

Mountaineer Gridders Week Away From '65 Opener'



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Major League Baseball In Home Stretch

The major league baseball seasons are now in their home stretch, so it's about time to go down the list of teams, since there remains only about 30 games to be played.

In the American League, it looks as though the Minnesota Twins might bring home their first pennant since the team was organized back in 1961. The New York Yankees have won for the past five years but (through Tuesday's standings) are 17 1/2 games out of first place, sixth in the league standings.

The Twins right now have both the hitting and pitching power and since Harmon Killebrew and Camilo Pascual are back in action, Minnesota adds to its strength.

Chicago, however, could offer a threat as the White Sox are in second place right now, 6 1/2 games behind the Twins. The Sox won the pennant in 1959.

The Cleveland Indians are in third place, 9 1/2 games out, and will probably finish around that spot. Detroit comes next, 10 games behind. Both those teams will be heard from for the next few years, as their power gets stronger every season.

Baltimore has dropped into fifth place, 10 1/2 games out, then comes New York, followed by Los Angeles, Washington, Boston and Kansas City. The Red Sox are 34 games behind, the Athletics 35, so those two teams will probably have a real good race for the ninth place finish.

National League Race Much Closer

The race in the National League is always close and this year will be no exception. Think back: Last season about this time the Philadelphia Phils led the league by about seven games but lost the pennant on the last day of the season, only to see the St. Louis Cardinals come from behind and then become the World Champions by defeating the Yankees in the Series.

Los Angeles now holds a slim, 1 1/2 game lead over the second place San Francisco Giants, and only one percentage point behind, in third place, are the Cincinnati Reds. The Milwaukee Braves, who have been tough until recently, have dropped into fourth place, 2 1/2 games out.

Pittsburgh still has a chance as the Pirates are only 4 1/2 games out and Philadelphia is only 6 1/2 out. But those teams have four other clubs to pull over, and although they're not behind many games, those top clubs are going to have to play under .500 ball before either of those two teams can advance.

In sixth place, almost out of the running, is St. Louis, followed by Chicago, Houston, and New York. The Mets just lost a manager, Casey Stengel, who spent 25 years as a professional manager. Many of those years were with the Yankees, where he won more pennants and World Series than any other Head in the business.

But you never can tell about this game of baseball, especially when the September month rolls around. Most every year, in one league or the other, many times both, a team will put on that last burst of speed and come-from-behind to win the pennant.

September, too, is a month in which players get tense and sometimes blow up, or do strange things. That has been shown here lately, in August, when Giant pitcher Juan Marichal hit Dodger catcher John Roseboro in the head with a bat when Roseboro seemed to have thrown a ball close to his ear when returning a throw to the pitcher while Marichal was batting.

That started a two-team rhubarb and cost Marichal a \$1,750 fine and an eight-day suspension from the club. Of course, many records can be set or broken during the latter part of the season. A few of those have been broken recently, too, for example: Cincinnati pitcher Jim Maloney hurled his second extra-inning no hitter last week by beating the Chicago Cubs 1-0. His first one, however, was spoiled in the bottom of the 11th inning when a New York Met rookie hit a home run to defeat the Reds 2-1.

Usually someone will come up with a perfect game but that has not been done since last year, June 21 to be exact, when Philadelphia pitcher Jim Bunning blanked the Mets 6-0.

WCL Season Finishes With A "Bang"

While on the topic of baseball, the Western Carolinas League finished its '65 season last week with the Rock Hill Cardinals defeating the Salisbury Astros two straight games to win the WCL championship.

The Astros won the first half championship by coming on strong during the last week of the season to cop the title and drop Gastonia, the team which led the league all season long, into second place.

And the Cards defeated Gastonia (Pirates) in a 12-inning thriller in the last game of the second half to win that half and earn a playoff with Salisbury for the championship.

Gastonia finished in second place both halves, but had an 18-year-old third-baseman by the name of Bob Robertson who smashed two records and set one. Robby broke the old homer record of 23 by blasting a total of 32 and broke the old runs batted in record of 91 by knocking in 92.

Robby set a season record by being the only league player to be unanimously selected on the all-star team. Ed Moxey of the Salisbury club was the league's leading hitter and Clyde Sukeforth of Gastonia was named the "Manager of the Year." Other awards, too numerous to mention, were also given this season.

Gridders Leaving For College Fields

One last note: Former Kings Mountain high school football players who are playing for college teams leave this week, some already left, for summer practice at their respective schools.

Local boys who are playing college football this year are: Jimmy Medlin (Western Carolina), Pat Murphy and Jimmy Cloninger (Appalachian), Lyn Cheshire (The Citadel), and Hubert McGinnis and Ronnie Rhea (Lenoir-Rhyne).

Good luck to those boys!

Ladies' Bowling League To Open Monday Night

The 1965-66 Kings Mountain Ladies' Bowling League season will get underway Monday night at the Mountain Lane Bowling Center at 7:30. The teams will bowl for 35 weeks on a split-season basis.

The first half of action will consist of 18 weeks of bowling and the second half, 17. The winners of the two halves will meet in a post-season playoff, best-of-five, to determine the league champion.

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Members of Winning Team, both halves, and league champions: High Line (both halves), High Se' (both halves), and High Average (both halves).

Teams entered in this year's league are as follows:

TEAM NO. 1
Louise Dover, captain
Evelyn Early
Mary Lou Adkins
Pat Herndon
Pat Smith

TEAM NO. 2
Betty Cash, captain
Dot Tignor
Helen Biddix
Margaret Harmon
Doris Ware

TEAM NO. 3
Pat Panther, captain
Joanne Rushing
Margaret Wilson
Allene Metcalf
Peggy Ross

TEAM NO. 4
Betty Fite, captain
Barbara Miller
Brenda Biddix
Mary Ruth Barrett
Mary Henderson

TEAM NO. 5
Jennie Oates, captain
Gerry Werner
Dessie Loftin
Ann Bowen
Bonnie Myers

TEAM NO. 6
Elizabeth Gault, captain
Charity Goforth
Sylvia Holmes
Helen Russell
Betty Ramsey

DIFFERENCES IN FOOTBALL RULES FOR 1965

Field Diagram: An X (2 feet in width and 2 feet in height) shall be placed at the midpoint of each yardline. Areas in the vicinity of the two benches are referred to as "Team Boxes."

1-2-2: Yardline markers on the ground within 5 yards of the sideline must be of soft pliable material.

1-2-3: It is recommended that each goal line and boundary lines of teams boxes be marked in a color contrasting with other lines on the field.

1-2-6: The staff of each flag shown on the field diagram must be flexible in its entirety and present on safety hazard.

1-5-3-e: Non-hardening, non-abrasive tape or bandages or sweatbands worn on the wrists are legalized.

2-13-1, 6-1-3: For a free-kick, the kicker, as well as the holder, may be beyond his free-kick line.

2-14-2, 6-3, 9-4-2: The return-kick has been eliminated. Kicking the ball after change of possession is a foul. Reference to return-kick is deleted in various portions of the rules.

3-2-1: Not more than two captains of each team may appear for the pre-game coin tossing ceremony.

7-1-3: Snapper may tilt the ball to an angle of not more than 45 degrees.

10-1: After change of possession during a down, if one team fouls during a live ball and opponents foul after the ball becomes dead, the penalty for the first foul will be automatically accepted or declined.

Example Rule 10-1: Team A kicks from scrimmage on its 35 and B1 catches the kick on his 30. He advances to A's 45 where he is downed. During the run by B1, B2 clips on his 40. After the ball is dead, A1 commits a personal foul. **Ruling** - Not a double foul since the second foul caused the penalty for the foul by B2 to be automatically accepted or declined by A, thereby separating the fouls. In this instance the penalty was automatically accepted. Hence, B is penalized 15 yards from its 40 (spot of foul). B's 25 yardline then becomes the succeeding spot and A is penalized 15 yards to B's 40 where it is B's ball, 1st and 10. (Actually the two penalties will not be stepped off. Referee gives proper signals and puts ball in play on the 40).

Foul - Team A scrimmage kicks from its 35 and B1 catches the kick on his 30. B1 advances to A's 45 where he is downed. During the run, A2 holds and after the ball is dead, B2 commits a personal foul.

Ruling - Enforce penalty for both fouls. Measurement for first foul places ball on A's 35. B is then penalized 5 yards for crawling. It is B's ball on A's 40, 1st and 15.

Foul - B1 catches scrimmage-kick on his 30 and advances to the 50 where he fumbles. Recovery is by A2 who advances to B's 20. During the down, B2 fouls: (a) on his 40 during the run by B1; or (b) on his 30 during the run by A2. In either case, A3 commits a personal foul after ball is dead. **Ruling** - Not a double foul. In (a), penalty for foul by B2 is automatically declined since acceptance would return the ball to B after penalties. Succeeding spot is B's 20 and it is A's ball, 1st and 25 on B's 35. In (b), penalty for foul by B2 is automatically accepted. (Measurement for foul by B2 places the ball on B's 10 (one half distance to goal line). A is then penalized to B's 25).

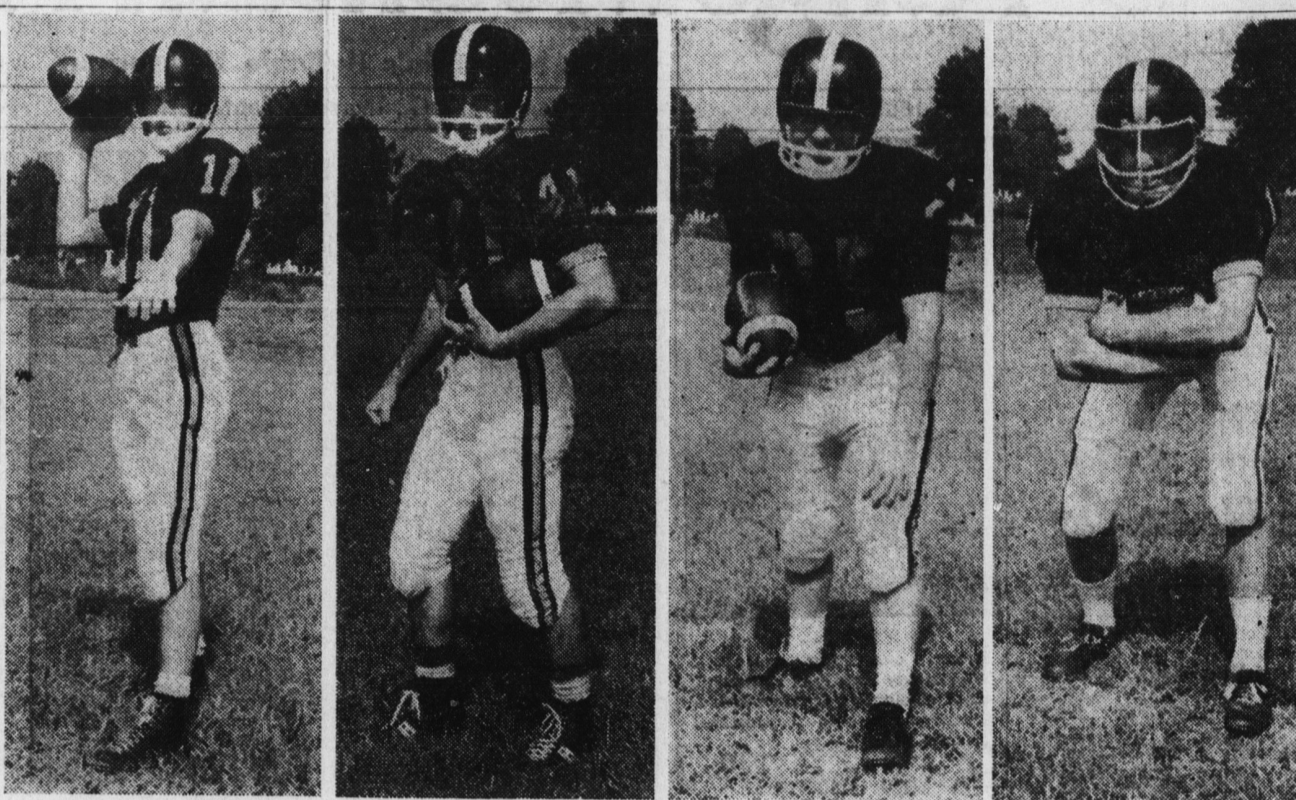
Six SWC Teams Play Friday

Five of the eight Southwest Conference football teams open play Friday night with one of the teams already opened. Every team with the exception of Kings Mountain and Belmont play Friday, one game being a conference contest.

East Rutherford opened its season last Friday by defeating Folk Central and five other teams will see action this Friday. East Rutherford will play Waynesville, Chase will get a taste of Salem, Kings Mountain's first foe, Shelby will host Gastonia's Hunter Huss, and R-S Central will visit Marion.

The Lincolnton Wolves will play host to the Cherryville Ironmen in the first conference game of the '65 season with the Cherrys going into the game as the underdog. Cherryville tied Chase for seventh place in the conference standings last season while Lincolnton finished in third place, two games behind conference champion Kings Mountain.

Chase will play its first conference game of the new season Friday, September 10, at R-S Central, while the remaining teams play non-conference contests. Kings Mountain will host Salem, Belmont will visit Davie County, Cherryville will host Dallas, Lincolnton will be at Hudson, and Shelby will play Brevard at Shelby. East Rutherford will have an open date.



POSSIBLE STARTING BACKFIELD - Pictured above are the 1965 KMHS football team which opens its season September 9 at York, S. C., and plays first home game, Friday, September 17 at 8 p.m. at City Stadium.

four boys who will most likely form the starting backfield for 10 against Salem, N. C. Pictured above, left to right, are Tommy Philip Wright, junior tailback, and Jay Powell, senior fullback.

Football Meeting Thursday At Pool

All boys between the ages of 10 and 13 years who are interested in playing Pee Wee Football this year are asked to meet at the City Swimming Pool Thursday (today) at 4:30.

Boys must weigh no less than 65 pounds, no more than 90, to be eligible to play.

The team will be sponsored by the local Optimist Club and the coaches will be Perry Champion, Dale Putnam, and Jimmy Littlejohn.

Eddie Collins had a .333 lifetime batting average.

Compact Opens Season With York; Hosts Shelby In First Home Game

The Compact high school football team gets its 1965 season underway Friday, September 10, at York, S. C., and plays host to Shelby in the Cobras first home game, Friday, September 17 at 8 p.m. at City Stadium.

Coaches John Blalock and William Hager have been working hard with their boys in preparation for their eight-game schedule. Out of the 24 boys out for the team, nine are lettermen.

Coach Blalock reports that many boys have been showing progress in early practice sessions. Senior quarterback Johnny Thoms, a good passer who saw much action behind Miles Boyd last season, is back to his old position and sophomore letterman Bert Smith and Clifford Leary will be at the two guard posts.

Johnny Manning and Melvin White, both senior lettermen, will be at the two halfback slots and Denoris Wilson and Jerry Garner will be at the ends. Wilson has switched from his '64 halfback position.

Compact will play its homecoming game November 4 against Belmont.

Griffin Defeats Morrison, 3-1

Griffin Drug Co. pulled into a tie for third place in the Men's Duckpin Bowling standings Monday night by defeating heretofore undefeated Morrison Loan Co., three games to one.

The loss decreased Morrison's league lead to two games over second place Randy Blanton and the Griffin Drug win tied that team with Plunk Oil Co. for third place. Griffin's record now stands at 4-1.

Robert Gantt rolled a 138 line and team captain Bob Herndon added a 345 set to lead the Griffin win while Morrison Loan captain Albert Brackett took scoring honors for the losers with a 127 line and a 341 set. All members of the losing team rolled 300-plus sets but a 19-pin per game handicap gave the winners a three-pin edge for total pins.

After losing four games to Randy Blanton last week, the Plunk Oil Co. team came back this week to take a 3-1 win from Dilling Heating. Paced by Richard Culbertson's 128 line, Dilling won the first game but Plunk Oil came back to take the last two and total pins.

Four members of the winning team posted 300-plus sets with Richard Bridges' 365 heading the list. Allen Myers and Sam Hamrick shared honors with identical 133 marks and Richard Culbertson topped the loser's with a 128 line and a 333 set.

Johnny Dye scored a 138 line and a 365 set to lead second place Randy Blanton to a 3-1 win over fifth place Clyde Culbertson. Jack Rhea added a 334 set for the winners and Harold Barber copped scoring honors for the losers with a 146 line and a 361 set.

STANDINGS
Team W L Pct.
Morrison Loan Co. 9 3 .750
Randy Blanton 7 5 .583
Griffin Drug Co. 6 6 .500
Plunk Oil Co. 6 6 .500
Clyde Culbertson 5 7 .417
Dilling Heating 3 9 .250

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$221, including \$146.20 from on-street meters, \$20.55 from off-street meters, and \$54.25 in over-parking fines.

The new cross-Florida barge Greta Garbo's real name is Gustafson.

21 Ninth Graders Seek Starting Roles

The Kings Mountain high school ninth grade football team began practice Monday at 4:00 and Head Coach Bob Hussey reports that 21 boys are now seeking starting berths.

Hussey, who begins his third year of coaching duties at KMHS, is assisted this season by Don Fisher, Mike Ware, and Clarence Chapman. Fisher helped coach last season when the Little Mounties finished second in the conference standings with a 5-1 record.

The coaches have not had time yet to signal out any sure starters but Hussey reports that the kicking duties, all but punting, will be left up to Wayne Mullinax and Kenneth Mitchem.

Boys seeking starting positions on this year's Little Mountaineer team are: Quarterbacks: Joe Cornwell and Morgan Hollifield; Halfbacks: Wayne Mullinax.

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1965 Kings Mountain High School Football Roster

Player	ENDS		Class
	Height	Weight	
Charles Carroll	6'1"	166	2
Robert Phifer	6'1"	150	1
Tommy Dover	6'0"	185	2
Scott Cloninger	6'2"	167	1
Richard Shank	5'10"	160	2
Stan Laughter	5'11"	148	3
Bobby Bolin	6'0"	170	1
Charles Bess	6'1"	160	2
Larry Adams	6'4"	163	1
Philip Putnam	6'0"	150	2
Fred Wright	5'10"	185	1
Pat Cheshire	5'10"	145	3
TACKLES			
Mike Sanders	5'9"	185	2
Carl Weisener	6'5"	260	2
Ronnie Burton	5'11"	180	3
Roy Medlin	5'11"	205	2
Kenny Plonk	6'0"	255	2
Eddie Bridges	6'2"	205	2
Charles Ramsey	6'0"	160	1
Charles Green	6'2"	220	3
*Chip Bridges	6'2"	210	1
GUARDS			
Bob Moss	5'9"	155	2
John Moore	5'6"	148	2
Chris Roseboro	5'10"	148	2
Paul Gaffney	5'8"	178	3
Larry Patrick	5'9"	175	2
Garry Deveney	5'10"	150	2
Danny Finger	5'8"	170	1
Chucky Gladden	5'11"	175	2
CENTERS			
Bill Herndon	5'5"	147	3
Sandy Mauney	5'10"	172	2
J. C. Wright	5'8"	176	3
David Leftwich	5'11"	180	3
Clark Mauney	5'8"	145	3
Bobby Peterson	5'8"	130	3
QUARTERBACKS			
Tommy Goforth	5'8"	140	2
Doug Mercier	5'11"	135	3
Tommy Finger	5'10"	140	2
Jerry Ledford	5'11"	160	2
HALFBACKS			
Ray Henderson	5'5"	110	2
Wayne Wright	5'6"	130	3
Dennis Smith	5'9"	145	3
Mike Goforth	5'11"	140	1
William Manning	5'3"	115	3
Philip Wright	5'8"	165	2
Richard Clinton	5'7"	140	2
Dennis Goforth	5'9"	135	3
*Steve Goforth	5'10"	160	1
Ricky Grahl	5'7"	135	3
Henry Manning	5'8"	130	2
Jerry Mitchem	5'7"	145	2
William McSwain	5'5"	136	2
FULLBACKS			
Phillip Bunch	5'8"	150	1
*Jay Powell	5'10"	160	1
Mike Hoyle	5'8"	140	3
*Danny Kiser	5'10"	178	1
Chip Crisp	6'0"	160	3
*Lettermen			

1 denotes Senior; 2, Junior; 3, Sophomore.