

# Herald Sports

# Mountaineer Fumbles Lead To 7-6 Defeat

## New Cars Clash At Charlotte, Old Dominion Set For Sunday

Daytona and Talledega are coming to Charlotte Motor Speedway. It's not a merger of the super speedways in the Florida and Alabama cities with Charlotte Motor Speedway. It's a pair of sleek stock racing cars named after the two giant speedways.

The new Dodge Daytonas and Ford's fast-back Talledegas will match laps in the tenth annual National 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Sunday, Oct. 12. It will be the first full-fledged meeting of the two on a super speedway since the introduction of the new Dodge Daytona was jinxed by a driver withdrawal at the inaugural Talledega 500 at Alabama International Motor Speedway.

Defending National 500 champion Charlie Glotzbach leads the Dodge Daytona entry list in the \$115,820 event over the nation's most scenic 1½-mile track. Glotzbach established a National 500 last year with a winning average speed of 135.324 m.p.h. Glotzbach's victory was the third consecutive Dodge win in the National 500.

It was Glotzbach's first major race victory. Buddy Baker, the 1967 winner, will also drive a Daytona, as will popular Bobby Allison and the NASCAR circuit's leading winner, Bobby Isaac, who is looking for his first super speedway victory in a major race. Isaac has grabbed 13 Grand National victories this season.

The season's leading money winner, Lee Roy Yarborough heads the Ford Talledega entries. Yarborough has won six super speedway events and a record total of \$165,525. David Pearson, who has also won more than \$100,000, will also drive a Talledega as will Donnie Allison, the qualifying record holder (159.296), and perennial favorite Richard Petty, winner of 100 Grand National events during his career.

Last year's leading money winner Cale Yarborough will be at the wheel of the Wood Brothers Mercury. Yarborough, winner of the Atlanta 500 and Motor State 500 this season, will join Petty in seeking their first Charlotte Motor Speedway victory.

Time trials get underway Wednesday, Oct. 8, with ten positions up for grabs including the coveted pole. Ten additional positions will be open Thursday and Friday with eight positions set by time trials Saturday. A 30-mile qualifying race will determine the final six starting positions Saturday at 3:30.

Ninety or more cars will start moving into Martinsville Speedway today for a big weekend of racing capped by Virginia's fall classic, the \$46,685 14th annual Old Dominion 500 NASCAR Grand National race on Sunday.

Forty-six Grand National cars are entered for the 250-mile, 500-lap battle on Sunday while 44 modifieds have joined the field for the 100-lap NASCAR national championship race on Saturday.

The speedway opens for action today with practice in both divisions while Grand National qualifying gets underway Friday with the first 20 starting positions for the Old Dominion 500 to be decided in time trials. The drivers will be shooting for the track Grand National qualifying record of 78.260 miles per hour set here in April by Bobby Allison of Hueytown, Ala., in a 1969 Dodge.

Allison, Bobby Isaac of Centawa, N. C., and Buddy Baker of Charlotte, N.C., will lead the Dodge forces in the race that ranks as the richest 250-mile Grand National in NASCAR history. Ford will counter with its potent lineup of Richard Petty of Randleman, North Carolina, David Pearson of Spartanburg, S.C., Donnie Allison of Hueytown, Ala., and Lee Roy Yarborough of Columbia, S. C., while charging Cale Yarborough of Timmonsville, S. C., carries the Mercury banner.

Petty has seven Grand National wins in all on this half-mile track and has taken four of the last five races here. He is seeking his third in a row after capturing last fall's Old Dominion 500 and the spring Virginia 500. Cale Yarborough, who won the 1968 Virginia 500, is the only other active Grand National driver who can claim a win here.

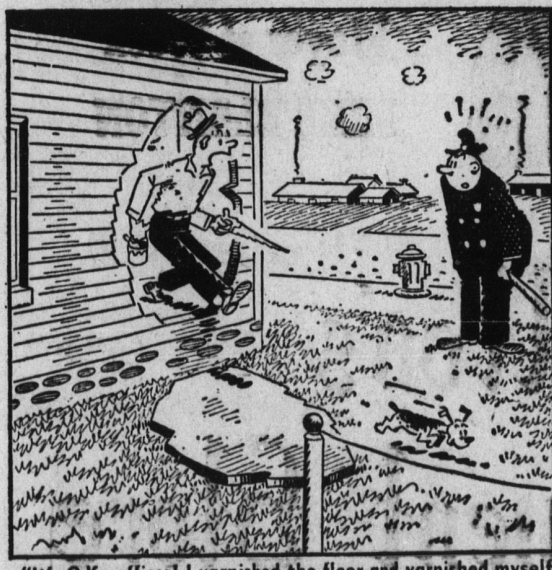
The remainder of the 40-car starting field will be decided in a 20-lap qualifying race on Saturday that shares the spotlight with the 100-lap NASCAR national championship modified race.

Seven of the top ten drivers in the NASCAR national modified standings are entered including point leader Jerry Cook of Rome, N. Y., and the current runner-up and two-time national champion Carl "Bugs" Stevens of Rehoboth, Mass. Cook won the spring Dogwood 500 and will be among the favorites while another hot battle looms between Stevens and flying Ray Hendrick of Richmond, Va.

The modified race will serve as a hot preliminary to the speedway's final event of the season—the Cardinal 500 national championship duel on November 2.

Only the 40 fastest Grand National cars will start in Sunday's Old Dominion 500 and \$10,000 plus lap and qualifying awards and 25,000 King Korn stamps await the winner. The race gets the green flag at 1 p.m.

### COMEDY CORNER



The foot is still a big part of football. East Rutherford kicking specialist, Tommy Perry, showed it here Friday night when his point after touchdown gave the Cavaliers a 7-6 victory over Kings Mountain in a Southwestern contest.

The contest was plagued by a wet field and seven Kings Mountain fumbles and East capitalized on one of the Mountaineer fumbles for its score.

The Cavaliers drove only 26 yards for its winning touchdown late in the third period, with 170-pound halfback Mike Nanney going over from the three.

East Rutherford's score erased a 6-0 KM lead. The Mountaineers forged ahead with 52 seconds left in the first half when quarterback Geeper Howard completed a 65-yard scoring pass to end Bobby Ethridge.

However, KM tried to pass for a two-point conversion and it failed. It marked the sixth straight time that the Mountaineers had missed on their point-after-touchdown attempt.

The Mountaineers played a hang-up defensive game, but their offense sputtered, especially in the second half when they were held without a first down.

Kings Mountain lost two fumbles—the same as East—in the first half, but fumbled the ball away five times in the second half, four times inside their own 20 yard line.

"You can't cough up the football four times inside the 20 and expect to win," commented KM Coach Bill Bates after the game. Senior halfback Philbert Smith was the game's leading rusher with 83 yards in 12 carries, but, as a team, the Mountaineers managed only 84 yards on the ground.

Sophomore fullback David Bolin picked up 14 yards in five carries, wingback Charles Barnes added 11 in seven tries and Howard was minus 24 yards in 11 carries.

Kings Mountain drove 81 yards for its touchdown, covering the drive in six plays. Howard completed two of eight passes for the game and both came in the TD march. Besides his 65-yard TD pass to Ethridge, he also completed a five-yard pitch to Smith.

In the second half, the Mountaineers got possession of the pigskin eight times and they fumbled it away five times. The Mountaineers moved into East territory only once and that was following a short punt.

It took East five plays—with the aid of a six-yard penalty a-

gainst KM for a personal foul—to drive 26 yards for its winning tally.

The KM penalty gave the Cavaliers a first-and-goal from the six and on the second play from scrimmage Nanney went in for the score, with 2:35 left in the third period.

For the Cavaliers, it was their third straight win, although they have scored only 21 points. They posted 7-6 and 7-0 victories over Tuscola and Lincolnton, respectively, before beating the Mountaineers.

It was Kings Mountain's second

straight loss after a 24-0 opening season win over Bessemer City, and it was also KM's second straight loss to a Rutherford County team.

Both defensive units proved extremely tough. For KM, defensive halfback Mike Blanton led the way as several times he broke through to toss the East backs for big losses.

Linebacker Danny Oliver, tackle Steve Ingle, end Gerald Putnam along with backs Smith and Barnes, also stood out defensively for the Mounties.

## Still Winless In Conference Play, Mountaineers Host South Point Team

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, still seeking their first victory in Southwestern Conference play, host South Point of Belmont Friday night at 8 p.m.

The Raiders carry a 2-1 record into the game and are favored. South Point is currently tied for the SWC's Division Two lead with Shelby and East Rutherford.

The Mountaineers lost seven fumbles in their 7-6 loss to East Rutherford, after losing four in the 35-6 defeat at Chase two weeks ago.

Coach Bates, after going over films on South Point, said he was particularly impressed with the Raider's quarterback, Rick Cherry, and one of their linebackers, Burt Broadway.

"Cherry has come into his own this year," said Bates of the 220-pound Raider senior. "I think he throws the ball as well as any quarterback in our conference."

In South Point's first two victories over Cherryville and Crest—Cherry hit on 17 of 21 passes and both South Point touchdowns against South Rowan last week were a result of his right arm.

Bates said Broadway, who transferred to South Point from Cramerton, "does a real good job in pursuit."

The Raiders sport an explosive backfield, led by Cherry's passing and the running of halfbacks Danny Clawson and Ronnie Boyles and fullback Jerry Campbell.

Don Davis, who scored 96 points last year as a sophomore at Cra-

merton, will probably play Friday night. He sat out the first two games after undergoing surgery during the summer, and played sparingly last week against South Rowan.

"If Davis is back," said Bates, "that'll give them more depth in the backfield which will make it that much tougher for us."

Cherry's favorite target so far has been split end, Rodney Knowles, but he also uses his backs as pass receivers. In fact, his touchdown passes last week went to Clawson, a sophomore, and Campbell.

"They've got a good ball club," said Bates. "They hit real well and also do a real good job on defense."

Before the season started, Bates predicted that the Raiders would be in the running for the SWC title. In conference play, they had little trouble in defeating Cherryville 21-0 and Crest 34-2.

Kings Mountain will be trying for its second straight victory against the Raiders. KM won last year's meeting, 20-14. South Point's only win in history over KM came in 1957 at John Gamble Stadium when the Raiders took a 12-7 decision.

## Jayvees Blank Burns By 26-0, Host Trojans

The Kings Mountain High Jayvees, sporting a perfect 2-0 overall record and a 1-0 Southwestern Conference mark, play host to always-tough Chase today (Thursday) at John Gamble Stadium.

The Little Mountaineers are fresh from a 26-0 conference victory over Burns and are seeking their third straight shutout. The Little Mounties also own a 7-0 non-league win over Crest.

Wingback Frankie Stokes scored two touchdowns and was the game's top rusher as Coach Blaine Fronberger's forces ran roughshod over Burns last week.

Stokes is expected to be the offensive ringleader again today while Coach Fronberger also looks for another stellar defensive effort.

Today's game will be the Little Mountaineers' last home contest until Oct. 16 when RS Central comes to town. Next Thursday, the Little Mounties travel to East Rutherford and the following week they take on Crest on the road.



SOPHOMORE STANDOUT — David Bolin, above, who quarterbacked last year's Jayvees team to a 6-2 season, has been moved to fullback on the varsity and has done a good job for the Mountaineers. He'll open on offense Friday night when South Point pays a visit to John Gamble Stadium.

### Mountaineer Gridgraph

First Downs	ER	KM
Yards Rushing	9	7
Passes	2-8	2-8
Passing Yards	41	70
Passes Intercepted	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	7
Punts	5-29.2	5-27.2
Yards Penalized	5	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS

East Rutherford	0	0	0	7
Kings Mountain	0	6	0	0-6

KM RUSHING

Player	Carries	Net Yds.
Smith	12	83
Bolin	5	14
Barnes	7	11
Howard	11	-24

KM PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
Howard	8	2	70	1

RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yds.	TD
Ethridge	1	65	1
Smith	1	5	0



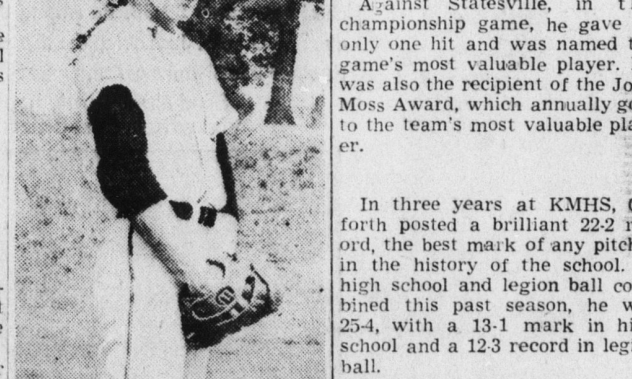
MOUNTAINEER END—Junior Ray Hughes has been a standout at both offensive and defensive end for Kings Mountain. He's expected to start at offensive end Friday night when the Mountaineers play host to South Point's Red Raiders.

## Rocky Goforth Signs With Gaston College

Rocky Goforth, the sizzling southpaw who led Kings Mountain's Mountaineer baseball team to the state 3-A championship last spring, will hurt for Gaston College next year.

Goforth, along with several other high school stars from the Southwestern Conference, have been signed by Gaston Coach Dear Burroughs and have already enrolled at GC.

Along with Goforth from the SWC who have signed with Gaston are southpaw pitcher Alan Lindsay of Cherryville, righthand pitcher John Colvard of Lincolnton, and catcher-outfielder Sam Ruffelt of Belmont.



ROCKY GOFORTH, who posted a 13-1 record for KMHS in baseball last spring, has enrolled at Gaston College, along with several other Southwestern Conference stars. Goforth hurled KM to the state 3-A championship last spring.

## Culbertson Hot With 368 Set Thursday and 407 Monday Night

Richard Culbertson must have had his lucky rabbit's foot in his pocket in bowling trips to Mountain Lanes this week.

Thursday night, the classy Culbertson tallied a 368 set only to see his team drop four games to Ranny Blanton's team, then on Monday night, Culbertson scored a 407 set in his team's 3-1 loss to Ronnie Culbertson.

In a nutshell, the rabbit's foot worked for Richard but not for his team.

In action, Monday, Culbertson led off with a 144 game, then scored a 127 and finished with a 136. Mack Ellis was high scorer for the winning Ronnie Culbertson team with a 156 line and 371 set.

Last Thursday, Richard led off with a 113 line, then finished with 122 and 133 games in his team's loss to Blanton. Betty Hulender's 132 line and 361 set topped the winners.

In the only other match played Thursday, John Dilling's team won three games over Clyde Culbertson. Dilling led the way with a 129 line and 334 set while Culbertson topped his team with a 125-348.

In other action Monday night, Clyde Culbertson rolled a 143 line and John Dilling added a 350 set as Dilling Heating took four games from Plonk Oil Co. Clarence Plonk led the losers with a 136-364.

M-ll Ramsey's 136 line and 375 set led Roy's Mustang to a 4-0 win over Vincent's Service Station. High scorer for the losers was Bob Ramsey with a 124-342.

Jenny Oates grabbed scoring honors in ladies league play Tuesday night, bowling a 145 line and 339 set as Oates Shell won four-

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