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Mountaineer Duties Outlined

Kings Mountain high school's football duties appear to be well outlined for the 1962 season. The team must improve on a poor 1961 record while each team in the conference is intent on doing the same.

If opening games are an indication, at least two of the circuits elevens have done some improving.

Friday night East Rutherford, Cherryville and Chase opened their '62 grid season. Only Chase suffered defeat.

East Rutherford (Forest City) unveiled a junior quarterback who completed nine passes for 145 yards. David Matheny's passing and Simon Jones' running and kicking led the Cavaliers to a 35-0 trouncing of the Chase Trojans.

This was indeed an auspicious opening for the team that is picked by the local coaches to be the most improved aggression in the Southwest AAA Conference.

Chase had trouble getting started and was in the game only briefly near the end. However, the problem here could be that the Trojans are being directed by a new coach for the fourth straight campaign. Should the Trojans iron out their difficulties, the meeting with the Mountaineers September 21 could be somewhat different than Friday night's debacle.

Cherryville, Bessemer City and York, three other Mountaineer grid foes, also opened their seasons Friday night. York and Cherryville won while the Yellow Jackets lost in the last quarter.

Cherryville was unimpressive in downing Dallas 8 to 7 in a non-conference battle.

Bessemer scored in the first period and held Cowpens on even terms before falling to a 20-point fourth period surge by the Red Raiders.

York, Kings Mountain's opposition for September 14, upset favored Clinton in their battle Friday night. Former Kings Mountain Legion junior baseball star Ernest McCarter led the York gridders to a 13 to 7 victory.

Patterson Or Liston?

Who's your choice?

For several years the talk in boxing circles throughout the country has concerned itself with the relative merits of heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and challenger Sonny Liston.

Claims have risen that Liston could dispatch the champ with ease if only given the opportunity. These claims, of course, came from the circles of Liston supporters.

Running along this line also were the accusations that Sonny was being dodged by the reigning champ out of fear of the destructive power carried in the Liston fists.

Rebuttals were forthcoming from Patterson's followers that Liston, with his record outside the ring, was not deserving of a title bout.

Whether or not he was deserving, he is getting the chance.

Also, if he can dispatch champ Floyd, we will see. Barring unforeseen circumstances the two will meet head-on Tuesday, September 25, at Comiskey Park in Chicago.

Should Liston win, he would then have a measure of fame to help balance his abundance of notoriety. The two almost met in 1953. Now, nine years later they take the ring.

Who's your choice? You pay your money and take your chances.

Will Safety Measures Help?

Last season there were 37 fatalities among football players throughout the country. This was the largest number of deaths in 25 years of play.

This year there has already occurred at least one fatality.

What is the reason behind these statistics? Why was there such a large number last year?

Through the years equipment has been improved as a safeguard to the athlete. Training methods have changed to assure the athlete an opportunity of reaching the peak of physical condition. Coaching has advanced in such a way that the player learns to give a more skillful and safer performance.

With these improvements there is still a large number of serious injuries each year. Football is, indeed a rough sport. Injuries are naturally forthcoming.

But why should the number of serious injuries and fatalities increase?

Dr. Allan J. Ryan, president-elect of the American College of Sports Medicine, maintains that it is the failure of the pre-season examination to take into consideration the prospective player's medical history.

Also, a physician should be present at contests in all contact sports. Dr. Ryan believes that in order to lower the injury rate, medical help should not only be at the games but also be readily available during practice sessions.

This year, the high school associations throughout North Carolina are playing under new safety regulations. It will be interesting to see how these help the young footballer.

Sports Of Note

Maybe the fieldhouse at City Stadium will become a reality within the next few weeks. The foundation has been poured. After several years of pleas from various sources, it is close to realization. Would be nice to open it when the Mountaineers open the home grid season.

After a number of games ending in frustrating defeat, the Yankees got back on the winning track over the weekend. It took their Kansas "cousins", however, to halt the tailspin.

Robert Munday, a former Legion junior player here and a thorn in the side of Mountaineer grid teams in recent years, is headed in the direction of Boiling Springs. Ruled out of the Clemson picture, Munday appears set to display his talents for the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs. Hope he can damage the Bulldogs' opposition as much as he did the local team.

Mike Laney, 170-pound halfback, will not be with the Cherryville Ironmen this season. He will ply his talents this season for the Rock Hill Bearcats.

Coach Fred Withers' former baseball pupil, Bobby Richardson, is somewhat less than the Yankee image physically, but the Sumter native is every bit the Yankee when on the field. Around the .300 mark all year Bobby leads the league in hits and ranks with Yogi Berra as a clutch hitter.

Mountaineer Opener Is At East High Friday

Darrell Austin Has Hole-In-One

Darrell Austin joined the thin ranks of the linksmen who have made the dream shot of all golfers Saturday.

Playing in the regular country club competition Austin shot a hole-in-one on the 127-yard Number Five lake hole on the local course. This gave Darrell the honors for the day.

Coman Falls won the closest-to-the-hole competition three out of four holes in the Saturday and Sunday play. Austin's perfect tee shot winning the other honor.

Other winners in regular play were Jacob Cooper, Fred Wright and Roy Baker, who took first place honors in the blind bogey events. Cooper also had a second place finish. Falls and Carl Moss were others with runner-up finishes.

Two dogfight rounds were played on the local course this week. Wednesday the team of Bill McGinnis, Turk Falls, Ben Speidel, Sherman Perry and Paul Neisler was the winner. On Labor Day Monday Jacob Cooper, Jack White, Paul McGinnis and Charles Mauney comprised the winning team.

In the club's annual championship tournament nine matches were completed.

Winners of openin matches: First flight: Jim Gibson over Darrell Austin 2 and 1.

Tip Francis over Fred Wright 1 up.

John Smathers over Don Baker 6 and 4.

Jacob Cooper over Luther Joy 3 and 1.

Charles Neisler over Jay Patterson 4 and 3.

Second flight: Dr. W. P. Gerberding over Woodrow Wilson 2 and 1.

Jack White over Paul McGinnis 5 and 4.

Fourth flight: Paul Neisler over Jonas Bridges 3 and 2.

Carl Moss over Dr. George Plonk 3 and 2.

Biddix Pitches 3-2 Sparta Win

Bobby Biddix, former Bethware and Legion junior baseball standout, is up to his old baseball tricks again.

He is, winning games with his bat as well as his pitching arm.

Following the completion of the Wake Forest baseball season and the end of the school term Bobby joined the Sparta Mountaineers in the semi-pro Blue Ridge League.

Recently the Demon Deacon pitched his team back into contention in the league playoffs.

Hurling a 3 to 2 victory Biddix allowed only two walks and five hits while registering eleven strikeouts.

Aiding his own cause the big righthander tripled and scored one of the Mountaineer's three runs.

Fast-Pitch Team To Meet Thursday

All members of the Moose fast-pitch softball team are to meet at six o'clock Thursday evening at the Deal Street Swimming Pool.

Purpose of the meeting is to plan the team's post-season dinner.

Olland Pearson, manager of the team, requests also that the players bring with them the new team uniforms as well as the white pants that were issued prior to the state tournament.

Thirty-Four Hopefuls In Jayvee Drills; Six Games Are Scheduled

The Kings Mountain Jayvee football team continued its daily drills this week with thirty-four boys still vying for a starting position on the junior high eleven.

Coach Bill Cashion has just two weeks to whip the boys into shape for the season's opener September 20 with East Rutherford here.

This year's team will be comprised entirely of ninth graders. There is a rule forbidding eighth graders from playing in night games, therefore the Jayvees, of necessity, will be all freshmen.

Coach Cashion admits to not having seen an All-American yet but believes he has several boys with good potential.

"Our big problem," he relates "is that we will be inexperienced. Most of the boys have never played before, so the training must start with the very basic fundamentals and work up."

Drills thus far have concentrated on these basic fundamentals, with emphasis on blocking.

Several of the Jayvee hopefuls got the jump on their mates by spending two weeks working out with the varsity. This early workout provided the boys with some knowledge that is expected to help them this season.

Assisting Coach Cashion with the junior high eleven is Charles Burns, a guard on the '60 high school eleven. Cashion reports the youthful aide is doing a fine

To Moss Failure Is Only A Word



JOHN H. MOSS has just completed his third successful season as president of the Western Carolina League. This was one of a long line of successes for the Kings Mountain citizen.

Women Bowlers Opened Season

The Women's Duckpin Bowling League opened its 1962-63 season with two shutouts and one near-shutout Tuesday night at the Mountain Lane Bowling Alley.

Opening the season with shutouts were the teams of Betty Fite and Louise Dover. The Jennie Oates team won three of its four games for a near shutout.

The three games launched a season that will be split into two halves with the final games slated for early April.

A new innovation in the women's league this year is the total pin fall counting for one game.

In picking up the four wins in the opener Betty Fite led her team with a high game score of 106 and a high set total of 306. Total pin fall for the winners was 1273.

The Lib Bolin team suffered the loss with Lib rolling a 111 high game and a 192 high set.

Gerry Werner and Louise Dover paced the Dover team to a 4 to 0 shutout of the McGinnis Furniture team. Gerry had a high game of 98 and Louise a high set of 274.

Doris Robbs led the McGinnis team with a high game of 94 and a high set of 263.

Dessie Loftin's team won the opening game but Jennie Oates' team took the next two and total pins to register a 3 to 1 win in the night's other match.

Ethel Tignor was the high scorer for the winners with a 106 game and a 285 line. Dessie Loftin paced the losers with a high game of 106 and a 281 line.

The second matches of the season will be played Tuesday night.

The Men's Duckpin League will begin its season Monday night.

WCL President Directs League To Third Success

Failure is just a word, not an actuality, to John Henry Moss.

To prove this he has just directed the Western Carolina League of Professional Baseball Clubs to its third straight successful season.

In doing this John went against all the odds to prove an old baseball theory wrong. The Class-D Western Carolina League of 1962 is the only four-club independent league ever to survive an entire season.

Not only did the circuit survive against the odds but also showed an increase in overall attendance figures. The six-team league of 1961 showed a total attendance figure of 130 thousand.

The four-team '62 circuit's attendance figure went over the 100 thousand mark.

However, successful in the baseball world is nothing new to this Kings Mountain citizen. In 1947 he successfully organized the original WCL and at the age of 26 became the youngest league president in the history of organized baseball.

This was the first step in a long line of successes for Moss.

His next venture in organized baseball was as general manager of the Rock Hill Chiefs of the old Class-B Tri-State League in 1949. Here he set an attendance record when the Chiefs drew better than 120 thousand fans through the turnstiles.

From Rock Hill it was a short hop to the Detroit Tiger organization which he joined in 1950 as general manager of Tiger minor league clubs.

With the Tigers Moss served as GM at Jamestown, N. Y., Richmond, Ind., and Wausau, Wisconsin.

His most varied duties were with the Huskies of Wausau. Here he was GM of the baseball, basketball, football and hockey teams.

The football Huskies, comprised of Big Ten graduates, were three time champions of the Central States Professional Football League.

It was during his tenure at Jamestown that John inked Frank Lary to a Falcon contract.

Duke Maas, Elroy Face, Charlie Neal, Don Zimmer and Billy Hoft were other players of note in the PONY League that season.

High Point Of Career John spent nine years as general manager of these three teams, but in 1959 decided it was time to return home.

It was upon his return home that he believes he reached the high point in his baseball career.

This peak in his career was successfully negotiating with Branch Rickey in the reorganizing of the Western Carolina League. (Some success it was, too, (Continued On Page Three)



STARTING TACKLE — James Hope will be at one of the starting tackle slots when the Mountaineers open their 1962 grid season Friday night at East High in Forest City. The 190-pounder is a senior back from last year's team.

Midget League Sets Four Teams

The Kings Mountain Midget Football League will again be a four-team league this year.

The four teams will be East, West, North and South.

According to recreation director Jake Early the players will begin registering Saturday, September 8, with the first practices scheduled for the following Monday.

This will give the boys about two weeks to practice before the first games which are tentatively scheduled for the last of September.

Weight limit for the midget players is 125 pounds and the age range is from 9 to 13 years of age. The local teams do not play under the Pop Warner football rules.

The South team will hold its practices at either Park Grace school field or at the swimming pool. The other three teams, East, West, and North, will practice on their respective school fields.

As in past years the teams will play a City Stadium series of six doubleheaders. Starting time is not yet set but all games will be played on Saturday nights.

There is still one problem facing the league this season. Early reports that a major portion of the equipment is in disrepair and must be replaced. This could possibly delay the issuance of equipment to some players.

Saturday night's Hypnodrama receipts are earmarked for midget football equipment.

The program is sponsored again this year by the Optimist Club in conjunction with the city's recreation department.

Recreation seekers visited the National forests at an average rate of 194 a minute during 1961 reports the September Sports Affield. There were a record 102 million visits, better than a 10 per cent increase over the 92.5 million visits in 1960.

Six Seniors On Starting 11; Boys Determined

"We feel that the boys have worked hard and are determined to play their best football," were the words of head coach Bill Bates and his coaching staff as they made final preparations for the 1962 Mountaineer football opener with East Rutherford Friday night.

"We will have six seniors on our starting eleven but most of our boys have little or no varsity game experience and Friday night's game will be a determining factor in whether or not we have a good season," the coaches further stated.

The Mountaineers will be facing a formidable opponent in the opening clash. Last week the Cavaliers downed the Chase Trojans 35 to 0 in the opener for both schools.

Although the Trojans are the Southwest Conference's perennial cellar-dwellers, Coach Bates feels that any team that scores 35 points in its opener must be regarded highly.

CAVALIER OFFENSE The Cavaliers run from an unbalanced T formation with an equal assortment of running and passing plays.

In their win Friday the Cavaliers rolled up 186 yards rushing with 113 of these yards coming on off-tackle slants. The unbalanced line employed by East High puts their big men Taylor (208) and Willis (150) in position to open the holes off tackle.

Adding to the strength of the Cavalier running attack is one of the best backfields in the conference. The local coaching staff feels that the East runners can hold their own with any group in the circuit.

In the passing department the Cavaliers have David Matheny to do the hurling. In last week's romp over Chase the junior quarterback completed nine passes for 145 yards. This was 80 per cent of the winners passing attack.

One of Matheny's favorite targets is right halfback Simon Jones, a fleet-footed senior.

MOUNTAINEER STARTERS The starting offensive team holes for the Mountaineer run-comprised of six seniors, four juniors and one sophomore.

Coach Bates reports that he actually has what could be termed a sixteen-man starting eleven.

At the end positions on offense will be Charles Goodson and Tommy Hope. Richard White will alternate with Hope at the left end slot.

Hope started his first physical contact this week and showed that he has learned his new position well.

Two seniors, Tim Heavner and James Hope will be at the tackle posts for Friday's opener. Both boys tip the scales at 190 pounds and are expected to open the hole for the Mountaineer runners.

Jimmy Medlin will man one of the guard positions with Brent McDaniel and Fred Dixon alternating at the other.

Sophomore Pat Murphy has filled the all-important quarterback spot and will be directing the Mountaineer offense in the opener.

Warren "Bo" Coforth will handle the right half chores while a junior and two sopho-



HALFBACK SPEEDSTER — Mike Huffstickler will alternate at the left halfback position in Friday night's football opener. A speed-merchant, Mike saw action against Forest City last year before being sidelined with an injury.

Season Tickets Still Available

Season tickets for Kings Mountain high school's four home football games are still on sale in the office of Principal Harry Jaynes at Central School.

Price of the tickets this year is \$5 and the season ducat entitles the holder to a reserved seat for each of the four contests.

Principal Jaynes reports that there are still plenty of choice seats available.

Mountaineers home games this year are Sept. 21 Chase; Oct. 12 Mooresville; Oct. 26 Rutherfordton - Spindale; and Nov. 9 Cherryville.

more will be alternating at left half. Mike Huffstickler, Von Holcomb and Eddie Huffstickler, all speedsters, will share the running duties there.

Wally Harris, a quarterback in '61, will open at fullback for the local. Wally will also handle the punting for the Mountaineers.

Richard Gold will spell Murphy when the Mountaineers are on the defensive.

Probable Lineups:

K. M.	EAST
T. Hope	E Newton
170	175
Heavner	T Taylor
190	208
Medlin	G Grant
165	180
Leonard	C Hoffner
165	145
McDaniel	G Hardin
171	150
J. Hope	T Willis
190	190
Goodson	E Stallcup
175	175
Murphy	QB Stallcup
150	160
Huffstickler	HB Waters
145	175
Goforth	HB Jones
145	160
Harris	FB Bradley
165	180

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