Blue Devil Powerhouse Evidenced By Statistics

The Mooresville Senior High Blue Devils rolled to some very impressive statistics in the 9-3 season just ended.

The offensive powerhouse was evidenced by the fact that the Devils averaged 345.8 yards per game in total offense. The per game rushing average was 298 yards and passing accounted for 47.8 yards per game.

The Mooresville Veer scored 349 points through the regular 10 game schedule and the playoff games for an average of 29 points per game.

Senior halfback Johnny Walker led the rushing parade with 1,450 yards in the 12 games. Co-captain Walker carried the ball 206 times for a 7.0 yards per carry average.

Combined with the 948 yards gained rushing as a junior, Walker's career rushing totals as a Blue Devil totals 2,398 yards in 381 carries for a 6.1 yards per carry average.

Senior fullback David Mullis gained 1,396 yards this season in 216 carries for a 6.5 rushing average. Combined with last season's figures, Shrine Bowler Mullis has a career rushing total of 3,311 yards gained in 485 attempts for a 6.8 yards per carry average.

Mullis led the scoring parade for the Devils in the season just ended. The senior co-captain scored 128 points on 16 touchdowns, 29 points after touchdown and one field goal. Walker scored 100 points for the Devils on 16 TD's and 4 PAT's.

Junior quarterbacks Terrell Rhye and Bobby Craig combined to give the Devils 450 yards in pass completions. Rhye connected on 17 of 55 attempts for 270 yards and Craig hit on 16 of 36 for 180 yards.

Junior end Mike Wilhelm led the Blue Devil receiving corps with 132 yards in nine receptions. Tony Hager caught eight passes for 79 yards and Walker had 78 yards in four catches.

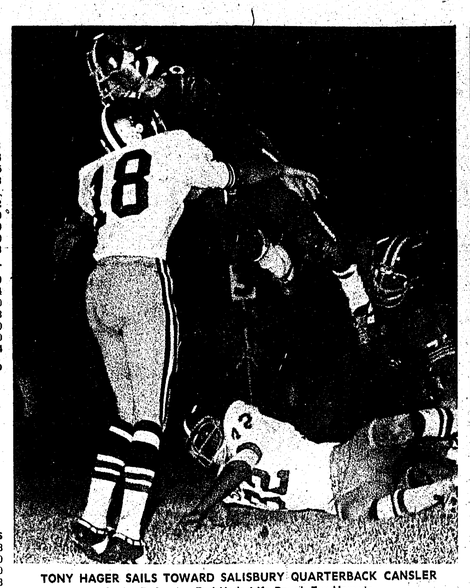
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Walker	206	1450	7.0	16
Mullis	216	1396	6.5	16
Rhye	58	310	5.3	5
Craig	31	198	6.4	3
Brown	19	75	3.9	1
Turner	11	69	6.3	2
Duff	14	51	3.6	0
Lambert	5	23	4.6	0
Sloan	1	4	4.0	0
TOTALS	561	3576	6.4	43

PASSING	ATT	COM	YDS	PCT
Rhye	55	17	270	.309
Craig	36	16	180	.444
Lambert	1	1	65	1.000
Mullis	6	2	59	.333
Walker	1	0	0	.000
Wilhelm	1	0	0	.000
TOTALS	99	36	574	.364

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Wilhelm	9	132	13.7	2
Hager	8	78	9.9	1
J. Walker	4	78	19.5	0
Wade	4	67	16.6	1
Gregory	1	65	65.0	1
Everhardt	1	43	43.0	0
Jones	1	33	33.0	0
Mullis	2	23	11.5	0
Brown	1	22	22.0	0
C. Walker	1	21	21.0	0
Rinehardt	1	19	19.0	1
Turner	3	3	1.0	0
TOTALS	36	574	15.9	6

SCORING	TD	PAT	FG	PTS
Mullis	16	29	1	128
Walker	16	4	0	100
Rhye	5	0	0	30
Craig	3	0	0	18
Turner	2	4	0	16
Hager	2	2	0	14
Wilhelm	2	0	0	12
Gregory	1	0	0	6
Rinehardt	1	0	0	6
Wade	1	0	0	6
Brown	1	0	0	6
Everhardt	1	0	0	6
Chambers	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	51	40	1	349

298 yards per game rushing
47.8 yards per game passing
345.8 yards per game total offense
29 points per game average



TONY HAGER SAILS TOWARD SALISBURY QUARTERBACK CANSLER
Senior Defensive End Made Life Rough For Hornets

Salisbury Hornets Sting Blue Devils, 42-12, For Bi-Conference Playoff Crown

Mooresville ended its 1973 football campaign Friday night at Salisbury. The Hornets of Salisbury overpowered the Blue Devils 42-12 to eliminate the locals from the playoffs.

Mooresville simply was unable to contain the balanced Hornet offense, particularly scatback Powell Adkins, who romped for 222 yards in seven carries. Adkins accounted for 217 of those yards in three long bursts for TDs.

Also, the Salisbury defense was keying on Mooresville's running game, which suffered the loss of fullback David Mullis in the early going. Mullis, who gained 6.5 yards every time he touched the football this season, was hurt in the first quarter. He saw only limited action after the injury, and he was removed from the game early in the second period. Examination disclosed the young man suffered a mild concussion.

Without Mullis, the Devils were off balance offensively. They relied heavily this year on the one-two punch provided by Mullis and halfback Johnny Walker, and these powerful runners kept defenses wondering where to expect trouble to strike next.

Against a smart, disciplined Salisbury unit, the Devils were unable to regain momentum they displayed in the opening minutes. They tried to offset their weakened ground game with a passing attack that has not been one of their strong suits this year.

At least in part because they were thrown off-stride by the loss of Mullis, the Devils suffered a chronic case of butterfingers. They lost the ball five times, twice on interceptions and three on fumbles. The locals were charged with 55 yards worth of penalties, and most came at critical moments in key drives.

Salisbury got on the board first in the first period. Quarterback Bill McSwain threw to end Anthony Holt for the 14-yard TD. The extra point attempt was no good. Mooresville was unable to move the ball and was forced to give it up. With no time showing on the clock, Adkins ran for his first TD of the night. Adkins broke through the line and dashed 57 yards to pay dirt. Two extra points were made by Jeff Warren on a fake kick. He ran the ball across to give the Hornets the 14 point lead.

The only score produced in the second quarter was by the host team. Mike Cansler passed to end Kenny Rutherford for a nine yard touchdown. The kick by Warren was good.

The halftime score had Mooresville in the hole by 21 points, 21-0.

The Devil offense produced two scores in the game, both in the second half.

The first score came with 9:47 left in the third period. Mooresville signal caller Bob Craig scrambled in from the five. The extra point attempt was missed by Leroy Chambers. Johnny Walker, who surpassed the 100-yard mark in rushing Friday, was the head yard man in the score producing drive. Charles Turner ran for the injured Mullis.

Salisbury scored twice in the third period. The first came on a 53-yard punt return by Jeff Warren. The score came with 5:49 seconds to play in the third quarter. The next Hornet touchdown came on the 81-yard gallop by Adkins. Adkins took the ball on his 19, and a few seconds later, was in the end zone. The extra point by Warren was good and the Devils were in deep trouble. The Hornets led 35-6 with 12 minutes to play.

Two scores were produced in the final period, one by each team.

For the Hornets, Adkins was the scorer. Adkins got the call on his 21 and zipped 79 yards for the finale of the Salisbury scoring.

The Devils second TD came on a pass play. Terrell Rhye was called on to take the controls for Mooresville. Rhye passed to end Mike Wilhelm for the six-yard reception and TD. The extra point conversion attempt failed.

MIKE WILHELM SNAGS TOUCHDOWN PASS
From Terrell Rhye For 2nd Devil Score

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Wildlife Afield

BY JIM DEAN

There is still one problem that persists in the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Game Land program. A fellow I know who lives in the mountains stated it as well as anyone.

"Back when this area around here was under the old Management Area concept, we had Wildlife Managers actually living in the refuge," he said. "Now, that they've moved out and mobilized into teams, we don't know where to find them."

"Used to be, when I saw somebody poaching a deer or illegally fishing a trout stream, I could drive up to the refuge protector's house and tell him about it. Now, I don't really know how to get in touch with these fellows."

That's the problem, in a nutshell. Of course, not every outdoorsman will report game and fish violations when he sees them but the really concerned sportsmen will. And they have been a big help in maintaining the quality of these areas. In order to continue to help, they've got to have a contact.

Now, the Wildlife Commission is organizing a campaign to help the sportsmen help themselves by tapping into the wildlife protection telephone and radio network.

Five "Hotline" telephone numbers: one for Morganton (704-437-5131), one for Jonesville (919-835-6426), for Waynesville (704-456-9292), How River (919-578-1646) and China Grove (707-857-9188) have been set up. These are Wildlife Commission base stations and they are in contact, by radio, with all the Wildlife Protectors in that area.

If a hunter sees someone shoot a deer out of season on some lonely backwoods road in the Pisgah National Forest, he doesn't have to go to a Wildlife Protector's home or go find him somewhere in the middle of 50,000 acres of wilderness.

Instead, he can call the nearest of these five "hotline" numbers and the news will be relayed to Wildlife Protectors who will then check it out.

It would be a good idea to jot down these phone numbers on the back of your hunting license right now. But, in case you forget, be on the lookout for a new Wildlife Commission sign which will furnish these telephone numbers.

Several thousands of these signs are being posted right now throughout the deer hunting territory from Butner to Unharrie and the western mountains.

Basically, they tell you where to call to get help if you see a violation or know of one.

Also, at 21 strategic points—locations to be announced shortly—Wildlife Game Land personnel will be stationed in trucks equipped with radios. The agents manning these trucks will be at these locations throughout the deer season primarily so that sportsmen can report violations. These men will also serve as Wildlife Cooperators Agents during the deer season.

As with the telephone network, once a report is received, the information will be relayed to the Wildlife Protectors patrolling the area.

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ewton-Conover, incolnton Withdraw rom WNCHSAA

wo high schools—Lincolnton Nwton-Conover—have ially withdrawn from the stern North Carolina High ool Activities Association will join the North Carolina h School Athletic sociation as members of the thern District 7 Conference. his move will become ef- ive with the beginning of the 4-75 school year.

aby Viking agers Will lay 20 Games

outh Iredell's junior varsity vs' basketball team will play games during the upcoming ason, according to an announcement made by school icials.

The Baby Vikings will play e same foes as the varsity but opposite sites. That is, if the rsity is at home, the junior rsity team will be on the road.

The official 1973-74 schecule is as follows:

Dec. 4—South Iredell at Statesville.
Dec. 7—North Iredell at South Iredell
Dec. 11—South Iredell at North Rowan
Dec 14—South Iredell at South Rowan
Dec. 18—Mooresville at South Iredell
Dec 20—Statesville at South Iredell
Jan. 4—South Iredell at East Rowan
Jan. 8—South Iredell at Davie County
Jan. 11—North Stanly at South Iredell
Jan. 15—West Rowan at South Iredell
Jan. 18—South Iredell at North Davidson
Jan. 23—South Iredell at North Iredell
Jan. 25—North Rowan at South Iredell
Jan. 29—South Rowan at South Iredell
Feb. 1—South Iredell at Mooresville
Feb. 5—East Rowan at South Iredell
Feb. 8—Davie County at South Iredell
Feb. 12—South Iredell at North Stanly
Feb. 15—South Iredell at West Rowan
Feb. 19—North Davidson at South Iredell

The majority of schools in the SD 7 league voted to join the state group rather than the western after having invitation bids from each association.

It was reported at a recent meeting in Mooresville that Lincolnton and Newton-Conover were joining the current SD 7 members to form a league for 1974. The group met and made a decision on which association to join.

No exact count was disclosed but Lincolnton voted in favor of staying in the WNCHSAA.

The Southwestern Conference has 12 teams still in its ranks despite the loss of Lincolnton while the Northwestern Conference has 10 teams. Newton-Conover was a member of the Northwestern loop.

WNCHSAA President Malcolm Brown of Shelby admitted that if the SD 7 group had come into the organization it could have created a playoff problem since it would have been a fifth conference.

The departure of Lincolnton and Newton-Conover, a pair of charter members, leaves the WNCHSAA with 41 members. The total increases back to 42 next fall when West Iredell High joins the North Piedmont Conference.

DAVID MULLIS . . . 5-10, 205-Pound Fullback

David Mullis Selected To Play In Shrine Bowl

North Carolina Team

	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	School
Players				
Kevin Dowdy	E	6-3	205	Durham Jordan
Rob Shields	E	6-4	210	New Bern
Richard Rogan	E	6-4	205	West Mecklenburg
Thomas Hall	E	6-1	185	Fayetteville Ross
Jim Stowe	E	6-4	190	Forest City
Thomas Eley	E	6-4	190	Northern Nash
Ed Galloway	T	6-3	230	Elkin
Thad Allen	T	6-3	235	Carrboro
Fred Brown	T	6-3	220	Canton Pisgah
Lacy Brumley	T	6-2	215	Kannapolis Brown
Newton Simmons	T	6-4	220	Raleigh Broughton
Jimmy Weeks	T	6-4	220	Rocky Mount
Chip Clardy	OG	6-4	210	Cent. Mecklenburg
Mike Gallop	OG	6-3	215	Kinston
Robbie Barnes	OG	6-2	205	Fayetteville Hoke
David Davenport	OG	6-3	205	Fayetteville Sanford
Richon Fuller	OG	6-2	205	Greensboro Page
Jerry Lamm	OG	6-1	185	Wilson Fike
Stephen Kenney	C	6-3	205	Raleigh Sanderson
Ken Fole	C	6-3	235	Thomasville
Phil Rebezzo	C	6-2	235	Hickory Hill
Buster Ray	HB	5-10	172	Asheville
Lance Garrett	HB	6-2	175	Fayetteville 71st
Andy Goins	HB	6-0	175	East Davidson
Larry Eberhardt	HB	6-1	175	Shelby
Richard Burr	HB	6-1	175	W-S Reynolds
Jimmy Bass	HB	6-1	170	Dunn
Emmitt Hamilton	FB	5-11	183	Goldsboro
David Mullis	FB	5-10	205	Mooresville
Renoy Bickel	FB	6-3	205	Northern Durham
Johnny Evans	QB	6-0	165	High Point Andrews
Ronnie Everett	QB	6-2	170	Fayetteville Byrd
Mike McClendon	QB	5-10	170	Myers Park
Mike Coy	KS	6-1	190	Independence
George Poulos	KS	5-11	185	New Hanover

Mullis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mullis of Mooresville, route 2, stands five feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 205 pounds.

During the 1972 season, as a junior, Mullis scored 24 touchdowns for the Blue Devils and added seven after-touchdown points for a total of 151 points. In 269 attempts, he made 1,915 yards, an average of 7.1 yards per carry. His yards per-game average was 147.2

During the season just ended, Mullis scored 16 touchdowns, 27 after-touchdown points and kicked one field goal for a total of 126 points.

In 216 rushing attempts, he garnered 1,396 yards, or a per-carry average of 6.5 yards. His per-game average was 116.3 yards.

Co-captain of the Blue Devils during the 1973 season, he was kickoff and extra point specialist for the locals.

During his junior and senior years, Mullis averaged 132.4 yards per game rushing. During the two seasons, he scored a total of 40 touchdowns, 34 after-touchdown points and kicked one field goal, for a two-season total of 277 points.

In rushing, for the two seasons, he covered 3,311 yards in 485 carries for a per-carry average of 6.8 yards.

At Mooresville Senior High, in addition to his excellent record as a gridiron star, Mullis also is a member of the school's wrestling and baseball teams. He is a member of the Student Council, as well as a member of the FCA, French Club and Monogram Club. In 1972, he won the school's football sportsmanship award.

Gary Karriker, athletic director and head football coach at Mooresville Senior High School, contacted concerning Mullis' selection as a member of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team, said he was "extremely happy that David has been selected to play in the classic."

"Mullis was one of the outstanding performers for the Blue Devils during the 1973 season," Coach Karriker continued, "and I feel certain he will be an asset to the North Carolina Shrine Bowl unit. I'm looking forward to seeing him perform in the game at Charlotte Saturday afternoon."

David Mullis, 18-year-old senior fullback for the Mooresville Senior High School's football team, has been named to the 1973 North Carolina Shrine Bowl football team.

The cream of the crop players from North Carolina high schools will battle stars from South Carolina high schools in the Shrine Bowl at Charlotte Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon, December 1. Proceeds from the 37th annual gridiron classic will go to the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, S. C.

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