

HERALD SPORTS

By TONY TOMPKINS

I received a letter which I want to pass on to you and then I want to explain why the letter was written.

"As I watched the football game Friday night at Cherryville, I could not get over the thought of how lucky we are in Kings Mountain to have one of the finest coaches I have ever seen or heard of.

Now, the thing that prompted this letter was a "Letter to the Editor" column in the Kings Mountain Mirror newspaper.

Both, on and off the field, I like Bobby Jones. He is a man who takes extreme pride in his work and he tries to win overtime that he goes onto the field.

Bobby's job is a thankless one, because every parent thinks his boy should be playing the game. Now, I as a sportswriter, may not always agree with Coach Jones decisions, but I respect them.

What is a coach? He is a man who is criticized by everyone of us at sometime or the other. Most of the time, a coach will never answer his critics, and this puts this man a little bit ahead of us.

I have watched Bobby Jones come up through the coaching ranks and he has done a good job. My ex-coach, Shu Carlton, thinks very highly of him and that is enough for me.

Kings Mountain has a 5-4 won-loss record and now must face another giant task, that of playing host to arch rival Shelby Friday night.

You wonder what we can do for Bobby Jones and his Mountaineers? Very simple; just show up for the game and show our appreciation by cheering the Mounties to a victory.

Just remember, a coach's job is a thankless one. We used to back our teams real good, so why not now?

Me, I'm proud to be a Mountaineer rooter, WIN or LOSE.

The crazy world of football is sure having its ups and downs, and I keep getting my lumps in the predicting business. I was lucky enough to escape with a 17-3 record for an 850 percentage this past week.

CREST OVER EAST RUTHERFORD: This one could go either way, but I say the Chargers will win it.

R. S. CENTRAL OVER BESSEMER CITY: Bessemer is doomed in this one, cause Mr. Keeter will run wild.

BURNS OVER LINCOLNTON: This one could be the upset special, so don't be surprised at anything.

CHERRYVILLE OVER CHASE: Here is another close one, but I like the running of Tommy Summer.

SOUTH POINT OVER NORTH GASTON: Strictly no contest as the Red Raiders will roll.

KINGS MOUNTAIN OVER SHELBY: Everything points to a Shelby win, but I look for the Mounties to pull an upset.

ASHBROOK OVER NORTH MECKLENBURG: The Green Wave is headed for a playoff spot.

HUNTER HUSS OVER GARINGER: The Huskies want in the playoffs also, so I look for Phil Cherry to get them there.

DUKE OVER WAKE FOREST: I think that the Blue Devils will get by.

MARYLAND OVER VIRGINIA: The Terps will stop the Cavaliers' offense.

PENN STATE OVER N. C. STATE: The Wolfpack is good, but the Nittany Lions are better.

EAST CAROLINA OVER APPALACHIAN: The Pirates want to win it all and this may do it.

MICHIGAN OVER ILLINOIS: The Wolverines are heading for a showdown with Ohio State.

OHIO STATE OVER MICHIGAN STATE: M-State is no match for the Buckeyes.

OKLAHOMA OVER MISSOURI: Oklahoma is climbing upwards in the rankings.

NOTRE DAME OVER PITTSBURGH: The Irish will soundly blast the Pitt boys.

TEXAS OVER BAYLOR: Maybe, Baylor shouldn't even show up for this one.

SOUTHERN CAL OVER STANFORD: SC will win this one in a breeze.

UCLA OVER OREGON: Mark Harmon & company will rout the Beavers.

Well, that does the predicting business for another week. I just hope that I am lucky enough to win a few.

The Charlotte Coliseum will get 1,500 seats (tickets) to sell for the annual North-South basketball doubleheader this year.

Fans at Chapel Hill will get their first chance this year to see the 1973-74 edition of the Tar Heel basketball team Saturday afternoon at 4:45 in Carmichael Auditorium.

Mountaineers Defeat Ironmen 14 to 6 Shelby Meets KMHS In Final Game

Byers, Hogue Lead KMHS Past Cherries

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers after trailing 6 to 0 at halftime against the Cherryville Ironmen, rallied in the fourth quarter behind the outstanding running of junior halfback Johnny Byers, to score two touchdowns and pin a 14 to 6 loss on the home team in Rudisill stadium.

Byers, who led all rushers with a total of 148 yards on 15 carries, scored both of the Mounties' touchdowns on runs of 40 and 35 yards. Darrell Van Dyke scored the two-point conversion on a 3 yard run.

The battle of the league rushers, Tommy Summer of Cherryville and Tony Falls of KM, was won by Summer by 142 to 29 yards, but Byers' outshone both backs with his spectacular running.

The loss left Cherryville with a 2-7 record and a final game with Chase, while the Mountaineers now have a record of 5-4 and will play host to the Golden Lions of Shelby.

Cherryville started out on their own 21 yard line and with fullback Summer and halfback Ding Little taking turns carrying the ball, moved all the way to the KM 6 yard line where Summer's fumble was recovered by the Mountaineers' Dennis Hogue.

The Mounties sent Byers off tackle for 1 yard and Cherryville was penalized 5 yards. McDevitt gained four yards for a first down at the KM 31. Cherryville was penalized 5 yards and Byers and Falls added a first down at the KM 42 yard line.

Austin lost seven yards, but Falls added 21 yards for a first down at the Cherryville 44 where the Mounties were penalized back to their own 41 yard line. They got back to the middle field stripe before they had to punt to the Cherryville eight yard line.

Cherryville's Summer gained 3 and Eric King added 3 more to Cherryville 14 yard line. On the next play, quarterback Mitch Eaker fumbled the snap from center and KM's Roy Putnam recovered on the Cherryville six yard line.

With a first and goal at the 6, halfback Tony Falls raced off tackle only to have Cherryville's Arthur Ball loose at the one yard line, where Chuck Dellinger recovered for the Cherries.

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It took the Cherries only 12 plays to get into the end zone as the half ended. With a first and goal at the ten yard line, the referee reported only 45 seconds left, but later corrected it to give Cherryville 12 more seconds. With a third and one at the 1 yard line, fullback burst up the middle for the score. Eric King's attempted conversion was blocked by KM's Dale Hartsoe as the half ended with Cherryville ahead of Kings Mountain 6 to 0.

The Mounties took the opening kickoff of the second half on their own 27 yard line, where Cherryville was penalized out to the KM 41 yard line. After Falls failed to gain and Austin threw an incomplete pass, Johnny Byers scooted off tackle for 14 yards and a first down at the Ironmen 45 yard line. With a third and eight at the C 43 yard line, Austin passed complete to Van Dyke for a first down at the 33 yard line. After a two yard loss and an incomplete pass, Falls fumbled a pitchout and Cherryville recovered at their own 36 yard line.

Cherryville gained up to the 44 where they were penalized back to the 31 yard line, but Summer, on the next play, carried back to the 21 yard line. Byers then ran out, with the Mountaineers winning a 14 to 6 victory over the Ironmen.

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COACH BOBBY JONES — Eagerly awaits game with Shelby and hopes for a big Mountie win.

Southwestern Conference STANDINGS

Table with columns: TEAMS, CONF. W, L, T, OVERALL W, L, T, POINTS FOR, AGST. Rows include South Point, Crest, Shelby, East Rutherford, Kings Mountain, Burns, North Gaston, R. S. Central, East Gaston, Lincolnton, Chase, Cherryville, Bessemer City.

straight down the middle of the field, on a twisting run in which five tacklers had a shot at him but missed, for a 35 yards, touchdown. Austin then gave the ball to Van Dyke on a dive play and Darrell scored the two-point conversion and the Mounties led 14 to 6.

Cherryville then started from their own 40 yard line. The Ironmen, who up to this time had a good running attack going for them, suddenly started to pass the football and this proved their undoing. After two Eaker passes to end Carl Bridges had netted them two first down, and the ball resting on the KM 31, half Dino Little lost two yards. On the next play, Eaker rolled out and threw another pass which was intended for Bridges, but Mountaineer corner back Steve Southwell stepped in front of Bridges and intercepted the ball. Southwell ran the ball back to the Cherryville 48 yard line where the Mounties were penalized 15 yards.

With a first and ten at their own 37 yard line, Byers gained three yards and McDevitt was held to no gain before Byers gained seven more yards and a first down at the KM 47 yard line.

Cherryville was penalized 15 yards to the C 37 yard line. Byers gained four yards and Falls added one yard. With a third and one at the 28, Cherryville was penalized 5 more yards giving the Mounties a first down at the 24 yard line. Byers gained 6 yards to the C 18 yard line. Van Dyke then got a first down as he went off tackle for seven yards to the C 11 yard line where time ran out, with the Mountaineers winning a 14 to 6 victory over the Ironmen.

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Terrell Breaks Leg - Will Be Out of Big Game

Shelby High's "Golden Lions", the defending Southwest WNCFF-AA champions who went undefeated in 13 games last year, invade John Gantle Stadium Friday night to meet the Kings Mountain "Mountaineers".

Shelby will bring a 6-2-1 record into the battle with the Mounties, who are 5-4 on the season. You can throw out the record books as far as this one is concerned, because it is very much like Duke-Carolina in that both teams are real rivals. It will be the battle for the championship of Cleveland County as far as these rivals are concerned.

Coach Gerald Allen is starting his eighteenth season as head coach at Shelby. Before the season started, Coach Allen said this about the 1973 SWC season. "It's going to be one of the best races ever. I figure South Point, Crest and East Rutherford to be the strongest threats. But, they'll have to beat us. Kings Mountain and Burns could also prove surprise teams."

The starting quarterback is Mike Callahan, a 165 pound junior. Mark Lackey and Bradley Thompson are the reserve quarterbacks for the Golden Lions.

Also in the backfield is Larry Eberhart, a 170 pound senior fullback who just happened to be the leading scorer and rusher last year. He will be joined by senior Danny Miller at the other halfback post. The starting fullback is 170 pound senior Mitchell Terrell.

Other backfield returnees are Brian Strain, Derrick Haynes, Bill Mabry, Claude London, Dockery Youngblood, Jimmy Blanton, Terry Eskridge, Jeff Taylor, Larry Sullens and Mike Strozzi.

In the offensive line, Frank Callahan, Ronnie Davenport, Louie Davidson, Sylvester Haynes, Roger Davis, Joey White and Dennis Labron all return.

Other returning linemen are Jeff Peeler (200), Don Peeler (200), Coleman Keeter (200), Houston Honeycutt, Phil Price, Robert Howell, Robin Hendrick, Western Burgess (160), Mike Elder, Hicks Beam and Eddie Morehead.

Andy McCurry (170), returns as the starting center. He is backed up by Billy Morehead (175), Neal Robinson and Chipper Hamrick.

This is a very important game for both teams and the Kings Mountain fans would like to see a stop to the Golden Lions' Coach Bobby Jones of Kings Mountain says that the Lions are big and tough. He calls Larry Eberhart one of the finest backs in the Southwestern Conference.

Coach Allen lost his starting fullback Tuesday afternoon in practice when Mitchell Terrell broke his leg. It is a shame for an accident like this to happen to any football player.

Coach Allen says that he expects a typical Shelby-Kings Mountain football game; that is, one that is always extremely tough on both sides. Most folks around town will be going out to the ball park early, so as to avoid the rush to the game. A big crowd is expected to be on hand for this annual shoot out at the old arena.

The Mounties are expected to be at full strength. They just might have a few surprises for the Golden Lions.

The Continental Congress set price ceilings even before the Declaration of Independence; the Articles of Association, signed Oct. 20, 1774, provided that "all manufactures of this country be sold at reasonable prices," according to an article in the U. S. department of labor's "Monthly Labor Review."

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Opponent. Rows include 1. E. Rutherford 10-0 E. Gaston, 2. Shelby 13-0 R. S. Central, 3. N. Gaston 22-8 Bes. City, 4. South Point 4-9 Burns, 5. Crest 34-14 Lincolnton, 6. Kings Mtn. 14-6 Cherryville, 7. Hunter Huss 42-12 Olympic, 8. Ashbrook 20-14-2 Tuscola, 9. Clemson 35-6 Wake Forest, 10. Virginia 44-40 N. Carolina, 11. Georgia Tech 12-10 Duke, 12. Penn State 43-22 Maryland, 13. N. C. State 58-25 S. Car.

BOWLING ...right down your alley...

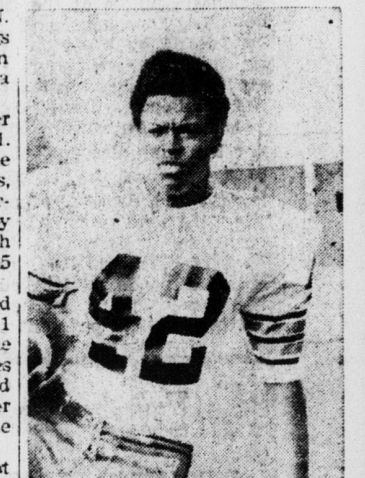
I journeyed to Kannapolis, N. C., last week to watch the Kings Mountain (Mixed) Duckpin League, and also it was quite a long way to go.

Jim Hardy's team won over Ranny Blanton's team 3 to 1. Ronnie Culbertson had a game high of 148 and a 355 series, while John Dilling had a 348 series. Blanton's team was led by Paul Smith with a 108 game high and Betty Hallender with a 315 series.

John Dilling's team turned back Rod Houser's team 3 to 1 also. Jenny Oates had a game high of 137 and a 330 series while John Dilling also chipped in with a 327 series. Rod Houser led his team with a 137 game high and a 327 series.

Albert Brackett's team kept pace by defeating Bob Herndon's team also 3 to 1. Bob Herndon led his team with a 117 game high and a 324 series while Wimp Bowen chipped in with a 305 series. Albert Brackett led his team with a 140 game high and a 358 series while Gerald Hipps, with a 341 series, and Betty Wells, with a 306 series, helped the cause.

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JOHNNY BYERS — Topped as SWC 3-A Player of Week. Johnny rushed for 149 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Byers Tapped Player Of Week

Junior halfback Johnny Byers proved to be a constant thorn in the side to the Cherryville "Ironmen" as he scored both touchdowns to help the "Mountaineers" win 14 to 6 last Friday night.

Byers, a hard running halfback, has been tapped as the Player of the Week by Fulton's Department Store for his outstanding play.

Johnny carried the football 13 times for a total of 149 yards and two touchdowns. The touchdowns came on runs of 49 and 35 yards and both of them came in the second half. Both were spectacular runs from the line of scrimmage.

What makes them even more outstanding is the fact that Johnny was hampered with a leg injury and had to sit out part of the season or else he might have been fighting for the rushing lead in the Southwestern Conference.

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

Sisters-In-Law Fell Two Bucks

Two Kings Mountain women, sisters-in-law, felled two of four bucks killed at Oakland last week.

Mrs. Hunter Neisler claimed an eight-pointer on Monday, first day of the hunt, and Mrs. Harry Page a six-pointer on Tuesday. It was Mrs. Page's "career" fifth.

Other Kings Mountain citizens on the hunt were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arnette, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hunnicutt, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ormand, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Manner, Hunter Neisler and Harry Page.

The group was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neisler, Sr.

CAR-O-LINES

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — Wingback Jimmy Jerome is fast becoming known as one of the most explosive players in University of North Carolina football. He makes things happen.

The Tar Heel junior from Rose Hill, N. C., had another big day at Charlottesville Saturday in the 44-40 loss to the Virginia Cavaliers. He caught five passes for a total of 72 yards and ran from scrimmage once for 12 yards.

Carolina fans can't remember a more determined effort than the one by Jerome which produced a touchdown on the final play of the first half. On that play, quarterback Billy Paschall passed from the Virginia 24 to Jerome who was running at the eight. Three Cavaliers blocked Jerome's path to the end zone, but they couldn't stop him. Jimmy wheeled around, ran low and bowled over the defenders into paydirt.

That play enabled Carolina to take a 31-30 lead into the dressing room at intermission. It capped a fantastic comeback by the Tar Heels.

In Bill Dooley's style of play, the wingback is not a primary ball-carrier. But Jerome has made things happen when he did run with the ball. He has carried six times for 45 yards, an average of 7.5 a snap.

Jimmy leads the Tar Heels in pass receptions with 18 for 207 yards, averaging 11.5 a catch. He has compiled these figures despite the fact that he only alternates at the position, splitting time with senior Ted Leverette.

"Jimmy is doing an outstanding job for us," says Coach Dooley. "He's a good all-around athlete with fine running ability and good hands for catching the football."

A BIG DAY FOR BILLY — Tar Heel quarterback Billy Paschall threw for 254 yards in the loss to Virginia. It was the second most productive passing day in Carolina history.

The only time Carolina gained

TOP PERFORMERS

Coaches singled out some players for special praise in the Virginia game. Among them were Paschall, Jerome and the tailbacks Sammy Johnson, James Betterson and Mike Voight, all of whom ran well.

Tight end Andy Chacco made a fantastic catch and tight end Charles Waddell had four big catches. Split end Earle Bethesda was on the receiving end of four passes.

Top grade in the offensive line went to guard Ken Huff who opened the holes in three touchdown runs. Huff is a strong candidate for all-Atlantic Coast Conference honors.

No one on the defensive team graded well, but freshman defensive back Russ Conley did come up with two big plays. He intercepted a Virginia pass and batted down another Cavalier aerial on a key play.

NOW THE TIGERS — Carolina looks ahead to a home game this Saturday against the highly-improved Clemson Tigers. Coach Red Parker's team has a fine A.C.C. record of 3-1, having topped Wake Forest easily on Saturday.

Clemson leads the overall series with the Tar Heels, having won 11 to 10 for UNC. But Dooley's Tar Heel teams have swept the last four from the Tigers.

It will be Dad's Day in Kenan Stadium with the fathers of Carolina players as the honored guests.