

Herald Sports

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This is the unhappy time of the year for major league managers when they are concerned with either staying in the pennant races or holding their jobs. This year some of them have both the problems hanging over their heads.

In 1963 only one manager was fired, Billy Hitchcock of the Baltimore Orioles. This year at least five managers face the noose.

Alvin Dark of San Francisco reportedly will be dropped. Johnny Pesky of the Red Sox, Sam Mele of the Twins, Danny Murtaugh of the Pirates, and Harry Craft of the Colts all face the soup lines. It's rumored to be retirement year for Casey Stengel of the Mets.

Johnny Keane of the Cardinals and Yogi Berra of the Yankees have been rumored casualties, but not this week as the Yanks lead the pack and Cards emulate the '34 Red Birds.

Illness May Force Hutch To Quit

Because of Cincinnati Manager Fred Hutchinson's fight with cancer, a change will occur for the Reds. If the Reds should let him go, it would be because of his health, not the way his club has played this year. He has been rather a manager emeritus much of the season, Dick Sisler being in the slot.

Hank Bauer of the Orioles and Al Lopez of the White Sox, who until recently have been battling it out for the American League flag, have no worries of being fired.

The same holds true for Gene Mauch of the Phils, whether or not the Phillies blow the National League pennant. Birdie Tebbetts of Cleveland seems to be in no danger, unless his ticker trouble re-appears, and the same holds true with Bobby Bragan in Milwaukee, soon to be Atlanta. Gil Hodges of Washington is in no danger, although his team is deep in the second division.

National League

GENE MAUCH, PHILS — Had club far into first place in pennant race, will return.

JOHNNY KEANE, CARDINALS — Victim of front-office shakeup? Names of Leo Durocher, Charley Metro, and Dick Groat were mentioned as successors. But not Wednesday morning with Cards tied for lead.

FRED HUTCHINSON — Health condition may force Hutch to lose post. Alston would most likely get call. Sisler could be successor in title as well as fact.

ALVIN DARK, GIANTS — May turn in resignation papers to keep from getting fired. Rumors say that even a pennant wouldn't help him.

BOBBY BRAGAN, BRAVES — Has replaced many veterans with younger players.

DANNY MURTAUGH, PIRATES — Front-office men said to believe that a new manager might inspire the players to do better.

WALT ALSTON, DODGERS — Signed a one-year contract Tuesday afternoon.

BOB KENNEDY, CUBS — Wrigley says that changes will not be made because of club's standings.

HARRY CRAFT, COLTS — Disagreements between Craft and General Manager Paul Richards could cause a change.

CASEY STENGEL, METS — Stengel signed a one-year contract with the Mets Tuesday, quelling rumors he would be "retired" again.

American League

YOGI BERRA, YANKEES — Yogi said he would decide whether he is doing an adequate job with the Yanks. Since last week it looks like he's doing A-O-K.

HANK BAUER, ORIOLES — Has done a great job with the younger ballplayers.

AL LOPEZ, WHITE SOX — In solid with Chicago front-office boys. Not likely to have change, whether Chicago wins or loses.

CHARLIE DRESSEN, TIGERS — Second half advance won him 1965 contract, already signed.

SAM MELE, TWINS — Although the Twins have one of the best hitting teams in baseball, Mele will probably be dropped at the end of the season. Owner Cal Griffith has not been pleased with Mele's progress.

BIRDIE TEBBETTS, INDIANS — Tebbetts didn't manage club first half of season because of a heart attack. After his return to the club, much progress has been shown.

JOHNNY PESKY, RED SOX — Will probably be dropped. Club could not get out of second division in '64.

BILL RIGNEY, ANGELS — The way the club finishes may determine whether or not Rigney stays. The downfall of the Angels in the second half has not helped any.

GIL HODGES, SENATORS — Former Dodger star is believed to be in a good position, despite the low rating of his club.

MEL MCGAHA, KANSAS CITY — Hasn't been with club a full season, may get chance to prove himself. Owner Charles Finley is impulsive, has no compunctions about sudden firings.

Mantle: May Say Goodbye To Center

This may be Mickey Mantle's last year as a Yankee centerfielder. Since his legs have failed him considerably in the past season, he may be switched to either right or left field.

For the past three weeks, Mantle has been playing right field at home and left field on the opponents fields, the reason being that he does not have as much ground to cover. Mantle's move to right sent Roger Maris to center, Tom Tresh staying in left. Tresh has played some at center.

New Scoreboard Big Help In Home Games

Friday night Mountaineer fullback Pat Hord ran 55 yards for the first touchdown in the Mounties' 32-13 win over Chase. The game was only 15 seconds old when the score was made.

The touchdown was also the first score put on the new scoreboard by a high school player. The scoreboard was first used Thursday afternoon by the Kings

Mountain ninth graders, who lost 18-13 to East Rutherford. Friday night's game with Chase was the first high school game played, using the scoreboard, which was donated by the Jaycees of Kings Mountain.

The new scoreboard cost approximately \$1800. It will be operated at each home game by Delbert Dixon.

Toby Williams announces all Mountaineer home games and Sonny Peeler films them.

Mountaineers Invade East Cavaliers Friday

Mounties Down Chase For Third Victory, 32-13

By GARY STEWART

The Mountaineers won their third contest Friday night with a 32-13 win over the Chase High Trojans. Seniors Steve Baker and Pat Hord shared the scoring honors for the Mountaineers, Baker running for three touchdowns and Hord two.

Fullback Hord ran for his first touchdown in the first 15 seconds of play, a 55-yard jaunt through the middle of the Chase line. Hubert McGinnis kicked the conversion, giving the Mountaineers an early 7-0 lead.

Tomnie Ware kicked off to the Trojans who, gaining only seven yards in three carries, punted to the Mountaineer 25.

Hord carried to the 44, picking up a first down. Two runs, a completed pass, and three more runs put the Mountaineers on the Chase one. Halfback Baker plunged through the line with his first score, putting the Mountaineers ahead 13-0. McGinnis' conversion attempt was wide.

With only minutes played in the second quarter, Richard Gold went nine yards for a Mountaineer score, but a clipping penalty nullified, putting Kings Mountain to the 24, with a third down, goal situation. Gold's fumble and a delay of game penalty put the Mountaineers on the 34 with a fourth down situation. Murphy passed to Jimmy Wright on the five, where Chase took possession.

On the first play, Chase halfback Emery fumbled and Richard Gold recovered for the Mountaineers on the eight, from which point Steve Baker hit the middle for the third Mountie touchdown. McGinnis' conversion attempt failed, leaving the score 19-0.

Jerry Ruppe took Eddie Leftwich's kick off on the Chase 36, running to the 45. Ruppe ran on the first play to the 47 and on the next play halfback Larry Barnes ran through the middle of the Mountaineer line to Kings Mountain's 26. On two more runs, Barnes had the ball on the 21. Ken Hamrick passed to Max Moser on the nine. With a second down, goal situation Hamrick passed complete to Bostic in the end zone for the first Trojan score. Moser's conversion attempt failed, and the score was 19-6.

In the third period Emery took Ware's kickoff on the 34 and was downed in his tracks. In three plays, Chase losing four yards, Bostic was forced to punt. The Mountaineers gained only three yards in three plays, and Jimmy Cloninger punted the ball 59 yards into the Chase end zone.

The Trojans took possession on the 20, where Barnes fumbled, Glenn Bolin recovering for the Mountaineers on the Chase 15.

On three runs, Baker carried the ball 14 yards to the one, from which point Hord scored his second touchdown. McGinnis kicked the conversion, making the score 26-6.

Hubert McGinnis' kickoff was taken on the Chase 22 by Emery who ran 47 yards to the Mountaineer 25. Chase lost the ball on the eight. Sophomores Phillip Wright and Tommy Burns carried the ball to the 17, where an offside penalty put Kings Mountain back on their own 12. With a third down seven situation Wright carried to the 21, from which point Cloninger punted to the fourth down to Chase 47.

Womack carried the punt return to the Mountaineer 42, and Bud Moser carried 13 yards to the 29. In two plays, Larry Barnes carried to the 25. An incomplete pass caused a fourth down for Chase, but instead of punting, Larry Barnes ran a round right end on a 25-yard touchdown dash. Moser kicked the conversion, making the score 26-13.

The Mountaineers' final touchdown drive started on their own 29. On two runs, Baker picked up a first down to the 39. Ronnie Rhea carried to the 42, and an offside penalty against Chase put the Mounties on the 47. Baker carried six yards to the Chase 47, picking up another first down. Rhea picked up ten more yards to the 37. Another run by Baker and a completed pass from Murphy to Hord put the Mounties on the 19 with a first down. Baker and Hord ran to the seven, and on two more plays Baker was over with the final Mountie score. McGinnis' conversion attempt failed, and the final score was 32-13.

The Mountaineer pass defense looked much better, Chase attempting 12 passes and completing only three for a total of 28 yards. Kings Mountain attempted 10 and completed five for a total of 91 yards.

Steve Grigg, Lyn Cheshire, Hubert McGinnis, and Glenn Bolin were Mountaineer defensive standouts. Bolin's fumble recovery was partly responsible for one of the Mountaineers' touchdowns.

Last Minute Pass Defeats Little Mounties In Second Game, 18-13

East Rutherford completed a pass with a minute and a half remaining in the game Thursday afternoon to hand the Little Mounties their first loss of the season, 18-13.

East scored on the opening kickoff but missed the extra point run, taking an early lead of 6-0.

In their second series of downs the Little Mounties tied the game with a 40-yard touchdown run by Dennis Goforth. Chip Crisp's conversion attempt was wide.

In the second quarter Kings Mountain kicked off to East and on their first play, the fullback ran over left tackle for the second score, leading Kings Mountain 12-6.

In the third quarter East kicked off to the Mounties, who drove to the East 27 and fumbled. East was forced to punt. Dennis Smith ran 30 yards to the East 20, from which point quarterback

Doug Mercier plunged through the line with the second Little Mountie score. Chip Crisp kicked the conversion, putting Kings Mountain ahead 13-12.

With only a minute and a half left to play, East's quarterback completed an end pass for a 40-yard touchdown, winning the game for East, 18-13.

Ninth grade coach Bob Hussey stated that his defense looked much better in the second half. Paul Gaffney was a defensive standout, and Bill Herndon, Chip Crisp, Dennis Goforth, and Dennis Smith were offensive standouts. He noted that the tackling was poor.

In other ninth grade action this past week, Chase defeated Cherryville 14-2, and R-S Central beat Belmont 45-0. The Little Mounties play Belmont Thursday (today) in hopes of winning their second game. Their record is now 1-1.

West Defeats East 26-6; Takes Over First Place; Grover Wins

West took over first place in the Midget football standings Saturday night, defeating East 26-6.

East took an early first quarter lead when quarterback Joe Cornwell completed a 30-yard pass to Steve Phillips. The extra point run failed, the score stood 6-0.

Later in the first quarter West quarterback Wayne Mullinax went around end for a 60-yard touchdown run, tying the score 6-6. Mullinax ran the extra point, making the score 7-6.

In the third quarter, Mullinax ran 85 yards and 15 yards for two more West touchdowns. Both conversion attempts failed, and West led 19-6.

In the game West picked up seven first downs, completed one pass, and were penalized 40 yards. Wayne Mullinax and Geep Howard intercepted two of East's passes.

East picked up five first downs, were penalized five yards, and completed one pass. Mark Goforth, Tommy Bridges, and Don Bridges were defensive standouts for West, and Pete Ware and Joe Cornwell for East.

Grover is tied for second place in the standings, having defeated North in the first game by a score of 13-0.

McDaniel and Blackburn scored the two touchdowns. McDaniel's a two-yard plunge, and Blackburn's a 25-yard run around end. Ross Springer ran one extra point, giving Grover the 13-0 win.

Grover completed three passes,



FULLBACKS — Front Row (l to r) — Tommy Burns, Pete Putnam, Danny Kiser. Back Row — Paul Gaffney, Pat Hord, and Jay Powell.

Mountaineer Gridgraph

SCORE	KM	Chase
First Downs	21	11
Yards Rushing	258	152
Yards Passing	91	28
Passes Attempted	12	12
Passes Comp.	6	3
Passes Had Int.	0	0
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Punts	4	4
Overage	42.8	25.2

KINGS MOUNTAIN				
RUSHING:	T	G	L	Net Avg.
Hord	10	99	—	99.9
Baker	14	67	—	67.4
Gold	4	32	7	25.6
Kiser	5	16	—	16.3
Wright	3	15	—	15.5
Rhea	2	13	—	13.5
Burns	4	12	—	12.3
Powell	1	3	—	3.3
S. Goforth	1	1	—	1.1

CHASE				
RUSHING:	T	G	L	Net Avg.
Barnes	12	77	—	77.6
Bostic	5	20	6	14.2
Moser	2	14	—	14.7
Abrams	1	3	—	3.3
Ruppe	1	2	—	2.2
Emery	1	—	9	-9.9

Country Club Golf Tourney To End Sunday

The 1964 Kings Mountain Country Club golf tournament will end Sunday, the winner being either defending champion T. W. Grayson, Coman Falls, or Charles Neisler.

Grayson defeated George Plonk, Jr., and Turk Falls, who defeated Snooks McDaniel. Grayson will now play Coman Falls, who defeated Mike Ballard, and the winner of the Grayson-Falls match will play Charles Neisler to determine the championship.

Neisler has defeated Robert Allen and Darrell Austin. Austin was the winner of his first match with Buz Shuford and Allen defeated Scar Morrison.

The winner of the tournament will be announced next week.

Lewis Young Tops Grass Valley Bid

Lewis Young, manager of Young Insurance Agency of Gastonia, topped the \$68,000 bid on Grass Valley Golf Course made by Roosevelt Parts of Gastonia. Young topped the bid September 28 by five per cent, the bid now being \$71,400.

Other bidders will have ten days in which to top Young's bid. If the bid is not topped within the ten days, another public auction will take place, but if it is not topped the course will belong to Mr. Young.

Course Manager John S. Rogers states that the course is worth approximately \$85,000.

all to Springer for a total of 47 yards. They picked up 12 first downs and were penalized 15 yards. North picked up six first downs and was penalized 20 yards.

East standout Steve Phillips was injured in the second game, but reports show that he was just physically exhausted. He is an eighth-grader at Bethware.

STANDINGS				
Team	W	L	Pct.	
West	2	0	1.000	
Grover	1	1	.500	
East	1	1	.500	
North	0	2	.000	

Steve Baker Leads Mountaineer Rushing

After three games, senior halfback Steve Baker leads the Mountaineers in rushing. Baker has gained a total of 255 yards in three games. He also leads in the scoring column, scoring six touchdowns for a total of 36 points.

Fullback Pat Hord is second in rushing, gaining a total of 177 yards. Hord led the rushing Friday night against Chase, gaining a total of 99 yards in 10 carries. Senior halfback Ronnie Rhea is third, gaining 73 yards. He has carried the ball only seven times.

Sophomore Phillip Wright is fourth, gaining 71 yards. Wright presently a third-unit halfback, will see much action this year.

Senior quarterback Richard Gold is fifth in rushing, gaining a total of 68 yards in the three games.

Player 1 2 3 Total
Baker 145 43 67 255
Hord 35 43 99 177
Rhea 57 3 13 73
Wright 21 35 15 71
Gold 36 — — 32 68
Powell 32 26 3 61
Kiser 21 4 — 16 41
S. Goforth 11 21 1 33
Burns — 17 12 29
Murphy 15 6 — 21
Black — 3 — 3
Russ — — 3 — 3

City Paint Store Takes Lead In Thursday League

City Paint Store won four games for Janet Burns Thursday night to take the lead in the Kings Mountain Mixed Bowling League. John Dilling copped high line and high set honors by rolling a 114 line and a 333 set. Bob Herndon had a 129 line and a 333 set for the losers.

Dot Tignor won three games from Betty Fite, putting the two teams tied for second place. Clyde Culbertson copped both line and set honors by rolling a 123 high line and a 318 set. Randy Blanton had a 113 line and a 301 set for the losers.

Jenny Oates copped high line and high set honors as her team won three games from Aileen Metcalf. She rolled a 131 line and a 335 set. Albert Brackett rolled a 126 high line and a 343 set for the losers.

STANDINGS				
Team	W	L	Pct.	
City Paint Store	8	0	1.000	
Dot Tignor	5	3	.625	
Betty Fite	5	3	.625	
Jenny Oates	3	5	.375	
Janet Burns	2	6	.250	
Aileen Metcalf	1	7	.125	

JV's Begin Season Thursday; Vs. East

The Kings Mountain Junior Varsity will begin its season Thursday night when they travel to East Rutherford. The game will begin at 7:00.

The team, which will be coached by the varsity coaches, includes 23 boys who have been playing with the varsity. None of these boys will see any further varsity action unless some should have to be brought up because of injuries.

Tommy Goforth will be calling the signals for the JV's, with Tommy Finger playing second unit. Phillip Wright and Phillip Russ will be the first unit halfbacks, with aid coming from Roger Ross and Jerry Ledford. Tommy Burns and Phillip Bunch will be the fullbacks.

At left end, Tommy Dover and Daryl Putnam will see most of the duty, with Dover playing first unit. Bobby Bolin and Scott Cloninger will be the two right ends.

Kenny Plonk and Roy Medlin will be the first unit tackles, with help coming from big Carl Weisener and Eddie Bridges. Chucky Gladden and Gary Deveney will be the first unit guards. Much aid will come from Larry Patrick, Terry Anderson, and Bob Moss.

Sandy Mauney will be the starting center. Rick Moore will see much action at the post.

Understand Your Football Rules

Many football fans do not understand the new rule made for high school games ending in a tie. The game goes into the record book as a tie. The reason the tie is broken is to determine which team, if the two teams are conference title contenders (such as Kings Mountain and Shelby) will represent the conference in any playoffs.

START OF PLAY FOR TIE GAMES
(a) The winner of the toss shall choose whether to be on the offense or defense.
(b) The loser of the toss shall exercise the remaining option, plus choice of goal.
All play shall be at the same end of the field.

METHOD OF SCORING
(a) Team A shall put the ball in play on Team B's ten yard line and shall have a series of four consecutive downs in which to score.
(b) At the completion of four consecutive downs or a score, Team B shall put the ball in play on team A's ten yard line and shall have a series of four consecutive downs in which to score.

(c) When a team scores or loses possession the series is over. The ball becomes dead immediately.
Yardage gained in a series of four consecutive downs will decide the outcome.
(a) Numbers a, b, and c, as of above will prevail for the second series of downs for both teams.
(b) The team that advances the ball nearest to the goal line shall be the winner. (A clip or a piece of tape shall be attached to the chain to mark the spot of advancement.)
(c) If the team loses possession by fumbling — the spot of fumbling shall be the spot of advancement.
(d) If a team loses possession by having a pass intercepted, the spot of advancement shall be where the ball was last put in play.

STANDINGS
Team W L Pct.
Plonk Oil 18 10 .643
Dilling Heating 17 11 .607
Clyde Culbertson 14 14 .500
Bob Herndon 13 15 .464
Griffin Drug 11 17 .393
Tignor & Russell 11 17 .393

bara Miller had a 107 high line and Jenny Oates had a 278 high set for the losers.

Belk's won three games from Phillip's 66, leaving them in second place, one game behind the league-leading Medical Pharmacy. Dot Tignor copped line and set honors, having rolled a 107 line and a 290 set. Ethel Tignor had a 106 high line and a 283 high set for the losers.

Plonk Brothers won four games from McGinnis Furniture, with Lib Gault taking line and set honors. She rolled high line and high set of the night with a 119 and a 326. Evelyn Early rolled a 113 high line and a 289 set for the losers.

Medical Pharmacy won three games from Oates - Henderson Shell Tuesday night to hold its lead in the Ladies' Bowling standings. Janet Burns copped line and set honors by rolling a 117 high line and a 338 set. Bar-

Bates Says East Will Be Tough; Looks For No. 4

Head Mountaineer mentor Bill Bates seems to think that East Rutherford will be a hard team for the Mounties to beat this week. "We are supposed to beat East, but they are capable of surprising us," Coach Bates said.

The Mounties will be seeking their fourth win Friday. Kickoff will be at 8:00.

When Bates made the statement he did not know that East is barred with a few handicaps. Senior quarterback Drew Mayse will miss this week's game against the Mountaineers because of the "flu bug". Senior end standout Larry Davis suffered a leg injury against Rutherford two weeks ago, and will be out for a few more weeks.

John Gamble, a 155 - pound junior, will be the starting quarterback against Kings Mountain with much help expected to come from sophomore Gary Dotson.

The halfbacks are the key players in the East lineup. Senior Don Blanton, leading scorer and ground gainer, will start at the left half post, with senior Gene Powell, seen by Coach Bob Setzer as a "pretty good player", at the right half slot.

Coach Setzer reports that he is well pleased with fullback Phillip Marchman, who did not play last year.

Joey Lamb and Neil Rudisill are defensive standouts of the Cavaliers. Both are seniors.

East has a 1-1-2 record. They tied Rosman in their first game, lost to Shelby, beat Cherryville, and tied rival Rutherfordton.

STARTING LINEUPS (Kings Mountain)
P Player Wgt.
LE Richard White 180
LT Glenn Bolin 190
LG Steve Grigg 155
C Hubert McGinnis 208
RG George Plonk 180
RT Lyn Cheshire 200
RE Jimmy Cloninger 175
QB Pat Murphy 170
RB Steve Baker 158
RH Ronnie Rhea 170
FB Pat Hord 175

(East Rutherford)
LE Jimmy Harris 155
LT Neil Rudisill 195
LG John Byrd 145
C Mickey Robbins 155
RG Joey Lamb 175
RT Jimmy Cooley 188
RE Sam Cook 160
QB John Gamble 155
LH Don Blanton 155
RH Gene Powell 150
FB Phillip Marchman 175

Dilling Heating Gains In Men's Bowling Action

Furman Wilson rolled a 126 high line and a 353 high set as Dilling Heating won four games from Bob Herndon to take over second place in the Men's Bowling League standings. Bill Ware copped line and set honors for the losers by rolling a 132 line and a 314 set.

Clyde Culbertson won three games from Tignor & Russell, putting Culbertson in third place in the standings. Alfred Henderson copped line and set honors for the winners by rolling a 151 high line and a 360 high set. Albert Brackett had a 125 line and a 352 set for the losers.