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On Being A High School Football Coach

Have you ever stopped to think just where high school football coaches are made? They are made you know... You may think that only inanimate things are made, and literally speaking, you may be correct, but we hear the expression, "Athletes are made, not born", so we can say, with some validity, that coaches are made, too.

Don't get me wrong. They are not formulated by some miracle chemical ingredient and manufactured, but they do possess some characteristics which no other individuals have. They possess the will to help young boys. They thrive on the success of their teams and take defeat with a deep sense of failure. The high school football coach is a teacher, leader, mother, father to the boys with whom he comes in contact on the field. He takes a personal interest in every boy under his jurisdiction and is very instrumental in molding the character and success of "his boys". The boys consider the coach "the best" and although they won't admit it every time, they respect his judgment and look to him for guidance.

Football coaches come in all sizes, shapes and forms; tall, short, fat, skinny, with brown, black, red, and gray hair. They range in age from 21 to 65; they are all college graduates and most of them have played football at the college level or in high school.

The basic foundation for becoming a high school coach is the ambition of a young fellow to become a coach. He must want to coach very badly if he is to be successful. The formal aspects of becoming a coach begin at the college level where the candidate goes to prepare himself for the coaching profession.

As a freshman in college he may play football and it is here where he begins his real learning. He is under the guidance of trained and professional coaches who have experience in playing and teaching the finer points of the game.

The coaching student's academic work is centered around physical activities and it is in the classroom that he learns the theory behind coaching.

Methods courses are offered in college which familiarize the coaching candidate with the actual job of coaching football. He learns practice routines, organization, and management of a football team.

All phases of the coaching profession are covered during a student's years in college and as graduation time approaches the soon-to-be coach is prepared intellectually as a coach, but the true test will be given in the form of practical experience.

Upon graduation, the rookie coach seeks employment. He is more likely than not to land a job as an assistant coach. As an assistant he learns from the head coach just how his learned theory can be put into practical use. It is at this time that he learns just how little he knows about the game. Offensive plays, defensive alignments, blocking assignments, pass protection drills, punt return techniques, kickoff alignments, tackling techniques, and many other aspects must be covered prior to opening game. The hours are long. After years of assistant coaching duties he becomes a head coach.

The average high school coach begins his actual football season two weeks prior to the opening of the fall term of school. Equipment must be checked, orders for needed articles must be originated, physical examinations of all the candidates must be given, dressing room facilities must be secured, and a very important item, money, must be obtained to finance the team.

Four hours of practice daily and countless hours of after-practice planning makes the pre-season coaching job one that goes well over the eight hour day's work. Nights are spent in conferences with the other staff members and strategy is the prime topic of conversation. What must we do to be successful?

As school opens the football coach is faced with still another full time job, teaching. Most high school coaches teach five or six hours a day before their job of coaching begins. The majority of the teachers leave school soon after the last class, but not the coaching staff. Their day is just beginning. Two hours of practice, and by the time the squad has showered, dressed, and cleared the building it is 6:30 in the evening. The coaches confer and evaluate the day's practice, discuss upcoming events, and map the strategy for future practices. The typical high school coach's job usually ends around 7 or 8 in the evening. Then the coach struggles home to prepare his teaching assignments, grade papers, complete registers, talk to parents by telephone, and countless other chores that are required of a teacher. If he's lucky he will finish (or should we say quit) his day's work before the midnight hour rolls around.

This is not bad. As Friday approaches, the coach really begins to work. Transportation for the team is secured if the weekend game is away, issuance of game uniforms, securing adequate dressing facilities for the visitors if the game is played at home, checking with the principal regarding ticket sales, making sure the football programs are ready, and being interviewed by the press, are just some of the few activities aside from the job of coaching the team.

During a football game the coach is a tense, nervous, and very observant individual. His actions and decisions during the 48 minutes of football determine, to a great extent, the outcome of the game. All of the preparations and hard work by the coach, and the team, begins to become reality.

After the game, which usually ends around 10 o'clock, the coach is faced with after-game duties which consist of checking the team for injuries, talking to the opposing coach, interviews by the press, and being sure that the team's game uniforms are stored properly. After all of this, and much more, he finds time to relax, review the ball game and try to discover why certain things were done and why events happened the way they did. If he won the game his job is more pleasant. By midnight, if the game is played at home, he is a man of leisure, to do with his time as he pleases. But where can a tired, hungry, and completely exhausted individual go at midnight?

Saturday morning finds the football coach up bright and early busying himself with the chores left undone the night before. He races to the gymnasium to see if everything is still intact and do the odd jobs that were left undone by the managers, such as picking up dirty towels, storing discarded uniforms, cleaning up the office, and calling his wife to tell her that he will be late for lunch because someone has come in to talk.

As soon as the film from the preceding game are developed and sent to the coach (which is usually Saturday afternoon) he calls a meeting of his assistants and they spend hours reviewing the film and discovering mistakes that were made.

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Mounties Seek Third Win At Chase Friday

Mountaineers Win Second Game 28-6

MOUNTAINEER GRIDGRAPH

SCORE:	KM	Stanley
FIRST DOWNS	28	6
YDS. RUSHING	324	-8
YDS. PASSING	68	55
PASS ATT.	10	11
PASS COMP.	5	5
PASS HAD INT.	1	1
FUMBLES LOST	2	0
PUNTS	1	3
AVERAGE	40	34
YDS. PENALIZED	105	52
TOTAL YDS.	489	258
GAINED	489	258

IN GAME (includes punt returns, yards gained rushing and passing, kickoff returns, intercepted passes, and penalty gains)

KINGS MOUNTAIN			
RUSHING:	T	G	Av.
Huffstickler	18	103	5.7
Putnam	12	68	5.7
Goforth	11	54	4.9
Murphy	3	70	23.1
R. Rhea	4	20	5.0
Baker	1	2	2
Gold	1	3	3
J. Rhea	1	2	2

PASSING:			
Player:	Att.	Comp.	Int.
Murphy	7	3	0
Gold	2	1	0
Black	1	0	1

RECEIVING:			
Player:	Caught	Yards	
Wright	1	18	
Goforth	2	18	
Cook	1	17	
Baker	1	15	

RUSHING			
Player:	T	G	Av.
Huffstickler	6	3	-5
Huffstickler	8	-5	-6.2
Thompson	3	-4	-1.3
Michael	2	3	1.5
Robinson	1	2	2
Cloinger	2	-1	0.5
Norris	1	0	0

PASSING:			
Player:	Att.	Comp.	Int.
Thompson	6	2	1
Harrison	5	3	0

RECEIVING:			
Player:	Caught	Yards	
Michael	3	30	
Harrison	2	25	

KINGS MOUNTAIN KICKOFF RETURNS:			
Player:	No.	Yds.	Av.
Grigg	1	16	16
Goforth	1	12	12

PUNTING:			
Player:	No.	Yds.	Av.
Cloinger	1	40	40

KICKOFFS:			
Player:	No.	Yds.	Av.
Ware	5	214	43.1

STANLEY KICKOFF RETURNS:			
Player:	No.	Yds.	Av.
Michael	4	105	26.2
Stone	1	24	24

PUNTING:			
Player:	No.	Yds.	Av.
Harrison	3	102	34

Four TD's Two Extra Points And A Safety

By DICK WOODWARD

Kings Mountain scored our touchdowns, two extra points, and one safety Friday night to down the Stanley Blue Devils 28-6 in the '63 home opener for the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers kicked off to Stanley to start the game. Stanley was unable to move the ball and kicked on third down to the Mountaineer eight.

Kings Mountain moved 92 yards in 17 plays to score the first touchdown of the game. The drive was climaxed by a three yard off-tackle plunge by Mike Huffstickler. Hubert McGinnis missed the point after touchdown attempt and the Mountaineers led 6-0. The Mountaineers used the running game to score the first tally with Huffstickler and Goforth providing the yardage.

Tonnie Ware kicked off for the Mountaineers and Larry Michael returned to the Stanley 37. Two running plays and a penalty found Stanley with third down. Fullback Harrison. Stanley fullback passed to Kent Morris at the Mountaineer 36 but Richard Gold intercepted for the Mountaineers and ran to the Mountaineer 42. Huffstickler hit off left guard for 7 and Putnam picked up 5 through the middle but fumbled at the Stanley 45 where Stanley recovered. Stanley ran two plays and the first quarter ended.

Stanley was unable to move the ball and Michael kicked on fourth down from his 47. The ball rolled dead at the Mountaineer 15. A 15 yard penalty against Stanley and two running plays moved the Mountaineers to the 35, first and ten. Pete Putnam gained five through the line and on second down five from the 40 Pat Murphy, the Mountaineer quarterback rounded his own right end and raced 60 yards for the second Kings Mountain touchdown. Ware added the extra point to increase the Mountaineer lead to 13-0.

The second half was marred by penalties as Kings Mountain added two more touchdowns and a safety to lead 28-0 before Stanley could muster a score.

Two penalties against the Mountaineers gave Stanley a first down at the Mountaineer 25 late in the fourth quarter. From the 25 Michael passed to Charles Cloinger for 16 yards to the Mountaineer 9. With first down and goal-to-go Harrison went into the end zone on an end sweep. The extra point attempt was missed by Michael.

The entire Mountaineer team, 53 players, saw action. Jose Pucci, the exchange student from Argentina, played his first game of football and made an important tackle which prevented Stanley from scoring in the third quarter.

Defensive standouts for the Mountaineers included senior guard Jimmy Medlin, and the entire defensive units of the Mountaineers who held Stanley to minus eight yards rushing. Chip Bridges, sophomore tackle, won praise from Coach Bill Bates for his outstanding performance.

Men's Bowling League Standings Change; Plonk Oil Tied For 3rd

The Bob Herndon team increased its lead in the Men's Bowling League this week and Plonk Oil moved into a tie with McGinnis Furniture for third place. Dilling Heating dropped to fifth place and the Tignor & Russell team was replaced by the Ranny Blanton team which occupies the sixth position as the fifth week of the bowling season ends.

Plonk Oil moved up in the standings with a 3 to 1 victory over Dilling Heating. Rod Houser led the others scoring with a single game high of 132 and a line set score of 340. John Dilling continued to roll high scores and led his team with a 136 single game high and a three game total of 351, which was high for the match.

Dye Construction moved into sole possession of second place, after being tied with McGinnis Furniture last week, with a 3 to 1 victory over the Ranny Blanton team. Dyer Murray copped single game high scoring honors for the winners with a 117 and Boyce Wells' 328 was good enough to top the line set score high. Clyde Culbertson and Ranny Blanton rolled high scores for the losers. Culbertson's 142 single game score was high for the match and Blanton's 340 line set score led all scoring for the match.

The Bob Herndon team increased its lead with a 3 to 1 victory



MOUNTAINEER ENDS. Pictured above are the boys that will be at the end positions for the Mountaineers this week. Front row (l. to r.) Lewis Stewart, Bill Mullinax, Dennis Patterson, and Richard White. Back Row: Glen Lovelace, Calvin Lockridge, Jerry Cloinger, Lewis Cook, and Charles Putnam. Stewart, Mullinax, Pat-erson, and Putnam are Junior Varsity members and will be in the line-up against Shelby Thursday night.

Junior Varsity Opens At Shelby

The 1963 Junior Varsity Team opens its season Thursday night September 19 at 7:30 in Shelby. The Junior Varsity, coached by Bill Cashion, has been practicing with the varsity team since August 15 and is in god shape for the opening of the four game schedule.

"We expect Shelby to be good," commented Cashion, "but our defense is strong and we should give them a good game," he continued.

The team is composed of boys in the tenth and eleventh grades.

The roster is as follows: Ends — Dennis Patterson, Bill Mullinax, Charles Putnam, and Lewis Stewart.

Tackles — Del Putnam, Syd Carpenter, Presley Anderson, Glen Bolin, and Charles Ramsey.

Guards — Gene Allen, Danny Finger, Rodney Smith, and Robby Suber.

Centers — Eddie Leftwich, and Freddie Wright.

Halfbacks — Steve Goforth, Ronnie Dover, Steve Bumgardner, and Jackie Rhea.

Fullbacks — Danny Kiser and Ronnie Gellespie.

Quarterback — Tommy Black

J. V. SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 — Shelby (Away) 7:30

Oct. 3 — Lincolnton (Away) 4:00

Oct. 10 — Shelby (Home) 4:00

Oct. 16 — Lincolnton (Home) 4:00

4:00

Ladies Tournament Begins Thursday

The Kings Mountain Country Club Ladies Golf Association Tournament is scheduled to begin Thursday, September 26. Qualifying rounds of 18 holes are to be played Tuesday and Wednesday.

A party, for the golfers, will be held Thursday evening at 6:00 at the club with prizes being awarded.

The winner of the tournament will reign as club champion for the year.

Stock Car Racing At Concord Friday

CONCORD—Of all the new improvements which await the opening race Friday night at the Concord International Speedway, vice-president Tom Cole likes the track the best.

Cole said the track, which has been regraded and worked with sand, will be, "the fastest it has ever been."

The untested track will offer the fans plenty of excitement as the late model modified, sportsmen and hobby drivers try to find the right running groove.

Some of the local boys will get a jump on the out of town drivers since Cole has set "open house" Thursday night.

First Round Of KMCC Golf Tourney Completed; '62 Winners Defeated

Defending champion Charles Neisler and '62 runner-up Jim Lybrand were defeated in the opening round of the 1963 Kings Mountain Country Club Golf Tournament which was completed this week.

The participants in the tournament are paired into six flights with the losers of the opening round, which consisted of three flights, each dropped into the next flight. Losers in the championship flight, for instance, will form the first flight. Losers of the second flight will form the third flight, etc.

Tip Francis, who qualified with a score of 82, defeated defending champion Charles Neisler 5 and 4 in the opening championship round.

1962 runner-up Jim Lybrand was beaten by Wood Grayson, but it took a sudden death playoff to declare a winner. Lybrand was 2 up going to the 17th, and needed only one hole to clinch the victory. Grayson won the 17th and sank a 90 foot putt on the 18th for a birdie to send the match into a playoff. Grayson parred the first play-off hole to win the match.

"The Lybrand-Grayson match was the most exciting of the opening round of play", stated Jim Belton, Country Club Pro.

Carol Ledford outlasted Chuck Neisler to win 3 and 2 in their first round championship action. Darrell Austin was 1 up over Mike Ballard to the 18th. Ballard needed to win the 18th to tie and force the match into a sudden death playoff but Austin held on and won the match 2 up.

Coman Falls outlasted Jack Arnette to win their opening round match 5 and 4.

Jim Gibson was declared the winner of his match with Scar Morrison by default.

George Webb Plonk defeated Jay Patterson 7 and 6.

Turk Falls downed McGinnis 7 and 6 to complete the opening championship round.

The pairings for the second round of the championship flight, which is to be completed Sunday, is as follows:

Tip Francis vs Carol Ledford
Darrell Austin vs Coman Falls
Jim Gibson vs George Webb Plonk, Jr.

Wood Grayson vs Turk Falls
Other opening round flight: scores with pairings for the second round are:

SECOND FLIGHT Results
Dr. George Plonk defeated Zip Rhea — 3-2
George Mauney defeated Hunter Neisler — 2 up
Charlie Ballard defeated Wood Wilson — by default
Jack White defeated Robert Allen — by default
Robert Plonk defeated Tolly Shufford — 3-2

Dick McGinnis defeated John Smathers — 2 up
Luther Joy defeated Henry Neisler — 1 up
Jack Cooper defeated Charles Carpenter — 3-2

SECOND FLIGHT PAIRINGS
Dr. George Plonk vs George Mauney
Charlie Ballard vs Jack White
Robert Plonk vs John Smathers
Luther Joy vs Jake Cooper

FOURTH FLIGHT opening round scores and pairings for the second round:
FOURTH FLIGHT
Dr. George Plonk defeated Paul McGinnis — 2-1
George Houser defeated Harold Matthews — by default
Paul Neisler defeated Carl Moss — by default
Drace Peeler defeated Al Dunn — 5-4

John Stoterau defeated Bill McGinnis — sudden death - 19th
Snook McDaniel defeated Charles Mouney — 2-1

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Huffstickler And Leonard To Lead Mounties Friday

Terry Leonard, Mountaineer veteran center, and Mike Huffstickler, ground gaining half-back, have been selected to serve as co-captains for Kings Mountain's encounter with Chase Friday night. Both boys are seniors who performed well against Stanley last week.

The Mountaineers have been hard at work preparing for Friday night's game and Coach Bates reports that there are no injuries of any players and the team is in excellent shape for the third game of the young season.

"Our offensive and defensive teams have been doing a real good job this week," reports Bates, "and our passing game is clicking a-l-s-i," he concluded.

Chase has been unable to impress anyone so far this season having dropped its opening game to Rutherfordton 55-0 and losing last week to East Rutherford 20-6.

Chase is one of the youngest members of the conference and lack of football experience has been the biggest factor with regard to Chase's success.

The Mountaineers will be seeking their third victory in as many outings Friday night. Kick-off time is 7:30 at the Chase high school stadium.

Probable Starting Line-Ups For Game

KINGS MOUNTAIN	
Position	Name
LE	Richard White
LT	Lyn Cheshire
LG	Jimmy Medlin
C	Terry Leonard
RG	Fred Dixon
RT	Jimmy Owens
RE	Lewis Cook
LH	Mike Huffstickler
RH	Warren Goforth
FB	Pete Putnam
QB	Pat Murphy
CHASE	
LE	Ronnie Kennedy
LT	Joe McHugh
LG	Jimmy Burleson
C	Mickey Waters
RG	Dorris Ledbetter
RT	Charlie Willis
RE	Terry Harris
LH	Steve McRayner
RH	Ronnie Farris
FB	Johnny McGuire
QB	Mike Robertson

Compact Downed By Newbold 26-6; Carroll Injured

The Cobras of Compact high school ran into a strong defense and well functioned offense Friday night as Newbold held the school of Lincolnton won a decisive victory over Compact 26-6 at Lincolnton.

The Cobras scored first, early in the first quarter, but were unable to contain the hard charging Newbold eleven in the second half.

Miles Boyd, Compact quarterback, scored for the Cobras on a 20 yard end run to start the scoring. Andrew Brown's attempt for the point after touchdown was blocked.

Newbold evened the score late in the second quarter and the half ended a 6-6 tie.

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