

Blue Devils

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time as a back-up last year, to classmate tight end Clay Ledford. A high snap from center on the ensuing point-after play still turned out for the guests, as Sky McCombs retrieved the ball and completed a pass to quarterback/long snapper Marsh for the conversion.

The charge helped account for the 14-8 halftime difference.

Mooreville hit its stride in a wide-open third period during which it took control of the game. The Devils capped their first and the opening possession of the third period when Marsh again took to the airways, this time hooking up with familiar target senior halfback Chris Winford out of the back field on a five-yard pass play. Senior kicker Darrin Edwards, a converted soccer player, drilled the following PAT for the 15-14 lead, one the visitors would not only never lose but quickly embellish.

Marsh connected with a third different receiver, this time wide receiver Ryan Turner, on a nine-yard scoring strike with just over three minutes left in the quarter for the third passing TD. Edwards made good on his second PAT kick.

Then, with 10 ticks left in the period, it was again through the air where Mooreville struck this time as Marsh found McCombs out of the backfield on a 15-yard strike. McCombs then tackled on the two-point conversion to complete the 22-point period and resulting 30-14 advantage.

"We made some adjustments," revealed

Carter, careful not to show all his team's changes, "because of what they were giving us on defense. One we made them, it got our offense going. It's a credit to our coaches for see where the weaknesses were, and a credit to our kids for making the changes in execution."

In the final quarter, the host Jags were able to cut six points off the lead before a more familiar form of scoring came the Blue Devils way. Winford, coming off a near 2,000-yard season, put matters out of reach when he escaped out of a trap hole and rambled 71 yards for a touchdown with just under three minutes left to play. Edwards' PAT boot put the final spread at 17 points, just one better than in the two team's last meeting.

Winford finished the game with a night-best 114 yards, while David Sherrill added 61. Marsh ran for another 46 yards while turning in an eight-of-nine passing night with the lone interception, four touchdowns and 106 yards. Winford latched on to four passes for 49 yards, with Ledford catching two covering another 34 yards.

Defensively, the guests helped stymie Forestview's attack by the forcing of two fumbles. Linebacker Matt Pangle and defensive back Narada Faulkner each pounced on one recovery.

Mooreville makes its home debut when playing host to Alexander Central, a 4-15 victory over Wilkes County in its opener last week, Friday night in the Mooreville Stadium.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Devilettes

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for the inaugural NPC debut for both teams.

As a result, the Lady Devils headed into the Labor Day break harboring a break-even, 3-3 record overall including that 1-0 start in league play. This season, all conference wins are an added boost, as just two state playoff berths are available to the seven charter league members.

"We are a very young team," revealed Dilks, using a couple of freshmen and some sophomores to complement her trio of seniors. "Any win we can get is a plus for us right now."

Mooreville mixed and matched that cast with ease on its home court Thursday afternoon, pushing to the

brink of a three-game sweep with wins in the first two games, including the near shutout in the second. Then, after a spirited effort in the third game that saw both teams register double-digit point totals, the hostesses put matters to rest with their third double-digit triumph in the match's fourth and final game.

Once again, the home team was paced at the net by the play of senior hitter Crystal Furmanluk, whose week of performances made her a candidate for the school's player of the week award. Joining her at the net was classmate Shalonda Alexander, as well as junior Meagan Bentley.

With the service, points scored featured senior

Alisha Leonard and Junior Bentley, with five each in the first game, and sophomore Holly Diggs with five in the second. In the fourth and decisive contest, Diggs, Leonard and Furmanluk captured a balanced attack with three service points each.

On the heels of the back-to-back wins, Mooreville has been granted some recovery time before returning to the court. When so doing, the Lady Devils open a stretch of only NPC play when hosting their first new league foe in the form of East Rowan tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. Action gets underway with play between the two junior varsity teams at 4:30 p.m. in the Senior High gym.

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Devilettes play better, still beaten

Playing better still didn't lead to a win for Mooreville's girls tennis team this week.

Facing a Davis County team on their home courts a week to the day after absorbing an 8-1 loss to the Lady Eagles on their latter's home courts earlier this month, the Devilettes forced matters into doubles this time before being handed a 5-4 loss.

Later in the week and also at home, the Lady Devils were dealt a 7-2 loss by St. Stephens.

They were the Lady Devils' third and fourth straight loss after opening the season with back-to-back wins, heading deeper into this week with that 2-4 overall record.

"We've come a long way," assured Amy Smith, the Devilettes' first-year head coach who is also a program product, "but we've still got a long way to go. The scores show our hard work is paying off."

In closing out the season series with Davis County, the hostesses evenly split the six singles matches to force matters to be determined in doubles play.

Parnell

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stressed Hass. "He handled it with class."

Following a bevy of off-season activity that included the adding of two new team owners, a change in parent team affiliation and a team name change, Parnell was also faced with a single-season record 10 rainouts during the home segment of the regular season. It resulted in a number of games being combined in the form of doubleheaders.

Despite the weather, the franchise established a new single-season overall and per-game attendance record, shattering the previous mark that has stood since the 1998 season during the final home stand of the campaign late last month.

Part of his duties as the GM and vice-president is the helping line up of special promotions that dot the schedule during practically every home series. As much time as he spends at the team's home Fieldcrest Stadium and away from his Brawley School area home during the season, he was lured there more than usual during this past off-season as well.

The team changed parent affiliation from the Philadelphia Phillies, on board since the team's presence, to the Chicago White Sox, accounting for an entire change in coaching

personnel and players assignment.

Also, the team brought to the roster new owners Bruton Smith and the late Dale Earnhardt, the presence of the latter part of the reason for the team's name change from the Boll Weevils to the Intimidators. The new name swept across all of minor league baseball and beyond, becoming one of the most recognizable in just its first season of existence.

Unfortunately, despite all the added workload off the field, it failed to be rewarded on it as the Intimidators were eliminated from any postseason possibilities during their final regular-season road trip. Kannapolis finished one of the best first-half records in all of minor league baseball but still finished second in its division. A bid for the second-half title and resulting automatic playoff bid never materialized.

A native of Locust, Parnell, who has gained the reputation for being very supportive of his players, coaching staff and fellow front office employees, worked for the Reading Phillies of the Eastern League for eight years before arriving in Kannapolis in 1997.

He was also named the SAL's top general manager two years ago.

Alexander

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In a single game as part of a 2,710 season total that was also the best total of any prep runner in that state that season. He also finished that year with a better than 13-yards-per-carry average.

Those numbers made him both a Shrine Bowl and East-West All Star game selection, one of the few to be named to participate in both games involving some of the state's top seniors during the same year. Heavily recruited by a number of major college football programs, Alexander caught up on his academic standing during two seasons of junior college competition at Mississippi Gulf Coast before joining the Gamecocks as a junior last season.

Contest returns

It's back.

As of this week, the Mooreville Tribune returns with one of its most established of all season traditions. It does so with the featuring of the first 10 weeks of the high school and college football contest.

Made available courtesy of the contributions of a number of Mooreville area sponsors, the contest that kicks off this week will provide readers with the opportunity to participate as well as offering a cash reward to those who do it the best.

Every week, a list of 12 games involving area high school and college teams will be provided. Readers interested in doing so are asked to fill out the entry form by deciding when teams involved in the games will emerge as winners. Those doing the best of the games will be placed into a group eligible to collect \$100 at season's end.

Entries may enter as many as three contests per week, but only one can be considered as a weekly winner. There is no limit to how many times contestants can enter during the entire run of the contest campaign. Each weekly winner will be eligible for the cash prize.

The contest is being made possible through the efforts of the event sponsors.

The contest will run each week of the remaining high school season.

All interested in participating are urged to follow all contest rules, especially the one indicating the deadline for all entries to be accepted.

South Carolina, with a total of 18 starters returning, faces its stiffest test of the young season this week when traveling to meet fellow Southeastern Conference member and 24th-ranked Georgia Saturday.

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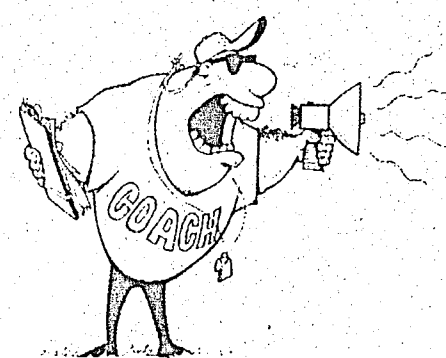
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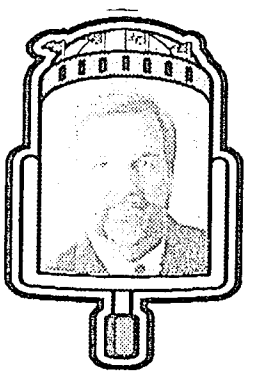
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12. East Carolina

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