



Herald Sports

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Small Colleges On Way Up In N. C.

Two of the fastest growing colleges in North Carolina met Saturday night in Norfolk, Virginia.

Davidson, the fastest growing college anywhere with regard to national basketball prominence, met the Pirates of East Carolina, the fastest growing school in the state, and probably on the east coast, with regard to increased student enrollment over the past ten years.

The two teams have quite a bit in common when one sits down to think about it.

Davidson reached the No. 10 spot in the national rankings for the first time in the history of the school, and East Carolina played a top ten team for the first time in its history.

Davidson is a member of the Southern Conference, and East Carolina is seeking membership. So, although there are no tangible similarities when comparing the two schools, they tend to be moving in the same direction, UP.

The Wildcats are looking forward with great anticipation to the February 15 meeting with the Duke Blue Devils in Durham. Most followers of basketball seem to think that Davidson will give Duke a good ball game, and not many would be surprised if the Wildcats came out with a victory.

East Carolina Is "Exploding"

The population explosion which has been receiving a lot of attention throughout the world for the past few years is being felt greatly at East Carolina.

Ten years ago the eastern North Carolina school, located in Greenville, N. C., had an enrollment of 2,500 students. But today there are over 6,000 students enrolled, and the school is on its way up in many, many ways.

The sports program has been stepped up to an amazingly fast pace as East Carolina is hoping to join the Southern Conference next year.

Ex-Lenoir-Rhyne head football coach Clarence Stasavich took over at the helm for the Pirates last year and posted a 6-3 season with a starting team which consisted of nine sophomores. He also added the single wing, for which he was so famous while at LR.

Additional funds were allocated by the Athletic Department for the purpose of producing outstanding athletic teams at East Carolina.

This year's EC team posted a 9-1 record, having beaten highly regarded teams such as Citadel and (although they haven't won very many recently), Wake Forest.

The Pirates participated in the Cement Bowl at Allentown Pennsylvania last week, and won a decisive decision, 27-6.

Great things are expected from the EC gridders next year as the majority of the '63 team will be back to prove that East Carolina can compete with the Southern Conference foes.

If recuperating Coach Stasavich fully recovers from a recent heart attack, his team will win its share of games.

Windell Carr, ex-Wake Forest basketball star, has taken over as head basketball coach replacing veteran coach Earl Smith, who has been at East Carolina for ten years. Smith has been named baseball coach and should develop a fine team because of his valuable baseball experience as a scout for the San Francisco Giants for a number of years.

Bowl Games Highlight Sports Calendar

Two major bowl games have been played, but the four biggest games will be played New Year's Day when the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, and the Sugar Bowl teams square off in the annual first day of the year battles.

N. C. State met Mississippi State in the Liberty Bowl game in Philadelphia Saturday and lost a close 16-12 decision, and the Baylor Bears scored a come from behind 14-7 decision over the Louisiana State University Tigers.

The Cotton Bowl game at Dallas, Texas has been given the title as being the most outstanding game. The No. 1 ranked Texas Longhorns (10-0) butt heads with the No. 2 ranked team, Navy.

Both teams proved to be outstanding during the regular season with Texas having the outstanding lineman of the nation in the person of Scott Appleton, 6'3" 240 pound All-America tackle, and Navy sporting Teisman Trophy winner quarterback Roger Staubach, who is the most publicized quarterback in Navy's history.

The odds makers have given Texas a slight advantage (a mere half point), but it is the contention of this writer that the Longhorns will win by two touchdowns.

This year's Cotton Bowl match-up marks the second consecutive year that Bowl Games have pitted the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams. In the last Rose Bowl game, No. 1 ranked Southern California outlasted No. 2 Wisconsin 42-37.

In the other major January 1 games, Auburn was given the nod to take Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, Illinois over Washington in the Rose Bowl, and Mississippi over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

On Saturday, December 28, the North Carolina Tar Heels meet the Falcons from the Air Force Academy in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville.

North Carolina has been established a slight favorite over the Air Force, which won 6 and lost 3 during the regular season. But don't forget, the Academy has posted wins over two Bowl teams, Washington and Nebraska. In Terry Isaacson, the running-passing quarterback, they possess one of the more spectacular players of the season.

On the other hand the Tar Heels have All-America Bob Lacey, who has been the key player for Carolina during the season which saw the Tar Heels post an 8-2 record, best since 1948.

North Carolina end play through the years, has been remarkably sound. Five of the school's nine All-Americans played end: Andy Bershak, Art Weiner, Ken Powell, (Weiner and Powell together on the '49 team which produced three All-America players, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice being the other) Al Goldstein and now Lacey.

Jim Hickey, Carolina head coach, said recently at the Lions Club Football Banquet that it is a real tribute to have an All-America player, but every team must have two ends and reserves behind them. Hickey added that the '63 Carolina team was fortunate to have Lacey plus some great help for him.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

'63 Was Banner Year For High School Teams

Cagers Bomb BC In '63 Finale

The girls and boys basketball teams finished the 1963 high school athletic year Thursday night with a double win over non-conference foe Bessemer City. The girls winning the opener, 39 to 17, and the boys taking the nightcap easily 65 to 46.

The girls got off to a slow start in the first half, scoring eight points in the first quarter and only two in the second. Bessemer City held a slim 11-10 lead at the end of the low scoring first half of play.

The local lassies came back after the ten minute intermission and put the game out of Bessemer City's reach with a 19 point third quarter with Joyce Bolin, Margie Huffstetler, and Becky Webster leading the offensive attack.

Bessemer City managed only three points during the third quarter and fell behind 29-14 going into the final period of play.

Kings Mountain added ten points in the fourth quarter, and Coach Hussey substituted freely in the waning minutes of play.

The Mountaineers posted the highest score of the young season in the second game as the local lads racked up a 65 to 46 victory to bring the season record to three wins and one loss.

Ken Bunkowski and Richard Gold set the fast moving Mountaineer pace in the first half, but the visitors racked up 10 points in the first quarter and added 17 in the second with Robbie Bryner and Ronnie Crocker leading the Yellow Jackets to a 27-23 first half lead.

Kings Mountain caught fire in the third and fourth quarters as Bunkowski and Gold, along with Lewis Cook, led the home team's scoring which netted the Mountaineers 42 points.

Kings Mountain knotted the score early in the third quarter, and led 44 to 38 as the fourth quarter began.

Eleven players saw action during the game with substitutes Jimmy Cloninger, Terry Leonard, and Neal Cooper registering two points each to aid the victory. Other players who saw action were Ben Grimes and Mickey Bell.

The local cagers resume action January 14 at Shelby in the first conference game of the season.

Local Citizen Lands Big Catch

Woody London, local Druce Store owner, fishes fifty-two weeks a year.

Last Sunday afternoon London caught thirteen large mouth bass, which weighed a total of thirty pounds, the largest single catch tipping the scales at five pounds.

London would not reveal his secret of success with regard to the type of bait that was used, but stated that fishing during cold weather is quite different from warm weather fishing.

He further related that while fishing Sunday afternoon, the icicles formed on his fishing rod. Brrrr Fishing anyone?

Advertisement for Lynch Furniture featuring a cartoon of a man and a bear with the text 'A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS' and 'LYNCH FURNITURE'.

Baseball And Football Teams Win Conference Championships In '63

1963 was the year of championship teams in Kings Mountain. Two high school teams won conference titles, and one competed in the conference basketball tournament.

The '63 baseball team compiled a conference record of 11 wins and 3 losses to win the Southwest Conference crown, and the football team shared the Southwest Conference championship with Shelby as the gridders posted an undefeated season (9-0-1).

The girls basketball team advanced to the Bi-Conference tournament and lost to a strong Taylorsville team.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The 1963 girls basketball team enjoyed one of its best seasons in recent years as the local lassies advanced to the conference tournament.

The Mountaineers were eliminated in the quarter final round of the tournament by a strong Taylorsville team, 79-41.

The boys found the going a little rough during the '62-'63 campaign and managed to win only eight games while losing ten.

Gail Huffstetler led the girls scoring for the year with 288 points in 18 regular season games, and added 15 points in the playoff game with Taylorsville to bring her season total to 303.

Richard Gold led the boys scoring with 221 points, and is currently leading the scoring for the '63-'64 team after four games.

The outlook for the '63-'64 teams is dim. Coach Bob Hussey, in his first year as head coach of the girls team, has only one returning letterman from last year's squad, but the girls show some promise as they go into the Christmas holidays with a record of three wins and one loss.

The boys team has won three of their four non-conference games, but the competition will be keener after the holidays as the conference schedule begins January 14 at Shelby.

This year is a rebuilding year for both squads. The girls team has only two seniors, and the boys team has some outstanding young players in Mike Ballard, Ken Bunkowski, and Richard Gold, who should gain valuable experience this season.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

1963 proved to be the year for championship winners for Kings Mountain and the baseball team got things started early in the year by winning the conference title.

It was Kings Mountain's first championship in 23 years and only the third Kings Mountain team to win a conference title.

The 1941 team, spearheaded by Charlie Ballard, won the title, and in 1955 Jake Early, who later went on to the major leagues with the Washington Senators, was instrumental in Kings Mountain's conference championship.

The 1963 team compiled a record of 11 wins and only three losses during the regular season, and lost to Hickory, 3 to 3 in the Western Conference playoff game.

Barry Gibson, ace pitcher for the championship team, was awarded the John Moss Most Valuable Player award, which was inaugurated by the Western Carolina League president this year.

The prospects for a repeat in '64 are good for the Mountaineers with returning lettermen Richard Gold, Warren Goforth, Pat Murphy, and Lewis Cook forming the nucleus for the team.

OTHER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Five Kings Mountain football players were named to the All-Conference team in 1963, the largest number of Kings Mountain players ever to be named to the squad.

Junior quarterback Pat Murphy, who directed the Mountaineer attack, is the only player who will be back in the lineup for the Mountaineers next season.

Seniors Fred Dixon, guard, Warren Goforth, halfback, Jimmy Medlin, guard, and halfback Mike Huffstetler were the other '63 Mountaineers named to the squad.

The Margrace entry into the Pony League won the championship. An All-Star game was held after the season, and the Margrace team took on All-Stars from the other teams in the league. Margrace won.

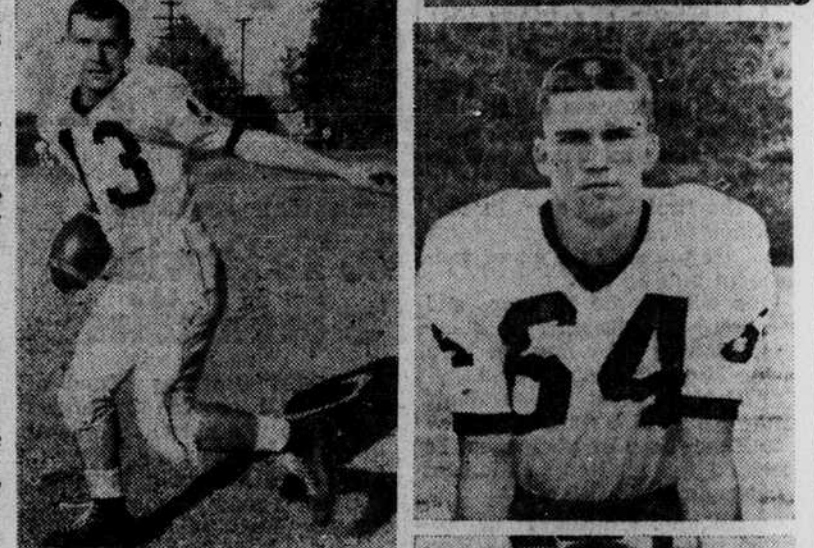
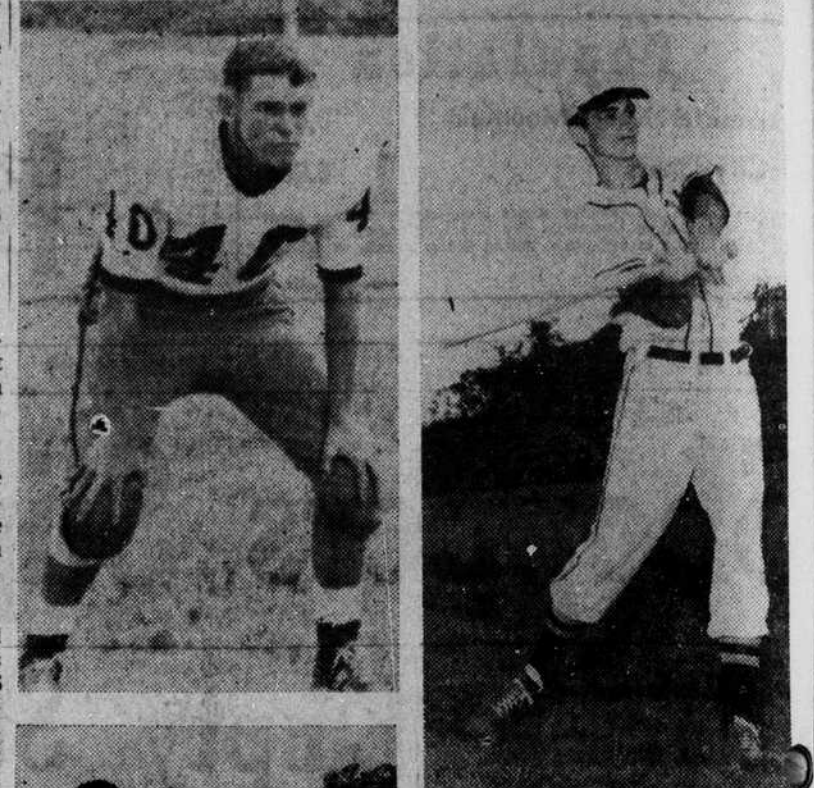
Fred Dixon, 185 pound Mountaineer guard, signed a four year grant - and - aid scholarship to Clemson.

Head football Coach Hanley Painer of Lenoir Rhyne, who was named Coach of the Year in the NAIA in 1962 (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Banquet in April. His team participated in the NAIA playoff game last year.

Kings Mountain won its first high school baseball conference championship since 1941. The local lads posted a 11-3 regular season mark. Reports have it that the Mounties will repeat as champs in '64.

Mike Huffstetler, voted 1963's Most Valuable Player, gained

'63 Standouts



ALL CONFERENCE — These six Mountaineer players received All-Conference recognition during the 1963 athletic year. Top Row: (5 to r.) Warren Goforth, halfback; Charles Goodson, baseball. Second Row: Mike Huffstetler, halfback; Jimmy Medlin, guard. Third Row: Fred Dixon, guard; and Pat Murphy, quarterback.

fans jammed City Stadium to witness the 7-7 tie with Shelby. Wake Forest won a football game. The Kings Mountain American Legion Baseball team lost a disputed playoff game to Rutherfordon, 5 to 4. Officials filed a protest but the outcome was negative for Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain's basketball teams completed the 1963 sports season with a double victory over Dallas. Wood Grayson defeated Coman Falls, 1-up in a sudden death playoff to win the Country Club Golf Tournament.

The midget football league completed its fourteenth year of operation this year with East winning the title for the third consecutive year. A post season bowl game highlighted the '63 season with All Stars from East, North, and West teaming up to down Greenville, S. C. in the second annual Turkey Bowl game by a 25 to 20 score.

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Kings Mountain Recreation Basketball League completed its first year of operation in 1963 with six teams participating. The Others, which led the newly formed league for most of the season, downed the Kings Mountain All-Stars in the final game of the schedule to win the initial title by one game.

MIDGET FOOTBALL

This year's action has been uneven for three weeks and the Kings Mountain All-Stars are currently leading the league by one and one half games.

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