

Quick - Moving Backs Highlight Football Drills

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WINSTON-SALEM — Wake Forest Coach Bill Tate says all is in readiness for the start of football practice Friday morning with a squad of 71 players expected to be on hand.

The players are slated to arrive on campus for the evening meal on Wednesday. Thursday morning will be devoted to physical examinations and the afternoon will be spent posing for newspaper and television cameramen in the new stadium. The picture session will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

The first practice will begin at 7:40 Friday morning on the campus practice fields with the afternoon session getting underway at 3 o'clock.

The first three days of practice must be staged in light equipment which means the opening drill in full gear will not be held until Tuesday of next week. The only articles of football equipment permitted during the three days of "soft practice" are shoes and helmets.

"We will alter our schedule slightly once we get into full pads," Tate said. "We'll probably move the morning workouts back, and the afternoon drills will not begin until 4:30. None of the sessions will last as much as two hours."

Tate said the two-a-day schedule will continue through Sept. 5. "This will give us nine days of two-a-day in heavy equipment, and we feel this will be enough," he added. The squad will then have a week of single practices before the opening game with N. C. State here on Sept. 14.

The Deacon coach added that enthusiasm continues to be the keynote for the upcoming season. "This is definitely the best squad in the five years I have been here," he said.

Included among the 71 candidates will be 31 lettermen. There are only 13 seniors on the squad and only seven of them are slated for starting berths — four on offense and three on defense. The remainder of the squad is composed of 25 juniors and 33 sophomores.

There are two new coaches on the varsity staff, including Bob Popp, who moved up from the freshman job to handle offensive ends and flankers. Rick Tolley, who comes from Ferrum, Va., Junior College, is the new defensive line coach. Both worked with the varsity in spring practice.

Ed Emory, a successful coach at Bowman High in Wadesboro, is the new freshman coach. Emory will work with the varsity until the freshmen report on Sept. 1.

Wake Forest will be well represented in this year's National Amateur when play begins in the 68th annual event at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 28-31.

Six golfers with Wake Forest connections are assured of berths in the tournament and two others have alternate spots.

Heading the list are four members of this year's ACC champions. They are Jack Lewis Jr., Leonard Thompson, Joe Inman Jr., and Norman Swenson Jr. All played for the Deacons last spring, and all are expected back for the 1969 golf season.

Lanny Watkins of Richmond, Va., who'll enter Wake Forest as a freshman this fall, also qualified as did veteran Billy Joe Patton of Morgantown, who played for the Deacons in the mid-40's.

Mike Kallam of Winston-Salem, a freshman member on this year's team, has one of the alternate spots along with Bobby Edgerton of Raleigh, who played three years for the Deacs. Edgerton was graduated in 1964.

Lewis, who finished one stroke off the pace in the 1966 amateur, led the qualifying at Garden City, N. Y., last week with a 143 while Inman and Thompson shared the qualifying lead at Gastonia with 141 total.

Swenson was only one stroke behind Inman and Thompson at Gastonia with a 142 while Patton qualified at 143.

Watkins, recent winner of the Southern Amateur at Lost Tree Golf Club near North Palm Beach, Fla., was the No. 2 qualifier at Buffalo, N. Y., with a 141.

"I don't think any college in the country will have as many players in the national amateur as Wake Forest will have," Deacon Coach Jesse Haddock said. "It wouldn't surprise me in the least if one of them won the prize plum."

Former Wake Forest grid star Andy Heck, recently wounded for the second time in Vietnam, was scheduled to return to the United States Sunday. Heck notified Deacon Trainer Lewis (Doc) Martin that he was "up and about" and would be taken to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital for further treatment. Heck said he was looking forward to being on hand for some of the Wake Forest home games in the new stadium this fall.

Of the four players drafted by the pros off last year's Wake Forest squad only linebacker Robert Grant is still in camp. Grant was a second-round choice of the Baltimore Colts. Bill Overton was recently released by the Dallas Cowboys while end Rick Decker was cut by the San Francisco 49ers and end Ken (Butch) Henry was released by the St. Louis Cardinals. Decker and Overton are expected to play with minor league teams this fall.

Wake Forest grid fans will have the opportunity to "Meet The Deacons" and get a guided tour of the new football stadium on Labor Day, Sept. 2. All members of the squad will be on hand for the open house, and Wake Forest athletic officials are planning several special events, including the drawing for an all-expense paid trip with the Deacs to Tallahassee, Fla., on Nov. 23.

For the first time since the 1956 season there are no night games on the Wake Forest football schedule. Last year's club played seven times under the lights, including all three home appearances. The new stadium will have lights, but no night games are planned for either the varsity or freshmen. The game with South Carolina here Nov. 9 will be the first time in four years the two teams haven't played at night.

The Deacons are hoping that the move into the new stadium this fall will bring about a big change in their home-field record. During the 12 years that Bowman Gray Stadium served as the home field the Deacons were able to win only 16 games while losing 28 for a .364 record. The best year was 1961 when they won three of four games while the poorest was 1957 when they lost all five home appearances.

Bob Morris Hopes Move Is Smooth

Special Prices If Race Fans See Two Events

CHARLOTTE — Special consideration is being given fans who want to attend high big days of racing at Charlotte Motor Speedway on October 12 and 13.

Termed the "Motorsports Weekender Special" by track vice president and general manager Richard Howard, for fans wishing to take in both the Tarheel 250 race, for the exciting grand touring circuit on Saturday, Oct. 12, and the \$111,000 National 500 race for the grand national competitors the following day, the "Special" will consist of a savings of 40 percent for the tickets to the GT 250 miler on Saturday.

Howard explained, "We realize that many fans would like to see both races but just can't afford to do so. So we decided these who want to be here for the full week end ought to be able to do so. Anyone who has their reserved grandstand ticket for the National 500 will be able to get their ticket for the 250 at only \$3 rather than the \$5 which we will charge for a regular admission."

"Of course," Howard continued, "all children under 12 and recognized youth organizations have always been admitted free on the day prior to our National 500 and we will maintain that policy on the day of the Tarheel 250."

"That means a man and his wife and their children could come to our track for the weekend and it would cost them only \$17 dollars for all four to go into the infield on Saturday, camp there that night and stay to see the 500 on Sunday," Howard explained. Infield tickets would be \$5 per adult on Sunday, and \$3 on Saturday plus a dollar parking fee.

"Auto racing is the nation's leading family spectator sport and we wanted to do something for the families who would like to see all of the action at our track," concluded Howard.

The Tarheel 250 is the final event on the GT circuit's 1968 schedule and will be the richest of the year with slightly over \$30,000 posted in awards. The N.A.S.C.A.R.-FIA sanctioned National 500 on the half banked mile and a half speedway will be the final race of the season on the uniquely shaped track for the year.

Track officials report that advance sales of reserved seat tickets have already doubled last year's record.

Freddie Smith Cops Hobby Event At Shelby Saturday In '55 Ford

SHELBY — A determined Chuck Piazza of Spartanburg, S. C., fought a race-long battle here Saturday night for his first victory of the season.

It was an especially sweet win for the 1964 Chevelle driver, the special 50-lap feature for late-model sportsmen paid \$600 to win.

Piazza started the race in the sixth position among the 19-car field, but as accidents picked off front-runners including Shelby's Preston Humphries, Bill Monteith of Gastonia and Charlie Blanton of Gaffney, S. C., the Spartanburg driver worked up to second place.

In the 16th lap, he slipped under Harold Painter of Gaffney, who was leading in a 1957 Chevrolet, to take the lead for good. The two South Carolinians duelled bumper-to-bumper after that, but Piazza never relinquished the lead and Painter left the race in the 41st lap.

Johnny Halford of Spartanburg, in a 1955 Chevy, put up a spirited challenge during the final laps on his way to a second-place finish, but only after Shelby's Roger Ware, piloting a 1956 Chevy, slipped past him momentarily and forced Halford to play a hurried game of catch-up. Ware finished third.

Daniel Warlick of Lawndale, in a 1955 Chevy, drove to a fourth-place finish, followed by another 1955 Chevy driver, Wilson Peace, to round out the top five.

In the special 30-lap hobby action, Freddie Smith of Kings Mountain maintained his winning ways — the 1955 Ford driver jumped into a half-lap lead on the third lap and stayed there through the checkered flag.

Mike Humphries of Gaffney, Smith's teammate, finished a distant second, while Shelby's Dub Beaver ran third.

Gaffney drivers once again cornered the rookie prize money, with Jimmy Bullock and Jerry Gantt finishing one-two. Bobby Dill of Landrum, S. C., ran third.

Heat winners included, in the sportsman division, Monteith and Humphries; in the hobbies, Humphries and Houston Wilkie; rookies, Bullock and Dill.

A crowd of about 3,000 racing fans showed up for the Saturday night action as the season nears its close on the Labor Day weekend.

Head football coach Tom Harp on his youthful 1968 Blue Devils: "If people come out and see us playing this fall, they're going to see exciting football. We want to be as unpredictable as we can be and I think the fans will want to see us play. We want to be so unpredictable that no one will know what we're going to do."

WNCHSAA 1968 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 30 Burns at Rutherfordton Cherryville at Dallas*

September 6 Belmont at Cherryville Crest at Chase Lincolnton at Rutherfordton Taylorsville at Burns* Shelby at Hunter Huss* Kings Mountain at Bessemer City* Waynesville at East Rutherford*

September 13 Belmont at Crest Chase at Kings Mountain Shelby at Burns East Rutherford at Lincolnton

September 20 Burns at Cherryville Rutherfordton at Chase Kings Mtn. at East Rutherford Lincolnton at Shelby Belmont at South Rowan* Crest at Polk Central*

September 27 Kings Mountain at Belmont Crest at Burns Cherryville at Shelby Rutherfordton at East Rutherford Chase at Chesnee, S. C.* Lincolnton at Newton*

October 4 Belmont at Lincolnton Burns at Chase Cherryville at Kings Mountain East Rutherford at Crest Shelby at Rutherfordton

October 11 Chase at Belmont Lincolnton at Burns East Rutherford at Cherryville Shelby at Crest Rutherfordton at Kings Mountain

October 18 Rutherfordton at Belmont Burns at East Rutherford Chase at Lincolnton Cherryville at Crest Kings Mountain at Shelby

October 25 Belmont at Shelby Burns at Rutherfordton East Rutherford at Chase Crest at Kings Mountain Lincolnton at Cherryville Mt. Holly at Rutherfordton*

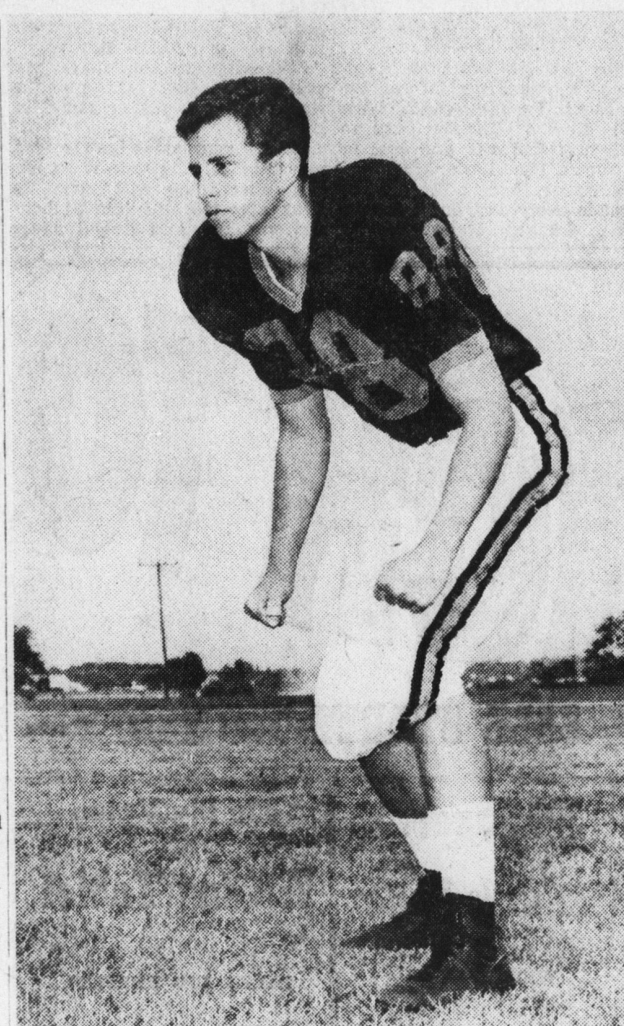
November 1 Belmont at East Rutherford Kings Mountain at Burns Shelby at Chase Cherryville at Rutherfordton Crest at Lincolnton

November 25 Burns at Belmont Chase at Cherryville Rutherfordton at Crest East Rutherford at Shelby Kings Mountain at Lincolnton *Denotes Non-Conference Game All Games Start at 8:00 p.m.

Window sales for individual games on Duke University's 1968 football schedule opened Wednesday. Business Manager Red Lewis announced that individual game tickets for the popular family plan section are now available across the counter.

According to Lewis, sales are running at a good pace for the Blue Devils' home opener with Michigan (Sept. 28) and for the Nov. 2 battle with traditional rival Georgia Tech. He noted, however, that plenty of good seats are still available for all games.

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RETURNING STARTER — End Ross Springer is one of eight returning starters on the Kings Mountain High football team. He'll probably be in the lineup when the Mountaineers play at Bessemer City on Sept. 6.

Charlie Scott To Hold Cage Clinic Here Friday

University of North Carolina basketball star Charlie Scott will be at the Kings Mountain High School gymnasium Friday at 2 p.m. for a free basketball clinic.

All kids in the area who are interested in attending are asked to do so, as guests of Radio Station WAYS of Charlotte and the Kings Mountain Recreation Department.

KM Merchants Win In 11, 2-1

A catcher's error, a sacrifice fly and a pitcher's wild pitch produced the winning run for the Kings Mountain Merchants Tuesday night, as they edged Gaffney 2 to 1 in 11 innings.

Freddie Mullinax whiffed, but the throw wild to first, Mullinax taking second. He went to third on Sonny Jackson's sacrifice fly and scored as Gaffney hurler Pearson wild pitched.

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Wayne Mullinax, Joe Cornwell Head Runners

Quick-moving backs have highlighted Kings Mountain High School football practice thus far.

Head Coach Bill Bates said he's not impressed with the overall progress of the team but that the backs are "ahead of our line."

"Wayne Mullinax is doing a good job," said Bates. "He's been a little under the weather but is still working out and Joe Cornwell has also been looking good."

Bates said the Mountaineer backfield is not what you'd call quick.

"As far as running a straight distance is concerned, we're not fast," said Bates. "But most of our backs, especially Mullinax and Cornwell, have real good moves."

Bates said he has also been pleased with the performance of tackle Stanley Brown, Eddie Black, a guard last year, has been moved to tackle and that duo will probably be in the starting lineup when the Mounties travel to Bessemer City Sept. 6 for their season opener.

Currently holding down the number one quarterback position is sophomore Geoper Howard, but he is being pushed hard by junior Charles Barnes.

"At present, Howard looks the best," said Bates. "He looks good throwing the ball and he's coming out for 30 minutes of extra practice every day."

Bates said Barnes, who has also looked good throwing the pigskin, might be used at quarterback, halfback or flanker back. He said Barnes and Cornwell are the team's top two receivers.

Four boys have been looking good at the offensive end positions. They include veterans Ross Springer and Clarence Ashe, sophomore Ray Hughes and senior Jimmy Grayson.

Most of the guards are young players, reports Bates. Juniors Mike Brown and Gerald Herndon and sophomores Randolph Ross and Arthur Carroll will probably see the most action there.

Joe Dover, a returning starter, is at center, being backed up by sophomore Jimmy Crawford.

Returning for duty at fullback is 175-pound junior Philbert Smith. Other backfield hopefuls include fullback Mike Blanton and halfbacks Jack Bell and Butch Kerns.

Holding down the number three quarterback post is junior Chuck Easley, who started at times last season. He missed the first three days of practice.

Bates also said a pair of freshmen, David Bolin and Ricky Falls, are also doing well at quarterback but they will probably be placed on the junior varsity team.

"Bolin is going to be a good one," said Bates. "But unless something happens, those two boys will play for the jayvees and travel with the varsity to keep statistics."

There are 13 lettermen in camp, including eight boys who saw a lot of action last year.

Practice times have been changed. The Mountaineers are working out from 9 to 10:30 in the mornings and 5:30 to 8:00 at night.

Beginning next Monday, drills will curtail to one a day.

Buddy Shuman Memorial Race Set For Sept. 6

The 12th annual Buddy Shuman Memorial race for NASCAR's Grand National Division has been set for Friday, September 6th, at Hickory Speedway.

Entry blanks have been mailed out, which shows a purse of \$6,165. Other prizes and appearance fees will push the total to over \$10,000, according to track manager Ned Jarrett.

A 50 lap late model sportsman race will also be run on the same program which will run total payouts close to the \$12,000 mark. This will mark the biggest payoff in the speedway's history.

Only 24 cars will be allowed to take the green flag in the 250 lap grid for the touring pros.

The 100 mile race is run annually in honor of the late driver and mechanic, Buddy Shuman of Charlotte, who lost his life in a Hickory hotel bed fire, while in town representing a Ford factory team in 1955. Shuman was one of the pioneers of automobile races, and was one of the most colorful drivers in modified ranks in the late 40's and early 50's.

Reserved seats are now on sale at the speedway office. Only about 1800 reserved seats will be sold. Jarrett said these are offered for the convenience of those who might be coming late and will want to know they have a seat waiting for them.

This race traditionally follows the Labor Day Southern 500 at Darlington, South Carolina. \$300 of the purse being offered is for the winner of Darlington's race, if he enters and appears at the Hickory track.

A capacity crowd witnessed a 100 miler on the fast oval in April of this year, which saw Bobby Isaac, David Pearson, and Richard Petty battle for the lead for the entire 250 laps. Petty came out the victor.

All three of those top stars are expected back, plus most of NASCAR's top drivers. Deadline for filing entries has been set for September 1st.



MOVED TO TACKLE—Eddie Black (above) has been moved from a guard position to tackle. Black started for the Mountaineers last year and also did most of the team's punting.

Culbertson And Plonk Oil Co. Tied For Lead

Plonk Oil Co. and Clyde Culbertson are tied for first place after the first week of action in the local men's bowling league.

Randy Blanton combined games of 135, 139 and 137 for a 411 series Monday night to lead Plonk Oil to a 4-0 sweep over Bob Herndon. Mull Ramsey had a 122 line and Richard Bridges added a 341 set for the losers.

Clyde Culbertson had a 149 line and a 391 set to lead his team to a 4-0 victory over Dilling Heating. Charles Fite led the losers with a 139-343.

In the only other match, Albert Brackett and Richard Culbertson split a four-game set.

Jerry Dover had a 124 line and Albert Brackett a 345 set for the Brackett team while Gerald Hipps had a 144 line and 352 set for the Culbertson five.

STANDINGS

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Clyde Culbertson	4	0	1.000
Plonk Oil Co.	4	0	1.000
Albert Brackett	2	2	.500
Richard Culbertson	2	2	.500
Dilling Heating	0	4	.000
Bob Herndon	0	4	.000

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