

HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

White Has Third Straight Unbeaten Football Season

Short cuts from the world of sports: Jimmy Kimmell, believed to be Kings Mountain High's first all-state football player, had his sad and happy moments this year after taking over as head football coach at Chester (S. C.) High School. Early in the season, one of Kimmell's players died of a heart attack. Record-wise, though, the season was highly successful as Kimmell's charges finished 6-5 in 4-A warfare. The year before, Chester won only one game.

Mike Ware, who took over as head coach at Newberry High School when Kimmell left that school, saw his club break even this year with a 5-5-1 record. . . . Otis Cole, former All-States basketball All-American, will be playing at the point position behind Otto Perry this year at Florida State. The Seminoles have recruited several junior college players and should be in the running for the national championship again.

Richard White, former athletic standout at KMHS, enjoyed his third straight undefeated season this year at Taylorsville Junior High School. White's Rams finished with a 6-0 mark and won the Alexander County elementary school title. . . . Wake Forest has found the winning formula in football. Last week, the Winston-Salem school told coach Tom Harper he was through after this year and the Deacons went out and upset Duke 9-7.

Don't say Press Maravich, Appalachian State's new basketball boss, doesn't have guts. He'll open his first season at the Boone school by sending his Mountaineers against N. C. State on Nov. 27 at Raleigh. With 7-4 Tommy Burleson and sophomore sensation David Thompson in the same lineup, N. C. State might have to play with two basketballs this year. Both love to score points.

North Carolina's freshman football team this year hasn't been as sensational as some of UNC's most recent teams, but Coach Charlie Carr's Tar Babies kept alive a long record last Saturday when they edged Duke's jayvees 15-7. It marked the 12th straight time the Tar Babies have defeated Duke's freshman-junior varsity team. The Tar Babies are now 2-2-1 under first year-coach Carr.

Before the season began, N. C. State followers said the Pack was in dire need of a quarterback. But, heading into the final game, Bruce Shaw is now the owner of five State records: 294 yards passing against Wake Forest; 1,632 yards passing for the year; 1,680 yards total offense; nine touchdown passes in a season; and the longest touchdown pass, a 98-yarder to Pat Kenney in last week's 37-22 loss to nationally ranked Penn State.

Who would get your vote as coach of the year in the ACC? It has to be either UNC's Bill Dooley, whose club has lost only one game and has the ACC title under lock and key, or N. C. State's first year mentor Lou Holtz, who took a loser and turned them into a title contender. . . . And, how about coach of the year in the Southwestern Conference? My vote would have to go to Steve Curtis of Burns, who took the worst football team in North Carolina and made them into a contender. But look for the award to go to Shelby's Gerald Allen. In high school, coach of the year honors seem to always go to the coach of the championship team.

Haggard USC's Top Scorer

Want a pre-season favorite for next year's Southwestern Conference football race? South Point's Red Raiders lost only four players off this year's squad which finished 8-2-1, both losses coming to undefeated Shelby. . . . Appalachian's football team shows a 5-4-1 overall record going into its final game, but the Mountaineers finished 0-4-1 in their first season in the Southern Conference. Only a 10-10 tie with Davidson kept the Mounties from losing every game.

Three former Shelby High standouts are going good in local college play, Mike Haggard continues to be the leading receiver for South Carolina. He's caught 40 passes for 573 yards and eight touchdowns, making him the Gamecock's leading scorer with 48 points. Robby Reynolds is averaging almost 40 yards a punt with a longest boot of 53 yards. Defensive halfback Bill Miller has picked off a pair of passes for N. C. State's Wolfpack, the surprise of the ACC.

Harry Gant led all 100 laps to capture the Scout-O-Rama race last Saturday at Hickory Speedway. The victory also enabled the Taylorsville driver to get the early lead in the 1973 point race. . . . Glenn Jarrett, son of Hickory Speedway manager Ned Jarrett, finished fifth in the hobby race.

South Carolina's defense has the unenviable task of facing the nation's best two passers on consecutive Saturdays. Last week, the Gamecocks got a look at VPI's Don Strock, the nation's top passer, and this week the Sandlappers have to contend with Florida State's Gary Huff, the nation's second best pass flinger.

Howze Wins KMCC Club Title; Jim Jolly Wins Junior Division

John Howze and Jimmy Jolly copped championships recently in club championship golf tournaments at Kings Mountain Country Club. . . . Howze won the men's club championship, edging Mickey Powers and Tippy Francis for championship flight honors. Powers took runnerup honors while Francis won the consolation championship. . . . Jolly, a member of the Kings Mountain High golf team, won the junior club championship over Burke Neisler, the runnerup, and Gary Howze, who copped consolation honors. . . . Other winners in the men's club championship included: First Flight: Jay Powell, winner; Second Flight: Carol Ledford, runnerup; Lee McIntyre, runnerup; Third Flight: Cat DeVane, winner; Jake Cooper, runnerup. . . . Other winners in the junior division included: First Flight: Haynes Neisler, winner; Mitch Howze, runnerup; Tommy Tate, consolation winner. Second Flight: John Garrie, winner; Darrell Austin, runnerup; Mitch Howze, consolation winner. Third Flight: Tommy Burke, winner; Steve Anderson, runnerup; Tommy Szymorski, consolation winner.

Froneberger Working With Many New Faces

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball season might not be a total loss out you'd have to classify this as a rebuilding year for veteran Coach Elaine Froneberger.

Froneberger has only one starter back from last year's team which finished 18-4 and advanced to the Western N. C. Activities Association finals. That one returnee, however, is probably the top player in the Southwestern Conference, Deborah Crockett.

Coach Froneberger lost several outstanding players off last year's team, including All-Conference standouts Blaine Cornwell and Carolyn Mitchem. The only returnees this year, besides Crockett, are Karen and Kathy Ledford and Ann Hambricht, all reserves.

Newcomers seeking a starting berth on the Mountaineer squad include freshmen Joanne Proctor and Felicia Falls, Myra McGinnis, Sandra Evers, Cissy Smith and Diane Rhodes.

Froneberger says the key to the Mountaineer attack will be how well the new players can get the ball to Crockett.

"In fact, we have a great problem," says Froneberger. "Crockett will be double-teamed and triple-teamed and these new girls are going to have to take up the slack." Karen Ledford will be the team's playmaker, a position manned well last year by Cornwell. Froneberger noted that Proctor and McGinnis have been impressive at the forwards and could take a lot of scoring pressure off Crockett.

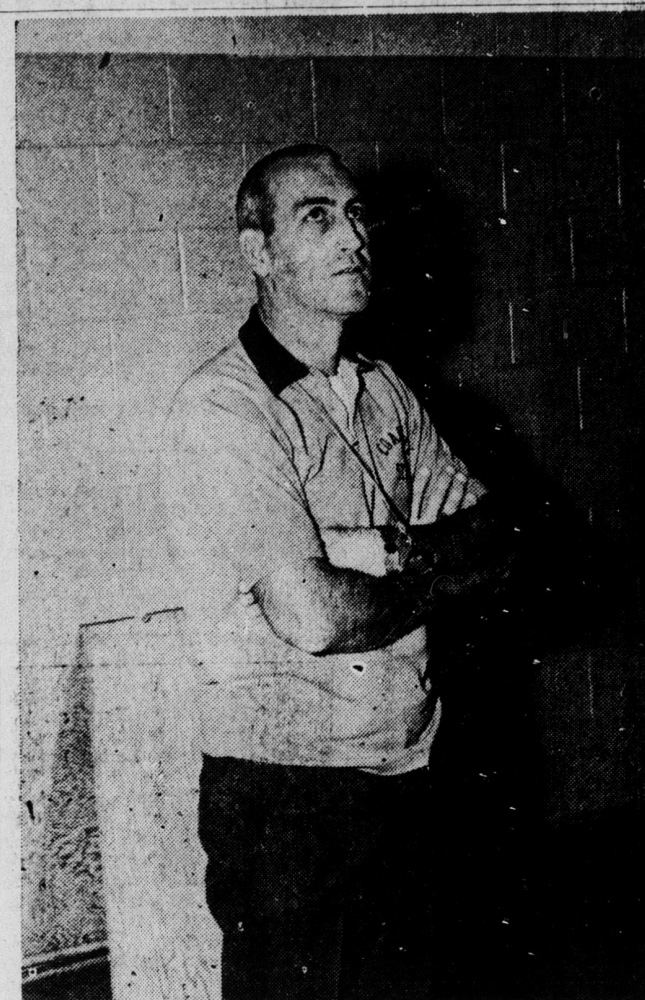
"We still need a lot of work, both on offense and defense," states Froneberger. "Our season will depend a great deal on what Crockett does."

Froneberger, who'll get his first good look at his girls Friday when they scrimmage West Lincoln on the road, tells South Point, Shelby and Burns as the teams to beat. He's not saying his girls will be title contenders, but he's not counting them out. "If our girls come around, we might be in there," he says. "It's going to be rough on us at the start. But, by mid-season if we improve, we might be able to hold our own against some of these other teams."

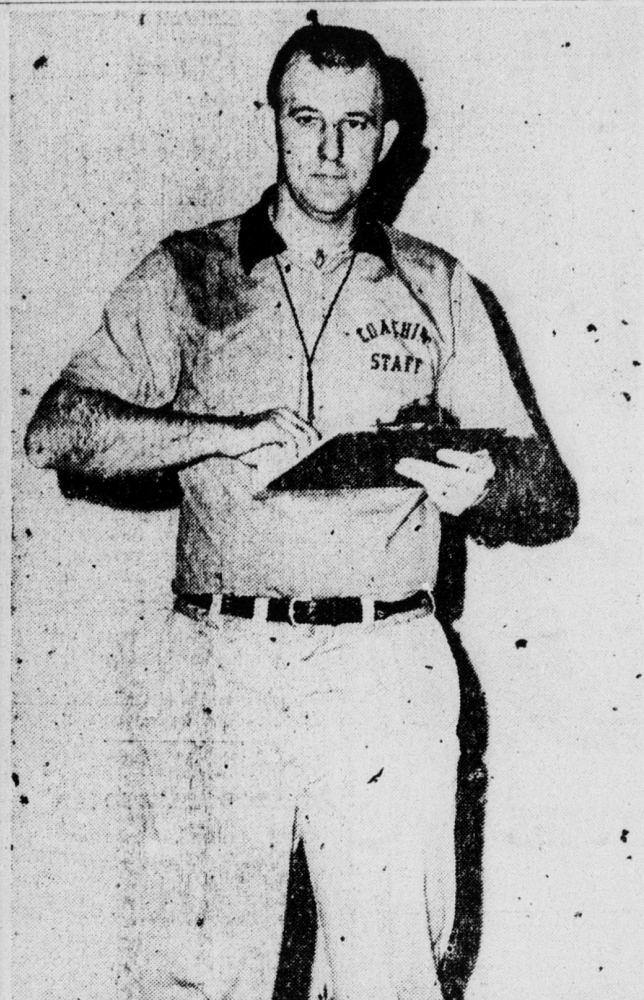
Table with columns for MOUNTIE SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY. Lists dates and opponents for various games.

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Girls Rebuilding, Mountaineers Improved



FRONEBERGER WONDERING... DIXON OPTIMISTIC — Kings Mountain High's basketball coaches have contrasting outlooks toward the coming season. Girls coach Elaine Froneberger faces the season with only one starter back from last year's team which advanced to the association finals. Boys Coach Allen Dixon has four starters back and expects the Mountaineers to be in the running for the Southwestern Conference title. The two mentors will get a preview of things to come Friday night when they take their teams to West Lincoln for a scrimmage game. The cagers open regular season play next Monday at North Gaston.



Dixon Predicts Mounties Could Be Contenders

For the first time since he took over as head coach of the Kings Mountain high boys basketball team, Allen Dixon is beginning his season with an optimistic outlook.

"When I took over as head coach three years ago," he noted, "I figured it would take out three years to get our program going. I feel like we can be contenders for the Southwestern Conference title this year if we get off to a good start."

Dixon has four starters back from last year's squad, which finished 6-16, and all four are capable of being good. "We want to have a balanced attack this year. I don't think our opponents are afforded to key on any one player like they have the past few years."

Wingmen Mike Thom's and Lutch Blalock and forward Wendell Dawkins and Randy Wingo are returnees for the Mountaineers. Running the show in Dixon's new 1-2-2 offense will be senior Mike Adams, up from the jayvees. Dixon predicts that if Adams can come of age early, the Mountaineers will be strong.

"Shelby, with all of its starters back for the third straight year, should be the team to beat with East Rutherford and Crest next," predicts Dixon. "I feel like we can be right up there with them if we get off to a good start."

Dixon says lack of size and depth could be the Mountaineers' weaknesses but quickness and experience are in their favor. Dawkins and Wingo, both 6-1 seniors, will be the keys to the Mountaineer defense, which will try to use its quickness to force KM opponents into turnovers.

John McGill, a junior, and Harlee Davis, a senior, will probably see a lot of action behind Adams at the point. Others pushing veterans for inside positions include Wayne Leach, Larry Hamrick, Marcus Floyd, John Plonk and Javon Smith.

The Mountaineers are scheduled to meet 2-A West Lincoln in a scrimmage game Friday at West Lincoln, beginning at 6 p. m. Then the Mountaineers open regular season play on November 20 at North Gaston.

Coach Dixon will take his charges to Crest high school on Dec. 1-2 for the second annual Cleveland County Tipoff tournament. The Mountaineers will meet Burns in the Friday night opener while Crest tangles with Shelby. The opening night losers play on Saturday at 7:30 for third place and the winners play at 9:30 for the title.

After that tourney, the Mountaineers come home Dec. 4 for their first appearance before the home folks, hosting 2-A Bessemer City in a non-conference game. The Mountaineers open SWC play at South Point on Dec. 8.

Super Bulldog Saturday Slated At Gardner Webb

BOLLING SPRINGS — For sports fans in the area Saturday will be a bargain day for those who love both football and basketball as the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs play a football game in the afternoon and a basketball game at night. It has been billed as "Super Bulldog Saturday" by athletic Director, Eddie H. Hixson. Coach George Litton's Bulldog griders will meet Elon College Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Spangler Stadium and then Saturday night at 7:30 Pikeville College of Pikeville, Kentucky will meet the 1972-73 edition of Coach Holbrook's Bulldog cagers. For those who wish to stay right on the campus from one event to the other, special arrangements have been made for them to buy their meal in the college cafeteria. "We feel this will be a big day for sports fans who love to see outstanding athletes in action," said Coach Holbrook. "We feel that our fans are the greatest and we want to offer them a real bargain to show our appreciation for their support." Elon, a power in the Carolinas Conference, will bring a team to Spangler Stadium which is outstanding from every viewpoint. The Christians have scored wins so far this year over North Carolina Central, 41-21; Guilford, 47-0; Shepherd, 21-0; Carson-Newman, 16-9; Catawba, 34-0; Newberry, 6-3. The Christians were tied at Presbyterian 14-14 and they lost to Wofford 17-0.

Blalock: Jayvees Not As Good As Last Year

Kings Mountain High jayvee basketball coach John Blalock is eyeing another winning season but the veteran mentor says he doesn't see any hopes of improving on last year's 16-4 record. "A 16-4 record will be hard to come by," notes Blalock. "Right now, I don't see anybody that can do a consistent job for us. But we do have a few bright prospects who will come along with some work." Blalock is currently working with 25 candidates, most of them sophomores. He has one freshman and two juniors on his squad. "We're small and inexperienced," Blalock says. "Our starting five might average 5-8. We'll have to rely on quickness and good defense." Blalock hinted that he'll run an "overplaying defense," try to steal the ball and get fast breaks. The Little Mountaineers will play a 20-game schedule, beginning Dec. 4 at South Point. The schedule isn't complete but Blalock said he'll release it shortly. Blalock noted that the Little Mountaineers will not be playing in a conference, since several junior varsity teams have seniors on their squads. "But we'll be playing mostly the same teams that the varsity plays," he said. "Shelby and Crest will probably be the best teams we'll face. We dropped two to Crest last year and split with Shelby." Blalock said his starting five positions are all up for grabs. Some of the players who are making strong bids for positions are Thomas Perkins, Denoris Byers, Howard Byers, Steve Eufish, Wayne Bell, Mike Gillespie, Bryant Mercer, Johnny Smith and Lamar Payscur. Feyscur and Denoris Byers are Blalock's biggest men, both standing 6-2. Denoris Byers and Perkins are the two juniors on Blalock's squad while Southwell is the lone freshman.

Central Works For Cage Opener Against Hawks

Central Junior High's Patriots began work this week for their Dec. 11 basketball opener against Mt. Holly here.

Coach Porter Griggs has only one returnee from last year's squad but expects to hold his own in the tough Tri-County Junior High conference.

William Thompson is that lone returnee but Griggs is quick to point out that all positions are up for grabs.

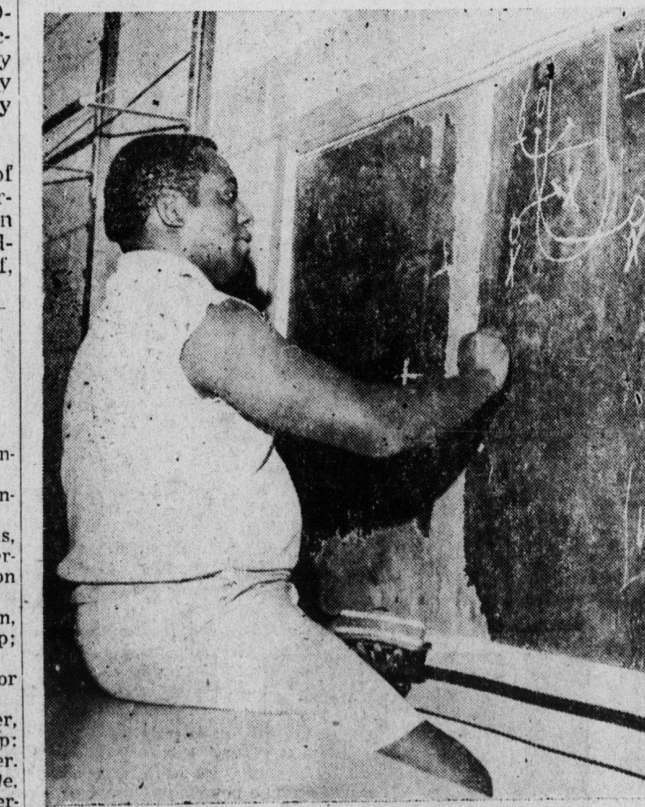
Others trying for a starting position include Al Edds, John Edwards, Don Henderson, Rick Hinnant, Eddie Ingram, Steve Lancaster, Mark Meador, Arthur Morgan, Leonard Roberts, Scott Waldell, Clarence Wingo and Mike Stone.

The Patriots will again play preliminary games to the Kings Mountain high freshmen games. Central's first two games will be at home against Mt. Holly and Lowell Holbrook.

THE SCHEDULE DECEMBER: 11-Mt. Holly, 18-Holbrook. JANUARY: 8-At Mt. Holly, 15-At Holbrook. Continued On Page Four

Duke, UNC Argue Series Mark

Carolina paid Duke back for that upset in 1940. Now it was the Blue Devils who were heavily favored and had the brilliant record. The Blue Devils led, 3-0, after three quarters. Then UNC tagged a fourth quarter comeback. It was capped when Jim Allame threw a touchdown pass to Joe Austin. Carolina won, 6-3. One of the most shocking results in the series occurred in 1959—the year after Tar Heel Coach Jim Tatum had led Duke went into that game as a one-point favorite. The Blue Devil star was Mike Tee, the present coach who made All-America as an interior lineman. The game was on national television and a country of fans couldn't believe what they saw. Carolina won 50-0. The Tar Heels ran up a 28-0 halftime lead and then scored on the second half kickoff when Don Klochak ran 7 yards through the entire Duke team. Duke had the distinction of winning Carolina twice in one year during World War II. Because of travel restrictions, the teams played twice in 1943. The Blue Devils won by 14-7 in Durham and then scored a 27-6 decision in Chapel Hill. Carolina won four straight games during the Charlie Justice era in the late 1940s. It was 22-7 in 1946, 21-0 in 1947, 20-0 in 1948 and 21-20 in 1949. That 1949 game was one of the most stirring ever played. Mike Southwick, destined to become a great pro collier, tried to field goal for the Blue Devils on the last play of the game. It was blocked by the Tar Heels' great Art Weiner. Duke dominated the series in the 1950s under Coach Bill Murray. Red Smith was always a big star for the Blue Devils in the early 1950s in games which ended with Duke on top 197 in 1951 and 24-0 in 1952. Jim Tatum's Tar Heels scored a shocker in 1957 in Durham, winning by 21-13 on the passing of Jack Cummings. Duke won by 7-6 the next year at Chapel Hill behind the running of Wray Carlton. Who will ever forget the dramatic game of 1933 played at Durham? Carolina won it 16-14 when Max Chapman kicked a 42-yard field goal in the closing minutes. It was the first time in his collegiate career he had ever tried a field goal. Bill Dooley, the present Carolina coach, has enjoyed great success against Duke. He has won four out of five and the only loss was a much-discussed game in 1969. In that one, Duke won on a shoestring play. White quarterback Lee Hart leaned over to tie his shoestring. Duke flanker Marcel Cortillet picked up the ball and flipped it to Wes Chesson. Behind a wave of blockers, Chesson ran unimpeded into the end zone and Duke won by 17-13. Carolina won the next year at Chapel Hill as Don McCauley ended his career in a blaze of glory. McCauley rushed for 279 yards and scored a record five touchdowns. The final score was 39-34. Now comes another Carolina-Duke match. It's as unpredictable as ever. And the people who keep the record books are still at war.



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