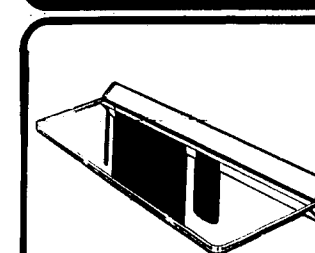


Vikings Join Raiders, Greyhounds As FAC Playoff Reps

Three are in, while the other four are has-beens.

That, in short, sums up the football picture within the Foothills Athletic Conference.

As a result of this week's games, the final ones of the regular season, three FAC members, including the two that were assured of doing so even before Friday's finales, are headed for first-round state postseason play, while the remaining four league entrants are all has-beens.



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South Iredell earned its first-ever playoff bid with its 16-7 grounding of visiting Wilkes Central, whose Eagles also entered the bout knowing that a win would propel them into postseason play.

With the win, secured in the last minute of play when Viking defensive back Bobby Renwick scooped up a Wilkes Central fumble and returned it 17 yards for a touchdown, the Vikings carry a 7-3 overall record into the playoffs. South wound up 4-2 in league play, its best in conference record in the three-year history of the conference and good enough to tie it with Statesville in second place.

As for Wilkes Central, the Eagles also wound up 4-2, with all three losses absorbed during a 3-3 league showing, the latter good enough to earn them a share of fourth place with North Surry.

At North Iredell, the only drama unfolding was the answering of the question of this year's dream team complete its perfect season at the expense of last season's Cinderella squad.

Host North's Raiders provided a positive response to that inquiry, but it took some doing, as they were forced to score in the final minutes of the fourth period to secure the 24-21 verdict.

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Wilkes, at 4-6 one of the few teams around the state to make the postseason scene with an overall losing record.

As a result of its overtime win Friday, Bunker Hill sews up second place in the conference standings and will prolong its 1987 campaign at least one more week. The Bears will do so by traveling to meet Mitchell County, a squad that finished at the 8-2 mark overall.

Maiden, which three weeks ago ruled the SD-7 empire but dropped two of its last three games to plummet into third place, still qualifies for the playoffs for a 14th time. The Blue Devils face the stiffest test, as they are also the tackle host and 9-1 Starmount Friday night.

At Maiden in the league's highlighted game of the final Friday night of regular-season play, the combatants performed like professional teams they are, as they battled to a 16-14 tie at the end of regulation to force an overtime.

Bunker Hill scored on its first play of the overtime and punched home the all-important conversion run. Maiden retaliated with a touchdown of its own in the Kansas City-style showdown, but the Blue Devils' attempt at forcing a second extra OT possession for both teams was thwarted when their conversion run

was halted.

Bunker Hill, whose lone loss for the season came at the hands of unbeaten Newton-Conover, used the tie to finish at the 9-1 level overall, and at 6-1 in the SD-7, the latter mark good enough to put it alone in second place.

With the loss, Maiden fell to 8-2 touchdown effort on offense and a shutout display on defense to dominated Bandys' guesting Trojans, 21-0.

The win completed an undefeated, 10-season streak for the league champion Red Devils, including a spotless 7-0 league register, as N-C remains as the most powerful of football teams in the respected conference.

As for Bandys, the Trojans completed their season at 5-4 overall, and at 3-4 in the conference, a mark that earns them a share of fourth-place with Bessemer City.

Those Yellow Jackets earned that fourth-place share by virtue of an extra-point kick in their game Friday at Mooresville.

Bessemer City continued to dominate the series with the host Blue Devils, as it registered a third straight win over the Mooresville squad with the 7-6 squeaker.

In addition to finishing the season at 3-4 in the league, BC used the victory to hike its record to 4-6 overall, the same level it pushed the losing Blue Devils to. In the conference, Mooresville wound up 2-5 for a second straight year, giving it a share of the seventh-place position with Cherryville.

Those Ironmen also earned a spot in the winner's circle following Friday's play, as Cherryville dodged past visiting West Lincoln, 25-21.

The win improved Cherryville's record for the season to 3-7, including the 3-5 mark within the SD-7, while last-place West Lincoln was knocked to 2-8 overall and left with a winless, league sheet at 0-7.

Newton-Conover, Bunker Hill, and Maiden, carrying a combined 27-3 record into postseason play, also represent the only teams from the SD-7 able to finish with winning records against league opposition.

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By MRS. LURLIE MCNEELY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edmonson and Sue of Chapel Hill spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Linker and other relatives.

Mrs. Esther Caudill remains at home at this time, but is making progress from an extended illness.

Among other residents of the area who are sick are:

Danny Lewis is suffering from a burn.

Mrs. Katie Cross remains a patient at the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Mildred Hart is an outpatient from Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

Little Johnny Hundley is ill.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rummage is still a patient at a Charlotte hospital.

Mrs. Martha London returned home Thursday from Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury.

Mack McKnight has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alexander of Southgate, Mich. visited Mrs. Mildred Lowndes last Monday.

They are also visiting other relatives in the community. Terry Lowrance of Roxboro has also been visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson entertained their daughter on her birthday last Sunday. Dinner at a Salisbury restaurant was the place of the celebration. Mrs. Janice Goodman and Mr. Goodman, Amy and Kevin of China Grove.

Miss Estelle Shinn spent a long weekend with her good friend, Mrs. Mamie Overcash of Kannapolis.

Mrs. Mary Lewis and Mrs. Vada Rosebrock were dinner guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson on Sunday.

The occasion was the celebration of the 50th birthday of Mrs. Wilkinson's father, Mr. Vance Brotherton. The group worshipped at Fieldstone Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, where Mr. Wilkinson was preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Golan Grant and children have moved into Mooresville, after having made their home in the R.M. Linker home. Mr. and Mrs. Grant plan to stay in the home for a short time.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Woodall of Kannapolis worshipped at Prospect Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Mr. Woodall is working with the Cabarrus Ministerial Association, while Mrs. Woodall is the Bible teacher at South Rowan High School.

Recent guests of Mrs. Jessie Overcash of Kannapolis were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Yokely have moved from their home on North Main Street to their new home in Mooresville.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Noble who were married last Saturday in Raleigh.

Mrs. Noble is the former Beth Gray, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lucius Gray of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neel, Mrs. Frances Neel and Mrs. Myrtle Miller of Statesville and other relatives spent a long weekend in Nashville, Tenn. They attended the Church of Opy two nights, toured Union Station that has been made into a hotel and many other points of interest. Nine persons made up the group, which returned Sunday morning.

Miss Virginia Blackwelder spent the weekend visiting relatives. On Saturday night, she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joan Kennedy in Mooresville. The group also visited in the home of Brock and Shelby Kennedy in Hickory.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hinson of Cape May, N.J. visited over the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis. Mrs. Hinson is a sister of Mrs. Jarvis.

—Susan and Michael Neale of Aiken, SC and Tracy Hitchcock of Chappell, VA were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Neale and Jeanne.

—Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Anderson who were married Saturday at Centenary Methodist parsonage. A reception was held in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Anderson is the former Miss Gilbert daughter of Mrs. Eric Neale and the late Larry M. Gilbert. Rodney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Mt. Ulla.

—Dr. and Mrs. Del Allison of Due West, SC visited several days last week with Mrs. Eva Craven.

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