, long on defense.

Steve Watts, of baseball mound fame, is one of the ends and the captain of the Ironmen, with Eaker and Wallace the alternate captains.

Tackle Steve Wilkerson lends the weight to the Ironman line, at 230, with more help up front from Sam Homlesley, A. L. McSwain and Ronald Moss.

New Coach Topsy Hayes had the smallest turnout of candidates in the SWC with only 27 showing at Belmont, and the Raiders are slack on experience.

Four holdovers, however, are enough to help make Hayes happier, they being halfback Phil Tate, fullback Don Bumgardner, tackle Terry Reid and end Tony Allen, the latter an all-Conference performer last fall.

That quartet form the nucleus for Hayes who replaces Willie Holland at the Belmont helm. The remainder of his personnel help comes from lads with little playing experience. But, as usual has its share of the heft in the line. The biggest is a 250-pound sophomore, Charles Carpenter, and he has hefty help from 230-pound Earl McKee.

Forest City already has matched its win total for all of last season, as result of its 14-7 triumph over Chase last Friday night. Coach Bill Rucker headed into this season confident that the club could better the 1-9 mark in 1960, and he has virtually the same boys on hand, missing only Faye Early and Ted McCullough among his stars.

Fifteen lettermen are included among the 30-odd who turned out, and the vets filled the majority of the posts in the opener. Steve Stallcup at quarterback and Russell Radford and Simon Jones at halfbacks head the ball-carrying brigade, with James Harmon at guard, Larry Stallcup at end, Alfred Shires and A. C. Taylor at tackles, Fred Willie at center tops among the returning linemen. Radford and Harmon are the co-captains.

Chase has its third coach in as many SWC seasons in John Eby and the Trojans were classed as "much improved" by KM mentor Gamble in a scouting foray Friday night.

Vet quarterback Bruce Hardin scored the TD last week and heads the backfield along with big Richard McDaniel and Ronnie Parris. Line leaders for the Trojans are Robert Daniel, Mike Hawkins and Nick Jolley.

Mountaineers Open Season Here Friday

Son Beats Medalist-Pop In KMCC Golf Tourney

Amos Dean's 77 Wins Golf Medal

The 77 score posted by Amos Dean early in the qualifying round held up to win the medal in the annual golf championship tournament at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Qualifying closed last Sunday with a total of 51 members posting scores for the 18-hole medal round and they were paired in flights for the match play tournament which opened on Monday.

Coman Falls shot a 78 to finish as runner-up for the medal award. David Neill and Ertle Powers each shot a 79.

Nineteen members qualified in rounds over the past weekend, after the initial list of 32 early qualifiers were printed in The Herald last week. The names and scores of the 19 golfers who were not listed last week follow:

Coman Falls	78
Luke Joy	84
Dr. Phil Padgett	87
H. D. Garmon	88
Loy Paige	91
Dr. W. P. Gerberding	91
Carl Moss	93
L. A. Hoke	93
Harry Page	95
John Warlick	95
Charles Carpenter	97
H. Neisler	98
Harold Matthews	99
Jim Kiser	100
Don Blanton	104
Sherm Perry	106
Gene Timms	108
Pete McDaniel	110
Charles Dixon	116

KMCC Women Host Tourney

The Womens Golf Association of the Kings Mountain Country Club will serve as hosts to the annual two-day tournament of the Foothills League of Women Golfers to be held at Blowing Rock on September 11 and 12.

Invitations have been mailed to the 11 other clubs who make up the league: North Wilkesboro, Shelby, Statesville, Concord, Lenoir, Hickory, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Mooresville, Catawba and Morganton.

Sixteen members of the Kings Mountain Club Womens Golf Association have indicated plans to attend the two-day tournament.

They are: Helen Blanton, Margie McDaniel, Ann Withers, Kathryn Neisler, Louise Peeler, Frankie Hedden, Lillian Wright, Lib Mayes, Laura Houser, Brownie Card, Dot Etheridge, Marion Carpenter, Madge Rhea, Ruth Fulton, Pat Smathers, and Grace Page.

Prizes and trophies will be given for low scores in each class during the tournament. They include four trophies for first low gross, six golf umbrellas for first low net, four clutch bags for second low net, six stroke counters for second low net, and golf balls for low puts.

KM Coaches Scout Four Future Foes

Mountaineer football mentors took a "busman's holiday" Friday night, watching football games.

The five coaches scattered out in three directions to scout four future Mountaineer foes. Head Coach John Gamble and aide Bill Bates scouted the first two Conference teams on the slate, Forest City and Chase, in their meeting at the latter's park. They saw the Tornado score in the final minutes for a 14-47 win.

Don Parker watched the other Rutherford County team, R. S. Central in its 13-0 triumph over Fairforest, S. C. Junior high mentors Fred Withers and Bill Cashion watched a future non-Conference opponent, Clover lose at 6-0 decision to Chester in the other scouting foray Friday.

The KM coaches, thus, watched four of the five future opponents who played on the first night of the prep grid season. The only one they missed was Cherryville, the final team on the Mountaineer schedule, allowing nine more weeks to see the Ironmen.

Card's Brother Named Golf Pro

Tommy Card, a brother of Kings Mountain Country Club golf pro Percy Card, has been named to a similar position at their home town course, the Carolina Country Club in Raleigh.

The Cards are natives of Raleigh and were standout amateur golfers in Eastern North Carolina several years ago. Tommy, for instance, defeated Percy for the Raleigh City golf title in the finals of the 1946 tournament.

Tommy Card has been serving as pro for the Hawthorne Valley course in Cleveland, Ohio, but accepted the job at Raleigh in order to return to his home town.

High school golfer Franklin Dean scored the first big surprise of the Kings Mountain Country Club golf championships this week, defeating the tournament medalist . . . who also happens to be his father, Amos Dean.

The son posted a one-up victory in 19 holes over the father who captured the medal with a 77 score in the annual fall tournament. Franklin shot an 83 in the qualifying round.

The family affair was one of four matches played in the championship flight this week. Mickey Powers required 23 holes to defeat Turk Falls, another Kings Mountain High golfer, by a one-up score in another long match.

Luke Joy defeated Dave Neill, 3-and-2, and Ertle Powers defeated Dr. George Plonk, 4-and-2, in other matches in the championship flight.

First round matches for the 51 entries continue through Sunday. The members have been paired in six flights with losers in the opening round of three flights of 16 golfers each dropping into the next flight. Losers in the championship flight, for instance, will form the first flight.

The sixth flight of only three golfers already has reached the finals between Pete McDaniel and Raymond Hook. McDaniel drew a bye and Hook defeated Charles Dixon, 4-and-3.

Here are the results of matches played early this week and pairings in all flights:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHTS

Franklin Dean def. Amos Dean, one-up, 19 holes.

Mickey Powers def. Turk Falls, one-up, 23 holes.

Luke Joy def. Dave Neill, 3 and 2.

Ertle Powers def. Dr. George Plonk, 4 and 2.

Other Pairings

Jacob Cooper vs Dr. Phil Padgett.

Coman Falls vs Jim Gibson.

Charles Neisler vs Jim Lybrand.

P. A. Francis vs J. E. Rhea.

FIRST FLIGHT Pairings

Amos Dean vs Turk Falls.

Other losers in championship flight.

SECOND FLIGHT

Carl Blanton def. Carl Moss, 2-up.

John Smathers def. Harry Page, 6 and 5.

Other Pairings

J. H. Patterson vs Lou Sabette.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding vs H. D. McDaniel.

H. D. Garmon vs L. A. Hoke.

Jack White vs John Warlick.

Loy Paige vs John McGinnis.

Booth Gillespie vs Woodrow Wilson.

THIRD FLIGHT Pairings

Carl Moss vs Harry Page.

Other losers in Second Flight.

FOURTH FLIGHT

Fred Wright def. Jim Kiser, 6 and 5.

Grady Howard def. Serm Perry, 3 and 1.

Other Pairings

George W. Plonk vs Harold Matthews.

Paul McGinnis vs Don Blanton.

Roy Baker vs Jim Gallimore.

H. Neisler vs Gene Timms.

Robert Plonk vs Bill McGinnis.

Charles Carpenter vs P. M. Neisler.

FIFTH FLIGHT Pairings

Losers in Fourth Flight.

SIXTH FLIGHT

Raymond Hook def. Charles Dixon, 4 and 3.

Pete McDaniel, bye.

Pairings for Finals

McDaniel vs Hook.

Oates, Loftin Bowl Top Scores

Jenny Oates rolled the high line and Dessie Loftin the leading set as the ladies duckpin bowling league opened its new season at the Mountain Lane Center Tuesday night.

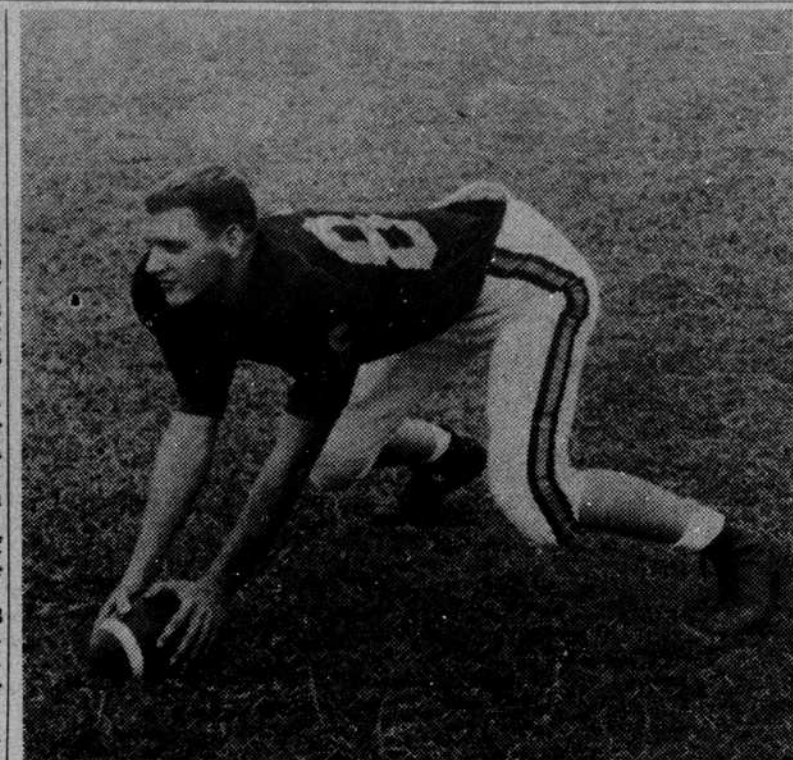
Jenny had a 115 game and also led her team with a 294 series as her namesakes defeated the Barbara Goins outfit two games to one. Barbara was best for her team with scores of 102 and 282.

Dessie's league-leading set for the night was a 312 score and she also paced the Ora Mae Bennett team with a 111 line in a two-to-one triumph over the Louise Dover team. Louise led her team with a 107 line and 285 set.

Betty Cash bowled the high scores of a 109 line and 282 set in leading the Betty Fite team to another 2-and-1 win over the Lib Bolin club. Lib was best for her club with a 111 game and 302 series.

The standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Ora Bennett	2	1	.667
Betty Fite	2	1	.667
Jenny Oates	2	1	.667
Barbara Goins	1	2	.333
Louise Dover	1	2	.333
Lib Bolin	1	2	.333



VETERAN CENTER — Mike Dixon will anchor the center of the Mountaineer line as the pivot man for the third straight season as the Mountaineers open their grid campaign against Forest City Friday night. Gametime is 7:30 at City Stadium, the first of six home games on this autumn's card. Dixon is tabbed as one of the Southwest's top linemen for this season.

Mountaineer Football Roster For 1961

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
*Charles Goodson	165	5-10	Junior
*Bill Ramseyer	150	5-11	Senior
*Steve Brown	160	6	Senior
Robert Whisnant	160	5-10	Senior
Reggie White	160	6-3	Junior
Gary Collins	146	5-10	Junior
Jimmy Medlin	156	6	Soph
Steve Vickers	138	5-11	Soph
Dennis Farris	130	5-10	Soph

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
*Eddie Ross	206	6-6	Senior
*Jerry Rikard	185	5-10	Senior
James Hope	182	6-2	Junior
Jimmy Owens	178	5-7	Soph
Steve Marlowe	173	6-1	Soph
Johnny Bennett	180	5-10	Frosh

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
*Curtis Floyd	160	6-2	Senior
*Tommy Armstrong	150	5-10	Senior
Tim Heavner	172	5-8	Junior
Sammy Mauney	180	5-11	Soph
Lyn Cheshire	155	5-7	Frosh

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
*Mike Dixon	160	6-1	Senior
*Sammy Houston	160	5-11	Senior
Hubert McGinnis	165	5-9	Frosh
Dennis Floyd	112	5-2	Soph
Brent McDaniel	163	5-8	Junior

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
*Wally Harris	160	5-10	Junior
David Adams	140	5-10	Junior
Warren Goforth	130	5-9	Soph
Pat Murphy	127	5-6	Frosh

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
*Alton Stewart	158	5-9	Senior
Henry Raines	160	5-9	Senior
Mike Huffstetler	143	5-7	Soph
Lawrence Bolin	131	5-8	Senior
Butch Harry	134	5-7	Soph
Eddie Spencer	145	5-9	Junior

Name	Wgt.	Hgt.	Class
Tommy Hope	172	5-11	Junior
Fred Dixon	170	6	Soph
Lewis Cook	155	5-10	Soph
*Bill Jenkins	180	5-7	Senior

40 Ninth-Graders Seek Berths On KM Junior High Grid Team

Forty candidates — all ninth graders — turned out this week for the opening of football practice for the Kings Mountain junior high team.

The turnout was limited to ninth graders only due to the crowded dressing room facilities at Central High Gym where the varsity and junior high teams must dress. A host of eighth graders also planned to report but could not be accepted due to the crowded facilities.

Coach Fred Withers said that some of the eighth grade hopefuls may be accepted later, if the ninth grade students drop off the squad.

Withers and his aide Bill Cashion issued uniforms to the 40 hopefuls last Friday and began drills Monday afternoon for the season which opens in two and a half weeks.

The Kings Mountain club will participate this autumn in the new Southwest Junior High Conference, along with six other members of the varsity SWC. The team will play six games during the season.

The list of candidates reporting this week:

Gene Allen, Mike Tignor, Jim Wells, Eddie Leitwisch, Mike Bennett, Bill Mullinax, Van Holcomb, Don Martin, Butch Blackburn, Richard Gold.

Ronnie Rhea, Tommy Dean, Jimmy Loviace, Gerald Carrigan, Eddie Huffstetler, Tommie Ware, Robbie Owens, Pat Hord, Chris Brooks.

Dennis Patterson, Jimmy Wright, Ronnie Dotson, George Plonk, Tommy Black, Bobby Su-

KMHS Eleven Tackles Forest City In Conference Game At Stadium

BY NEALE PATRICK

It's kickoff time again for the Mountaineer gridgers. With lettermen lined-up as the starters for most of the positions, the Kings Mountain High eleven opens its ten-game schedule with the first of six home contests against Forest City's Golden Tornado here Friday night.

Game time, as usual, is 7:30 in City Stadium. The Conference clash marks the first taste of game action for Coach John Gamble's charges and they will be facing a club which already has acquired the confidence of victory, having defeated Chase High, 14-7, last Friday night.

Coaches Gamble and Bill Bates scouted that game and came home this week with the report that Forest City is a much better club than last year, when the Mountaineers scored a 38-0 victory. Forest City has virtually the same personnel as last fall, improved in experience and larger in size. The running ability of the Forest City backs also impressed the local mentors.

To meet the challenge of the improved Cool Spring club Coach Gamble and his aides have been mulling the Mountaineers around the 11 lettermen, at least nine of whom will be in the starting lineup, with the other pair set for first-line reserve action.

Vets will start at every line post and in half of the backfield slots, with only left halfback and fullback showing new faces.

One of those new hands will be a sophomore ball-carrier, Mike Huffstetler, who has been handed the assignment at left half where Punch Parker rambled to 20 touchdowns last year. The other non-letterman will be Tommy Hope at fullback, a reserve last fall.

Wally Harris, a regular at fullback last year, will start at the signal-calling post Friday night, with Alton Stewart rounding out the backfield at right-half. Stewart shared duty there last year with Perry Champion.

Parker and Champion are two of the departed backfield aces, the others being James Robbs and Arthur Allen.

Seven line lettermen also have graduated — Jerry Adams, Dale Hollifield, Charles Burris, Don Champion, Chester Clontz, Warren Goforth and Jimmy White — but nine holdovers lend a look of experience to the 1961 edition of the Mountaineer forward wall.

A vet will be at every line post Friday night, and two more will be waiting in the wings for their share of the action.

Charles Goodson and Bill Ramseyer will go with the offensive outfit, and Steve Brown is ready for defensive chores.

Eddie Ross, whose 206 pounds tops the weight chart for the

Probable Starters For Grid Opener

Pos.	Name	Wgt.
LE	Marshall Hardin	140
LT	Alfred Shires	183
LG	Jim Butler	175
C	Fred Willie	165
RG	James Harmon	155
RT	A. C. Taylor	190
RE	Larry Stallcup	160
QB	Steve Stallcup	150
LH	Russell Radford	135
RH	Simon Jones	140
FB	Don Harris	165

Pos.	Name	Wgt.
LE	Charles Goodson	165
LT	Jerry Rikard	185
LG	Tom Armstrong	150
C	Mike Dixon	160
RG	Curtis Floyd	160
RT	Eddie Ross	205
RE	Bill Ramseyer	150
QB	Wally Harris	160
RH	Alton Stewart	158
LH	Mike Huffstetler	143
FB	James Hope	182

Mountaineers, will be at one tackle, with Jerry Rikard at the other. Both have considerable experience.

Curtis Floyd, who should be one of the better linemen in the circuit this season, will start at one guard, with Tommy Armstrong at the other, and Sammy Houston available for defensive guard duty and offensive center assignments.

Mike Dixon, rating with Floyd among the league's best forwards, will be at center on offense and backing-up on the line on defense.