

## Grid Powers Mooresville, Salisbury Meet For Piedmont Playoff Crown



WALTER LEAZER (87) STOPS DAVE RUNNER (75)  
Aided By Teammate Daniel Manriquez (75)

### Mooresville Blue Devils Capture Offense Crown

Mooresville Senior High School, Kannapolis High School and Lenoir High School were the team offensive champions in the North Piedmont, South Piedmont and Northwestern Conferences, respectively, for the 1973 grid season. Kannapolis scored 286 points during the season to lead the SPC and edge out Thomasville with 242 points and Salisbury with 237. Mooresville had 288 to edge out second place North Rowan with 279 in the NPC while Lenior had a 349 total to pace the NWC. Watauga was distant second in the NWC with 260 points. Defensively the leaders were Kannapolis, Davie County and Lenoir. Kannapolis allowed

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Mooresville's free-wheeling Blue Devils and Salisbury's red-hot Hornets meet head-on for the Piedmont playoff championship at Ludwig Stadium in Salisbury Friday. And if both teams, the class of the North and South Piedmont conferences, live up to expectations, the highly explosive football powers will put quite a few points on the scoreboard. The Blue Devils and Hornets won their way to the Piedmont finals last week in surprising fashion. That both teams won was not the surprise, but rather the margin of victory in each case left some heads nodding. Mooresville, which lost to Davie County 27-14 during the regular season, obliterated the War Eagles 48-10 to win the North Piedmont playoff crown. Salisbury stunned a strong Thomasville club 52-0 that the Hornets had tied earlier in the season 14-14.

The Hornets finished second behind Thomasville during the South Piedmont regular season race, but now has a 9-1 record. Mooresville owns a 9-2 overall record and won the Division One and overall North Piedmont conference championship.

The explosive Blue Devil veer offense will be operated by quarterback Bobby Craig, fullback David Mullis, flanker Jeff Wade, center Rick Mack, guards Ronald Armstrong and Dale Brawley, tackles Len Mackey and Frank Craven, split end Tommy Rhinehardt and tight end Mike Wilhelm. Quarterback Mike Casler, aided by Billy McSwain, will lead the Salisbury offensive charge. David Daniels, a workhorse at halfback, and Powell Adkins, a hard runner at fullback, will lug the leather for the Hornets. Tom McDaniel also will see a lot of duty. The Salisbury backs are small. Casler and Adkins are the heavyweights at 185 pounds.

Linebacker Chester Robinson, sidelined since the North Rowan game with a broken hand, will be back in uniform and will see action. Erwin Solomon and Maurice Hurter will start at the linebacking

spots. Tony Leach will move into the starting lineup at one end. Joey Barrier will be at the other flank. Steve Tucker and Henry Caldwell will anchor the tough defensive line at tackle. Danny Winecoff and Richard Taylor will do the work at guard. The secondary will be made up of Romo Morton, Ronnie Wood and Jeff Warren.

Defensively, Mooresville will counter with guards Ricky Wagner and Bill Harwell, tackles Jim Melton and Walter Leazer, ends Tony Hager and Walker, linebackers Brian Duckworth and Cress Alexander, cornerbacks Keye Everhardt and Donald Duff, and safety Charles Turner. Salisbury allowed its 10 regular season opponents only 82 points. No more than 14 were scored against the Hornets in a single game.

Yet the Blue Devils feature an offense that averages 6.5 yards per carry and has two running backs with 2,704 yards between them. Mooresville's offense averages 30.4 points per contest. The Mooresville defense has allowed only 40 points in its last

four games while yielding 134 in its first seven games.

The winner of the Mooresville-Salisbury contest will play for the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association championship against the Belmont South Point-Watauga winner next Friday.

### Vikings Score 103 Points During '73 Grid Season

South Iredell's Vikings ended the 1973 grid campaign with a 4-6 overall record including a 4-4 conference mark.

Coach Bill Mayhew's club scored 103 points for the season while allowing 148 in the 10 games. The high offensive point total was 30 points against East Rowan and the best defensive efforts were shutouts against North Stanly and North Iredell. The Vikings were blanked twice and gave up 30 points to South Rowan in their worst defensive showing.

Curtis Sloan ended the season with 36 points to lead the team in scoring and he moved into seventh place on the all-time scoring list. Sloan has one year of eligibility remaining. The school now has a 32-41 record in eight seasons. Coach

Carolina High School Activities Association championship against the Belmont South Point-Watauga winner next Friday.

### NPC Golf Schedule Announced

Eight regular season tournament and two post-season events are scheduled for North Piedmont Conference golfers in 1974.

The season begins March 14 with a conference tournament with North Stanly being the host team. The campaign will end with the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association tournament at Lexington on May 13-14.

The North Piedmont tournament will be played at Badin with North Stanly serving as the host team. Rest of the schedule: March 21—at East Rowan, 28—at South Iredell, April 4—at South Rowan, 11—at West Rowan, 18—at Mooresville, 25—at Davie County, and May 2—at North Rowan.



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## BLUE DEVILS OPEN SEASON (NOV. 27) NPC Basketball Schedule Released

Basketball play in the North Piedmont Conference is scheduled to get underway Tuesday, November 27, with Mooresville hosting Statesville in a non-conference twin bill. Other games scheduled for Tuesday are: East Rowan at Northwest Cabarrus, Alexander Central at North Iredell and West Montgomery at North Stanly. All are non-conference games.

All games start at 6:30 p.m. All games are doubleheaders. The NPC schedule, as released by the office of W. C. Clary, of Winston-Salem, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association, is as follows:

November 27  
East Rowan at Northwest Cabarrus (x)  
Statesville at Mooresville (x)  
Alexander C at North Iredell (x)  
West Montgomery at North Stanly (x)

December 1  
West Rowan vs Salisbury (x) at Catawba College

December 4  
Albemarle at Davie County (x)  
Leford at North Davidson (x)  
Statesville at South Iredell (x)  
Kannapolis at South Rowan (x)

December 7  
Davie County at Mooresville  
East Rowan at South Rowan  
North Davidson at West Rowan

December 8  
South Iredell at North Iredell  
North Stanly at North Rowan

December 11  
West Rowan at Davie County  
North Stanly at East Rowan  
Mooresville at North Davidson

December 14  
Davie County at North Davidson  
North Rowan at East Rowan  
Mooresville at North Iredell  
South Iredell at North Stanly  
South Rowan at South Rowan

December 18  
Davie County at North Rowan  
East Rowan at North Iredell  
South Iredell at Mooresville  
North Davidson at North Stanly  
West Rowan at South Rowan

December 20  
South Iredell at Statesville (x)

December 27, 28  
Mooresville, South Iredell at Statesville Tourney (x)  
North Rowan at Catawba Tourney (x)  
North Davidson at Catawba Tourney (x)  
Kannapolis at South Rowan (x)

January 4  
North Iredell at Davie County  
East Rowan at South Iredell  
South Rowan at Mooresville  
North Rowan at North Davidson  
North Stanly at West Rowan

January 8  
Davie County at South Iredell  
North Davidson at East Rowan

January 11  
East Rowan at North Iredell  
North Rowan at West Rowan  
South Rowan at North Stanly

January 15  
Davie County at North Iredell  
Mooresville at East Rowan  
North Davidson at North Iredell

January 19  
South Rowan at Davie County  
East Rowan at West Rowan  
Mooresville at North Stanly  
South Iredell at North Davidson

January 23  
North Stanly at Davie County  
East Rowan at Mooresville  
North Iredell at North Davidson

January 25  
Davie County at West Rowan  
East Rowan at North Stanly  
North Davidson at Mooresville

January 29  
South Rowan at North Iredell  
South Iredell at North Rowan

February 1  
North Rowan at Davie County  
North Iredell at East Rowan  
Mooresville at South Iredell  
North Stanly at North Davidson  
South Rowan at West Rowan

February 5  
Davie County at North Iredell  
South Iredell at East Rowan  
Mooresville at South Rowan  
North Davidson at North Davidson  
West Rowan at North Stanly

February 8  
South Iredell at Davie County  
East Rowan at North Iredell  
North Stanly at North Davidson

February 12  
Davie County at East Rowan  
North Rowan at Mooresville  
South Rowan at North Davidson

February 15  
North Iredell at West Rowan  
North Stanly at South Iredell

February 19  
South Rowan at Davie County  
East Rowan at West Rowan  
Mooresville at North Stanly  
South Iredell at North Davidson

February 23  
North Iredell at North Rowan  
(x) Denote Non-Conference Games

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## Donaldson Top Winner In Contest

All three winners in last week's football contest, which is being sponsored weekly during the football season by Mooresville merchants and the Mooresville Tribune, had 10 correct guesses out of a possible 12.

Therefore, the first, second and third places were determined by using the total points scored in the tie-breaking, Mooresville-Davie County game. Sixty-seven points were scored in this game.

Lionel D. Donaldson of 121 Manor Circle, who said 49 points would be scored in the Mooresville-Davie County game, took the first-place award of \$7.

Second-place award of \$4 went to A. W. Matheny of 347 Patterson Avenue. He said 41 points would be scored in the tie-breaking game.

Jack Loftin of Troutman took the third-place award of \$3. Like Matheny, he said 41 points would be scored in the Mooresville-Davie County game. However, Matheny turned in his entry Wednesday, while Loftin's entry was received Friday.

Six other contestants had 10 correct guesses out of a possible 12, but they were off too many points on their guesses of the total score of the tie-breaking game. These included: Chip Whittington, Tara Winders, Donnie Robinson, Rodney Wilson, Mrs. Paul Cook and Donnie Young.

Chip Whittington of 625 South Magnolia Street guessed the exact score of the N. C. State-Duke game, 21-3, and, therefore, he will receive one-half gallon of Deluxe Ice cream from the Mooresville Ice Cream Company.

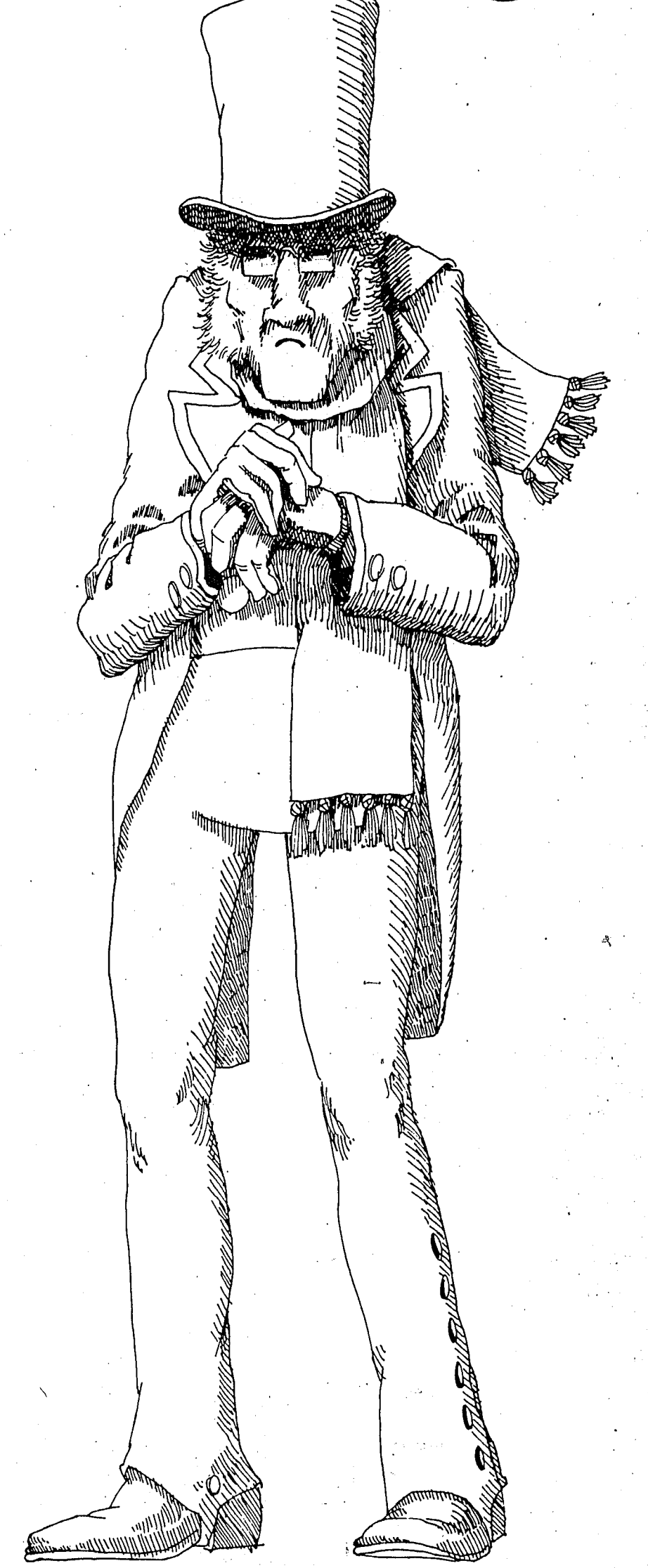
Eric Coleman of Thomasville's South Piedmont Conference champion Bulldogs is the 1973 scoring champion for the league. Coleman accumulated 80 points during the season for the Bulldogs for an 8.0 per game average. Harold Grier for Kannapolis finished in second place with 78 points for the 10 games.

Rounding out the top five were Harold Peoples of Lexington, Terry Cunningham of Kannapolis and Sommers of Lexington.

The top 22 are:

Name, Team	Points	Average
1. Coleman, Thom.	80	8.0
2. Grier, Kann.	78	7.8
3. Peoples, Lex.	67	6.7
4. Cunningham, Kann.	66	6.6
5. Sommers, Lex.	62	6.2
6. Daniels, Sal.	62	6.2
7. Jones, Stat.	54	5.4
8. Watkins, Alb.	50	5.0
9. Adkins, Sal.	48	4.8
10. Galtner, Stat.	44	4.4
11. Knotts, Alb.	42	4.2
12. Staton, Thom.	42	4.2
13. Bunton, Thom.	40	4.0
14. Brumley, Kann.	38	3.8
15. Brown, Con.	38	3.8
16. Ledbetter, Con.	36	3.6
17. Sloan, Kann.	30	3.0
18. Runnels, Alb.	30	3.0
19. Lanier, Trin.	28	2.8
20. Sullivan, Alb.	28	2.8
21. Alley, Alb.	28	2.8
22. Lathan, Thom.	28	2.8

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