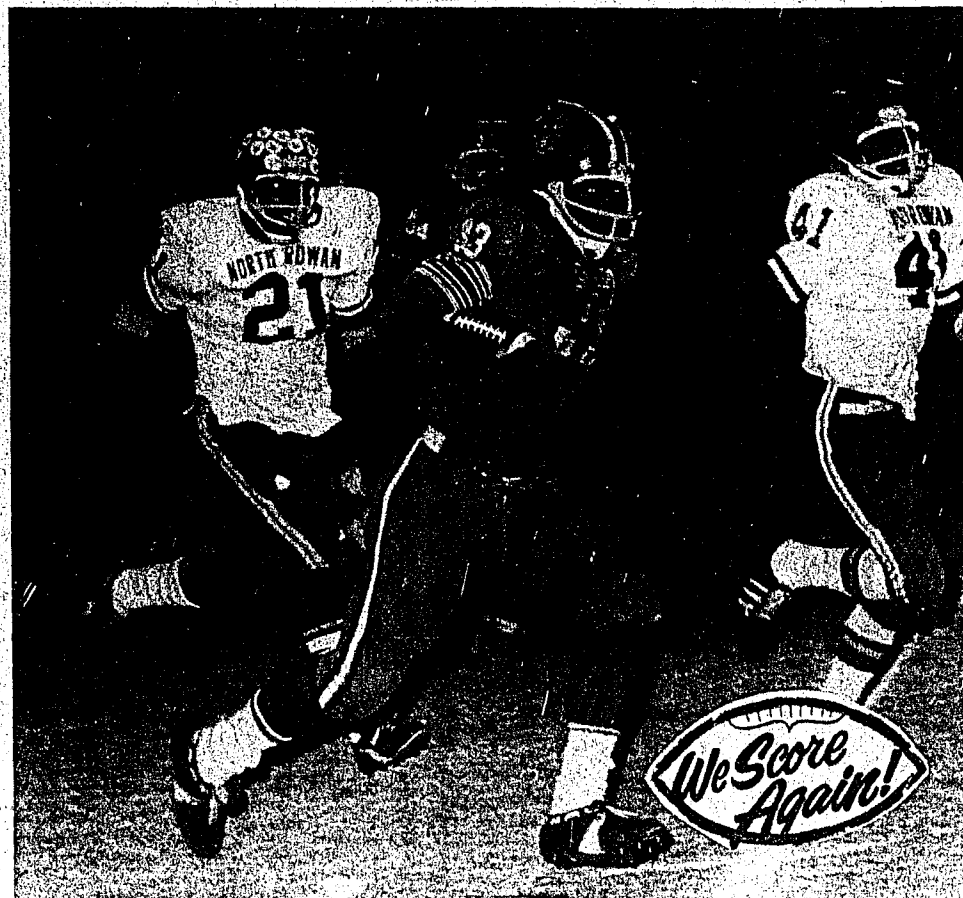




DAVID MULLIS BULLS FINAL 10 YARDS FOR 2ND DEVIL SCORE
Touchdown Gave Mooresville 14-7 Lead In 2nd Quarter



JOHNNY WALKER RACES TO BLUE DEVILS' FIRST TOUCHDOWN
25 Yard Score Came On Last Play Of 1st Quarter

Piedmont Standings, Schedule

Team	Conf.	Overall
Thomasville	10-1	11-1
Salisbury	9-2	10-2
Kannapolis	8-3	9-3
Concord	7-4	8-4
Waxhaw	6-5	7-5
Asheboro	5-6	6-6
Trinity	4-7	5-7

Team	Conf.	Overall
Mooresville	10-1	11-1
North Rowan	9-2	10-2
North Stanly	8-3	9-3
North Davidson	7-4	8-4
Davidson	6-5	7-5
Davidson	5-6	6-6
Davidson	4-7	5-7

Mullally Leads SI's Jayvees

South Iredell's junior varsity football team concluded its 1973 season with a 5-4 overall record and a 3-1 mark in the conference.

The Baby Vikings outscored the opposition, 114-89, in the nine games they played during the season under the coaching of Dean Saffos.

Wins were recorded over Bandys (16-9), West Rowan (16-0), Devle (6-0), East Rowan (18-14) and Bandys (34-6). The team lost to South Rowan (18-0), North Rowan (8-0), Statesville (27-14) and Bunker Hill (18-14).

Ten different players scored for the Baby Vikings during the season and they were led by Mike Mullally with 42 points. Following, in order, were James Case with 16, Tim Mills with 14, Mel Arey and Felix Graham with eight each, Johnny Shoaf, Wesley Duncan, Tim Menster and Charles Campbell with six each and Bill Cheney with two.

Blue Devils Win 2nd Straight NPC Crown With 21-14 Victory

The Mooresville Blue Devils battle Davie County this Friday night in the first round of the WNCSSAA playoffs. The Devils won the privilege of a berth in the playoffs by handing the North Rowan Cavaliers their second loss of the season Friday night at the Cavalier homeground by the score of 21-14.

For the past three years, these two teams have faced each other for the conference

title. Mooresville has ousted the Cavaliers three years in succession.

Mooresville, whose record is seven wins and one loss, is the North Piedmont champion.

In the battle with North Rowan to determine the conference champion, senior bullback David Mullis led the Devil attack in rushing and scoring. Mullis rushed for 163 total yards, and tallied 15 of the team's 21 points. Mullis' running partner, senior flashback Johnny Walker, accounted for 110 rushing yards and added six points.

On the defensive side for Mooresville, Brian Duckworth led the way. Duckworth recovered two miscues and alone, tackled the opposing runners six times. Cress Alexander had five tackles during the course of the night. Jimmy McIntosh and Charles Turner tackled the opposition

three times apiece.

In action against North, the cold weather was an important factor. The game was full of turnovers attributed to numb fingers. The first quarter was the most of the turnovers appeared. Brian Duckworth recovered the first miscue of the night for Mooresville. With just 36 seconds gone, the Devil attack in rushing and scoring. Mullis rushed for 163 total yards, and tallied 15 of the team's 21 points. Mullis' running partner, senior flashback Johnny Walker, accounted for 110 rushing yards and added six points.

On the fifth play for the Cavaliers, North quarterback Randy Hutchins threw behind the line to Jeremiah Jones. The ball was considered a fumble when the ball hit the ground before it could reach Jones. Heads up play by Duckworth recovered the ball for the Devils and returned it to the Cavalier 38.

On the fifth play for Mooresville, Walker was unable to find the handle and Cavalier Bob Stevenson recovered the loose ball. North was unable to get an opening in the Devil defense and was forced to punt.

Mooresville took the ball after the punt and preceded the first score of the night. The six-play drive was highlighted by a 15-yard pass from Bob Craig to

recovery of a Walker fumble by Butch Graham, Randy Hutchins plowed over from the one to get the score. Geter's kick was good to tie the score with 3:31 remaining in the first half.

The Cavaliers' loss was the third at home in four years, two of the defeats were to Mooresville.

The third period was scoreless. The defense of Mooresville had the power to stop North the rest of the night. During the third and fourth periods, standouts in defense were, Brian Duckworth, Tony Hager, Johnny Walker and Cress Alexander. The backfield of Mooresville, defense-wise, was also an important factor. Key Everhardt and Charles Turner were the main ones to keep the North ends from the ball.

The final score of the night came after Mooresville received a Cavalier punt. In the drive, which originated at the 20, Mullis was the head knocker. Mullis carried on eight of 12 plays in the drive. With 2:23 remaining, Mullis put the locals ahead for good. Mullis bucked for the four yards and the TD, and his kick was good.

Time was Mooresville's enemy in the final minutes of the game. Walker dropped the ball for the fourth time in the

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Interesting Bits Of Information About NPC, SPC Grid Playoffs

The South Piedmont Conference playoffs are slated Friday night with Salisbury Hornets meeting Thomasville Bulldogs at Thomasville, and it marks the fourth time in five years that one of the two schools has been in the playoffs. The Coach Pete Stout's Hornets are making their third playoff appearance in four years. Salisbury was the western North Carolina High School Activities Association co-champion in 1971 and runnerup in 1970.

Thomasville appeared in the playoffs in 1966 and 1972. The Bulldogs were runnersup in 1968, but fell to Statesville last year in the SPC playoff battle. Thomasville won the WNCSSAA crown with its powerful 1964 team.

Thomasville, coached by Allen Brown, won the SPC championship this season with a 7-0-1 mark. Salisbury finished second at 6-1-1. Both teams were 9-1-1. They finished in a 14-14 deadlock in their regular season meeting at Salisbury. Thomasville is the home team for the playoff game because Salisbury was at home for the regular-season clash.

Thomasville won the conference championship by topping Lexington, 28-19, on Friday. Salisbury finished its slate with a 13-6 victory over lowly Asheboro.

The Thomasville-Salisbury winner will advance to the Piedmont bi-conference finals against the North Piedmont Conference playoff winner, either Mooresville or Davie County, who play at Mocksville.

Coach Bill Peeler's Davie County War Eagles qualified for the playoffs by winning the Division Two race in the NPC. Davie was 8-1 overall and 6-1-1 in the conference.

in the conference, finishing second in the overall standings behind Mooresville.

Mooresville, coached by Gary Karriker, won the conference championship by defeating North Rowan, 21-14, on Friday. Mooresville and North entered that game in a tie for the conference lead and the Division One lead. Mooresville was 8-2 in the regular season and 7-1 in the conference.

In the regular season meeting, Davie defeated Mooresville by 27-14. Mooresville bounced back with four straight victories to win the conference crown.

Mooresville has been a frequent visitor to the playoffs. The Blue Devils won the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association crown in 1961, and advanced to the finals last year before being downed by Shelby in the associationals finals.

Mooresville also was in the playoffs in 1960, 1964, 1966 and 1968, so this is the seventh playoff trip for the Blue Devils in 13 years.

Davie County's last time in the playoffs was 1963, when the War Eagles were 10-0 in the regular season. Asheboro topped Davie in the Piedmont bi-conference finals.

The winners of Friday night's games will advance to the bi-conference finals on November 16. The Piedmont champion will advance to the WNCSSAA finals on November 23, meeting a team from either the Northwestern or Southwestern Conference.

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