



HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

Richard Gold Only Three-Sports Star On Fans' All-Time KM Teams

Richard Gold, the last and perhaps the only Kings Mountain High School athlete to play on a conference championship team in every major sport, is the only player to win a spot on all three teams in the all-time sports teams contests, voted on by the fans.

Gold won a guard spot in basketball, the shortstop position in baseball and an end post in football. Two teams were named in football since only a few votes separated several players at many positions.

Gold was named to a second string position in football, although he missed by only one vote of tying the two first string ends.

Gold played end, quarterback and offensive and defensive halfback on the 1964 KMHS team that finished unbeaten en route to the Southwestern Conference title. He was All-Conference and All-State and weighed several major college football scholarship offers before deciding to take a grant-in-aid in baseball at Florida State University.

Gold, who later won a first team All-American post at FSU as a second baseman, was the starting shortstop on the 1963 KMHS baseball team which won the school's first SWC title in that sport. Gold was a sophomore.

In basketball, he was the leading scorer on Coach Don Parker's 1965 team which won the SWC title and advanced to the bi-conference finals before losing to Hickory by six points.

—And Here Are The Teams

That's a few notes about our only three-team all-star, and here's what you've been waiting for, the all-time teams:

ALL-TIME FOOTBALL TEAM (First Unit)

Ends, Keith Layton, Jimmy Cloninger, Tackles, David Marlowe, Robert Neill, Guards, Bill Herndon, Curtis Floyd, Center, Hubert McGinnis, Quarterback, Pat Murphy, Halfbacks, Ken Baity, Punch Parker, Fullback, Bill Cashion.

(Second Unit)

Ends, Richard Gold, Charles Goodson, Tackles, Lyn Cheshire, Mike Ware, Guards, Bert Smith, Walter Harmon, Center, Jerry Adams, Bud Medlin, Quarterback, George Harris, Halfbacks, Steve Baker, Jimmy Kimmell, John McGinnis, Fullback, Merle Valentine.

ALL-TIME BASKETBALL TEAM

Forwards, Otis Cole, Houston Black, Ken Bunkowski, Keith Layton.

ALL-TIME BASEBALL TEAM

First base, Jim Leigh, Second base, Nelson Connor, Shortstop, Richard Gold, Third base, Pat Murphy, Utility infield, Mike Smith, Outfielders, Bob Wells, Mickey Bell, Charles Goodson, Catchers, Jake Early, Roy Medlin, David Bolin, Lefthand Pitcher, Rocky Goforth, Righthand Pitcher, Charlie Ballard.

—Leading Vote-Getters

And, how about the honorary captains of these three all-star teams. Going by the leading vote-getters, those honors would go to David Marlowe, Ken Baity and Punch Parker in football, all three having been named on all but one ballot.

In basketball, it was George Adams, the only athlete to be unanimously chosen to a team. Otis Cole missed by only one vote in basketball and Gold by two.

In baseball, the honorary captains would be Rocky Goforth, Jim Leigh and Mike Smith, all missing being unanimous by only one vote. Smith received votes at three different positions, second base, shortstop and third base.

Our all-time football team showed two Shrine Bowlers, Ken Baity and George Harris, and all three teams listed all-stars. Those included Baity, Harris, Pat Murphy, Richard Gold, Hubert McGinnis, Jimmy Kimmell, Lyn Cheshire, Jimmy Cloninger and Jerry Adams in football, George Adams and Otis Cole in basketball and Rocky Goforth in baseball.

Two of our all-stars went on to become professional athletes, those being George Adams in basketball, now with the Milwaukee Bucks, and baseball catcher Jake Early, who spent several years with the Washington Senators, where he won all-star honors.

The oldest all-star was Early, who played his high school ball here in the 1930's, and the youngest was David Bolin, who graduated from KMHS in June of this year.

Six of the football all-stars played on the same 1964 championship team, those being Cloninger, McGinnis, Murphy, Gold, Cheshire and Baker.

—86 Athletes Received Votes

As previously noted, the voting was close, especially in football. Ends Layton and Cloninger tied for the lead at their positions, but bested Gold by only one vote. Marlowe was the top vote-getter at tackle but received only two more than Neill and three more than Cheshire.

Herndon, probably the smallest member of the team (he weighed 135 pounds during his playing days but was one of the best blockers to ever put on a KMHS uniform) and Floyd were deadlocked in their number of votes and Smith was only one behind.

The only runaway was at center, where McGinnis far-outdistanced Adams and Medlin.

At quarterback, Murphy polled only one more vote than Harris, so the question of who was the best quarterback in KMHS history still is unsettled. Baity and Parker were far ahead of the field at halfback but Cashion was only a few votes ahead of Valentine at fullback.

Voting wasn't nearly as close in basketball and baseball but the basketball team did show a hot fight for the number two forward position behind Cole. Adams, as already noted, was the only person receiving votes at center and Gold and Barnes left the other guards in the dust.

There were some hot fights in baseball, as well, but Leigh and Goforth didn't have too much sweat. Connor won the second base position by only one vote over Jimmy Kimmell and James Robbs and several persons pushed Goodson for the third outfield position. Likewise, several righthand pitchers were close behind Ballard.

In all, 86 athletes received votes for the three teams. Only two, Gold and Layton, received votes for all three

Enthusiastic Mounties Host Bessemer Friday

An enthusiastic Kings Mountain High School football team opens its 1972 season Friday night at John Gamble Stadium, hosting non-conference foe Bessemer City in an 8 p.m. contest. Coach Bobby Jones, beginning his second-year as the KMHS head mentor, said his charges have shown great spirit in practice this week and should give a good account of themselves Friday.

Bessemer City, playing under first-year coach Jerry Adams, a former KMHS All-State center, opened its season last week with a 29-16 loss to strong West Lincoln. Jones viewed that game and was impressed with the Yellow Jackets.

"They looked pretty good," noted Jones.

Adams, who went to Bessemer City from York, S. C., where he was an assistant for four years, said he was pleased with his team's play last week. "The thing that pleased me most," he said, "was the way our boys kept coming back. They didn't quit. In the past, when they'd get down, they'd quit. But they kept coming back and that made me proud."

Adams viewed Kings Mountain's scrimmage with Olympic last Thursday night and had nothing but praise for the Mountaineers.

"They were real impressive," he said. "They're big, quick and have a lot of desire and hustle. I've seen a lot of Kings Mountain teams but this is one of the best they've had in several years. I didn't see any weak spots. We'll have to play a good game just to stay on the field with them."

Adams said several of his players were injured in the West Lincoln game. Wingback Terry Rector suffered a badly bruised shoulder and several other players had minor injuries.

Kings Mountain's main problem will be stopping quarterback Skip Franklin and halfback Goldie Byers, who scored both BC touchdowns against West Lincoln. Brothers Clarence and Cleveland Alexander man the other two running back slots.

Adams said he'll probably start Steve Biddix and Dickie Hull at Ends, Terry Huffstetler and Doug Kiser at tackles, Mark Nichols and Donnie Carpenter at guards and Billy Young at center.

Kings Mountain's lineup is set, except for the quarterback position where Jones is still trying to decide between senior Chris Johnson and sophomore Tony Falls. Both have been impressive and right now it appears Johnson's experience might give him the edge.

Sophomore Johnny Byers and senior Marcus Floyd will open at halfback slots and senior Javon Smith, who scored KM's only two touchdowns in Thursday's scrimmage on long runs, will be at fullback.

Veterans Jerry Valentine and Harlee Davis will open at the offensive end posts and three-year starters Alfred Ash and Jake Bridges will be at tackles. Tommy Shirley and Ray Putnam will open at guards and three-year returnee Mark George will be at center.

On defense, the Mountaineers will have Floyd and Davis at ends, John Bridges, and Ash at tackles, Shirley and Lanny Thornburg at guards, George and Den-

is Hozue at linebackers, Falls and Smith at halfbacks and Johnson at safety.

Jones, looking back at last week's scrimmage, which saw KM and Olympic battle to a 13-13 tie, said "I thought we looked good at times but our play was typical of a team with 14 sophomores."

"We were well pleased with the enthusiasm and the desire our players showed," he added. "They scrapped better than they did last year."

"We feel like we've had pretty good practices this week," he went on. "Our kids seem to be more alert and more concerned with what they're doing. We plan to play 23 or 26 players, so everybody's going to be a big part of this team."

Speedway President Enoch Staley said that the sanctioning National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) has mailed entry blanks for the event to contestants. The winner could collect more than \$6,000, including qualifying and special awards.

The first prize and the total posted awards are records for the 400-lap (250 miles) race on North Wilkesboro's banked five-eighths of a mile asphalt track. It is one of the 32 major events of NASCAR's Winston Cup series, which offers nearly two million dollars in purses and bonus awards.

The "Wilkes 400" is limited to 30 cars, with starting position to be determined by qualifying trials Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30. Staley said that 35 to 40 entries are expected to seek the 30 spots.

Of the eight drivers who have shared Victory Lane in the 12 previous stagings of the event, at least four—Richard Petty, David Pearson, Bobby Isaac and Tiny Lund—are expected to be in the field.

Petty has won the "Wilkie 400" three times, and is the only (Continued On Page Five)

Senior linemen Mark George and Jake Bridges and senior fullback Javon Smith have been chosen tri-captains of the Kings Mountain High football team for the 1972 season.

This is the first time in several years the Mountaineers have had season captains. In the past, game co-captains have been named.

Coach Bobby Jones said the tri-captains were selected by their teammates. "The coaches all felt like the players made good decisions," Jones said. "If we (the coaches) had chosen the tri-captains, they probably would have been the same three."

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The winner by nearly a lap, the rugged rehead from nearby Hiddenale, had never lead a lap in Sportsman competition on his home track. Starting in the second row, Kerley chased down pole-setter Bob Pressley on the 63rd lap and led the remainder of the Permatex "200," a National Sportsman championship event.

The crowd of about 5,200 roared its approval, giving Kerley a standing ovation as he became the ninth different winner of a main event at the track this season.

A spinout on the home stretch with two laps to go ended the race under a caution flag, but it didn't take any of the edge off Kerley's feat. Jimmy Hensley of Martinsville, Va., unslapped himself with 20 laps to go and tried to catch the leader, but was never able to make it stick.

Hensley finished second in the same lap with Kerley. Bob Pressley of Asheville was third, a lap back, and national Sportsman point leader Lack Ingram of Asheville was fourth.

Some of the pre-race favorites, Harry Gant of Taylorsville and Ned Setzer of Claremont, were knocked out of contention with mechanical problems. The race was slowed by only three caution flags for a total of 13 laps.

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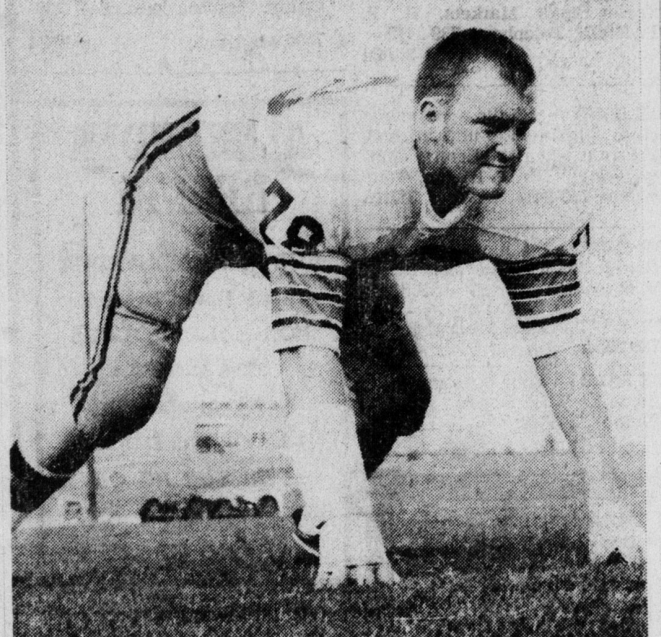
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THREE YEAR STARTER — Senior tackle Jake Bridges (above) will be beginning his third year as a starter for the KMHS Mountaineers when they host Bessemer City Friday night. Bridges will serve as Mountaineer tri-captain with Mark George and Javon Smith.

Three Tournaments, Hawaii Trip Highlight Bulldog Cage Schedule

BOILING SPRINGS. — Gardner-Webb College's 1972-73 basketball schedule will include 18 games, plus three tournaments and a three game trip to the Hawaiian Islands, giving the NAIA power a total of 27 games.

The Bulldogs, who closed out last season with a fourth place finish in the NAIA nationals, with a record of 25 wins and 5 losses, will be in a rebuilding process due to the loss of four starters from the 1971-72 squad.

The trip to Hawaii beginning Jan. 28 will be one of the highlights of the season for the Bulldogs. Accompanying the Bulldogs to Hawaii will be more than 200 members of the Bulldog Booster Club. Tough action is expected during their three game slate in Hawaii.

Gardner-Webb will be defending its crown in the Asheville Tip-Off Tournament in Asheville Nov. 24-25. Competing in the tournament will be Gardner-Webb, High Point, Carson Newman and University of North Carolina-Asheville.

December 15-16 the Bulldogs will be hosting for the first time a Bulldog Doubleheader. Participating in the double header will be St. Augustine, Elon, Livingstone, and Gardner-Webb.

The annual Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament is scheduled for Dec. 29-30. Competing for the laurels along with Gardner-Webb will be Carson Newman, Western Carolina and a perennial NAIA power Fort Hayes of Kansas.

1972-73 SCHEDULE

| Date | Team | Place |
|---------|--|-------|
| NOV. 15 | Pikeville (Ky.) | Home |
| 18 | Tennessee Wesleyan | Home |
| 24-25 | Asheville Tip-Off Tournament | Away |
| | (High Point, GWC, Carson-Newman, UNC-A) | |
| DEC. 2 | Lee College (Cleveland, Tenn.) | Home |
| 15-16 | Bulldog Doubleheader | Home |
| | (GWC, St. Augustine, Elon, Livingstone) | |
| 29-30 | Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament | Home |
| | (GWC, Carson Newman, Western Carolina, Fort Hayes, (Kansas)) | |
| JAN. 6 | Lenoir Rhyne | Away |
| 11 | Livingstone | Home |
| 13 | Catawba | Away |
| 15 | Allen University | Home |
| 18 | UNC-Asheville | Home |
| 19 | Morris Brown | Home |
| | (Atlanta) | |
| 22 | Livingstone | Away |
| 27 | Western Carolina | Away |

teams but several others won votes for two teams. Several persons sent in entries for an all-time girls basketball team. We won't name a team by positions but leading vote-getters for the girls included Sharon Gold, Margie Huffstetler, Joyce Bolin, Diane Roberts, Gail Huffstetler, Linda Eaker, Judy Medlin, Debbie Plonk and Linda Childers.

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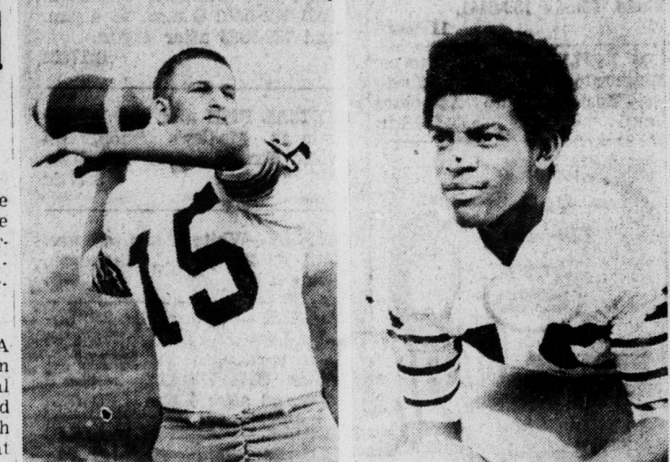
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WHICH ONE? — One of the two players shown above will be the starting quarterback for the KMHS Mountaineers Friday when they host Bessemer City. Coach Bobby Jones said both senior Chris Johnson (left) and sophomore Tony Falls have been impressive in pre-season drills and choosing between the two is a difficult task.

Gardner-Webb Squad Hit By Injury Bug

BOILING SPRINGS. — Early season injuries hit the Gardner-Webb Bulldog gridgers as they completed their first week of work in preparation of their September 16 opener with Newberry College in Newberry, S. C. Coach George Litton described the injuries in most cases as "aggravating, but still handicapping." Most of the injuries were bruises and sprains, which the coaching staff hopes will be cleared before long.

The worst injury so far in the short practice season has been a serious knee injury to Mike Missbach, a sophomore offensive lineman from Huntington, N. Y. The 60, 225-pounder had been counted on heavily to earn a spot in the offensive line. Coach Litton said that he would be out for the season.

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Dietzel Pleased With Gamecock Show

COLUMBIA, S. C. — South Carolina moved into its second week of pre-season football practice with Coach Paul Dietzel very happy over the performance of his defensive unit and the talents displayed by newcomers in the offensive backfield.

"I believe we're going to have a defense," Dietzel said after the first full-scale scrimmage conducted Saturday night in Williams-Brice stadium.

The defense, made up of a veteran forcing unit and mostly rookies in the secondary, is the same group that started in spring practice, with one exception. Senior Neville Files of Greenwood, the only veteran in the secondary, moved from safety to rover to make room for junior college graduate Mel Baxley, a graduate of Columbia or the 1969 South Carolina Shrine Bowl squad, started the past two seasons at Kilgore Junior college in Texas.

Files was the individual star of the first big scrimmage, intercepting three passes. He returned the first 40 yards for a touch-

down, the second 50 yards to the nine yard line, and the third 55 yards for a touchdown. Joining him and Baxley in the secondary are sophomore halfbacks Tom Zipperly and C. A. Wilson.

The forcing unit of the Gamecock defense, known as the "Carolina Bandits," includes senior Rick Brown and Junior Phil Wallace at linebacker, juniors Bob Roe and Monty Matthews at end, senior John LeHeup and junior Darrell Austin at tackle, and junior Dana Carpenter at middle guard.

"I couldn't ask for better performance from our Bandits," Dietzel said after one week of practice. "We're getting excellent leadership from Files, Brown and LeHeup, and a lot of hustle from all of them. We're going to be all right defensively."

Offensively, none of the Gamecocks' top six running backs was on last year's varsity and the only letterman in the group is tailback Russ Kuritz who missed the 1971 season with an injury after lettering in 1970. Junior college graduate Ron Parsons of Randleman, N. C., and Lee-

McRae Junior college, has been quite impressive and could be the big, fast back