

Herald Sports

Mountaineers Seek Revenge Against Burns

Expectancy replaces pessimism in Duke football as coach Tom Harp, players (including 22 lettermen) and staff prepare for one of the earliest spring practices in the nation. Duke drills start Feb. 15 and end with the annual Blue-White contest March 15.

Harp is cautious—it's still over six months to the start of the 1969 season—but, on paper and spared the crippling pre-season blows of 1968, he can expect his best season and first winner in his fourth fall in Durham.

And, he should. When most Blue Devil fans, downcast at prospects of a 0-10 or 2-8 finish last fall, would have preferred to "pass" or write 1968 off, sophomore sensation Leo Hart did pass—right into the Atlantic Coast Conference record books. The Blue Devils upset South Carolina and Georgia Tech and finished a surprising 4-6. Harp was a close second as conference "Coach of the Year".

Not only does the 6-3 Hart, an All-America candidate and first ACC player ever to amass more than 2,000 yards in a single season—2,340 to be exact—return. His whole backfield also returns intact and features 6-3, 215-pound power-runner Phil Asack at tailback, 6-2 sure-handed Wes Chesson at flanker and Don Baglien, a 6-0, 205-pound senior from Newport, Ky., at fullback. And, flanker Marcel Courtillet, injured in the Maryland game and sidelined for most of the rest of the season, is back for his final season.

Harp was personally responsible for 14 of the 34 new school and conference standards the Blue Devils set. Asack, Duke's best ground gainer with 690 yards and leading scorer with 50 points, carried a record 40 times in the 46-30 win over Tech. One of Hart's favorite receivers, wing end Henley Carter, is one of 19 graduating seniors. Carter and guards J. B. Edwards and Ken Bombard and Guy Johnson return on the line, and in 6-1 senior end Jim Dearth, the Blue Devils have a proven two-season performer. Chesson, of course, will be another favorite Hart target. Chesson caught 47 passes and Dearth 27 in 1968. Further assistance is expected from the 37-member freshman team that finished 4-1—best Blue Imp mark since 1964.

It's on defense, however, that Harp expects the Blue Devils to be even more improved—especially in the backfield. Rich Searl intercepted eight passes in five games as a freshman and could well be flanked by South Carolina speedster Ernie Jackson, another sophomore. Senior Mike Fitzpatrick and junior Phil Singer were impressive in their performance in the secondary and return in 1969.

Linebacking, a perennial strong spot on the Duke defense, could be the strongest yet in 1969 with the return of All-America candidate Dick Biddle and Joe Compitello. Biddle set a new single game tackle record with 22 solos and nine assists against South Carolina. He has won the "Defensive Hatchet Award" two seasons now. Two prep All-America linebackers from the freshman team, Paul Johnstone and Bob Fitch, could provide more strength.

"I think our defensive line should be adequate," said Harp. It will feel the brunt of graduating seniors—middle guard Chuck Grace, tackles Frank Lilly and Fred Zirkle and ends George Joseph and Dan Rose. But ready relief is again expected from the freshman team which allowed but four touchdowns in five games.

Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh replace Michigan and Army on a ten-game card that includes the seven ACC teams and traditional non-conference foe Georgia Tech.

The Blue Devils start 1969 as 1968 — in Columbia against South Carolina's Gamecocks. No Duke player, coach or fan wouldn't like to see history repeat.

In short, to let head coach Tom Harp summarize, Duke's 1969 football outlook is "expected improvement on defense, especially with the presence of more speed in the secondary. I hope our offense with the number of returnees combined with our defense should give us a much improved football team."

Tom Harp's assessment of the 1969 Atlantic Coast Conference race: "North Carolina State, with everyone eligible from its undefeated freshman team of two seasons back, will have an unusual abundance of fine material. And, South Carolina; how many unbeaten frosh teams have they had now? Clemson, I think, will be strong. The rest of us I'd say we'd be in there scrambling. Duke should be better, but how much so remains to be seen."



TOM HARP

Plonk Oil Wins Two More Games In City League

First place Plonk Oil Co. continues to roll along unbeaten in the City Recreation Basketball League.

The Oilers took two more victories during the past week, defeating Fashion Cleaners 59-43 on Thursday night and second-place KM Gulf Service Monday night.

Thursday night, Plonk Oil won over Fashion Cleaners, 59-43, behind the 15-point scoring of Ken Cash. Guards Tommy Barrett and Lawrence Bolin added 13 and 10 points respectively while Joe Disha led Fashion with 16 points.

In Thursday's nightcap, Bessemer City romped to a 69-42 victory over Fulton's Dept. Store as David Carpenter scored 19 points. Robert Pifer scored 16 for Fulton's.

In Monday's opener, Gastonia whipped Fashion Cleaners 64-53 as Ricky Gibby stripped the nets for a week-high 31 points. Joe Risha's 14 markers topped the losers.

Ken Cash scored 20 points to lead Plonk Oil's 70-37 victory over KM Gulf in Monday's nightcap. Tommy Barrett and Lawrence Bolin added 11 and 10 points respectively while Glenn Perkins scored 12 and Billy Crocker added 10 for the losers.

STANDINGS

| Teams | Won | Lost |
|------------------|-----|------|
| Plonk Oil | 9 | 0 |
| KM Gulf | 8 | 2 |
| Gastonia | 4 | 3 |
| Fashion Cleaners | 4 | 6 |
| Bessemer City | 3 | 8 |
| Fulton's | 1 | 9 |

KM - Lincolnton Boxscores

GIRLS GAME

Lincolnton (32)
 F—Smith 13
 F—Griggs 6
 F—Abernathy 5
 G—Murphy 5
 G—Reinhardt 2
 G—Bell 2

Kings Mountain (46)
 F—Childers 20
 F—Turner 11
 F—Reynolds 9
 G—Wilson 3
 G—Plonk 1
 G—Atkinson 1
 Subs: Timms 2

HT Score: Lincolnton 23, Kings Mountain 20.

BOYS GAME

Lincolnton (50)
 F—Easter 21
 F—Kilrand 11
 C—Barnes 6
 G—Finger 6
 G—Dorsey 2

Subs: Moore 2, Huskey 1.

Kings Mountain (70)
 F—Cole 8
 F—Howard 2
 C—Mitchem 19
 G—Hambright 10
 G—Barnes 26

Subs: Francis 5.

HT Score: Kings Mountain 32, Lincolnton 24.

KM - Belmont Boxscores

GIRLS GAME

Belmont (25)
 F—Breeland 8
 F—Smith 7
 F—Ward 4
 G—Daughtridge 2
 G—Beaty 1
 G—Diek 1

Subs: Rodgers 3.

Kings Mountain (37)
 F—Childers 13
 F—Turner 4
 F—Wilson 4
 G—Reynolds 11
 G—E. Plonk 1
 G—Atkinson 1

Subs: Timms 2, Stowe 1, Finger 2, E. Plonk 1, Manning 1.

HT Score: KM 22, Belmont 8.

BOYS GAME

Belmont (60)
 F—Cherry 16
 F—Hill 13
 C—Campbell 15
 G—Hoover 3
 G—Swayne 3

Subs: McGraw 7, Gosnell 4, Elmore 2.

Kings Mountain (81)
 F—Howard 19
 F—Mitchem 27
 G—Barnes 24
 G—Hambright 13

Subs: Etheridge 4, Francis 2, Easley 2, Neisler 2.

HT Score: KM 39, Belmont 28.

Piedmont Football Camp Set For July

Piedmont Football Camp at YMCA Camp John W. Hantes near Winston-Salem will open for its second season on July 20. This camp, planned by high school and college coaches, has as its goal the development of the individual and his own particular talents.

Three college coaches and seven high school coaches will live with the boys, work with them, and coach them in drills, fundamentals, and an overall program of self-improvement.

The staff will be composed of Sam Tiner of Duke University as (Continued on Page Four)



MOUNTAINETTE STRATEGY — Mountainette Coach Blaine Fronberger is shown above plotting strategy with senior forward Nancy Reynolds during recent KMHS contest. At left they go over play, in center photo Fronberger seems to be wondering "will she do as I told her" and at right they're back at it again. (Photos by Isaac Alexander).

KM Cagers Sweep Lincolnton, Belmont

Barnes Hits 26 To Lead 70-50 Win Over Lincs

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers shook off a first period Lincolnton freeze and went on to a 70-50 Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball victory over the Wolves Friday night.

The Mountaineers, behind the 20-point scoring of senior playmaker Linda Childers and 11 points by Vickie Turner, romped to a 46-32 decision in the opener.

Lincolnton, with senior Bobby Joe Easter playing a fine game, stayed on the Mounties heels during the first half as Coach Bob Hussey's lads held only an eight-point lead, 32-24, at intermission.

But the Mountaineers broke it open early in the third quarter behind guards Charles Barnes and Alan Hambright and senior center Ken Mitchem.

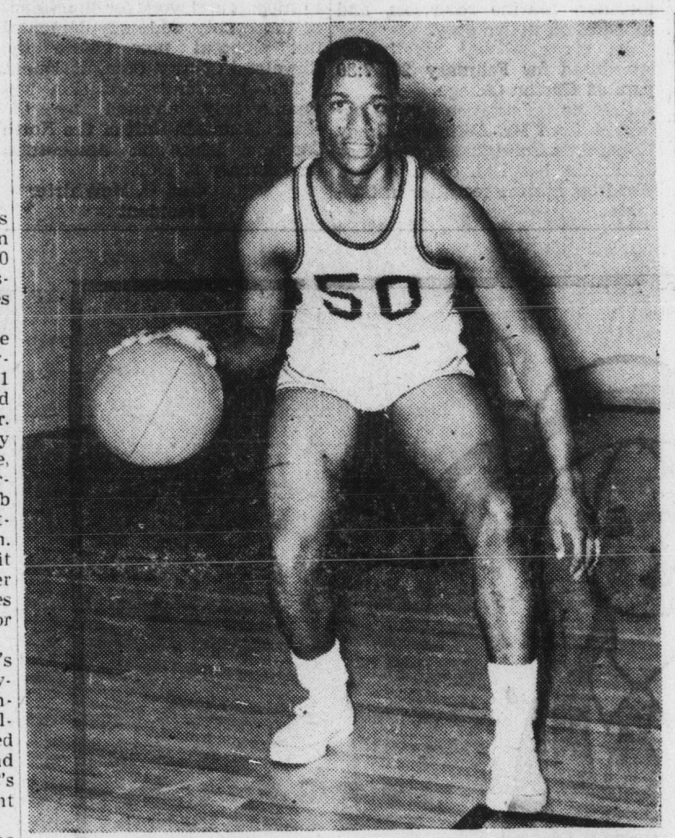
Barnes finished as the game's top scorer with 26 points, followed by Mitchem with 19 and Hambright with 10. Easter, an All-Conference pick last season, led Lincolnton with 21 points and held KM's Otis Cole, the SWC's leading scorer, to only eight points.

The Mountaineers held the Lincolnton girls to only nine points in the entire second half in running their conference record to 6-5. Lincolnton was on top 23-20 at halftime but the Mountaineers outscored the visitors 26-9 in the final two periods.

For the Mountaineers, the defending conference champions, the victory moved them within one game of first place in the conference race which is rapidly coming to an end.

Cherryville's heretofore undefeated Ironmen lost to Burns, 67-66, at Fallston giving the Ironmen a 10-1 league record and KM a 9-2 figure heading into Tuesday night's contests.

Tuesday, the Mounties were host to Belmont and Cherryville was host to Chase.



SCORES CAREER HIGH — Ken Mitchem (above) scored a career high 27 points Tuesday night to lead KMHS to an easy 81-60 Southwestern Conference victory over Belmont. Mitchem is in his fourth year as a starter at KMHS and he has been on two conference championship teams.

Mitchem Scores Career High 27 In 81-60 Win

Kings Mountain's boys cruised to their seventh straight victory at home Tuesday night over Belmont, 81-60, behind Ken Mitchem's career-high 27 points.

Mitchem, a four-year starter at KMHS, played one of his better games, as he not only was the game's top scorer but he also dominated both the offensive and defensive backboard.

The 6-0 senior, who doubles as a forward and center, had 14 points in pacing the Mountaineers to a 39-28 halftime lead. He sat out the last three minutes of the game when Coach Bob Hussey used only reserves.

Mitchem was joined in the 20's by junior guard Charles Barnes with 24 points and Otis Cole, the team's leading scorer added 19 points. KM's other two starters, Geep Howard and Alan Hambright, failed to score but Hambright played a good floor game and Howard was outstanding off the boards.

The Mountaineers led from the opening tipoff, although Belmont fought from behind to tie the score at 18-18 early in the second quarter. A field goal by Mitchem, however, put the Mountaineers ahead to stay.

Rick Cherry finished as Belmont's high scorer with 16 points, followed by Jerry Campbell with 15 and Mike Hill with 13.

Kings Mountain also captured the girls game, 37-25, as Linda Childers and Nancy Reynolds scored 13 and 11 points respectively.

The Mountaineers never trailed. They led by 10-1 after one period and 22-8 at halftime.

The victory gives the Mountaineers a 7-5 conference record (fourth place) heading into Friday's game against league-leader Burns. In their last outing, the Mountaineers whipped Burns 36-33. It represents the only loss of the year for the Lady Bulldogs.

Richard Culbertson Hot In Bowling Loops

Richard Culbertson was "bowler of the week" at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center this past week.

Thursday night, bowling in the local mixed league, Richard tallied a 397 series in leading his team to a 3-1 victory over Clyde Culbertson and Monday night, Richard rolled an even 400 set, but his team lost three games to Clyde.

Thursday, Richard combined single games of 129, 140 and 128 to reach his 397 total. Brother Clyde was also hot, rolling lines of 112, 140 and 142 for a 394 set.

Monday night, Richard had single games of 123, 127 and 150 in the loss. And, Clyde was hot again with a 146 line and 370 set to lead his team to victory.

In other Thursday night action, John Dilling's team suffered its first loss of the second half, but still won three games off Randy Blanton. Dilling led the way with a 137 line and 351 set. For the losers, Blanton had a 133-344.

In other action, Rod Houser's 131 line and 342 set led Bob Herndon to a 3-1 decision over Ron Culbertson. Charles Fite led the losers with a 105 line and a 302 set.

In other action Monday night, Plonk Oil won three games off Dilling Heating as Clarence Plonk tallied a 129 line and Randy Blanton added a 354 series. Harold Barber's 118 line and Aud Tignor's 325 set were high marks for the losers.

Patriots Host Gaston Day In Home Finale

The Central Junior High Patriots will host Gaston Day School today (Thursday) in the final home game of the 1968-69 season.

The Patriots are fresh from a 29-13 victory over Arlington, their second straight victory.

Leading the way for Central in the victory was Jim Jolly with eight points and Woody Ross and Keith Bennix with seven each. Dennis Parker added six and Mike Thoms one.

Central's jayvees whipped Gastonia YMCA 45-37, with Butch Black scoring 19 points, Kim Bumgarner 10 and John McGill eight.

The Central "B" team lost to the Lincoln High School freshmen 72-25 Monday. Fred Williams scored eight and Frankie Stokes and Jerry Valentine four each for Central.

Tickets On Sale At High School; 100 Available

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers haven't lost a basketball game since Jan. 7. It was to Burns, 83-78.

Friday night, the Mountaineers, on a seven-game winning streak and trying to catch Cherryville in the Southwestern 3-A Conference race, will travel to little Fallston Gym to meet the Bulldogs in a rematch.

Since the ancient Fallston Gym seats only 500 people, Kings Mountain has been allotted 100 tickets. They may be purchased at Kings Mountain High School. KM fans will not be allowed in the gym unless they have an advance ticket.

The Mountaineers go into Friday's contest with a 10-2 conference record, one game behind Cherryville, which is 11-1. The only losses by KM in league play were to Cherryville and Burns.

Burns has been hot since the Christmas break, losing only to Shelby and East Rutherford. Last Friday night, the Bulldogs, coached by former Bethware mentor Bill Powell, upset Cherryville 67-66.

The Bulldogs are paced by 6-5 center Steve Peeler, an All-Cleveland County performer last year. The last time KM played Burns, Peeler scored 35 points.

Coach Bob Hussey anticipates no lineup change. Otis Cole and Geep Howard will open at the forwards, Ken Mitchem at center and Charles Barnes and Alan Hambright at guards.

The last time the Mounties played Burns, the Bulldogs won the contest from the foul line. That's been the case in all three games the Mounties have lost this season. They have yet to be outscored from the floor.

In the loss to Burns, the Mountaineers committed 33 personal fouls and one technical near the end of the game resulted in Burns scoring seven points. That turned out to be the difference in the game.

Tuesday night the Mountaineers return home to host Chase, a team which they earlier defeated by 68-46, a game in which high scorer Otis Cole tallied 30 points despite sitting out 10 minutes with four fouls.

The Trojans are led by footballers Gary Cobb and Elmer Macopson. Cobb didn't play against the Mountaineers before because of the flu.

Next Friday night, the Mountaineers travel to Cherryville with a chance, if they defeat Burns and Chase, of gaining a tie for first place. But the Mounties must keep winning, as Cherryville has already met all the contenders, except the Mounties.

Gardner-Webb Bulldogs Drop From Top Ten

BOILING SPRINGS — The Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb College dropped out of the top 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll this week after their loss to Brevard 89-72. They were rated 11th this week in the poll.

After the defeat by Brevard the Bulldogs came back last week to defeat King's College 122-76 and Lees-McCrae College 118-80 to move their record to 20-2 for the season.

The Bulldogs have shown a consistent offense in their last two encounters with great play from Steve Kebeck, Artis Gilmore, Ernie Fleming, Tony Spagnolo, and Jack McGill. The passing and shooting of Kebeck and McGill led a surge that destroyed the Lees-McCrae Bobcats in the second half of the game last Thursday night in Bost Gymnasium. The Bulldogs played everyone who dressed out Thursday night and everyone scored in the winning effort.

Going into Thursday's game everyone on the squad had scored except for substitute forward Joe Brookins, who was injured early in the season. Late in Thursday's game Brookins brought the fans to their feet when he made his entry into the scoring ranks. Brookins shot three times in the closing minutes of the game and hit on all three shots for six points. The other Bulldogs seemed to be as happy over Brookins' scoring as they have been over any thing which has happened this season.

Tuesday night the Bulldogs played Gaston College, then on Friday night they travel to Anderson, S. C., to play the Anderson College Rebels in a conference match.

The "Dogs" are led by 7-2 center Artis Gilmore with a 22.1 scoring average and 15.4 rebounds per game. Ernie Fleming follows Gilmore with a 21.8 average per game and eight rebounds per game. The Bulldogs have played their last two games without the services of the third leading scorer George Adams (16.4 points per game) due to a pulled muscle "soon."

The World Of Self-Defense

By DAVID ADAMS

The question is asked of me quite often in reference to toughness of my hands. I have only this to say:

I know of no one who has made a biopsy of the growth which develops on the knuckles of karateka (a student of Karate), but to all outward appearance this is simply a callous. An area of hardened or thickened epithelial tissue which develops in reaction to pressure and/or friction. The fact that thumb tacks can be stuck in them without pain occurring argues against their being fleshy growths.

Jamming your hand into a bucket or small pebbles or some similar training maneuver is not essentially different in its effects from what happens when a fast ball strikes the end of a catcher's fingers. Both may result in what the baseball player terms a "jammed finger." Hematoma (a local swelling filled with effused blood) may be produced and joint changes may occur. Several experienced Karateka have told me that it has become almost impossible for them to use a typewriter and I have heard stories of Oriental practitioners who could no longer flex their finger joints.

I know of no way of conditioning a hand to withstand such treatment without the possibility of undesirable effects. Massage and soaking in hot water after each exercise period might help in the case of relatively minor trauma. The etiology of arthritis is not well understood, but if one is predisposed to this disease damage of this kind might tend to exacerbate a latent condition.