



DAVID MULLIS WAS LEADING BLUE DEVIL GROUND GAINER
However Greyhounds Held Mooreville Offense In Check

N. Iredell Challenge Awaits Rebounding Blue Devils Friday

Mooreville's Blue Devils will be out to make amends for their 40-14 loss at Statesville last week as they travel to North Iredell for an 8 p. m. encounter Friday with the Raiders.

The game will be counted as non-conference for the Blue Devils, who play nine conference opponents, but as a conference game for the Raiders, who face only eight NPC foes.

Super Don's 15-Year Dream Has Come True

Clark Kent probably patterned his lifestyle after Don Arndt, the mild-mannered furniture salesman.

But Arndt doesn't slip into a telephone booth to change, he just hauls his gear out of the trunk of his car.

To shoppers who visit Howard Furniture Company on N.C. 150 near N.C. 16, Arndt is a courteous, knowledgeable member of the sales staff. To the slow-pitch softball world, he is ageless, tireless Super Don.

Arndt, who lives at Sherill's Ford near the furniture store, is 38 years old. He is the only original member of the Howard Furniture softball team organized 15 years ago.

During the Labor Day weekend, Arndt, Howard Furniture store and team owner Richard Howard, and other members of the team and the hundreds of Piedmont followers of Howard's softball fortunes reached the gold at the end of the rainbow they've been chasing these 15 years.

The Howard team won its first world slow-pitch softball championship at Cleveland, Ohio. A national power for the past decade, the team had been a bridesmaid but never a bride. It finished fourth in the world tournament last year, fifth the year before, sixth three years ago.

Arndt is the team's pitcher, its field leader and its all-time home run king. During his 15 years with Howard, the big, strong Arndt has slammed

The contest should provide some interesting clues as to the balance of power for the 1973 NPC season. Mooreville, conference champion and association runner-up last year, will be trying to prove it can come back strong for a second year in a row after an opening defeat.

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approximately 1,300 homers. He hit 18 round-trippers during the double-elimination Cleveland tournament in which Howard posted a 7-1 record to win the title.

Howard's rightfielder, Bert Smith, hit a tournament-record 21 homers in the series, and he was voted the most valuable player in the event that drew 33 teams from 25 states.

Arndt and Smith were named to the all-American first team of the American Softball Association, as was fielder Stan Harvey. Second team all-American choices were second baseman H. T. Waller, catcher Gene Frazier and fielder Tommy Maiden.

Tony Cloaninger, former major league baseballer who lives at nearby Iron Station, was a big shot in the Howard team's arm this season. He hit 17 homers in the tournament, and Arndt says Cloaninger will become the greatest hitter in slow-pitch softball history "if he sticks with the game."

The Howard team's championship trophy now has a place of honor among the 40-odd memories of softball achievement that fill the Howard Furniture store's front window.

To make Howard Furniture's softball saga complete, another recent addition to the trophy window is the National Junior Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament Championship award earned three weeks ago by the Howard team.

The team made up of 13 to 15 year olds was organized four years ago. A national tournament was held this year for the first time, and the Howard crew made a clean sweep of national honors.

As a shopper at Howard Furniture, then, you'll understand if the conversation always seems to get around to softball. Especially if you're being "served by Don—alias Super Don—Arndt."

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team ever in the history of the school. They lost to Alexander Central in their opener last week by a score of 20-0.

The 1973 season looks like it could be that winning season as the Raiders return 11 starters and one additional letterman from last year under the direction of coach Jim Conger.

A group of young players off an undefeated junior varsity club will help.

Mooreville coach Gary Karriker points out that "North's quickness, strength and desire to win will carry them a long way this season, especially against us if we are not ready to play the kind of football that we feel we can play."

Another strong point for the Raiders is their depth at quarterback and in the offensive backfield. North's defensive corps must also be listed as strong points.

The Raiders offense will be from an "I" formation this season with several variations. Ray Ramsey, who finished up as the Raiders' number one quarterback last season, returns to direct the North Iredell offense. Casey Vanflyn will back up Ramsey and the southpaw passer is expected to see quite a bit of duty in the back-up role.

The two starting running-backs are expected to be seniors Henry Steele and Robert Patterson, both returning starters. Twin brothers, Ronald and Donald Rucker, serve in the number two backfield.

Junior Tim Roseman will start at blocking back, while the starting offensive ends will be John Summers and senior Steve Barker. Leo Edmiston and Terry Waller will man the tackle slots and Kent Blackwelder and Ronnie Houpe return to their starting guard positions. Rene McCollough, a junior transfer from Statesville, is listed to start at center.

The defensive lineup for the Raiders is expected to be a basic 6-2 with some shuffling and a few formation changes thrown in according to the situation.

The defensive ends are expected to be Steele and Tucker or Roseman. Blackwelder is expected to be at one of the tackle posts with Ricky Harris, a 5-11, 180-pound senior at the other slot. McCollough will be used in a back-up role.

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Baby Vikings Down West Rowan, 6-0

A lone touchdown, scored in the second quarter, lifted the junior varsity football team of South Iredell to a 6-0 win over the West Rowan Jayvees team Thursday, giving the Baby Vikings a 2-0 record for the still young 1973 season.

The Baby Vikings scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tim Mills to Wesley Duncan.

The game was a defensive struggle from start to finish and the Baby Viking defense turned in a sterling performance. West Rowan was unable to penetrate South Iredell's 40-yard line.

South Iredell Coach Dean Saffos had words of praise for the team as a whole following the game and gave a special "pat on the back" to Mills and Mike Mullaly, who played both offense and defense, defensive linebacker James Case and defensive lineman John Teague.

The Baby Vikings will host the South Rowan Jayvees in a game in Viking Valley this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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