



HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

Cole FSU Starter

Former Kings Mountain High School basketballer Otis Cole has earned a starting position for the nationally-ranked Seminoles of Florida State University.

The 6-2 junior has been starting for six games since All-American Ron King suffered an ankle injury in the opening round of the Dayton Invitational.

Cole has raised his scoring average to over seven points per game and has improved steadily since cracking the starting unit. Cole had been the number one backup man to point man Otto Perry before King's injury.

Although FSU Head Coach Hugh Durham has much confidence in Cole, he says King's injury has definitely hurt the Seminoles, who started the season as the second-ranked team in the land.

"This is somewhat of a disadvantage since Cole was our number one point backup," says Durham. Petty has also been injury prone and Durham has moved freshman Greg Grady in as the point backup man.

Durham said he'd had to make some defensive adjustments also. "We still play the pressure man to man defense but at times we're playing with a much bigger lineup than we originally intended and we've gone to a zone," he noted.

The Seminoles are currently 9-3, all of their losses coming in tournament play. After their first three tournaments last year, the Tribe owned three championship trophies but this year they own only three place trophies.

Seminole On TV Saturday

The Seminoles have posted impressive victories over Connecticut and Georgetown since finishing third in the recent All-College Tournament. Their next outing is against Cincinnati Saturday and that game will be on national television, beginning at 1 p.m. Cincinnati is coached by former Davidson and Kansas assistant Gale Catlett and has been impressive in early-season starts.

Through 10 games, the FSU statistics showed Cole with a 6.9 scoring average and a high game of 12 points in the All-College Tournament. Hewas averaging three assists and 2.2 rebounds per game.

However, as his playing time increases, Coach Durham expects his scoring and rebounding to increase also and that will be a big help as the Seminoles seek to make their second straight trip to the national tournament.

Other notes from the world of sports: It might sound impossible for a cellar-dweller, but Charlotte Checkers Coach Jack Wells says his club can make the Eastern Hockey League playoffs.

"There will be two wild card teams chosen along with the top two finishers in each division," says Wells. "So I feel we can earn one of those two berths. We just need to put a streak together."

Forty-seven Duke football players, including 21 seniors, 10 juniors, 13 sophomores and three freshmen, were awarded letters for their performances during the 1972 season. The three freshmen were Maurice Corder of Fayetteville, Elmer Gilson of New Castle, Pa., and John Halde- man of Devon, Pa.

G-W Signs All-State QB

Recently-appointed Clemson head coach Red Parker has announced he will retain a large majority of Hootie Ingram's staff but Parker has also stated he will bring three of his coaching aids to the Citadel to Clemson. They are Don Murry, Harold Steelman and Dwight Adams. Clemson assistants staying on the staff are Duke Owen, Steve Satterfield, George MacIntyre, Tom Bass, Joe Bur- son, Doug Shively, Larry Beckish, Tom Moore, Fred Cone and Clyde Wrenn. Jimmy Laycock, last year's Clemson jayvee coach, has joined The Citadel staff. Whitey Jordan has accepted a job with another major university and Gordon Norwood is job-hunting.

Gardner-Webb College has signed an All-State quarter- back from Tennessee who should help the Bulldogs immediately.

He's Ken Fox, a 6-0, 185-pounder from Lexington who played last season with Massanutten Military Academy in Virginia. He quarterbacked his team to a 7-1 record.

In high school, he was All-Conference three years, honorable mention All-State two years and All-State his senior year. He was also his team's most valuable player. G-W assistant Richard May, who signed Fox, said "we expect Fox to add a new dimension to our offense. He is a powerful runner with excellent quickness. We are real glad Ken decided to sign with us. He has entered school this semester and will be with us in spring prac- tice."

Fox is a welcome addition, to say the least. The Bull- dogs of George Litton are still looking for their first win- ning season since joining the Senior college ranks.

Look Back At Peach Bowl

When N. C. State defeated West Virginia 49-13 in the Peach Bowl, the Pack became the first Atlantic Coast Conference team to capture back-to-back bowl victories. In their last bowl appearance in the 1967 Liberty Bowl the Wolfpack defeated Georgia 14-7.

The offensive power that Coach Lou Holtz' troops generated in putting 49 points on the board was the most productive of any bowl team since 1953 when Alabama whipped Syracuse 61-6 in the Orange Bowl.

And a quick check of the record book reveals that the Wolfpack total is the second highest in the history of the nation's nine major bowls, equaling a pair of 49- point performances by Michigan in the 1902 and 1948 Rose Bowls.

Although Clemson didn't set the woods afire in foot- ball last fall, honors continue to pour in for individua- Tiger standouts.

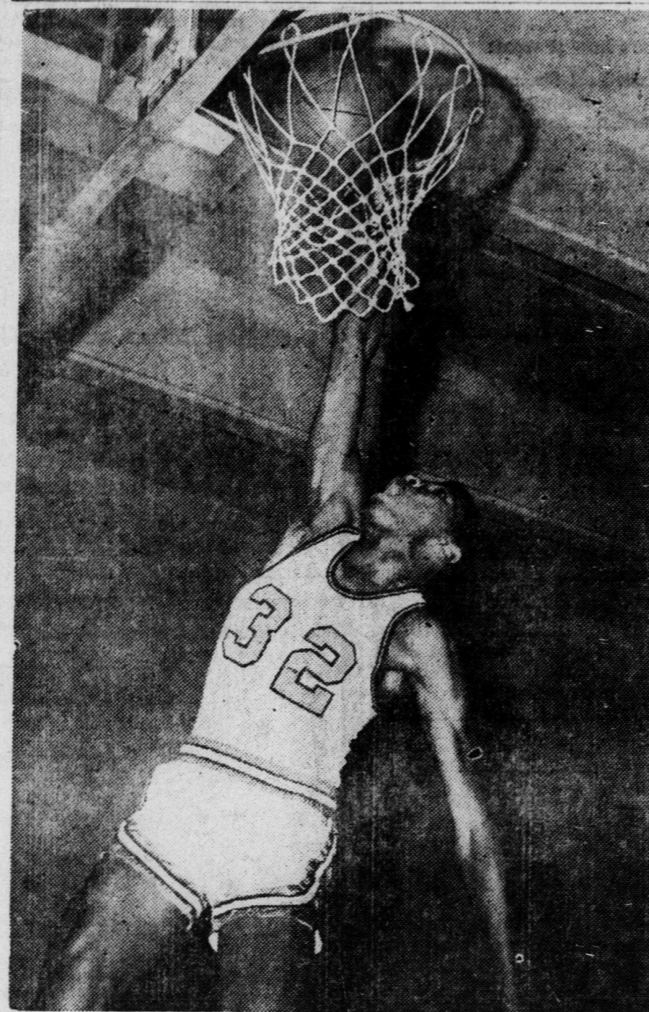
Ben Anderson was recently named winner of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship, thus becoming the fifth Clemson athlete to be so honored.

Jimmy Williamson and Eddie Seigler have now land- ed berths on All-American units.

Williamson, a sophomore linebacker who started all 11 games for the Tigers, was selected on the Rookie All-American second unit. The FOOTBALL NEWS, which names the team, tabbed him as one of the nation's best young prospects.

Seigler, Clemson's soccer-style kicker, was selected on the Universal Sports A-A second team as the place kicker. Seigler led the Tigers in scoring the past three seasons. He holds school records for the most field goals in a season (11), most field goals in a career (30), and longest field goal (52 yards).

Cagers Hit Shelby, Central In Road Tests



FSU STARTER — Former Kings Mountain High cage great, Otis Cole, has cracked the starting unit for Florida State's nationally-ranked Seminoles. Cole and his FSU teammates will be on national television Saturday, playing Cincinnati in a 1 p.m. contest.

Burns Hands KMHS Cagers Double Defeat

Kings Mountain High's cagers took their first double-defeat of the season last Friday night at Burns, the girls losing 42-18 and the boys falling 55-51.

The loss was the second straight and third in four games for the Mountaineers, who early in the season showed signs of being a top contender. The loss dropped the Mountaineers to 2-3 in the Southwestern Conference and 6-3 overall.

The Kings Mountain girls were never in the game as the Burns lassies ran their unbeaten string to five straight. The Lady Bull- dogs had the game in the bag at intermission, leading by a 26-11 count.

The Lady Bulldogs held KM's Deborah Crockett, the SWC's lead- ing scorer, to her season's low of six points. Kathy Ledford also had six points for the Mountaine- ettes while Teresa Bolt scored a game-high 14 for the Burns club.

John Borders scored 17 points to lead the Bulldogs to victory in the nightcap. The win avenged an earlier Burns loss to the Moun- taineers, that one coming in opening round of the Cleveland County Tipoff Tournament. The victory gives Burns a 3-2 conference record.

Bobby Gant chipped in 13 points for Coach Bill Powell's Bulldogs while Randy Wingo topped the KM attack with 18 points. Mike Thombs added 12 and Butch Blalock 10.

Burns led most of the way, al- though the game was close throughout. The Bulldogs were up by only three, 23-20, at halftime.

K. Mtn. (18)—Crockett 6, Karen Ledford 2, Kathy Ledford 6, Mc- Ginnis 1, Byers 3.

Burns (42)—Warlick 9, Meade 3, Ramsour 7, Bolt 14, Pryor 4, Martin 2, R. Ramsey 1.

K. Mtn. (51)—Dawkins 7, Wingo 18, Thombs 12, Blalock 10, Davis 4.

Burns (55)—Accor 9, Howell 4, Queen 10, Kee 2, Gant 13, Bor- ders 17.

G-W Hosts Livingstone After Losing To Bears

BOILING SPRINGS.—Gardner-Webb's Bulldog cagers will attempt to get back on the win- ning track when they return home for a game Thursday night against Livingstone college. Game time in Bost gym is 7:30.

Burns Jayvees Top KM, 69-45

Kings Mountain High's jayvees saw their record dip to 3-3 last Thursday night at Burns, losing to the Little Bulldogs by a score of 69-45.

Ricky Sims led the winners with 25 points while Mike Williams and Thomas Perkins scored 14 and 12 points, respectively, for the Little Mountaineers.

Burns was on top all the way, leading 21-6 after the first period, 42-14 at halftime and 57-26 going into the final quarter of play.

"They beat us with their fast break," noted KM Coach John Blalock. "They shot 62 percent from the floor in the first half and our defense just didn't do anything. This is the best team I've seen at Burns. They should win the jayvee conference."

The Little Mountaineers were scheduled to host Cherryville Monday night but the game was snowed out. Blalock said it probably will not be re-scheduled.

The jayvees go to Shelby to night and return home next Thursday to host R-S Central.

With 49 Players Returning, State's Holtz Looking Ahead

RALEIGH — "Things never remain the same. You're either getting better or you're getting worse"—N. C. State coach Lou Holtz, August 1972.

Reflecting back on that statement brought a smile to Holtz' youthful face as he sat at his desk pondering the obvious question of what the football future holds at N. C. State.

"I feel like a man sitting on an iceberg. Only a fraction of the whole is visible. The real future of football here at North Carolina State is still submerged. It's unlimited and I don't believe anyone knows how far we really can go."

For a team which many observers condemned to the cellar in pre-season listings, the 1972 Wolfpack soared to spectacular heights, capping a glittering season with a 49-13 smashing of West Virginia for an 8-3 overall record.

The brilliant win earned the Wolfpack the No. 17 spot in the final Associated Press poll, a far- cry from the also-ran label predicted by writers in pre-season speculation.

With 49 of 59 players returning from the Peach Bowl team, Holtz should be willing to convert his ever-present enthusiasm into optimism, something he refused to do last summer.

The record-setting all-Atlantic Coast Conference backfield of quarterback Bruce Shaw, fullback Stan Fritts and running back

Willie Burden will return for yet another year. Quarterback Dave Buckley will be just a sophomore and with runners Charley Young and Roland Hooks, could give the Pack the second best backfield in the conference too.

Only flankers Steve Lester and Pat Kenney, another all-ACC choice, and Heber Whitley, one of four offensive tackles, will be missing from the first two offensive units.

Guard Bill Yoest and tackle Rick Druschel, two Pennsylvania products who made all-ACC provided the daylight that led to many offensive records by the 1972 Wolfpack.

Defensively, all-ACC back Mike Stultz is the leading returnee for 1973. He will be helped by a host of veterans, including end Brian Krueger, tackles John Goeller, Sam Senneca and Randy Lall, middle guard Mike Daley, and backs Bobby Pilz and Bob Divens.

Deadeye kicker Ron Sewell will shoot to extend his string of 40 consecutive extra points during the next two years, also.

"I look for a strong improve- ment next year despite a tough- er schedule," Holtz says. "We lose a number of good players from this year's squad and have to play at Nebraska, Penn State and Georgia, but next year's team conceivably could surpass this one."

"We had a fine year, but we must continue to improve. As I say, nothing stays the same."—Lou Holtz, January 1973.

CHAPEL HILL.—Thirty-three high school student-athletes have signed football grants-in-aid with the University of North Carolina, giving the Tar Heels a big start in what shapes up as a banner recruiting year.

Coach Bill Dooley announced this week that the Tar Heels have signed 26 linemen and seven backs in the first month of the recruiting season. Seventeen of the signees are from North Carolina high schools.

"We are well pleased with the progress made so far," Dooley said. "We've been fortunate enough to sign some outstanding young men. There are some blue chip players still being sought, however, and the real success of our recruiting this year will be determined by how many of them we sign."

Once again, Carolina is enjoy- ing a fine recruiting year in the state of Virginia with 11 signees so far from the Old Dominion. Half of Carolina's starters this past football season were natives of the state of Virginia.

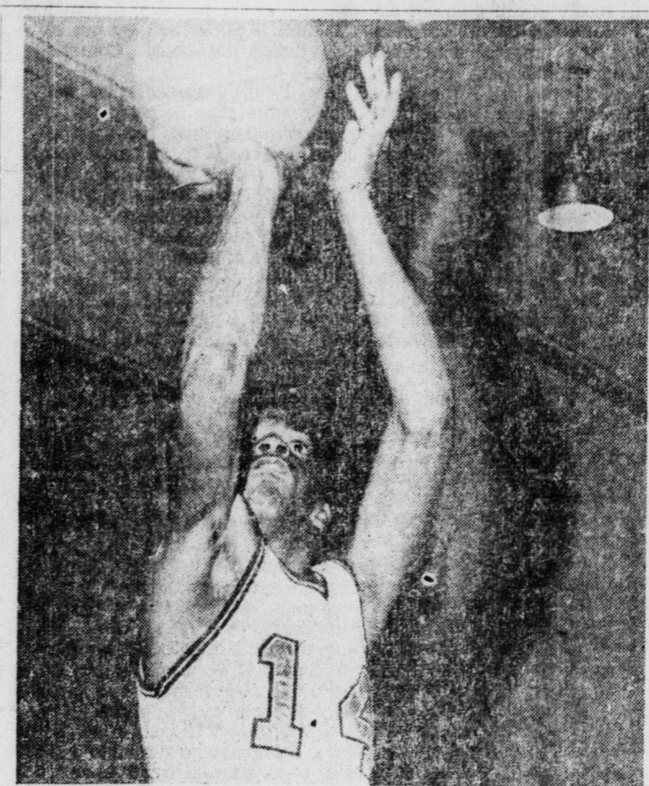
The two most recent signees from Virginia were Bobby Vitek, a quarterback from Norfolk and Brooks Williams, a highly-touted lineman from Virginia Beach.

Dooley's Tar Heels have just completed the most successful season in schools history. Carolina posted a record of 11-1, swept its second straight Atlantic Coast conference championship and won the Sun Bowl game with an exciting 32-28 victory over Texas Tech.

Here's the complete list of signees so far: Backs—Chuck Austin, 6-2, 188, Brookneal Va.; Charles Williams, 6-1, 187, Bryson City; Jeff Owens, 6-2, 200, Sylva; Barry Wynings, 6-10, Newport News, Va.; Harold Nash, 6-0, 175, High Point; Don Hickman, 6-0, 200, Asheville; Bobby Vitek, 6-1, 180, Norfolk, Va.; Linemen—Marty Reid, 6-3, 193, Lincolnton; Rod Sowers, 6-1, 20, Hagerstown, Md.; Mark Cantrell, 6-4, 215, Atlanta, Ga.; Billy Murphy, 6-3, 205, Lincolnton; Rud Broadway, 6-4, 245, Oakboro; Howard Efrid, 6-4, 200, Oakboro; Tommy Smith, 6-3, 235, York, S. C.; Tommy Burkett, 6-4, 240; Winston-Salem; Tom Jennings, 6-4, 250, Richmond, Va.; Brooks Williams, 6-4, 200, Virginia Beach, Va.

Also Scott Davison, 6-2, 220, Virginia Beach, Va.; Brian Hughes, 6-3, 205, Alexandria, Va.; Jeff Covell, 6-2, 215, Bryson; Bill McCollough, 6-3, 210, Springfield, Va.; Danny Hamrick, 6-4, 220, Kannapolis; Chlp Smith, 6-5, 245, Siler City; Billy Span, 220, Virginia Beach, Va.; Mike Williams,

THE PERMANENT CAPTAINS—



GUNNING FOR SHELBY, R-S — Mike Thombs, senior forward for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, and his teammates will be trying for their second win over Shelby when they travel to the Lions' court Friday night. The Mountaineers go to R-S Central before returning home Jan. 19 to host Chase in their first round finale.

Dooley Calls Heels "Our Greatest Ever"

CAR-O-LINES By JACK WILLIAMS

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — Now that the football wars are over, Coach Bill Dooley has called his North Carolina team "our greatest ever" and has challenged the voters to stuff the ballot box for the Tar Heels in the Top Ten polls.

"If we don't belong in the top ten, then no team does," Dooley said after Carolina topped Texas Tech, 32-28, in the Sun Bowl game at El Paso, Texas.

It gave Carolina a record of 11-1, one of the finest marks posted by any team in the coun- try. The 11 wins are the most ever recorded by a team in the State of North Carolina in a single season.

Carolina's only loss was to Ohio State and Dooley says he would like to play that one a- gain. "I don't say we would win, but I'd like another shot at them," he says. "Our players have matured so much since we played that game. And too, our young players were awed by the Ohio State team. They ran out 116 players and almost tilted the field. I didn't think we were go- ing to have enough room to do our pre-game exercises."

Some voters who don't pick Carolina in the Top Ten claim that the Tar Heels don't beat anyone badly. Tar Heel players answer those critics.

"Everybody says we just squeak by every game," says senior de- fensive back Greg Ward. "Well, that's the mark of a great team—the one that wins the close games. If we did it once or twice, you could say we were lucky. But we do it time after time and that proves what a good team we are."

Carolina Had Best Rating In Two Sports

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — UCLA ruled the college basketball world in 1972 and Southern California dominated football. But put the two sports together and no school in America could match the record of the North Carolina Tar Heels.

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Mounties Try To Locate Missing Link

Kings Mountain High's cagers are away for their next two Southwestern Conference con- tests, meeting county-rival Shelby on Friday and traveling to R-S Central Tuesday.

The two local squads were scheduled to play Cherryville in a makeup game last night in the KMHS gym.

The Mountaineers, who were the talk of the SWC in early- season play, have now hit a slump and have dropped three of their last four contests. They now have a 2-3 conference record and 6-3 overall mark.

Coach Allen Dixon is at a loss to explain the reason for his team's decline. The Mountaineers were the upsets of the early- going, beating previously unbeat- en Shelby and defending associa- tion champion East Rutherford. But they have now dropped con- tests to Crest, Lincolnton and Burns.

Dixon could be doing some line- up shuffling if the losing trend continues. He has been going with Randy Wingo, Wendell Dawkins and Mike Thombs inside and Butch Blalock and Harlee Davis outside.

The Mountaineers are awaiting the arrival of sophomore Tony Falls, who should help out with the scoring and rebounding load. Falls, who is ineligible, will be- come eligible on Jan. 23. Thus, he will be eligible for the last eight regular season games and tournament play.

The Mountaineers, although young and inexperienced, have a 3-2 conference record and 5-2 overall chart. They suffered their second loss of the season Friday night to undefeated Burns 42-18.

Those 18 points are probably the lowest the Mountaineers have ever scored, but Coach Blaine Froneberger expects his charges to bounce back. Of their two losses, one was to defending associated champ South Point and the other to unbeaten Burns.

Deborah Crockett continues to lead the conference in scoring, even though she was held to six points in the Burns outing. Kathy Ledford continues to give the All-SWC star scoring support and Froneberger has received good play from his other starters, Sandra Byers, Karen Ledford, Myra McGinnis, and Joanne Proctor.

After their two road games with Shelby and R-S, the KMHS cagers will return home on Jan. 19 to close out first round play against Chase. They open second half play on Jan. 23 here against South Point.

Wildlife Group Changes Rules

PALEIGH.—If you eat fresh mountain trout in a restaurant this year, you won't have to worry about biting down on a metal tag. Now all you'll have to watch for are bones.

The N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission has changed the regulations regarding the sale of commercially raised mountain trout, and the major change is the elimination of the require- ment that all such trout be tagged with a metal tag.

Instead of tagging each trout, commercial trout growers in North Carolina will be required to package the trout in a print- out container.

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Quick-Cleaning Method Protects Guns

By JIM DEAN Wildlife Afield

The hunter unlocked the gun cabinet and handed me the hand- some old double barreled shot- gun. It was a beauty.

"My grandfather owned it," he said proudly. "I like to hunt quail and doves with it, and I guess someday it will belong to my son."

I opened the action and squinted down the barrels. They were quite dirty. "You ought to run a patch through there," I remark- ed.

"Yeah, I will," he replied as he put the gun back in the cabinet. "It's just that I'm usually so tired when I get back in from hunting that I sometimes forget to clean the gun. It's a lot of trouble to take a gun apart and clean and oil it, especially when you've also got half a dozen quail to clean."

I know the feeling. It's mighty easy to put the gun in the cabinet and forget about it for a few days. Unfortunately, sometimes those days have a way of becom- ing weeks and months, and I have seen several fine guns ruined because they were not kept clean.

Several years ago, I got a short course in rudimentary gun care from a gunsmith acquaintance. Not only were his tips good ones, but he also showed me how to "quick clean" a gun following a hunt.

The process of "quick-cleaning" works for all guns, and it is sim- ply itself, involving no take- down of the gun. I no longer fool with all the solvents and oil that I used to use (although I do keep a bottle of Hoppe's No. 9 just to smell it for old times sake).

Instead, I keep a rifle rod and a shotgun cleaning rod in my gun cabinet, along with some strips of old undershirt already cut to size. I also keep a can of WD-40 spray. When I come in from hunting, I open the gun's action and spray WD-40 up the barrels (you can see the spray as it comes out the end). Then, I run a clean patch down the barrel and spray the inside of the barrel again. Then I lightly spray the other metal surfaces of the gun and put it in the cabinet. What could be simpler than that?

The whole process takes about a minute, and I can rest assured that the gun will remain free of corrosion and rust for at least a month. In fact, I have left guns through the summer with no ill effects, although I like to give them a more thorough cleaning before putting them up after the season.

Quite frankly, WD-40 is a mir- acle worker. It repels water and offer good protection. I even carry a small can duck hunting and spray my guns lightly before and after the hunt. The stuff is not greasy, and if you get it on the

stock, it apparently does no harm. That's more than you can say for oil which can ruin a stock.

"I've worked on a lot of guns, and old guns particularly seem to get gummed up with old oil," the gunsmith told me. "Also, I've seen a lot of guns virtually ruined because the owner had allowed oil to seep down into the stock and weaken the wood. Most hunters use too much oil anyway."

His solution is to store his guns barrels down, and he has altered his gun cabinets slightly to permit this. His reasoning is that when a gun is stored with the stock down (as is customary), the oil slowly seeps down into the action and stock where it can eventually cause damage. By storing them barrel down, any accumulation of oil tends to run out the end of the barrel.

He also suggests that guns never be stored in air-tight cabinet or case. "Those fleeced cases are pretty and they offer some protection against bumps when you are transporting your gun in the car or truck, but if you store a gun in one, it will surely rust," he says. "Also, never plug the end of a barrel with a cork or cloth patch. This can cause severe rust problems."

These tips are very simple, but they can insure that you son's heirloom will be in good shape when he gets it after you graduate to that last happy hunting ground.

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