

Sports Mirror

by Tony Tompkins

With only three more weeks to go in college football, two of the Atlantic Coast Conference's top teams, the North Carolina "Tar Heels" and the North Carolina State "Wolfpack," have received bowl bids and accepted them. N.C. State will play in the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia against West Virginia on December 29th and North Carolina will play in the Sun Bowl December 30th in El Paso, Texas, against Texas Tech. It is an extreme pleasure to be able to announce that both teams are excellent and I predict victories for both of them.

I have really been surprised with the way that the Carolina defense has come of age in the past four games and the growing up of quarterback Nick Vidnovic has been something else to see. The "Heels" may be able to have their best won-lost record ever if they can beat East Carolina, Florida and Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl. With these three games, their possible won-lost record would read eleven and one, something that no other Carolina team has ever done. They are both outstanding on defense as well as offense and that is some credit to their fine coach, Bill Dooley. I do believe that coach Dooley is the finest coach the "Tar Heels" have ever had, but if he heard me say this, he would certainly deny it. Anyway, lots of luck to Dooley and his "Heels." And for all of the "Wolfpack" followers, here's hoping that they beat West Virginia and bring home some more glory for the Tar Heel State.

Speaking of bowl games, North Carolina Central of Durham will play in the Pelican Bowl in Louisiana. It also looks as if East Carolina may get to play in the Tangerine Bowl. That would give North Carolina at least four teams in the bowls for 1972. Not bad, huh?

The Shelby High "Golden Lions" turned back Lenoir to the tune of 27 to 12 Friday night and will play host to Mooresville, an upset winner over Statesville by 28 to 19, this Friday night in Shelby starting at 8 o'clock. If Shelby wins, and I predict that they will, it will give the "Lions" a chance to win the WNCSSAA crown and possibly make them the number one 3-A team in the state. Coach Allen's teams really deserve the ranking and our best wishes go with him.

In college basketball in this area, the Gardner-Webb "Bulldogs" opened their

G-W Gets Sears Grant

Gardner-Webb College is one of 41 private colleges and universities in North Carolina selected to receive part of \$48,900 grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Gardner-Webb's share is \$1,500. The library grant to Gardner-Webb is designed to supplement the normal book acquisition budget.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among more than 950 private, accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,500,000 in Sears Foundation funds.

Nationally, private colleges and universities will receive \$1,000,000 in unrestricted grants and an additional \$500,000 through a Sears Foundation program to assist college and university libraries.

In presenting the check to Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of the college, Ted Wilkins, manager of Sears-Roebuck in Shelby stated, "We are most happy to be able to present this check to Gardner-Webb."

Dr. Poston replied, "We are grateful for the interest Sears-Roebuck shows for private colleges and especially for the interest they are showing toward Gardner-Webb in presenting us this check."

HEATH ORDERS FREEZE
London - Prime Minister Edward Heath has ordered a wage and price freeze to curb Britain's inflation and to keep the weakened pound from creating a new international monetary crisis.

season with a 99 to 79 decision over Pikeville, Kentucky, at Bowling Springs on Saturday night. Jim Blanks with 32 points and John Drew with 23 points led the "Bulldogs."

This Saturday night, the North Carolina "Tar Heels" will play host to Biscayne College of Florida. On Monday, Appalachian State visits N.C. State; on Tuesday, Georgia Tech plays Clemson; Wednesday, its Brown at Maryland; Friday, its Atlantic Christian at N.C. State and on Saturday, the 2nd of December, we have Clemson at Davidson; William & Mary at Duke; Washington & Lee at Virginia; Maryland at Richmond and Pittsburgh at North Carolina.

Well, I did a little bit better in the prediction business this week by hitting 17 right and having only 3 wrong. This brings my predictions for the season to 157 right, 36 wrong and 4 ties for an .813 percentage. That helps quite a lot, so here I go again.

November 23rd: Nebraska over Oklahoma 28 to 21 (Cornhuskers have too much depth)

Texas over Texas A.&M 42 to 14 (No contest)

November 25th: Virginia Tech over Wake Forest 28 to 7 (Strock will throw and throw)

Rice over T.C.U. 21 to 12 Penn State over Pittsburgh 35 to 7

South Carolina over Clemson 24 to 21 (Tigers on way down)

North Carolina over East Carolina 35 to 7 (Heels are too strong)

Arizona State over Arizona 21 to 7

Texas Tech over Arkansas 21 to 12 (Tech headed for Sun Bowl)

S.M.U. over Baylor 14 to 12 Columbia over Brown 24 to 6

Cornell over Princeton 14 to 7

Dartmouth over Pennsylvania 21 to 14

L.S.U. over Florida 21 to 14 (Bayou Tigers will show claws)

Purdue over Indiana 24 to 12

Illinois over Iowa 28 to 6

Missouri over Kansas 28 to 0

Tennessee over Kentucky 17 to 0

Michigan State over Northwestern 28 to 7

Michigan over Ohio State 21 to 14 (Michigan wants the Rose Bowl)

Well, let's wait and see how the final tally will come out for this year. Maybe, I can stay lucky one more week. I'll try to pick all of the Bowl winners in the next couple of weeks.

You can't judge a country by what its opposing politicians say about each other.

Basketball- Mountaineer Style This Week

By Tony Tompkins

The 1972-73 edition of the Kings Mountain High School basketball season opened at North Gaston this past Monday night. The Mountaineers won't play again until December 1st when they travel to Crest High School for the Tipoff Tourney.

Coach Allen Dixon's Mountaineers should be in the thick of the conference race this time around, along with Shelby, East Rutherford and Crest. The lack of depth and size may hurt the Mounties but they also have quickness and experience on their side. Mike Thombs, Butch Blalock, Wendall Dawkins and Randy Wingo are the returnees for the Mounties while coming up from the jayvees will be Mike Adams. If Adams comes around real soon, then the Mounties can go all the way.

Coach Blaine Froneberger's girls will have to do a rebuilding job around All-conference player Debra Crockett. Other returnees for the Mountaineers will be Karen and Kathy Ledford and Ann Hambricht, all of whom were on the reserves

last year. Froneberger says that everything depends on what Crockett is able to do for them.

MOUNTIE SCHEDULE

- NOVEMBER
17- At West Lincoln (scrimmage)
20- At North Gaston!
DECEMBER
1-2- Tipoff Tourney at Crest K.M., Burns, Shelby, Crest
4- Bessemer City!
8- At South Point.
11- Crest
15- East Rutherford
19- At Lincolnton
JANUARY
5- At Burns
9- Cherryville
12- At Shelby
16- At R-S Central
19- Chase
23- South Point
26- At Crest
30- At East
FEBRUARY
2- Lincolnton
6- Burns
9- At Cherryville
13- Shelby
16- R-S Central
20- At Chase
*Non-conference games.

Baby Mountaineers Slide By Charlotte 7-6

The Kings Mountain Mighty Mites, led by linebacker Eugene Odoms, eased past Long Creek Optimist of Charlotte, 7-6, in a hard fought defensive football game played in Charlotte Saturday.

The Baby Mountaineers scored the first time they had their hands on the ball, as Quarterback Barry Lingberger crashed over from the one. Jody Deaton added the vital extra point as he raced around left end for

the conversion. Long Creek scored the second time they had their hands on the ball as their left halfback raced 40 yards

for their lone score. The attempted conversion failed as the local forces tried the middle of the tough Baby Mountaineer line for the extra point.

Eugene Odoms was the defensive Standout of the contest, making several unassisted tackles in leading the Baby Mountaineers to their fourth victory of the year.

Miron White and Jody Deaton received trophies for being the Outstanding offensive back and offensive lineman of the game respectively.

Kings Mountain, coached by Joe Cornwell, finished the season with a 4-6-1 record. Coach Cornwell praised the defensive efforts of Odoms. He also praised Herbie Beam, Tim Patterson, and Tony Smith for their Outstanding defensive efforts.

Offensively he sighted Lingberger, White, and Deaton. "Barry's a real leader," Cornwell said, referring to Lingberger. "He's a real 'cool' operator on the field.

Chess Tournament Yields Trophy Winners

Seventy-six players participated in the 1972 JENKINS' EAR SPECIAL, a three-round, nationally rated chess tournament sponsored by the Shelby Chess Club. This event, the fourth and final open tournament to be sponsored by the Shelby Chess Club this year, was held on November 18 at Shelby High School. The JENKINS' EAR SPECIAL was named in commemoration of English Master Mariner Robert Jenkins, who, by having his ear cut off, helped precipitate the War of Jenkins' Ear between England and Spain (1739-41).

The field of seventy-six players was divided into nineteen sections of four, and each section played a round-robin. Every player played one game against each of the other three in his section. The winner of each section received a trophy.

Trophy winners were Charles Walter, R. Grady Brown, J. Mike Collins, William Archer, Ralph Martin, Bruce Payne, H.I. Huffman, Sommers Douglass, Tad Adams, John T. Davis, Mac Lindsay, John Egan, Daryl Landis, Fred Turner, Edward Dromgoole, Ray King, Bobby Goodyear, W.L. Parrish, and Joseph Huldener, Jr.

Now in its fourth year (founded in October 1969) the Shelby Chess Club is completing its second year

of sponsoring open, rated tournaments. The Shelby Chess Club is an affiliate of the U.S. Chess Federation, and as such, offers national recognition to players participating in Shelby tournaments. Tournament players receive a numerical rating from the USCF which indicates their playing strength. The Shelby Chess Club meets each Thursday evening in the Sunday School Building of the Ascension Lutheran Church, 302 North Lafayette St., and welcomes visitors. Chess instruction is provided.

Before saying "never," remember "never" is along, long time.



Floyd Thornburg, Kings Mountain Fire Chief poses with his prizes pulled from his turnip patch Monday morning. Floyd pulled the giant turnips and for curiosity sake put 'em on the scales. The one on the left weighed in at five pounds, including the greens naturally, and the second weighed a shade less. Floyd's "secret" or so he claims is sowing the seeds farther apart than one would normally. We don't know the quality of the gargantuans but there certainly is a lot of quantity there!

Mountaineers Sweep North Gaston In Doubleheader

The Kings Mountain "Mountaineers" traveled to North Gaston to open their 1972-73 basketball season last night and came away with a clean sweep of the action.

The "Mountaineers" surprised everyone by coming away with a 54 to 26 victory in the opener. The K-M girls were led by all-conference Debra Crockett who scored 23 points for the night's work. Karen Ledford added 11 points in the game for Kings Mountain.

Despite leading 26 to 25 at the half in the boys game, plus having the high scorer in the game (Mike Lineberger tallied 21 points), the North Gaston boys fell to the Mountaineers by the score of 47 to 44. Mike Thombs and Butch Blalock led the winners with 16 points apiece.

- BOYS GAME**
KINGS MTN. (47) POS. F
Dawkins (2) F
Wingo (6) F
Thombs (16) C
Blalock (16) G
Adams (2) G
McGill (3) G
Leach (2) G
NORTH GASTON (44) POS. F
Clark (7) F
Summey (3) C
Russello (3) G
Robinson (10) G
Lineberger (21) G

GIRLS GAME
KINGS MTN. (54) POS. F
Crockett (23) F
K. Ledford (11) F
C. Ledford (6) C
Proctor (6) G

JOY

SHOWS WED-THUR, 3:00-4:35-6:10-7:45-9:20
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