

PROFILE: Coach With His Nose Out Of Joint



MAIDEN HIGH Coach Tom Brown shouts encouragement to his team as they play the Lions of Holbrook at Huss Stadium...



... HALFBACK SAMMY Dellinger hears some of Coach Brown's shouting at close range, but from here it doesn't look encouraging...



... BRGWN'S DIALOGUE with quarterback Barry Spake seems to have left the young griddy in a state of shock, judging from his gaping mouth and wide-eyed stare. But even with these little heart to heart chats Brown's Blue Devils couldn't make a showing...



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LIONS BITE DEVILS 27 - 0 It Was Just One Of Those Nights

By ARNOLD CURTIS
Editor, The Times

Tom Brown can change his underwear now. That is about the only thing good to come out of Friday night's game with the Holbrook Lions at Huss Stadium in Gastonia.

The Maiden Blue Devils went into the game with the spirit they have met and defeated eleven previous teams this season.

Following a brief flurry of activity in the first quarter when Maiden threatened to score, it was Holbrook's ball game.

It looked like Maiden was going to get on the board when Barry Spake passed 34 yards to halfback Allan Bundy. The play carried to Holbrook's nine, but four plays later, Maiden was back to the 23rd, and subsequently, without the ball.

It was hard to do anything but talk football after Maiden ran through Beaver Creek last week. Everyone was keyed up and their remarks were all about the same. Maiden could do no wrong and Beaver Creek couldn't do anything right. Reports were that Maiden was the underdog and Beaver Creek was favored to win. This week Holbrook was the underdog and Maiden would win. Everyone expected Maiden to win the game and the way it looked from all reports, they would.

When Holbrook came on the field Friday night, they had two things going for them. First, they knew they would have to play and play their very best to win. Second, they had Alan Royston.

Royston only weighs 140 pounds, but to quote the Charlotte Observer, he was worth his weight in gold Friday night.

It is unusual to see a player of Royston's size perform as he did on Friday night. It is obvious that he has been doing this well for quite a while. Not to take any credit away from the other ten players on the team, but Royston was a one man show. He was just about impossible to find for the Maiden players.

When he got the ball and started it moving, he covered a lot of ground before our Blue Devils realized where he was and what was happening.

Spirits have been high in Maiden for the past few weeks and following last week's game against Beaver Creek, the thought hadn't entered my mind that Maiden could lose to Holbrook. No one expected us to lose this week. Last week a lot of people had a feeling that Beaver Creek might just take us. Odds were that they would, but this week, it just wasn't in the cards that we could lose.

Even if we lost to Holbrook, we're the same team that played against Beaver Creek the week before, and ten other teams before them and won every game without a lot of trouble. We're just as great as we were before Friday night and everyone in Maiden knows that. We have a team we are proud of and want every member of the squad to know we feel this way. How many teams have brought their towns as much recognition as the Blue Devils have brought Maiden? I would like to speak for Maiden as a whole, we're proud of the 1969 Blue Devils and we are grateful to Tom Brown and Larry Shelton for taking our youth and molding them into the champions they are.

I mentioned at the beginning of this article that one good thing came out of the Friday night game. Actually, there were two good things. Gary Henry, Line Coach at Holbrook, will be able to come home again. He had made the statement that if he didn't beat Maiden on Friday night he wouldn't be able to come home for a long time. The reason for this statement is simple to explain. Gary was born and raised in Maiden and was a Blue Devil for four years. I am sure he had mixed emotions on Friday night.

Congratulations, Gary, you and Bob Jones are to be commended on your championship team. We are looking forward to having you visit Maiden again.

Herman, Meacham And Rice Take Top Honors At Annual Banquet

By TRACY HEFFNER
Times Staff Writer

The Lakeland District Annual Appreciation Banquet was held last Thursday night at the First Baptist Church in Hickory. Scout leaders from all over Catawba County and the Bethlehem community attended.

Top honors of the night went to Henry Herman, Hudson Meacham, and James O. Rice. Herman received the Claude Abernethy Award, an honor presented to the person contributing the most for scouting over a long period of time. Meacham received the Unit Leader of the Year Award. His unit has had an outstanding record during the past year. Rice received the Scout of the Year Award. This is given to a person other than a unit leader who serves on the district level, and who contributed most to scouting over the past year.

Mr. Walter Brady was presented the Veterans Certificate for 30 years in scouting. Advancement is the key to success for the boys. "One of the greatest sources of pride for a Scoutmaster comes when he has led a boy to the summit of scouting, attainment of the Eagle Rank." Nine Scoutmasters were recognized for leading one or two members of their troops to Eagle ranking.

More and Company and Belk-Broome Co. were presented certificates of appreciation for supplying the boys with uniforms and other necessary scouting equipment.

Members of the press, radio, and television receiving certificates of appreciation were: radios, WNNC, WIRC, WKHY, & WSPF; television WKHY; and news media, Hickory Daily Record, Observer News Enterprise, and The Maiden Times.

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Serving Maiden, "A Town With A Future"



MAIDEN CARRIES THE BALL.—Mervin Miles, No. 40 carries the ball for Maiden as his team mates Reggie Rogers, No. 30 and Alex Williams, No. 72 block for him. Ronnie Bumgardner.

Day Out For Shut-Ins Sponsored By Christian Asso.

A day out for shut-ins is being sponsored on December 11 by the Maiden Christian Cooperative Association. It was reported in last week's Maiden Times that the First United Methodist Church was the sponsor for this outing.

Escorts for the shut-ins should pick up a wheel chair at the First United Methodist Church and go for the "guest" and take them to the Catawba Mall, arriving there at 10 a.m. Each escort will give their guest a new five dollar bill furnished by the Maiden Christian Cooperative Association to spend at the Mall. Escorts will push the guest around the Mall shopping until 11:15 a.m. From here the guests will be taken to The Holiday Inn for luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Each escort will be responsible for the cost of his lunch, \$2.75, and is invited to attend a music program to be given by Margaret and Linda Rose. Rev. Billy Trull will be the guest speaker. After the luncheon, each escort will take his guest home and return the wheel chairs to the church.

If you wish to make a donation to this very wonderful outing for the older citizens of our town, call Lamar Murray of Route 1, Maiden, N.C. At least two escorts will be required for each guest for their comfort and safety. Rev. William Bobbitt will be glad to have persons call in the blind and physically incapacitated people who ought to have wheel

chairs for getting around in the Mall stores. Each pastor has been asked to send in the names of those from their churches who will go.

Churches, Sunday School classes and community organiza-

tions are being asked for sponsorship to take these persons on such an experience.

We are very grateful for the response thus far and want to be sure to serve all those in the area who should be invited.



Our mystery photo last week was correctly identified as Harold Tester by Coy Auton, our second caller of many calls. He is having his free six month's subscription sent to Mrs. Clegg Arndt, of 81 West Townsend Ave. in Gastonia. Our little girl in the high chair in this week's photo is certainly well known around Maiden and any hint would give her identity. If you can correctly identify this week's mystery photo, call The Times Office after 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon. You could be the winner of a free six month's subscription.

United Service Tonight

"A Union of Churches" Thanksgiving Service will be held tonight, November 26, at the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Reverend William Bobbitt, Jr., President of the Maiden Ministerial Association, will be presiding over the service. Rev. Garland Elliott will be host pastor.

Dennis Ellis, Rev. M. L. Parker, Rev. R. N. Lockhart, Rev. Jimmy Herron, the Maiden High School Band, and the Boy Scouts of America will be participating in this service.

Miss Denise Harbinson will be the High School speaker for the evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ronald Harbinson of 1011 Union Street. Denise is a senior at Maiden High School and is active in the science, pep, FHA, and library clubs. She is the Business Manager of the Maldonian. A member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Denise sings in the church choir.

This will indeed be an impressive service. Everyone is invited to come and worship together in this time of thanksgiving.



DENISE HARBINSON

VFW MEETING POSTPONED

The VFW meeting has been postponed until next Thursday night, Dec. 4. It was originally set for Thursday night.

Town Office Closed Thursday

Maiden Town Office will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving. Garbage will be picked up on Monday and Friday and will resume regular pickups the following week. There will be no leaf pick-up this week.



ROGER DALE ALEXANDER

Dale Alexander Is Vietnam War Victim

Local residents were saddened last week with the news of the death of Sp/4 Roger Dale Alexander in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Alexander of the Mays Chapel community were notified late Wednesday of the death of their son. Details of the incident were not complete, but it was due to hostile enemy action.

Information says that Dale died on November 18 at 7:30 a.m. Dale arrived in Vietnam on May 13, 1969.

Dale was a personnel and Weapons Carrier driver with the 4th Infantry Division on the Cambodian border. It was reported that he had been involved in heavy combat a great deal during his time in Vietnam.

Mr. Alexander had heard from Dale concerning his being injured on October 17. The report was that he had received shrapnel wounds in the chest and had some ear damage. He was out of action for a week and returned to his unit. Dale had not written his mother telling her about being injured and Mr. Alexander had not told

his family about hearing from Dale until after the tragic news of last Wednesday.

Dale entered the Army one year ago this month. He underwent basic training at Fort Bragg and went from there to Camp Polk, La., where he had his advanced infantry training.

The Alexander's have one other son, Terry, who completed a tour of duty in Vietnam the summer of 1968. Terry is married to the former LaVerne Abernethy of Maiden. They also live in the Mays Chapel community.

Dale was the grandson of Mrs. Mary Alexander and Mrs. Claude Sigmon, both from the Maiden area.

A very active student at Maiden High School, Dale is remembered for his action on the football field. His nick name was "Cub", his older brother Terry was known as "Bear". He played guard and was Co-captain of the 1967 football team.

His school credits from the Maldonian read as follows: Monogram Club, 3-4; President of the Monogram Club 4; J. V. football 1-2, Varsity football, 3-4, Co-Captain of the team his senior year. Track-1, President of Sophomore Class, 2, Junior - Senior Walter-2; During his Junior year he was on the Junior-Senior decorating committee.

In addition to being the football team Co-captain his senior year, he was honored as the Monogram Club President, Senior Favorite and as Best School Spirit.

His pastor, the Rev. Fletcher Andrews of Mays Chapel Methodist Church said of Dale, "he was one of the most outstanding boys I have ever known in every way. He was President of M. Y. F. at Mays Chapel Methodist Church. Dale knew the value of the things in life that count."

JC Paper Drive To Be Held Sunday

The Maiden Jaycees will have a paper drive Sunday, November 30. The drive will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until four p.m. Anyone having scrap paper, magazines, and cardboard should tie them in a bundle and leave it on the sidewalk or curb in front of their homes or bring them to the Harris Teeter parking lot.

The Claremont, Hickory and Newton-Conover Jaycees will also be having a paper drive at this time.