



HERALD SPORTS

By TONY TOMPKINS

Some recent unusual twists in the world of sports: The New York Mets are in the baseball playoffs and the New York Jets football team has lost its two starting quarterbacks. And after the Mets 1973 in jury problems to boot. What else can happen? No one knows the answer to that except old man Fate.

Football has just started but the first collegiate basketball book has just hit the newsstands. It is entitled "Super Sports-Collegiate Basketball Issue" and it gives a complete analysis of all college teams. It lists the top 100 freshmen, the major college sophomores and the pre-all-american selections.

I was a little bit stunned to see that North Carolina placed six men in the top 100 freshmen, something no other school did. I also knew that Bobby Jones, Tom McMillen, David Thompson, Tommy Burleson and Len Eimore are all on the all-american list.

On the NAIA All-American prospect list are Lloyd Free of Guilford, and John Drew of Gardner-Webb.

It looks as if we are in for a big surprise of some very exciting basketball this year. North Carolina is being talked about as NCAA championship material along with UCLA and N. C. State. I hope that the NCAA championship can come to the ACC this season, no matter who wins it. There are some very exciting clubs in the league and I don't foresee any runaway by anyone.

I highly recommend the book, as I am sure you sports fans will enjoy it very much.

I got braver last week when I decided to predict 18 games. I didn't do too badly, as I got lucky and picked 14 right and only 4 wrong for a .778 percentage. Now, this brings my season record to 54 right against only 16 losses for a .771 average. That isn't too bad, even for a sports editor, but I am going to try to get over the 80 percent level.

If I can stay away from all of the upsets, I just might have a shot at it. Here goes for this week.

EAST RUTHERFORD OVER R. S. CENTRAL: This one will be a toughie, but I'll take East in a thriller.

SHELBY OVER NORTH GASTON: The Lions should take this one in a breeze, but watch it.

BESSEMER CITY OVER CHASE: This one will settle last place in the SWC, so I'll stay with the Yellowjackets.

CHEERYVILLE OVER LINCOLTON: The Ironmen will be mad this week after the narrow loss to Burns.

CREST OVER BURNS: The Bulldogs will try to make a game of it, but the Chargers are too tough for them.

KINGS MOUNTAIN OVER EAST GASTON: Coach Jones will make East pay for last week's mistakes. The Mounties will be back.

ASHBROOK OVER MYERS PARK: Something tells me I'm making a mistake, but I'll trust the Green Wave one more time.

HUNTER HUSS OVER SOUTH MECKLENBURG: Huss is at home and that is just enough edge for this thriller. First place is at stake.

VIRGINIA OVER CLEMSON: This will be a goodie, but I'll have to stick with the Cavaliers.

TULANE OVER WAKE FOREST: The Gamecocks will score with ease in this one.

NORTH CAROLINA OVER KENTUCKY: The Heels aren't dead yet, so I'll pick them in an upset over Kentucky.

MARYLAND OVER N. C. STATE: The Terps will nip the Wolfpack in a thriller. The Pack had its moments against the Tar Heels, so I look for a let down this time.

GARDNER WEBB OVER CATAWBA: I'll have to stick with the Bulldogs altho they probably won't be favored.

ALABAMA OVER FLORIDA: The Crimson Tide all the way.

U.S.U. OVER AUBURN: The Bengal Tigers will be too tough for the Plainsmen of Auburn.

GEORGIA OVER MISSISSIPPI: Georgia will dot all of those it's this time around.

OKLAHOMA OVER TEXAS: The Sooners will make the Longhorns very sad.

NEBRASKA OVER MISSOURI: The Cornhuskers could get upset in this one, but I doubt it.

MONTANA STATE OVER WEBER STATE: A fan asked me to pick this one. Okay, I'll try it, at least one time anyway.

Well, that's it in the predicting business for this week. Let us watch and see how they come out. Why don't you sit down and try to out-pick me. You just might do it.

At the ball game last Friday night, a lady and her husband came up and gave me a very nice compliment concerning sportswriting. Now, I know that this doesn't happen too often to a sportswriter, so it did make me feel very good. More important was the fact that a lady did take time to sit down and read this column. That really surprised me.

I have always had the assumption that women didn't care that much about sports. For one time, I am happily wrong about that aspect. It is very nice to have the local ladies supporting in the sports world.

I also wrote about the people backing the different teams in the city, such as the three Optimist teams, the freshman team, the junior high team and the varsity high school team. Well, I must say that as I covered the different games this past week, I was very pleased that so many Kings Mountain people turned out to see the various games.

It is a warm feeling to know that you have the backing of the entire town when you happen to be down on the field. I must also commend the many fans and parents for their patience and understanding with the teams, but most of all for their loyal support and belief in these young men.

If you missed the North Carolina-N. C. State game on TV this past week, you missed a good one. These Big Four battles are really something else. The World Series will take over Tuesday.

Mounties Meet East Gaston On Road

East Rutherford Downs KM 27-12

Kiser, Summey, East Defense Humble Mounties

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers of Coach Bobby Jones played host to the East Rutherford High Cavaliers in beautiful John Gamble Stadium and went down to defeat by the upset score of 27 to 12. It marked the first conference loss for the Mounties and left their season win-loss mark at three wins and two losses.

East was led by quarterback Gary Kiser and fullback Tony Summey. East, who had been soundly beaten by Shelby and Burns, looked like the powerhouse that they were supposed to be. The combination of their bruising ground game and their ability to halt the Mountaineers through the air, gave them their well deserved victory.

Quarterback Kiser led the East rushing attack with 96 yards in 14 carries, while scoring on a brilliant 44 yard touchdown run. Fullback Summey added 86 yards in 21 carries while scoring three touchdowns on runs of 12, 1 and 1 yards. The East rushing game netted them 253 yards on the ground.

The Mountaineers were led in the rushing department by halfback Tony Falls, who carried the ball 15 times for a total of 69 yards. Falls scored on a 4 yard touchdown run. Chuck Austin also scored for the Mountaineers on a 46 yard touchdown run.

A vital statistic in favor of East was their ability to hold the Mounties to only 2 completions in 20 attempts through the air. East also hit on 2 of 4 passes.

East kicked off to the Mounties and the KM lads started on their own 35 yard line. Kings Mountain failed to move the ball and punted to East. East started on their 31 and promptly made two first downs, carrying the ball to the KM 46 yard line where Kiser hit the middle of the line and fumbled. Big Carl Roseboro fell on the ball on KM's 44 yard line.

On the next play, a fumble on the handoff gave the KM 41 yard line. On third down and five, Kiser completed a pass to end Dennis Tarleton on the KM 27 yard line. Summey gained five yards and Kiser added another first down on the Mountaineer 13 yard line. Then Kiser added one, before Summey broke off tackle for 12 yards and the East touchdown. Rodney McCracken's conversion attempt was blocked by David Bell.

The Mounties took the ensuing kickoff on the 15 and ran it back to their own 30 yard line. A East Rutherford 15 yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct gave the KM lads a first down on their own 49 yard line. Three plays later, with third down and six to go, quarterback Chuck Austin faked a pitchout and rammed 46 yards for the tying touchdown. Roseboro's conversion attempt was wide to the right.

There was no more scoring until the second quarter when Danny Luckado intercepted Austin's pass on the KM 44 yard line. Quarterback Gary Kiser promptly broke off tackle and raced down the left sidelines for a 44 yard touchdown run. This time, McCracken split the uprights and East led 13 to 6 and that is the way the half ended.

The third quarter belonged to the Mountaineers as they kept the East attack bottled up most of the time. The big break of the quarter came when East was forced to punt from their own 25 yard line. The punt traveled a mere seven yards and the Mounties took over on the East 32 yard line. It took the Mountaineers only eleven plays to reach yard dirt this time, with Tony Falls sweeping around the left side for the touchdown. The conversion was no good and East still led 13 to 12.

As the fourth quarter began, the Cavaliers continued their drive to the KM goal. They started on their own 29 yard line and it took them 16 plays to reach the end zone, where Tony Summey bulled his way into the end zone from one yard out for the touchdown. McCracken was true again on his conversion attempt and the Cavaliers led 20 to 12.

East then kicked off to the Mountaineers eight yard line where Tony Falls took it back to the East 47 yard line. Tony almost broke the run-back for a touchdown. On second and nine from the East 46 yard line, Austin dropped back to pass and this time halfback Bobby Smith stepped in front of his intended receiver and intercepted the pass. Smith ran it back to the Kings Mountain 15 yard line before being tackled. Halfback Doug Whitaker rambled all the way to the one yard line on the next play. Then, Summey broke off tackle

BOWLING ...right down your alley...

The Kings Mountain (Duckpins) Mixed League, currently bowling in Kannapolis, continued last week with some very interesting results to report.

Bob Herndon's team defeated John Dilling's team 3 to 1 in league play. Bob Herndon's team defeated John Dilling's team 3 to 1 in league play. Bob Herndon had a game high of 118 and a 327 series, while James Herndon chipped in with a 308 series. Jenny Oates led the Dilling team with a game high of 135 and a 357 series. John Dilling also had a 310 series.

Jim Hardy's team turned back Rod Houser's team 4 to 0, with the entire Hardy team each bowling a 300 series. Rod Houser led his team with a game high of 134 and a 364 series. Ronnie Culbertson led the Hardy team with a game high of 136 and a 320 series. Steve Rathbone (with a 320 series), Judy Hardy (with a 323 series) and Jim Hardy (with a 349 series) helped in the winning cause.

Albert Brackett's team turned back Ranny Blanton's team 3 to 1. Betty Hullenler had a game high of 100 and Harvey Hullenler had a 277 series to lead the Blanton team. Betty Wells had a 133 game high, as well as a 331 series and Albert Brackett chipped in with a 353 series.

STANDINGS

| TEAMS | W | L | Pct. | GBL |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Brackett's | 13 | 3 | .813 | — |
| Hardy's | 11 | 5 | .688 | 2 |
| Herndon's | 9 | 7 | .563 | 4 |
| Houser's | 8 | 8 | .500 | 5 |
| Blanton's | 4 | 12 | .250 | 9 |
| Dilling's | 3 | 13 | .188 | 10 |

Tech To Sponsor Police Class

Cleveland County Technical Institute will begin a basic 164-hour Police Science training program on Monday night, October 15, at the Civil Defense building at old Oak School in Shelby. The program is designed for new police officers and police reserve from all over Region C who have been employed since March 15, 1973. The basic course is mandatory for all such personnel by June 30, 1974.

The course will be held each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. Classes will be suspended for Christmas Holidays and New Year after December 19, and will resume on January 7.

Approved law enforcement officials and other state personnel will serve as instructors for this program. Other persons interested in this basic program should contact nearest police chief for permission to enroll in this program.

There will be no registration fee for the course since law enforcement classes are exempt by State regulations.

for his third touchdown of the night. Once again, McCracken split the uprights and the score read East 27 and Kings Mountain 12.

It will probably be rated as one of the big upsets of the young SWC season, but East looked every bit the contender for the league championship.

Austin attempted a total of 20 passes in the game and completed only two of those for a total of 30 yards. He missed on the first fourteen attempts, but several of them slipped through his receiver's hands.

The Mountaineers will travel to East Gaston this week and once again, another tough battle will be expected.

STATISTICS

| | ER | KM |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| First Downs | 15 | 8 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 253 | 128 |
| Net Yards Passing | 18 | 30 |
| Total Yards | 271 | 158 |
| Passes Attempted by | 4 | 20 |
| Passes Completed by | 2 | 2 |
| Passes Intercepted by | 2 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost by | 3 | 1 |
| Punts | 3-22 | 6-32 |
| Yards Penalized | 24 | 25 |

SCORING BY QUARTERS

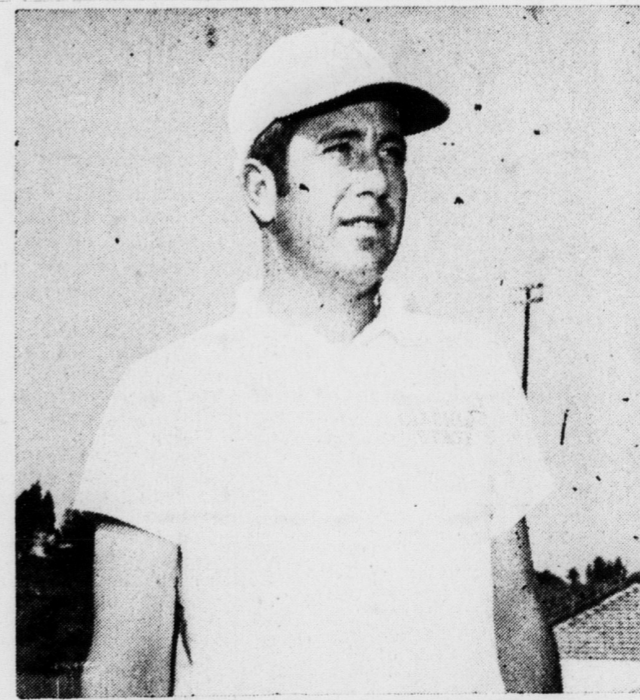
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| E. Rutherford | 6 | 7 | 0 | 14 | 27 |
| Kings Mtn | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 12 |

SCORING SUMMARY:

ER—TD—Summey (12 yard run)
KM—TD—Chuck Austin (46 yard run)
ER—TD—Kiser (44 yard run)
PAT—McCracken
KM—TD—Tony Falls (4 yard run)
ER—TD—Summey (1 yard run)
PAT—McCracken
ER—TD—Summey (1 yard run)
PAT—McCracken



DENNIS HOGUE — Mountaineer linebacker is looking forward to this Friday's game with East Gaston.



COACH BOBBY JONES — Renews an old friendship with East Gaston Coach Dick Thompson and hopes to get his team back in the win column.

Optimist Teams Split With Mount Holly

The Kings Mountain Optimist teams came up with one win and two losses against the Mount Holly teams last Thursday night in the City Stadium.

Joe Cornwell's Junior Pee Wees were beaten by the Mount Holly juniors by the score of 25 to 6. Myron White got the Kings Mountain touchdown on a 53 yard run.

The Pee Wees of Coach Jimmy Littlejohn registered the only win of the night in turning back the Mount Holly Pee Wees by the score of 19 to 14. Young Jody Deaton was the offensive star of the game, as he scored on runs of 41 and one yards for touchdowns. Eugene Odums also scored on a 24-yard run and Barry Lineberger scored a conversion point. Johnny Ross and Tony Smith were outstanding on defense.

These Kings Mountain Royal lost their first game of the season to the Mount Holly midgets and it was also the first time they have been scored on this season. The final score was 14 to 0.

The Royals were outplayed by the bigger Mount Holly boys and they kept bottled up for most of the game. Tim Whitaker, Rodney Deaton and Jeff Putnam led the offense while Larry Smith, Glen Carroll and Bo by Bridges led the defensive charge.

All three teams will play in Belmont this week.

Falls Tapped Player Of Week

Mrs. Jean Cobb, Trailer No. 3, Kings Mountain Motor Court, is our first place winner this week in the Herald's weekly football contest. Jean missed only one game (The KM game) and came the closest to the tie-breaker by picking a total of 32 points. She wins first prize which is a \$15 check.

Glenn Wells of 2123 New Hope Road, Gastonia, won the second place money of \$10 by correctly picking twelve of thirteen winners. The tie-breaker caused him to finish in second place as he predicted a total of 25 points.

The battle for the third place prize of \$5 was very hotly contested by 14 different people. It finally came down to two people, Kenneth Roark of 710 Bridges Drive and Foley Cobb, the husband of the first place winner. These two will split the prize for third place.

Another contest is in this week's edition of The Herald, so you will also have another opportunity to join this week's money winners. Just fill out your ballots and return them to The Herald by noon Friday. You could very easily be the next winner of the grid contest.

Last Friday's contest scores appear on this page today. Keep in mind that you can enter only once. Entries for next week's games should be in this office by noon on Friday.

GET TO EAT

Away-from-home eating is one of the fastest growing components of the U. S. food industry. Commercial restaurant sales doubled between 1959 and 1969 and accounted to about \$24.5 billion in 1971, notes Mrs. Ruby Uzzle, extension consumer marketing economist, North Carolina State University.

Southwestern Conference STANDINGS

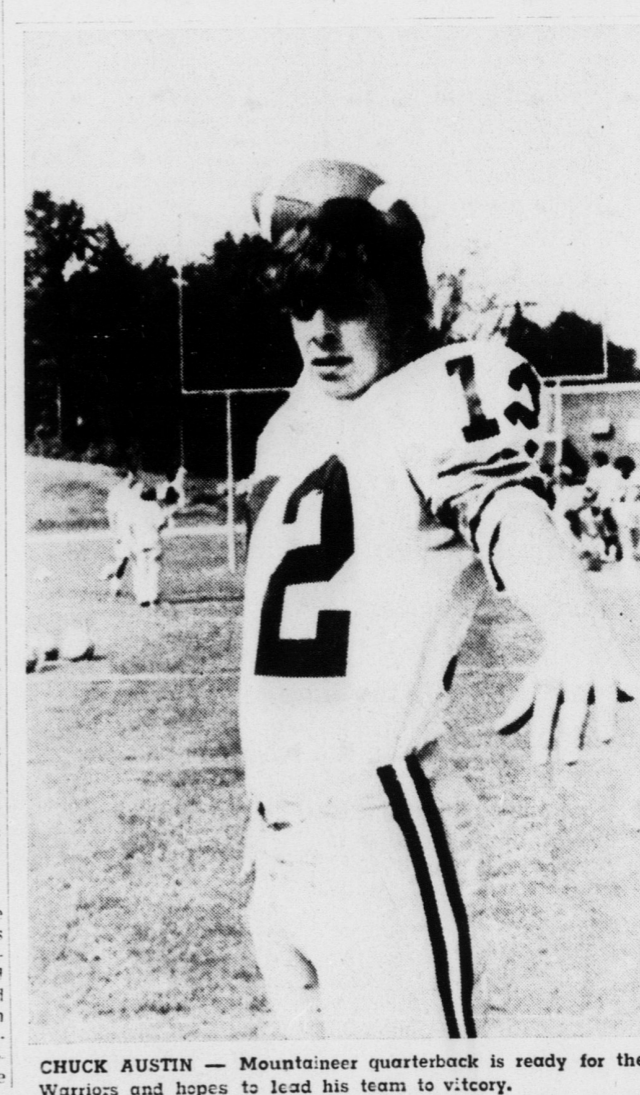
| TEAMS | CONF. | | OVERALL | | PTS | FOR | AGST |
|-----------------|-------|---|---------|---|-----|-----|------|
| | W | L | T | W | | | |
| South Point | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 253 | 51 | |
| Shelby | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 47 | |
| KINGS MOUNTAIN | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 69 | 35 | |
| Crest | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 120 | 53 | |
| R. S. Central | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 111 | 123 | |
| East Rutherford | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 80 | 67 | |
| Burns | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 57 | 74 | |
| North Gaston | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 74 | |
| East Gaston | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 23 | 131 | |
| Cherryville | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 58 | 73 | |
| Bessemer City | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 70 | |
| Lincolnton | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 82 | |
| Chase | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 33 | 176 | |

Cobbs, Wells, Roark, Cobb Contest Winners

For the second consecutive week, an outstanding performance on the gridiron has earned junior Tony Falls the honor as Player of the week by Fulton's Department store.

The fleet junior halfback scored one of the two Kings Mountain touchdowns on a four yard run off left tackle. He also returned a kickoff for 45 yards and led the Mountaineers in rushing with a total of 69 yards in 15 carries.

Fulton's Department Store will present a gift to Tony and the store will continue to honor an outstanding player each week during the football season.



CHUCK AUSTIN — Mountaineer quarterback is ready for the Warriors and hopes to lead his team to victory.

Warriors May Be Best of The New Additions

The East Gaston Warriors just may be the best team of the three new members of the Southwest 3-A conference. East Gaston along with Bessemer City and North Gaston, are all former members of the Little Four conference.

The head coach is a fine gentleman by the name of Dick Thompson. Coach Thompson is competing in his 26th season of coaching in the prep ranks and his second at consolidated East Gaston. He loves challenges and the competition that goes with it. He is also a newly elected member of the Gastonia Sports Hall of Fame and just recently coached the West All-Stars to a 16-0 victory over the East in Greensboro this past summer.

"All of the original Southwest teams have good feeder systems," Thompson stated. "I was disappointed in our turnout this year. Out of 106 who signed up, only 61 came out. We're down to 45 now and we want to carry 33 on the varsity, which really doesn't really leave us very many for the jayvees."

Leading the way at quarterback in 175 pound senior Frank Carlton, with Tony Rodden and Max Jamieson at his backups. The only returning halfback from last year is 155 pounds junior Gary Brice. Other half backs who have looked good are Tom Phirkelmyer, Bruce Hoover and John Boswell. The starting fullback will be Doug Smith, although Mark Hager and Richard Ponder could move up.

The ends will be Scott Bradshaw, Randy Mason, Mike Hawley, and Mike Brown. The tackles will be Tracey Withers, Tim Bowman, Mike Miller and Tim Mullis. Withers weighs in at 240 and Bowman at 205.

At the guards, there will be Randy Skidmore, Phil Johnson, Steve Brickleymyer and Mark Stepp.

The number one man at center is Gary Armstrong, and he is ably backed up by Don Fisher. The Warriors will basically run from the "T" formation, but will use the single wing some too. "Actually, we will wind up with four formations, but only time will tell how good they will be," said Thompson.

Thompson is ably assisted by former Mount Holly coaching standout Delmer Wiles, and Steve Williams and David Norris. East is currently 3 in the conference and 2-1 overall while the Mountaineers are 3-1 in the conference and 3-2 overall. The game will be played at the old Stanley high school stadium. Game time will be at 8 o'clock.

Coach Thompson expects a rough time from the Mountaineers, and those same words also come from Coach Jones of the Mounties.

Coach Jones said, "East Gaston is a good ball club and we will have to be ready to play. They will stay and stay after the ball with good pursuit, so we will have our hands full."

Coach Jones also said that he wasn't sure if Darrell Van Dyke or Mike Shipp would be healthy enough to play. Both have encountered injuries the past two weeks. Shipp is a doubtful starter.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Michael Steven Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Barber, route 2, Kings Mountain, was named to the dean's list of Gaston college for the summer quarter.

LOVING EDGE

The American worker is losing his productivity edge over foreign workers, according to a new book. Japan is making the greatest increase in productivity per worker, while the United States is seventh among major industrial nations.

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