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Musial Jolted Twice At Rock Hill Monday

Stan Musial's visit to the Rock Hill Cardinals of the Western Carolinas League this past week resulted in two new pieces of information which The Man had not counted on at all.

First of all, it was during a Monday afternoon press conference that he learned of Bing Devine's dismissal as general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and the other being closer to home in the person of WCL President John Moss' nomination of Stan as the next commissioner of baseball.

President Moss indicated that Musial would make an exceptionally good commissioner and that Musial is held in highest esteem by all followers of sports.

"I consider Stan Musial the most highly esteemed man in the athletic world today," Moss said, "and it has been his trademark throughout his long tenure of baseball to be an example for all players and followers of the game," Moss added.

Musial seemed somewhat surprised at Moss' nomination and made the statement that anyone would want the job as commissioner of baseball, but that he was contented with his dual athletic role as vice-president of the Cardinals and director of President Johnson's physical fitness program.

The introduction of Musial's name as a successor to present Commissioner Ford C. Frick is a result of the announcement of Frick's retirement after the 1965 season. Frick first reported that the '64 season would be his final active campaign but later retracted the statement and agreed to one more year.

Actually, the commissioner's job is the most important one in baseball as it is he who heads the major league program and sees that things run smoothly.

Commissioner Frick has been in his present position since 1951, at which time he succeeded A. B. (Happy) Chandler.

There have been but three commissioners of the game with Judge Mountain Kershaw Landis becoming the first in 1920.

The commissioner is elected by the 20 league presidents in the major leagues for a term of seven years, and the tenure of the service is comparable to the Supreme Court Justices in that his re-election is a mere formality at the end of the designated time.

After announcing that Musial would be his choice as the next commissioner, John Moss elaborated by saying that he is presently negotiating with league presidents throughout the minor league organizations to encourage Musial to consider seriously the idea of the commissioner's job.

The procedure which has been followed in the past regarding the election of a commissioner has been one of nominations being presented by varied personalities affiliated with the game. The nominations are compiled and forwarded to the major league's executive committee who in turn screen the nominees and place an unlimited number of names on the ballot for the job. Then, the team presidents meet and elect one of the nominees.

Reacting to the announcement that Devine had quit his post as General Manager, Musial, in a few words, expressed his regret that Devine was leaving the Cardinal organization. "I'm surprised in a sense," he said. "Naturally you hate to see these things happen. I've been associated with Devine for 20 years, and I enjoyed working with him," Musial added.

According to Associated Press news releases, Devine confirmed with "emotion and regret" his resignation as Cardinal general manager Monday.

CBS's Yankee Purchase 'Stirred The Dust'

The Columbia Broadcasting System added another big business to its present chain of interests recently with the acquisition of the New York Yankees baseball team, and since the purchase, conversations have been as popular as a Sunday double header between the Yankees and Baltimore Orioles.

But, the network was quick to state that its new affiliation with the team was strictly a business venture and the newly introduced "Pay TV" had no bearing on the purchase. Some speculated it did.

But, people will talk, and a great many jokes have been tossed around with regard to the move.

It has even been jokingly stated that the present CBS news staff will have a big hand in the future administration of the Yankees.

Wouldn't it seem strange alright if the weekly game appeared on the household TV and correspondent Walter Cronkite was perched in the television press box giving his pre-game analysis and ever famous predictions.

Or, Roger Mudd given the job as third base coach with instructions to harass the opposing pitchers and managers.

Can't you just see Eric Seviard rushing out of the dugout after a close call by the plate umpire, flanked by Harry Reasoner.

And on the other side of the fence, the jokers have offered the suggestion that Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris may be CBS's answer to the Huntley-Brinkley team which is seen on NBC.

But seriously, the network announces that the present management will be held in tact and that no changes are in store for the present.

Even the state Senators have gotten into the picture by presenting the fact that under present ownership of the Yankees by the network, that the team would fall under jurisdiction of the anti-trust laws, thus providing another first for the highly commercialized major leagues.

There should be no serious effects of the purchase, but it did take most people by surprise when the transaction was announced.

Gridders Vying For Vacated Starting Bert



LINEMEN STANDOUTS — Two returning lettermen, Lyn Cheshire (left) and Hubert McGinnis, have been standouts in the Kings Mountain high school early football drills. Cheshire is a three-year letterman and is scheduled to see duty at the right tackle position this season. McGinnis has moved from his '63 tackle position to the center post this year. Cheshire weighed in at 200 pounds and McGinnis tips the scales at 210. Both are seniors.

Monday Night Opened Men's Bowling League

Six teams are entered in the 1964-65 Men's Duckpin Bowling League and action is underway for another year.

The six teams were selected last week at the annual pre-season league meeting.

A reassignment of various players from last year's teams to other teams this season was the result of the meeting as the selection of team players followed a rigid process of placement.

The six top bowlers in 1963-64 were designated as individual team Captains. The captains were named as a result of posting the six highest averages throughout last season's play.

These six bowlers met to choose their team members and the drafting of the registered participants was handled in the following manner.

The captain of the team which finished in the last position of the standings last season was given first choice of the initial team player for this year. The fifth place finisher chose second, the fourth chose third, etc. until a selection of six players was completed.

After the first round selections were made, the team captain and his first choice's averages were added and the twosome who had the lowest total averages were given first choice in the second round of placement. For example, if an individual team captain had a yearly average of 125 and he chose a bowler with an average of 110 for the 1963-64 season, these two scores were added and compared with the other five team's captain's scores and their individual choices, and the lowest combined total of the six pairs was given first choice in the second round, etc. until all teams finished with five members.

The following teams have been selected with team captain names heading the list:

- PLONK OIL COMPANY**
Clarence Plonk
Boyce Wells
Tom Gamble
Richard Bridges
Bill Mullinax
 - CLYDE CULBERTSON TEAM**
Clyde Culbertson
Jack Rhea
Ronnie Culbertson
Al Herndon
Lee Norville
 - DILLING HEATING**
John Dilling
Boyer Murray
Sam Hamrick
Paul Ware
Furman Wilson
 - BOB HERNDON TEAM**
Bob Herndon
M. H. Biser
Aud Tignor
Bill Ware
Richard Culbertson
 - GRIFFIN DRUG**
Ranny Blanton
C. H. (Cat) Houser
Steve Rathbone
K. E. (Red) Morrison
Mickey Robinson
 - TIGNOR & RUSSELL**
Albert Brackett
Wink Russell
Bob Putnam
Robert Gantt
Harold Barber
- All team members with the exception of one, missing from the Bob Herndon, were present Monday night as the 1964-65 season got underway with three teams posting identical 3-1 victories.
- The Clyde Culbertson team posted a 3 to 1 victory over Plonk Oil Company with Jack Rhea copping the high single scoring honors for the match and Clyde

Starting Eleven Uncertain; Drills Curtail Tuesday

A hard working band of 60-odd candidates have reached the mid-week point of the two-per-day practices which have been the schedule since the opening of drills last Friday.

The Mountaineers will continue the present schedule through Monday, at which time the schedule will be trimmed to once a day.

With the majority of the Southwest Conference coaches pointing at Kings Mountain, along with Shelby, as the team to beat for the conference crown in '64, coach Bill Bates has been putting the candidates through rugged drills and has taken advantage of the cooler weather which has been predominate through the first days of practice.

"The boys are shaping up pretty good in early drills, but we still have a hard road ahead in filling the vacated starting positions", Bates reports.

Bates says that he has been well pleased with the mental attitude of the team members to date, but quickly adds that a definite starting eleven is far from being set.

"We are experimenting with several of the boys at new positions and there will likely be some changes as the practices wear on", he said.

Having lost seven of the '63 starters, the coaching staff is faced with the task of filling five forward wall positions and two in the backfield.

To date, the vacated starting positions, which are right tackle, right end, both guards, and the center post, have been manned by returning lettermen who saw a great deal of action during the past season.

Letterman Steve Grigg and George Plonk have been getting the call on the first unit at the guard positions with '63 starters Richard White and Lyn Cheshire getting the nod at the left end and right tackle posts respectively.

Cheshire played left tackle last season, but has been moved to the right side this year to plug the hole left by graduating tackle Jimmy Owens. Junior letterman Chip Bridges is the first unit left tackle. Jimmy Cloninger has been working at the right end post and has been impressive in the light contact work which has been the order of the days practices.

Hubert McGinnis has been working at the center post which was vacated with Terry Leonard's graduation and the big 210 pounder has responded to the reassignment with observable ease. He played primarily defense last season and is expected to go both ways this year.

Two changes have been made in the backfield slots as wingback Warren Goforth and halfback Mike Huffstickler left positions to be filled.

Steve Baker, who played behind Goforth at wingback last year, has been moved to the "running back" halfback position and letterman Ronnie Rhea has been working at the wingback slot.

Added depth has been furnished to the forward wall in big tackles Gerald Carrigan and Glenn Bolin, who have impressed the coaching staff and will be counted upon heavily to carry the defensive load. "These two boys will play a lot of football for us this year", Bates said.

Jimmy Wright, returning letterman at left end, will play a great deal during the season, as will backfield candidates Richard Gold, Pat Hord, and newcomer Von Holcomb.

Two of the starting backfield positions are pretty well set with three year letterman Pat Murphy at quarterback and two year letterman Pete Putnam at fullback. Gold has been running behind Murphy at the signal calling slot on offense and is scheduled to head the defensive backfield.

Fullbacks Pat Hord and Jay Powell will add backfield depth along with Holcomb, who tips the scales at 185 and has done a fine job at the halfback slot during early drills.

Game-like scrimmage was held for the first time Wednesday afternoon and the boys got their first test of stamina and endurance during the 30 minutes of play.

Four candidates have been plagued with minor injuries to date with Danny Finger's leg injury being the most serious. Finger pulled a muscle prior to the opening of summer practice but is expected to return to action next week.

SWC Coaches Optimistic Point To KM And Shelby

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Optimism is the keynote throughout the Southwest Conference football camps as the coaching staffs have had almost a week to observe the 1964 grid candidates.

Telephone conversations with several opposing coaches in the conference reveals that the majority are expecting greater things in '64.

For two of the schools, Belmont and East Rutherford, it will be a season of more experience and much improvement.

BELMONT IS BLOOMING
Belmont head coach, Ray Shelton, who has been in the high school coaching ranks for 22 years, begins his second year as head mentor of the Red Raiders. He spent 21 years at Wadesboro and produced some outstanding teams during his tenure.

"We will definitely be better than last year," Coach Shelton said. "The '63 Belmont team posted a season record of 2 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie with victories over East Rutherford and Chase.

Experience dominates the picture in the Belmont camp as seven starters head a 20-letterman returning squad. "Don't let the fact that there are 20 returning lettermen be misleading," Coach Shelton said. "Because all of our traveling team received letters last year," he added.

Seven returning starters will be the nucleus around which Shelton will build his fighting force with three of the backfield positions manned by Steve Featherstone, Charles Oren, and Richard Armstrong.

The Belmont attack will feature a multiple offense with emphasis placed on the single wing formation (the only one in the conference) and variations which include the unbalanced T alignment.

Other outstanding starters for Belmont will include Gary Holt, left end, Johnny Fench, left guard, center Danny Chapman, and tackle Barry Farmer, all of whom played regularly last year. And, Mike Bolin, who did a terrific job at the linebacker post as a sophomore last year has been impressive in early drills.

EAST RUTHERFORD — IMPROVED
Coach Bob Setzer at East Rutherford greeted 16 returning lettermen as practice began Friday and he too is expecting a much better showing this season. The Cavaliers posted a 4-6 record in '63, but with seven returning starters, hopes are high. Coach Setzer singles out quarterback David Matheny as his greatest loss but reports that Gary Dodson, a sophomore up from the JV squad has been very impressive in early practices along with senior Drew Mayes, who was the starting fullback last year.

Setzer reports that the most impressive player to date has been Phil Marchamen, 190-pound fullback who didn't play football last season.

The East Rutherford coaching staff has been bolstered by the

acquisition of two Shelby natives, Tom Wright, Jr. and Steve Curtiss. "We are fortunate to have these two fine young coaches and they will definitely help us to build a fine team here," Setzer said.

Coach Setzer points to Shelby as the team to beat for the conference crown with Kings Mountain and Lincolnton providing the stiffest competition. East opens the season on September 4 at home against Rosman, an AA team, and meets Shelby September 11.

CHASE IS CHARGING
The Chase High Trojans begin the season under the direction of new head mentor, Bob Bush, who is a six-year veteran in the coaching ranks having headed four teams at Clover, S. C., and serving as an assistant two seasons. Coach Bush is no stranger to the Kings Mountain fans. He did his student teaching here in 1957 under ex-Mountaineer mentor, Everette (Shu) Carlton.

"We don't expect any miracles this year," but we will have an improved ball club and are hoping to beat a team or two in the conference before the season is over," Bush says.

Bush reports nine returning lettermen and singles out junior guard Charles Hicks and tackle Charles Willis as his outstanding boys.

"We have a host of young players on the 35-man varsity squad who have tremendous desire and a good attitude with a will to win, and with this type of enthusiasm, we will give someone a run for their money," he added.

The Trojans open the season at home September 4 against Salem High.

Bush points to Shelby, Kings Mountain, and Lincolnton as the teams to beat with no particular team having the edge. "Any one of these teams could win the crown," he said.

LINCOLNTON LOOMS AS CONTENDER
Coach Von Ray Harris begins his fifth year at the helm of the Lincolnton entry and is banking heavily on twelve returning lettermen to lead the Wolves to a successful season. "I think that we will be a contender for the conference title this year, but Kings Mountain and Shelby should have real fine teams," he said.

Gone from last year's squad which posted a season record of 6-3-1 will be outstanding performers Dennis Byrd, who spearheaded the offensive power at fullback and backed up the line of defense, and All-Conference center Steve Warren, along with tackles Tod Cromwell and John Dellinger.

Quarterback Terry Talbert will be back to handle the signal-calling chores this season, along with '63 starters Harry Page, Richard Setzer, an All-Conference guard last year, and Mike Hollifield, who was named to the All-Conference team as a tackle.

"Keith Setzer, a 190-pound guard is a tremendous ball player and we're expecting him to head the charges in '64," Harris

added. Harris points to KM and by as the teams to beat and quickly adds that he is definitely not counting Lincolnton.

CHERRYVILLE CHANCES . . . SLIM
Cherryville's new coach Livingston seems to have work cut out as the season er approaches, being faced an almost entire rebuilding.

Ten starters are gone, with lone holdover being in the son of versatile quarterback Randall, who has been an around performer for the Iron for the past three seasons.

It will be a long, hard season for the '64 Ironmen with youthful talent and a lack of experience being the keynote.

SHELBY SURGES . . . NATURALLY
Shelby will be fighting to protect the conference co-championship honors which it shares with Kings Mountain. Coach Gerald Allen will be without the services of 19 of 33 varsity members and 16 of the 19 are lettermen.

"The personnel are not like they were last year, but they hit, I'll guarantee you that," said Allen.

The Lions will be fielding an entirely new team with the exception of one starter, quarter back Richard Addis who took over when Don Patrick was injured midway through the '63 campaign.

Only eight lettermen are back, but, as all of the conference coaches have said, "Shelby will be a team to beat for the conference crown."

Even with losses that heavy, Allen is optimistic about the outcome of the Shelby season. He points to Kings Mountain as the team to beat.

The outlook is actually a big question mark for the head mentor, but he says that he will know something after the first game of the season.

RUTHERFORDTON . . . REBUILDING
The Rutherfordton charges under the direction of veteran coach Max Beam, will be without the services of such outstanding names as Jim Maynor, Eddie Fisher, and others, and a rebuilding year seems to be the main course for the Hilltoppers, which battled KM to a scoreless tie for three quarters before yielding, 6-0 on a last minute score by Mike Huffstickler.

Opposing coaches give Rutherfordton an outside chance to be a strong contender, but the Hilltoppers will have their hands full of KM, Shelby, and Lincolnton in their bid for championship honors.

All in all, the season is shaping up to be one of the most balanced in many years. The three top contenders will be challenged by East Rutherford and Belmont, forcing the race into a five-way battle where anything can happen.

Chase and Cherryville will surprise someone as the season progresses, but the outlook tends to favor the hometown Mountaineers and arch-rivals Shelby and Lincolnton.

Demolition Derby At Charlotte Sunday

How much intentional battering and banging can an automobile take?

This is the question that 100 drivers will be trying to answer this Sunday afternoon at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The event is the World's Championship Demolition Derby that is slated to get underway at 2:30.

An even hundred cars and drivers will be banging against each other in the no time limit event to see who can keep their car running longest and collect the \$1,000 first prize money.

Promoter Joe Williams has ruled that no reinforcement of the cars will be permitted for the event with the exception of a required fastening of the doors by welding, bolts or chains.

The test will be which make of car comes to the public with the strongest construction, and nearly every make and model is already entered.

Two of the early entries are the famed Charlotte father and son team of Buck Baker and Buddy Baker who are top stars of the NASCAR grand national circuit. Buck will be competing in a 1952 DeSoto while his son Buddy will be wheeling a '53 Buick in the "crashing contest."

Season Tickets To Home Football Games Now On Sale At High School

Season tickets to the Mountaineers' four home football games went on sale this week.

The duets, which are being sold at Principal Harry Jaynes' office at the high school are priced at \$5 each and will entitle the bearer to the same seat at City Stadium for all four home contests on this year's schedule.

Tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-serve basis and the purchaser can select his seat in preferred locations in the concrete stands bordering the 50-yard line. The seats are marked and the ticket will designate the row and seat location.

The \$5 price for the four games is not a cut-rate value, but the season tickets provide the purchaser with the same assigned seat for each game and affords the opportunity to arrive just before kickoff time and have a reserved seat.

Principal Jaynes urges all interested fans to purchase the tickets as soon as possible so as to assure a good location throughout the home schedule. There will be some 500 tickets available.

The 1964 Mountaineers will be at home this season to three Southwest Conference foes and will host non-conference foe, Mooresville in the homecoming game on October 16.

The following home schedule will be played:
September 18Cherryville
September 25Chase

October 25 Mooresville
(Homecoming)
October 30 Rutherfordton

McCarter Wins Race At York-Clover Oval

Eddie Mac McCarter of Clover, driving a '55 Chevrolet, was the winner of the 50-lap feature event at York-Clover Speedway Friday night. Chevroletists really tried to "outshine" the Fords in full blast as the Chevroletists captured the first four positions.

Following McCarter was Johnny Gardner of Rock Hill — '52 Chevrolet, Hugh Gray Ernandez — '52 Chevrolet of Lando, and Jimmy Clark of York, S. C. in a '56 Chevrolet. Three cars rolled over but no one was injured. Bill McGarrity of Charlotte totally demolished his car when he turned over.

Another race program has been set for this Friday night including the usual heats plus a 50-lap feature for the modifieds and a 25-lap feature for the amateurs. Several of the Ford drivers have already commented that they intend to have their cars in "tip-top" shape for this week's race and they plan to really challenge the Chevroletists. Jimmy Clark also said that he was really going all out to try to claim a victory for York this week since a Clover driver was the victor last week. The first of the six-event program is scheduled for 8:15.