Troutman Middle School's Yell Brigade

These girls direct organized vocal encouragement that inspires young athletes at Troutman Middle School. These are the leather-lunged ladies who make up the school's cheerleader corps. With arms raised are, from left, chief Ginger Thompson, Michelle Oliphant, Cindy Benfield and co-chief Pam Shaver. Standing in center are Anita Hoke, left, and Jeannie Clark. On one knee are, from left, Robin Blackwelder, Kelly Austin, Ginger Sigmon and Beth Barbee.

Devil-Viking Rivalry Resumes Here Friday

Throw out the record books, statistics, relative strengths and weaknesses when two old rivals meet on the gridiron, the saying goes.

The annual renewal of the hostilities between Mooresville and South Iredell for the football supremacy of south end of the county is no exception.

The game, also known as the 'Cival War' of neighbor Blue Devils and Vikings, is set for 8 p.m. Friday at the Devils' Tramping Ground.

Mooresville comes into the game after an impressive 37-7 win at East Rowan. South defeated North Davidson on its home field by a 6-2 count.

The Blue Devils record stands at 5-1 in the conference, keeping coach Gary Karriker's charges in a first place tie with North Rowan in the Division One and over all NPC standings.

The Vikings pulled their conference mark to 3-3 with last week's victory, but stand 3-5 overall. The Blue Devils record is 6-2 in all games.

The Vikings-Devils clash will again match the irresistable force meeting the immovable object.

South, noted for its stingy defense, will be out to put a damper on Mooresville's powerful offensive machine that is averaging nearly 360 yards per game in total offense.

The Vikings will also be trying to keep its mathematical chances alive for gaining a playoff spot in Division Two. Should Davie County lose its two remaining contests and South win theirs, the Vikings would be in.

Both coaches respect what the opposing teams are capable of doing going into the contest.

Coach Bill Mayhew of South says that Mooresville will present some problems for the Vikings, but he will be looking for his defense to rise to the occasion and stop the Mooresville offense.

Karriker notes that South has really improved in its last five games, losing only to Statesville and Davie County while winning three. The coach said that the Vikings also have some good personnel that could cause the Devils problems.

The Blue Devil coach was highly pleased with the team's performance in the East Rowan contest.

"I've got to credit our fellows with their finest overall team performance of the season," Karriker said. "We had some outstanding individual performances, but everyone really did a good job so let's give credit to everybody."

Fine First Year For Troutman Middle School Gridders

Troutman Middle School, which offers seventh and eighth grades, is fielding a football team this season for the first time. The new team, which is playing a six-game schedule, has its fans exciting with its performance that has produced a 3-1 record going into this afternoon's (Thursday) contest at East Iredell. Members of the team are, bottom row from left: Mike Young, Robert Sipes, Robert Cowan, Brian Berry, Tom Brawley, Kim Beam, Mark Morton, Ricky Blankenship, Robert Graham, Ted Sherrill, and David Mayberry. Second row: Rex Houghton, Mike Day, Brett Beaver, Scott Freeland, Mike Kirkland, Bruce Foster, Bubba Walton, Dale Knight, Mike Leatherwood, Mike Stapleton and Tim O'Connor. Third row: Rydell Cowan, Scott Lail, Dean Carrico, Mike Gibbs, Ronnie Broome, Bob Messick, David Brown, Billy Ervin, Marty Tyler, and Leslie Clark. Top row: Chuck Awanna, Jack Jackson, Freddie Marsh, Clyde Williams, Mike Hurlocker, Don Smith, David Van Ayken, Mark Gardner and Joel Mullaly. The coaches are George Campbell, Mike O'Connor, Amos Falk and Michael Edwards.

Interesting Bits Of Information About NPC, SPC Football Races

The South Piedmont Conference high school football playoffs will have a familiar look on Nov. 16. Either Thomasville or Salisbury will again be in the playoffs.

In the past five years, either Thomasville or Salisbury has won one of the playoff berths. Thomasville made the post-season contest in both 1968 and 1972. Salisbury was a playoff team in 1970 and 1971.

The two SPC powers are setting the pace in the conference standings with two weeks to play. They tangle on Friday night in the top game in either of the SPC or North Piedmont Conference at Salisbury's Ludwig Stadium.

Thomasville goes into the game with a 7-1 overall record and a 6-0 conference mark. The Bulldogs won their sixth straight game on Friday by a score of 33-6 over preseason favorite Kannapolis.

Coach Allen Brown's Tomcats weren't overly impressive in the first two games against 4-A foes, beating Greensboro Smith by 7-0 and losing to High Point Central by 18-7. But the Bulldogs haven't been stopped since the loss to High Point.

Salisbury enters this week's big battle with a 7-1 conference mark and a 5-1 overall record. The Hornets of coach Pete Stout lost to Lexington, 14-13, after five straight victories. Salisbury bounced back with a 14-7 win over Kannapolis and a 19-7 victory over Statesville last Friday.

Salisbury leads the overall series, 6-2, losing by 6-0 in 1967 and by 46-0 score in 1968. Salisbury teams topped the Tommies twice in the 1930's. In the modern era, Salisbury has won four of six and four in a row.

Only two Salisbury-Thomasville games have been close. Thomasville's 1967 win and Salisbury 10-7 squeaker last year are games that have gone down to the wire.

If Thomasville triumphs, the Bulldogs will clinch the conference championship and a playoff berth. If Salisbury wins, the two teams will be tied for the top spot with one week to play.

Neither team has clinched a playoff berth. If Thomasville loses its final two games, Lexington could tie the Bulldogs in the standings. Salisbury could clinch a playoff spot by winning its final two games, but the Hornets could also be tied by Lexington if Salisbury loses once.

Lexington (4-2) could win its final two games and finish in a two-way or three-way tie for the conference crown.

Kannapolis (3-2-1) has been knocked out of the title race, but the Little Wonders could still gain the second spot in the standings and a playoff berth by winning both their remaining contests.

Other SPC games set this week include Concord at Lexington, Albemarle at Statesville, and Trinity at Kannapolis. Asheboro goes outside the conference, playing host to Reidsville.

The final weekend on Nov. 9 includes the following games: Asheboro at Salisbury, Kannapolis at Concord, Lexington at Thomasville, and Statesville at Trinity.

In the North Piedmont, it appears that either North Rowan or Mooresville of Division One will play Davie County of Division Two in the playoffs.

North Rowan and Mooresville lead Division One with 5-1 records and they play each other on Nov. 9. West Rowan is in third place with a 4-1-1 record after a shocking 14-14 tie with North Stanly on Friday.

West Rowan's only hope for a playoff berth is for both North Rowan and Mooresville to lose once in the final two weeks, or for the two teams to tie each other. If West wins its final two games and the North-Mooresville tilt ends in a tie, there would be a three-way deadlock for first place in the divisional standings.

In case of a three-way tie, the conference coaches vote to determine the playoff team.

In Division Two, Davie County has the advantage with a game and game-and-a-half lead, but both Iredell and surprising North Iredell are still in the running.

Coach Bill Peeler's Davie club is 4-1-1 after a 28-28 tie with North Iredell on Friday. South Iredell is 3-3 and North Iredell stands 2-3-1.

If Davie wins either of its final two games against North Davidson and East Rowan, the War Eagles will be in the playoffs. If the War Eagles lose once, they will still get the berth.

However, two Davie losses coupled with two wins by either South Iredell or North Iredell would knock Davie out of it. Neither South Iredell or North Iredell can afford a loss in the final two weeks.

A contest matching Rowan County rivals is set Friday. East Rowan's stumping Mustangs play at West Rowan. East will be trying to snap a four-game losing streak and end West's already slim playoff hopes. West will be trying to bounce back from the tie with North Stanly, which is winless in the conference.

Other games set Friday include South Rowan at North Iredell, North Rowan at North Stanly, South Iredell at Mooresville, and North Davidson at Davie County.

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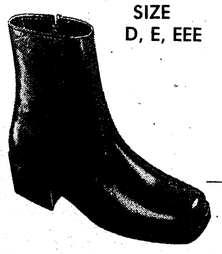

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Piedmont Standings, Schedule

SOUTH PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

	Conf. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Thomasville	5	0	0	7	1	0
Salisbury	5	1	0	7	1	0
Lexington	4	2	0	6	2	0
Kannapolis	3	2	0	5	2	1
Concord	3	3	0	5	3	0
Albemarle	3	3	0	4	3	1
Asheboro	2	4	1	2	5	1
Statesville	1	4	0	3	4	0
Trinity	0	6	0	0	8	0

NORTH PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

Division One

	Conf. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
North Rowan	5	1	0	6	2	0
Mooresville	5	1	0	6	2	0
West Rowan	4	1	1	5	3	1
North Stanly	0	4	2	1	5	2
North Davidson	0	5	1	1	6	1

Division Two

	Conf. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Davie County	4	1	1	6	1	1
South Iredell	3	3	0	3	5	0
North Iredell	2	3	1	3	5	1
East Rowan	1	5	0	1	7	0
South Rowan	0	5	1	1	7	0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Salisbury 19, Statesville 7
North Rowan 29, South Rowan 0
Mooresville 37, East Rowan 7
West Rowan 14, North Stanly 14 (tied)
Thomasville 33, Kannapolis 6
Davie County 28, North Iredell 28 (tied)
Asheboro at Trinity 8
Albemarle at Lexington 39
South Iredell 8, North Davidson 2
Concord 23, Northwest Cabarrus 19

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Thomasville at Salisbury
East Rowan at West Rowan
South Rowan at North Iredell
North Rowan at North Stanly
North Davidson at Davie County
South Iredell at Mooresville
Albemarle at Statesville
Concord at Lexington
Trinity at Kannapolis
Reidsville at Asheboro

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Vikings Squeeze Past North Davidson, 6-2

South Iredell's Vikings took over sole possession of second place in Division II of the North Piedmont Conference Friday night by downing North Davidson, 6-2, in a football clash at North Davidson.

The Vikings, who have a chance at winning the division's post-season playoff berth, are 3-3 in the NPC, trailing first-place Davie County by one-and-a-half games.

Each team has two games to play.

South Iredell won the game on a 10-yard touchdown pass, Kim Newton to Danny Ervin, with less than five minutes showing on the clock.

North Davidson moved the ball to the Viking one-yard line, but South Iredell recovered a fumble by North Davidson's Gary Boyd with 50 seconds left in the game.

After being halted in three plays, the Vikings didn't punt but fell on the ball in their own end zone for a North Davidson safety.

The outstanding individual performance of the game was turned in by North Davidson's Bill Jones, who carried the ball 19 times for 104 yards.

Ivan Cowan of South Iredell gained 73 yards in 12 carries.

Both teams had a potent offensive night, but neither was able to put points on the board until the final period of the hard-fought tilt. Turnovers also played a big part in the lack of markers on the scoreboard.

THE YARDSTICK

S. Iredell		N. Davidson
13	First Downs	11
181	Yds. Gained Rushing	196
15	Yds. Lost Rushing	12
166	Net Yds. Rushing	184
3-13	Passes Att.-Comp.	1-4
45	Yds. Gained Passing	3
1	Interceptions By	1
21	Yds. Interc. Ret.	6
7-3	Fumbles, Lost	4-4
3, 39	Punts, Average	6, 40
11	Yds. All Kicks Ret.	62
60	Yds. Penalized	55

Score by quarters:

North Davidson	0	0	0	2—2
South Iredell	0	0	0	6—6

SI — Ervin, 10, pass from Newton (run failed).

ND — South's Billy Benfield tackled in end zone.

Davidson Trustees Okay 'Positive' Athletic Plan

The trustees of Davidson College Friday approved a plan for a "positive and realistic" athletic program for the college, including changes in the scheduling and funding of football, strong support for nationally-competitive basketball, and a general upgrading of other elements of the athletic program.

"This is a positive move forward for Davidson athletics," said Dr. Hugh Verner, chairman of the trustees' athletics and physical education committee. "Our objective is a strong and broad program of intercollegiate competition with a goal of success at a realistic level for each sport.

"For our football team, this means a less demanding schedule," Verner continued. "preferable consisting primarily of institutions with objectives similar to Davidson's. We will remain in the Southern Conference and continue to play some Conference teams. We will also schedule more teams outside the Conference which are similar to Davidson."

The college will continue to provide financial aid to football players but limit aid to the "demonstrated financial need" of each student. It will also maintain support for all other elements of the football program "at a reasonable level, including active and intensive recruiting on the Ivy League model."

The board directed that Davidson's national basketball program be maintained "at full strength; that the goal of this program be to maintain a level of quality comparable to the highest level so far achieved; and that the basic expenses for the program such as grants-in-aid, coaches' salaries, travel, and recruiting be funded by the college."

In addition to plans for football and basketball, the trustees voted "that other intercollegiate athletic teams, including women's teams, be supported financially at a level which would enable them to make a positive contribution to the over-all athletic program."

Verner emphasized that "this plan results from the shared ideas of Davidson's students, faculty, staff, trustees, and directors of the Wildcat Athletic Club. We believe that by giving all our teams a better chance at a winning season, we will increase everyone's support and enthusiasm for Davidson athletics."

Other elements of the trustee-approved plan call for:

—"A well-planned and developed physical education program which demands not only a basic proficiency in selected sports, but also a reasonable knowledge of such health-related subjects as human sexuality, alcohol and drugs, and mental and physical hygeine"

—Further development of Davidson's program of intramural and club sports;

—Greater attention to "lifetime or carry-over sports." such as golf and tennis.

—And "sound financial management and reasonable cost."

Trustees requested that the Wildcat Club, which has raised more than $100,000 a year recently mainly for football scholarships, "broaden the scope of its fund-raising effort to supplement the funding of the entire intercollegiate athletic program."

General improvements in athletic facilities were also recommended.

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Devil Defense, Offense Buck East Rowan, 37-7

Mooresville's Blue Devils lassoed East Rowan's Mustangs 37-7 at Salisbury Friday night, capping the conference win with a 22-point outburst in the second half.

Although Mooresville's passing game again was non-existent, Johnny Walker, David Mullis and company provided more than enough power on the ground to halter-break the ponies of East.

Senior halfback Walker galloped over, around and through the Mustangs for 218 yards and three touchdowns. Fullback Mullis, also a senior, accounted for 124 yards, a touchdown and a field goal.

Walker gave his most spectacular performance of the year. In addition to his work in the offensive backfield, he intercepted a pass that led to a TD, and he sacked the quarterback, scooped up the ball and came within a hairbreadth of scoring on the singlehanded defensive play.

The Mustang offense was hobbled effectively by a Devil defense that drew lavish praise from coach Gary Karriker and his staff. East's only score came after a pass-interference penalty and a 15-yard personal foul against Mooresville inside the 30 gave the Mustangs the ball on the four.

Passing yardage for Mooresville was an even zero, but an awesome 404 yards on the ground gave the winners a respectable total offense.

Bob Craig, junior signal-caller, started for the Devils and he attempted only two throws, neither of which was caught or intercepted. Craig gained 19 yards running, Paul Brown produced 15 yards and a touchdown, and Terrell Rhye accounted for 28 yards to round out the ball-carrying duties.

Mooresville took the lead on its first possession, and the Devils never were headed. Mullis bulldozed his way in from the two with 4:11 left in the first period. His kick was wide, and the locals held a 6-zip advantage.

The two teams then traded fumbles. Tony Hager pounced on an East bobble, but before Mooresville could capitalize on the break, Walker lost the handle and East's Rich Vanhoy recovered. Seven plays later, Walker avenged his mistake by picking off an Allen Thompson pass.

This time, the locals did convert the turnover into points. On the fifth play of the series, Walker burst through the line and zipped past everybody 53 yards to the goal line. Craig passed to Hager for the extra points and a 14-0 edge with 5:59 remaining in the half.

But East would not play dead. Mullis fumbled late in the second quarter and East recovered and took advantage of the break. In a drive that started at the Mooresville 44, quarterback Thompson directed a 14-play effort that enabled him to slip across with 43 seconds left in the half. Vanhoy was the big man in the drive. He rushed six times for 33 of the 44 yards. The extra-point kick was good and the teams went to the dressing rooms with Mooresville holding a 14-7 lead.

It was all Mooresville in the second half. Mullis, who entered the game with 917 yards for the year, cracked the 1,000-yard barrier during the offensive display. His 124 yards Friday night gave the 5-10, 205-pound plediriver 1,041 yards in eight games. Walker came into Fridays contest with 696 for the campaign, and he came home with an 894 total.

Mooresville's first score of the second half came on a 21-yard Mullis field goal.

Walker got the call on the next touchdown to end a drive that began after the Devil defenders forced East to punt. Walker dashed in from 15 yards out to move the score to 24-7 with eight seconds left in the third quarter.

The winners raised their victory insurance policies twice in the final period. Walker got his third TD on a one-yard burst with 6:47 remaining. The speedy Walker set up this score with a 60-yard scamper to the three.

Junior halfback Paul Brown wrapped up scoring for the locals with 14 seconds to play. Brown ran in from the seven, the point-after effort failed and the score stood at 37-7.

The Blue Devils, now carrying a season mark of 6-2 overall and 5-1 in North Piedmont play, take on county rival South Iredell at home this week.

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5.60-14	2 for $47	$1.53	6.00-15	2 for $48	$1.82
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