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1968--Another Banner Year For Cage Squads

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — A full slate of seven Atlantic Coast Conference games and three top-notch outsiders — Auburn, Virginia Tech and Miami, Fla. — comprise Wake Forest's 1969 football schedule.

The schedule, announced today by Athletic Director Gene Hooks, shapes up as a real challenge for new head coach Cal Stoll. Stoll recently was named to replace Bill Tate, who resigned at the close of the 1968 season after five years on the job. This will be the first head coaching assignment for Stoll, who served the past 10 years as an assistant at Michigan State.

Miami, returning to the Deacon schedule for the first time since 1944, Auburn and Virginia are the newcomers to the card. Auburn is back after an absence of two years and Virginia is returning after a one-year layoff.

For the second successive year the Deacs will open against N. C. State. The game will be played under lights at Raleigh on Sept. 13, a week earlier than the normal opening date.

The Deacons will play four games at home, their second in new Groves Stadium, and six on the road. The first home contest is set for Sept. 27 against Virginia Tech. Other home games are slated with Maryland, Duke and South Carolina. It marks the third straight year Maryland and South Carolina have been met in Winston-Salem.

In addition to N. C. State, the other away games are at Auburn, Clemson, North Carolina, Virginia and Miami.

Hooks said there is a strong possibility that some night games will be played in Groves Stadium for the first time. No night games were played last season. The N. C. State and Miami games, the latter set for Nov. 21 in the Orange Bowl, will be played under the lights.

Two of the opponents are in bowl games this year, Virginia Tech lost to Mississippi in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis on Dec. 14 and Auburn is slated to meet Arizona in the Sun Bowl at El Paso Saturday.

The Deacs' 1969 schedule:

Sept. 13, N. C. State at Raleigh; 20, Auburn at Auburn, Ala.; 27, Virginia Tech at Winston-Salem.

Oct. 4, Maryland at Winston-Salem; 11, Duke at Winston-Salem; 18, Clemson at Clemson, S. C.; 25, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Nov. 8, Virginia at Charlottesville, Va.; 15, South Carolina at Winston-Salem; 21, Miami at Miami, Fla.

Unlike their varsity counterparts, the Wake Forest freshmen will be taking things easy during the Christmas holidays. While the Deacon varsity will be playing six times during the break, the frosh will remain idle until Jan. 8 when they meet the Duke freshmen here.

The Baby Deacons are off to a good start, losing only to powerful Gardner-Webb in their first five games. The latest win was an 86-76 decision over Gaston College.

Guard John Lewkowicz of Conshohocken, Pa., has been the Baby Deacs' leading scorer, averaging 22.2 points per game. His high performance came against Winston-Salem Business College when he canned 28 points.

John Orenczak, 6-7 center from Linden, N. J., is second in the point race with a 17.4 average, but leads in both rebounds and field goal percentage. He has hit on 35 of 63 field goal attempts for 55.6, and averaged 12.2 rebounds per contest.

Rich Habegger, whose cousin Larry plays for the varsity, is close behind Orenczak in rebounds and scoring. A 6-5 forward from Elkhart, Ind., Habegger is averaging 12 rebounds and 17.2 points per game.

One of the biggest surprises thus far has been the play of Bob Hook, a non-scholarship athlete from Louisville, Ky. Hook is a regular and has a 9.6 scoring figure. Stan Zdrozny, the other starter, is fifth in the scoring race with an 8.2 average.

When the Baby Deacs return to action against Duke after the holidays, Wake Forest Coach Jack McCloskey may have mixed feelings concerning the game. His son, Mike, is attending Duke on an academic scholarship, and is a member of the Blue Imp squad. Mike scored 10 points in the Duke victory over North Greenville Junior College last week.

Basketball, for the second straight, was the big sport in Kings Mountain during the 1968 calendar year.

Both the boys and girls teams at Kings Mountain High School enjoyed their best seasons in history. The Mountaineers, under a new coach, Bob Hussey, finished second in Western North Carolina with a 25-1 record.

The girls, also playing under a new coach, Blaine Froneberger, finished third in both the Southwestern Conference and tournament with an overall 18-4 record.

George Adams, scoring leader on the boys team, was named All-Conference and All-County for the second straight year, plus was All-State and Honorable Mention All-American. He is now a member of the undefeated Gardner-Webb Junior College team.

Adams averaged 26 points and 19 rebounds in leading the Mounties to their second straight SWC title and third in the past four years. He was the team's most valuable player for the second straight season, the SWC Player of the Year, the most valuable player in the Marion Civitan Classic all-star game, and he also played in the annual East-West All-Star game in Greensboro.

Adams was sought by several colleges across the nation, including Houston, which was rated number one going into the NCAA tournament.

Joining Adams on the starting unit at KMHS were Rick Finger, Steve Spencer, Ken Mitchem and Otis Cole. Spencer is a member of the Barber-Scottia cage team in Concord while Mitchem and Cole are still with the Mountaineers.

Adams, Spencer and Cole were All-Conference selections while Mitchem and Finger pointed Adams on the All-Tournament team.

Sharon Gold was the big gun for the girls, who were the first team to defeat Chase in over two years.

Gold was All-Conference for the third straight season and was joined on the team by Kathy Plonk. Both guarded.

Gold ended her career as the all-time scoring leader

for girls at KMHS. She led the conference in scoring in both her sophomore and junior seasons.

Kings Mountain High was so-so in most other sports, although Coach Hussey's baseball team shared the divisional title with Cherryville and Lincolnton.

The Mountaineers placed catcher Paul Gaffney on the All-Conference team for the second straight season. Rocky Goforth and Darrell Whetstone formed the 1-2 mound punch.

The Mountaineers lost out to Cherryville 2-0 in the opening round of the conference playoffs. R-S Central of the Western Division ended up as the conference champions, with Crest, also of the Western Division, finishing second.

The Mounties, however, defeated Crest and its ace southpaw, Bobby Lail, in two non-conference clashes.

In football the Mountaineers finished 5-5 overall and 4-5 in their division.

Wayne Mullinax, a senior halfback, was KM's only All-Conference performer and he was joined by end Clarence Ashe on the All-Cleveland County team.

Mullinax was the team's leading rusher, scorer, number two receiver and a leading defensive player. Other mainstays on the team included Geeper Howard, Joe Cornwell, Philbert Smith, Ross Springer, Eddie Black, Stanley and Mike Brown, Jerry Lovelace, Joe Dover, and others.

The junior varsity football team posted a 5-2 overall record, losing only to Gaffney in the season's opener and to Lincolnton in the season's finale.

Froneberger handled the Little Mountaineers, who shutout four opponents.

Big honors came to three former Kings Mountain High athletes during the past season.

Richard Gold, recognized as the best all-round athlete to ever come out of KMHS, was All-District Three second

baseball for the Florida State Seminoles who were ranked number one in the nation throughout the regular season.

Gold hit .315 in his junior season and will be a prime candidate for All-America this spring.

Pat Murphy finished a brilliant football career at Appalachian, where he set over 20 school and state records. He was named All-District and Honorable Mention All-America.

Hubert McGinnis, a center at Lenoir-Rhyne, capped his college career by being named All-District. He was a three-year starter for the single-wing Bears of Coach Hanley Painter.

Gold, Murphy and McGinnis graduated from KMHS in 1965 and were key performers on the '63 and '64 football teams that won the SWC title.

Gold was a star in all three major sports while Murphy and McGinnis also played baseball. The three also played Legion baseball together.

City Recreation League-sponsored teams, including men's basketball, men's and ladies' softball, tee league, little league and teener baseball, etc., also enjoyed good seasons during 1968.

So did the pee wee and midget football teams, Mountain Lanes Bowling Leagues, etc.

But, the big sport was high school basketball, where the Mountaineers and Mountainettes combined for the best record (43-5) of any boys and girls team from any school in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association.

And, while its the players that win and lose the games, and its the players that always get the credit or criticism for doing it, the KMHS coaching staff should also be commended for bringing the Mountaineer City another banner season in sports.

Gardner-Webb Will Sponsor Golf Tourney

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — A Bulldog Open Golf Tournament will be held at Riverbend Acres in April of 1969. It was announced Monday evening at Gardner-Webb College.

Bulldog Club Directors voted approval of the idea which is designed to help raise monies for athletic scholarships at the college.

Stan Sherman, pro at Riverbend Acres, will be in charge of organizing and running the tournament by the campus. Entry fee will be on the Championship course close \$10 and there will not be a greens fee. Scoring will be on a handicap system.

All golfers interested in entering to do so with prizes valued at \$500 awaiting the winners. For the champ there will be a special prize of a red blazer symbolic of the tournament will be urged the Bulldog Open Golf Championship.

Sherman said first prize will be a \$320 set of woods and irons, second prize will be a \$150 set of woods and irons, third prize a golf bag, fourth prize a golf cart, fifth prize an umbrella and places six through 10 will receive golf shirts. The low gross score golfer will receive a trophy.

Hickory Jaycees Sponsor Holiday Cage Tournament

The Holiday Classic basketball tournament to be held at Lenoir Rhyne College, December 27-28 will be sponsored by The Hickory Jaycees.

The 400-member young men's organization hopes to be able to make the tournament a highlight of the Christmas Holidays for area sports fans and to build the event into a major small college tournament in coming years.

Lenoir Rhyne, Appalachian, Wofford and Pembroke will play in this year's Jaycee Holiday Classic. On the first night of the tournament, Appalachian will face Pembroke in the first game and Lenoir Rhyne will play Wofford in the second game. On the second night, the losers of the December 27th games will play at 7 p.m. and at 9 p.m. the championship game pitting the first-night winners will get underway.

Advance tickets for the tournament are now on sale at many places in Hickory and also may be obtained for \$2 per ticket by writing: Jaycee Holiday Classic, P. O. Box 284, Hickory, N. C. 28601.

The Jaycee Holiday Classic will be one of the major sports events in the entire state on the Christmas Holiday week end, and sports fans from throughout the state are being urged by The Hickory Jaycees to attend the tournament and show their support for the small college basketball program in the Carolinas.



1968-69 MOUNTAINEERS — Here's Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, who have a 3-1 conference record and 4-2 overall mark at the Christmas break. Front row, left to right, are Phillip Francis, Charles Barnes, Richard Etheridge, Geeper Howard, Andy Neisler, Alan Hambright and Jewel Watson. Second row, manager Bill Loftin, Louie Sabettie, Roger Smith, Jim Eaker, Steve Gladden, Otis Cole, Ken Mitchem, Jerry Black and Chuck Easley. (Photo by Isaac Alexander).

Cole Tops Mounties Scoring

At the Christmas break, unofficial statistics show junior forward Otis Cole as Kings Mountain's leading scorer with 128 points and a 21.3 average.

Three other Mountaineers are also averaging double figures. Ken Mitchem has 103 points and a 17.2 average, Charles Barnes has 74 points and a 12.3 average and Alan Hambright has 65 points and a 10.8 average.

Senior Linda Childers is the only girl averaging double figures; but Vickie Turner is pushing the

mark. Childers has 54 points and a 10.8 mark while Turner has 36 points and a 7.2 average.

Cole, an All-Conference guard for the Mountaineers last year, enjoyed his best night against Lincolnton, when he hit for 34 points in an 84-63 Mountaineer victory.

His low output was 15 points against Hunter Huss and East Rutherford. His other three games were in the 20's.

Mitchem's best game, scoring

erford when he hit for 22 points. Mitchem is also the team's leading rebounder, getting around 15 per game.

Barnes enjoyed his best night against Belmont, getting 18 and Hambright's best night was against East, 15 points.

Ironically, Cole is averaging exactly the same number of points that George Adams did his junior year. Adams hit 21.3 points per game in leading the Mountaineers to the Southwestern Conference title.

The Mountaineers don't play again until Jan. 7 when they host Burns in a conference double-header. The Bulldogs are 2-1 in conference play while the Lady Bulldogs share the league lead with Lincolnton. Both teams are 4-0.

GIRLS			
Player	G	TP	Avg.
Childers	5	54	10.8
Turner	5	36	7.2
Reynolds	5	24	4.8
Timms	5	10	2.0
Wilson	3	5	1.7
Oliver	5	4	.8
Huffstetler	3	3	1.0
Atkinson	5	3	.6
Finger	5	3	.6
Stowe	2	2	1.0
Little	1	1	1.0
D. Plonk	3	1	.3

BOYS			
Player	G	TP	Avg.
Cole	6	128	21.3
Mitchem	6	103	17.2
Barnes	6	74	12.3
Hambright	6	65	10.8
Gladden	6	12	2.0
Easley	6	11	1.8
Francis	5	4	.8
Watson	4	3	.7
Neisler	2	2	1.0
Etheridge	3	2	.7
Howard	5	2	.4



MOUNTAINETTE COACH — Blaine Froneberger (above) coached the KMHS girls to an 18-4 overall record last year, their best season in history. Froneberger's current cage squad, without All-Conference stars Sharon Gold and Kathy Plonk, has captured its last two contests and is now 2-2 in league play.

Mounties Beaten By Ironmen 69-62

Kings Mountain's 27-game homecourt winning streak was broken by Cherryville's tall and hot-shooting Ironmen Friday night, 69-62.

The Mountaineers led only twice, in the first half, and had the score tied only once in the second half as the Ironmen rode the 28 point output of 6-6 center Al Graves to their fourth straight Southwestern Conference victory.

The win gives Cherryville a 40 league record and 5-0 overall mark and the conference lead. The Mountaineers dropped to second place with a 3-1 league record and 4-2 overall mark.

Kings Mountain's girls, led by Vickie Turner's 12 points, won their second straight game in the opener, 36-26. The Mountainettes of Blaine Froneberger now stand 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

In the nightcap, Cherryville jumped ahead 3-0 but the Mounties fought from behind to take a 4-3 lead on a 20-footer by Alan Hambright and a pair of free throws by Otis Cole.

The Mountaineers led again at 16-15 with 6:30 left in the half following another free throw by Cole.

But the Ironmen charged back to lead by as many as five points but were ahead by only one, 29-28 at halftime.

The Ironmen led the entire third quarter and held a three-point spread, 47-44, heading into the last period.

The Mountaineers caught up at 47-all with 7:40 left in the game on a basket by Cole, just seconds after officials called a technical foul on Cherryville Coach Bill Hinson.

However, the Ironmen then score nine straight points to move ahead by 56-47 with 6:05 left, at which point Cole drew his fifth personal foul and had to

leave the game. The Ironmen won the game at the foul line, where they hit 21 of 29 attempts. Cherryville was charged with only four personals in the second half.

Cherryville hit on 40 percent of their floor shots while the Mountaineers connected on 32 percent. Cherryville, sporting six players than Kings Mountain's biggest man, had a big advantage in rebounding.

Mitchem of the Mountaineers, who finished with 17 points, was the game's top rebounder with 17, but the Mountaineers, as a team, hauled down only 25.

Most of Graves' 28 points came on tap-ins and free throws. The Ironmen hit 14 of their first 16 free throw attempts in the second half, including the first 10 in the fourth quarter.

Roger Beck had 15 points and Melvin Littlejohn 10 for the Ironmen. Cole was KM's top scorer with 21 and Charlie Barnes added 11.

In the fourth quarter, the Mountaineers pulled to within two points, 62-60, with 2:55 left on a basket by junior Steve Gladden, who entered the game after Cole fouled out.

But the Ironmen scored six straight points and then froze the ball to insure the victory.

In the girls game, Kings Mountain broke away from a 12-12 halftime lead behind the steady outside shooting of Turner and outstanding ballhandling on the part of Linda Childers to post their second league victory.

BOXSCORES (Girls Game)

Cherryville	(26)
F-Eaker	10
F-Walls	2
F-Wofford	4
G-Ingram	2
G-Barger	4
G-Carpenter	2
Subs: Neal 2.	
Kings Mountain	(36)
F-Timms	0
F-Turner	12
F-Reynolds	8
G-Childers	6
G-Atkinson	1
G-Finger	1
Subs: Huffstetler 2, Stowe 2, Wilson 4.	
HT: Cherryville 12, K. Mtn. 12 (Boys Game)	

Cherryville	(69)
F-Young	7
F-Beck	15
C-Graves	28
G-Littlejohn	10
G-Bumgardner	7
Subs: Fisher 2.	
Kings Mountain	(62)
F-Cole	21
F-Mitchem	17
C-Easley	0
G-Hambright	9
G-Barnes	11
Subs: Gladden 4.	
HT: Cherryville 29, K. Mtn. 28	

Adams, Gilmore Lead Bulldogs To Championship

Kings Mountain's George Adams has been named to the All-Holiday Tournament team after helping lead Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs to their third straight championship.

In victories over DeKalb, Ga., and Brandywine, Del., Adams scored 36 points, second only to 7-2 Artis Gilmore, who tallied 49 in the two contests.

Gilmore, Barry Driscoll of MeCook, Neb., Butch Webster of DeKalb, and Lee Swazey of Brandywine also made the select squad.

Gilmore scored 28 points and Adams added 22 as the Bulldogs romped over DeKalb opening Fleming added 20, Steve Kebeck night. Gilmore hit for 21, Ernie 17 and Adams 14 Saturday night as the Bulldogs took the title with an 85-79 win over Brandywine.

DeKalb won the consolation game, 88-77 over MeCook.

Gardner-Webb's next game is Jan. 2 at Indian River, Fla. Indian River is the top-ranked junior college team in the nation and is currently averaging 144 points per game.

Gardner-Webb is ranked seventh.

Christmas lights help make the holiday season bright. To keep the season joyous make sure to take proper precautions with holiday decorations, cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Check all lights for frayed wires and short circuits. Discard home-repaired and other dangerous electrical equipment. Also be prudent in your use of holiday bulbs. A few can go a long way toward brightening your holiday and save your electrical circuits unwanted strain.

TELEPHONE GAIN Preliminary results indicate that telephone gain in September was the highest for any month in Bell System history. Total gain came to 670,000 telephones — up 95,000 (or 17 percent) from September a year ago. Contributing to this high level were catch-up work on orders accumulated during recent strikes, installation of telephones during the political campaigns and the heavy demand for student telephones with the reopening of colleges, said R. B. Moore, telephone manager.

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