



HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

Blue Devils

One game does not make a season but it'll be a while before Duke football fans will quit talking about last week's 9-6 upset of nationally ninth-ranked Stanford.

The victory gives the Blue Devils a perfect 4-0 record heading into this week's Oyster Bowl meeting with Clemson's Tigers.

Of course, upsets happen every week but the amazing thing about Duke's victory over Stanford was the fact that Coach Mike McGee's Devils were playing without the services of their regular front four and running star Steve Jones.

Jones, who is the second best rusher in the nation, was injured in an automobile accident last week and didn't make the trip. But Duke's defense, which has been outstanding all year, played superbly and, as it turned out, Jones wasn't missed.

While no one can replace the runner Jones, Hickory's Chuck Munday was more than an adequate replacement for the punter Jones. Munday booted the pigskin nine times for an average of 44.4 yards per kick. Jones could find himself out of a punting job.

Munday, a Shrine Bowl halfback during his high school days, had three kick of 50 yards or better. His worst boot was a 33-yarder but all others were 40 yards or better.

Jones, a junior, moved up in national statistics even though he listened to the game in Durham. He has a 156.3 rushing average, having gained 469 yards in 100 carries.

While Jones leads a fine running attack and Ernie Jackson and Rich Searl spearhead a near-perfect defensive backfield, the key to Duke's success thus far has been its ability to take advantage of the opponents' mistakes.

Duke's foes have lost nine fumbles and given up 10 interceptions in four games... a total of 19 turnovers. On the other hand, the Blue Devils have lost only three fumbles and have given up only one interception for a total of four turnovers.

Last week's win enabled the Blue Devils to move to 14th in the national polls and the Durham club could move even higher. The Blue Devils have three losing teams on their schedule for the next three weeks... those being Clemson, N. C. State and Navy.

The Blue Devils lead their all-time series with the Tigers and State and should pad their record the next two weeks. After the Navy game, however, McGee and his staff must prepare their club for probably its toughest test of the year, Georgia Tech.

Though it's highly unlikely, the Blue Devils stand a good chance of finishing the regular season undefeated. Georgia Tech will offer strong competition, as will Duke's last two foes, Wake Forest and North Carolina.

LR vs. ASU

Appalachian and Lenoir Rhyne are ancient foes but a new light will be thrown on the rivalry when the two clubs meet Saturday night in Boone.

The Mountaineers, running the Y offense under new head coach Jim Brakefield, are off to a fast start, sporting a 2-1 record. But the Bears, long a power in the Carolinas Conference, are suffering through their worst start in recent memory. Coach Hanley Painter's club is winless, showing three losses and a tie for its first four weeks.

Both teams' offenses have been inconsistent and LR's defense has been leaky at times. But Brakefield has been more than pleased with Appalachian's surprisingly-tough defense.

"The defense played a big part in the scoring against Davidson," said the former Wofford mentor, whose Apps buried the Southern Conference Wildcats 35-10 last week. "They gave the offense the ball with fine field position."

Appalachian's defense is tops in the Southern Conference in both rushing defense and total defense.

Past meetings between the Mountaineers and Bears have usually been high scoring. If LR can get its single-winning together by Saturday, we could see more of the same.

Pats Lose To Shelby, Host Marion Wednesday

Central Junior High's Patriots had their 11-game football winning streak snapped Thursday at Shelby, 26-22. It was the first time Coach Porter Griggs' charges have lost to their county rivals in five years.

The loss gives Central a 2-1 record heading into Wednesday's game at Gastonia. Ashley, The Patriots return to John Gamble Stadium next Wednesday to host Marion.

Central jumped off to a 16-6 lead against the Blue Devils but the Shelby club came back for a 20-16 halftime lead. Shelby hit its lead to 26-16 before Central scored again in the third quarter.

Central drove inside the Shelby 20 twice in the fourth quarter but couldn't score. The Patriots were on the Blue Devil 12 when the game ended.

The Patriots were charged with 120 yards in penalties and Coach Griggs said that was the difference in the game. Shelby had only 25 yards in penalties.

"I thought we had the better team," Griggs said, "but the penalties killed us. Five of the penalties were for 15 yards because one of our players wasn't using his mouth piece."

Shelby moved out front 6-0 in the game's early minutes when Youngblood raced 88 yards for a touchdown.

But the Patriots came back for an 8-6 lead when Wendell Jackson ran 15 yards for a TD and

Mountaineers Go To R-S Central

Hilltoppers Lead Division With 4-2 Mark

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers hit the road for the second straight week Friday when they travel to R-S Central for a Southwestern Conference contest.

Coach Bob Jones' charges will be trying to get back to the .500 level against the Division One leading Hilltoppers. R-S Central, which bowed to KM 18-14 last season, sports a 4-2 record but both losses were to outstanding teams, Lincolnton and Shelby.

"RS Central has a real fine football team," says Coach Jones. "They gave Shelby a fit last Friday. As a matter of fact, they should have beaten Shelby."

The Hilltopper defense held the Golden Lions without a first down until the final two minutes of the first half. Shelby scored on two "home run" plays to get on the scoreboard.

"RS Central was on the Shelby five yard line four times in the first half but didn't score," added Jones. "If they had been able to push the ball on in from there, it would have been a different story."

Jones said he doesn't foresee any lineup changes for the Mountaineers this week, even though they didn't play well at Cherryville.

"We feel like we've given everybody a chance," said Jones. "We're just going to have to work a lot harder than we have been."

Lack of blocking was again the difference, as both of KM's touchdowns came on long runs, one an 85-yard kickoff return by Marshall Logan and the other a 99-yard run by John Grier. Kings Mountain made only one sustained drive and it ended with a loss of downs on the Cherryville three.

"We didn't get any blocking again," said Jones, "and our defense made a couple of bad mistakes. That was the difference."

On Cherryville's first touchdown pass, Jones said the KM defensive backs thought it was a running play and left the Cherryville receiver all alone.

"Our pass defense wasn't up to par," he said, "and I thought a couple of calls by the official hurt us." He referred to a pass interference call which kept a Cherryville drive alive and a quick whistle which resulted in a KM touchdown being called back.

"The only decent thing we did on offense," Jones continued, "was the 99-yard run by Grier. And then, we were just trying to get the ball out of the end zone and he happened to break it. From the line of scrimmage, we weren't effective to say the least."

The Mountaineers came out of the game with no injuries and are in good physical shape for Friday's encounter. Center-line-backer Mark George had to leave the Cherryville ballpark at halftime because of severe stomach cramps but should be ready for R-S Central.

After Friday's game, the Mountaineers return to John Gamble Stadium for their biggest test of the year, Shelby.

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PLAYER OF WEEK — Senior guard Dale Russell has been named player of the week by the Kings Mountain High coaching staff. Despite an injury, Russell played well both offensively and defensively in KM's 15-13 loss to Cherryville Saturday night.

Little Mountaineers Beat Shelby, Host Grier Today

Kings Mountain High's freshman football team will be seeking its third straight victory Thursday at John Gamble Stadium when undefeated Grier of Gastonia comes here for a 4:30 contest.

Coach John Blalock's Little Mountaineers captured their second win last Thursday at Shelby 19-14.

Fullback Carl Roseboro scored two touchdowns, kicked an extra point and rambled for 78 yards rushing, halfback Kenny McCoy scored once and gained 133 yards rushing and quarterback Tony Falls gained 62 yards to lead the KM victory.

The Little Mounties rushed for 273 yards and Falls hit on one of five passes for seven yards. Kings Mountain had 10 first downs to only three for Shelby.

"Two impressive statistics," said Blalock, "were our penalties and fumbles. We were penalized only five yards and didn't lose a fumble."

Kings Mountain held a 13-6 lead at halftime but Blalock said his defense let down in the second half and allowed Shelby to make a close game of it. Short passes set up Shelby's final touchdown.

"Our defensive line, especially the ends, made a lot of mistakes," Blalock said. "Our offensive line played well in the first half but didn't fire out like it should in the third and fourth quarters."

Roseboro scored on runs of 45 and 10 yards and McCoy had a 40-yard scoring run. In two games, McCoy has rushed for 270 yards.

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BOWLING ...right down your alley...

LEAGUE STANDINGS table with columns for Team, W, L, and scores.

Men's League section with details on Ranny Blanton's performance.

WNCHSAA STANDINGS table for North Piedmont Conference.

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WNCHSAA STANDINGS table for South Piedmont Conference.

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Member-Guest Starts Saturday section with tee off times.

Cherryville... Montie's

Kings Mountain's distance twice as far as Cherryville but still dropped the Southwestern Conference.

A 17-yard field goal by Tony Owens gave the Ironmen a 13-0 lead in the conference win against Shelby.

The defeat dropped Kings Mountain's record to 1-3 in the Southwestern Conference. Kings Mountain hosts a 12-0 lead but is being held back by long runs by Marshall Logan.

Grier, Logan scored a 99-yard kickoff return in the second quarter and Grier on a 99-yard run in the third quarter.

Johnny Bridges kicked a 30-yard field goal following Grier's touchdown. The game gave the Mountaineers a 13-0 lead. Coach Bob Jones' charges had several chances to pass but the Ironmen defense came through in the clutch.

Grier had a 30-yard touchdown run nullified when the official ruled his forward motion had been stopped. Coach Jones disagreed.

"It was a quick whistle," said Jones. "Grier was still moving when they blew the play dead, then he broke a tackle and went all the way."

Mountaineer fumbles set up Cherryville's touchdown and also the winning field goal. Quarterback Chris Johnson fumbled on KM's first offensive play and the Ironmen drove 48 yards for a 6-0 lead.

Cherryville quarterback Dennis Tate hit split end Reggie Beam on a 45-yard scoring run, giving the Ironmen a 6-0 cushion with six minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Ironmen marched 71 yards with the aid of a pass interference penalty for their second score with 2:35 remaining in the half. Tate connected with Doug Rainwater for a 13-yard scoring play, making it 12-0.

Logan took the ensuing kickoff on his own 15, broke to the Cherryville sidelines and went all the way to get the Mountaineers back in the ballgame. Bridges' try for the PAT was wide, and the halftime count was 12-6.

Kings Mountain, behind quarterback David Bolin, drove the second half kickoff to the Cherryville three before losing the ball on downs.

After an exchange of punts, Cherryville's Owens booted the ball out of bounds on the KM one yard line. On the first play, Grier broke off the left side of the line and went 99 yards for a TD. Bridges' PAT made it 13-12 with nine minutes remaining.

A fumble by Grier at the KM five yard line set up Cherryville's winning field goal. After a couple of runs and an incomplete pass, Owens calmly booted the three-pointer.

Kings Mountain led the Ironmen in yards rushing, 189 to 84 but Tate's passing was the difference. He hit on eight of 25 pitches for 123 yards. KM hit on-

Eight Players Quit Mounties

Kings Mountain's football team will be eight players short when it travels to R-S Central Friday night.

Coach Bobby Jones reports that many players have quit the team since Friday. Jones said five of the players were starters on either offense or defense.

Jones said the eight players did not give a reason for quitting. "I just think they don't want to play football," he said.

ly two of eight for 13 yards. Grier was the game's leading ground gainer, picking up 123 yards in 11 carries.

STATISTICS table with columns for Category, KM, and CHERRYVILLE.

Member-Guest Starts Saturday

Ninety-two golfers will participate in the Kings Mountain Country Club Member-Guest Tournament beginning Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Most of the golfers are from North and South Carolina. The Member-Guest will mark the opening of the country club's new back nine and a close finish is expected on Sunday.

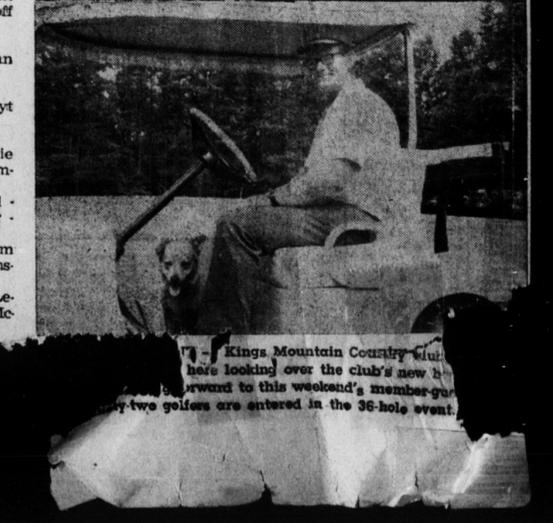
A banquet Saturday night at the club will be a highlight of the 36-hole event. Over \$600 worth of merchandise will be given away as door prizes.

A 17-jewel watch will be given to the person whose tee shot comes to rest closest to the pin on hole number seven.

All participants are asked to check in at the registration tent at least 15 minutes before tee off time.

Tee off times include: 10:00 a.m. Josh Hinnant - John Ross; 10:08 a.m. John Cheshire - Hoyt Peppers; 10:16 a.m. John Howze - Ronnie Stroup; Darrell Austin - Bob Ramsey.

10:24 a.m. Charlie Ballard - Mike Ballard; Charles Neisler - Larry McSpadden; 10:30 a.m. Bob Southwell - Jim Doss; George Thomason - Wins-ton Miller; 10:40 a.m. Bob Lowe - Dan LeFar; Carl DeVane - William McCain; 10:48 a.m. Gene Bowers - Gene Bowers.



Kings Mountain Country Club members are looking over the club's new back nine and a close finish is expected on Sunday.