

Vikings' bid for second straight win sunk by second half

Second halves give, and they take away.

South Iredell's varsity football team found that out first-hand in their visit to cross-county rival North Iredell Friday night.

A week after using a strong second-half blitz to power past another in-county foe in West Iredell, the Vikings this time found the final two periods to be their undoing, squandering a 17-0 lead at one point and a 17-7 halftime advantage to suffer a 20-17 defeat at the hands of the host Raiders.

With the loss, the first-year 4A class Vikings drop to the 1-3 class overall and 1-2 level against fellow county residents. South Iredell has one more Iredell County

entry left on its schedule before embarking on its first ride through the 4A class Central Piedmont Conference beginning next month.

Throughout most of Friday's first half, it appeared as though the momentum from the previous week's second-half efforts that spawned a 28-point outburst and propelled the Vikings past West Iredell carried over with the guests. They scored single touchdowns in each of the first two periods and added a field goal for the 17-0 lead, it made possible by the forcing of five turnovers.

Team-leading rusher Tommy Martin, who crossed the 100-yard barrier for the third time in four games,

jump-started the attack with a 17-yard scoring run in the first period. Martin then added a second TD run of the half on a five-yard push just past the second quarter's midway mark. Kicker Marshall Hitchcock, who nailed both previous point-after-kicks, then drilled a 30-yard field goal near the half's two-minute warning mark for the 17-0 cushion.

"We had the opportunity to put the ball game away," sighed Kent Millsaps, South Iredell's head coach. "Through our own mental mistakes, we didn't get it done."

The Vikings started contributing to their eventual demise inside the first half's last 10 seconds, when a South

Iredell fumble was recovered and returned 58 yards for a North Iredell score. That allowed the Raiders some momentum of their own at intermission.

It was North Iredell that used it to its advantage, notching a third-period tally that pulled it to within three points, at 17-14. Then, minutes into the final frame, the hosts struck again, this time from three yards out, but a missed PAT kick left the visiting Vikings some welcome room for a potential comeback of their own.

The best shot South Iredell had at squeezing through it, though, came with just under three minutes left, when Hitchcock's field goal attempt from 45

yards out drifted left. The Vikings had dug as deep as North Iredell's 22-yard line on the drive before a penalty thwarted the charge.

Martin wound up with a team-best 114 yards, while fullback Ronnie Williams chewed up another 67 yards. Quarterback William Murdock hit on three of his five passes for 35 yards while

Martin connected on his lone toss of the night good for 22 yards. Wes Rash latched on to two passes, worth 30 yards, while Martin joined Landon Carter with a single reception each.

South Iredell stays on the road this week when calling on Alexander Central Friday night. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Impettes playing like vets

It may just be the first year of volleyball as an official sport within the North Piedmont Middle School Conference, but Mooresville Middle School is playing like it has been here before.

The Lady Imps used the sweeping of the season series over fellow league member Northwest Cabarrus Middle late last week to improve to the 7-2 mark overall that includes a 6-1 effort within the NPMSC.

That latter record keeps the Impettes in the running for the outright regular-season conference championship heading into this week's play.

"This is a very good group," praised Jennifer Markle, the MMS head coach. "We're having a good season, and the girls are excited about what they are accomplishing. They are already looking forward to continuing their careers at the high school level."

MMS managed to knock off Northwest Cabarrus both at home in an earlier meeting and than on the latter's home court to post that 2-0 series sweep. It's the second of two league series that the Lady Imps have completed.

Earlier in the week, the Impettes were dealt their lone league loss by a visiting J.N. Fries team that averaged a season-opening loss on its home court late last month.

Other Lady Imps conference wins have come in earlier single meetings with Kannapolis, Mt. Pleasant and Concord. In non-league play, MMS split a home-and-home series with North Davie Middle.

Of the team's 14 players on the roster,

eight of them are eighth-graders who were members of the team last year that played a makeshift schedule with no conference affiliation in order to receive valuable experience prior to this season.

"Our returning players have really been a boost for us," added Markle.

The presence of those players is being felt in all facets of team play. Along the front wall, returnees Christina Gallahan and Erin Riley have been joined by first-year player Courtney Abraham in leading that charge at the net.

Helping set the stage for those kills has been the setting of Jessica Oliver.

Along the back wall, it has been the play of Sara Pickard and Robin Rines that have helped provide key serving and digging abilities.

The Lady Imps have also been boosted by the all-around contributions supplied by second-year players Jona Faulise and Noel Dyk.

Among the number of first-year players, Lindsey Gibbons has surfaced as a key team member.

MMS' volleyball team heads into the final full week of regular-season play with matches on tap at home against Kannapolis and at Mt. Pleasant to complete both of those home-and-home series, seeking sweeps in each.

The Lady Imps then close out the season at home against Concord early next week before readying for participation in the inaugural NPMSC postseason volleyball tournament that will be held early next month at Northwest Cabarrus Middle.

Devils destroy E. Rowan

East Rowan just happened to be the one in the way Monday night.

Mooresville's varsity boys soccer team, perhaps taking a cue from the country's feelings, entered its destruction mode in the North Piedmont Conference match held in the Mooresville Stadium and hacked out a 10-0 triumph.

With the win, the Blue Devils picked up their second straight win and first in two tries within NPC play. The victory improves the Devils to the 7-3 barrier overall that includes the now break-even, 1-1 slate within first-year conference play. The favorable decision also came in the first of what remains only NPC play for

Mooresville after it closed out the non-conference segment of its season late last week with a win at state-ranked Elkin.

Monday's win was Mooresville's first within its new league and first at home since late last month.

"We played well," noted Steve Smith, Mooresville's first-year head coach, who himself lost count as to the number of sources from which goals came, "especially in the second half. It was a good way for us to keep it going."

In Monday's rout, the Devils received a hat trick of three goals from Phillip Citroen to pace the attack.

Also legging in tallies for the hosts were Ryan Kenyon, Mark Cheslak, Preston Davis and Charles Robinson.

With the offense raining in goals, the defense never wavered to preserve the shutout.

Mooresville is back in action in league play and on the road when facing North Iredell tonight (Wednesday) and returns home to entertain Kannapolis A.L. Brown Monday night.

Unlike Monday night, junior varsity play will take place prior to both tonight's and Monday's action, as East Rowan did not field a JV-level team.

Both Imps notch first grid wins

Thursday wound up being a red-letter day for both of Mooresville Middle School's football teams.

And not just in honor of their Red Imps team colors.

It was because on that day, one at home and the other on the road, the seventh-grade and eighth-grade Imps, respectively, each collected not only their first wins of the season but also against fellow North Piedmont Middle School Conference opponents.

In what was each squad's third game of the season and second within the NPMSC ranks, the at-home seventh-grade Red Imps needed the converting of a two-point conversion following their overtime touchdown to post a 20-10 triumph over Northwest Cabarrus Middle School.

Meanwhile, on the latter Warriors' home field that same afternoon, the eighth-grade Red Imps found an offensive punch that has been lacking previous all season to knock out the hosts, 28-24.

Due to a number of reasons involving coaching moves before both games and dur-

ing them as well, individual accomplishments and team total statistics are unavailable. Plans are for those details to be available when play resumes this week.

Earlier in the season, both teams opened the season with losses first against Concord and J.N. Fries, the latter accounting for the league debut for each. The eighth-graders played their games at Concord and at home against Fries, with the seventh-grade unit following an opposite-site agenda.

With each of the wins last week, both teams improved to the 1-2 mark overall and squared respective conference records at the 1-1 level heading into this week's play. As for that upcoming play, both teams are back on the field tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon and in NPMSC play when facing counterparts from Kannapolis. The eighth-graders will be making their second and season's next-to-the-last home appearance with their game in the Mooresville Stadium, while the seventh-graders will be taking care of their business on the road.

Both contests feature 4 p.m. starts.

Mustangs split shutouts with Twisters

The IRSL Lady Mustangs Classic soccer team split two games with the Greensboro Twisters White and Green teams on Saturday. The Mustangs topped the White 1-0 in the opener, as Lauren Carter took a pass from Sarah Tang and beat the goalie for a

second-half goal. Mustangs keeper Alicia Danenhower preserved the victory with strong play in goal.

In the nightcap, the Twisters' superior spacing, passing, and physical play were too much for the Mustangs in a 3-0 loss.

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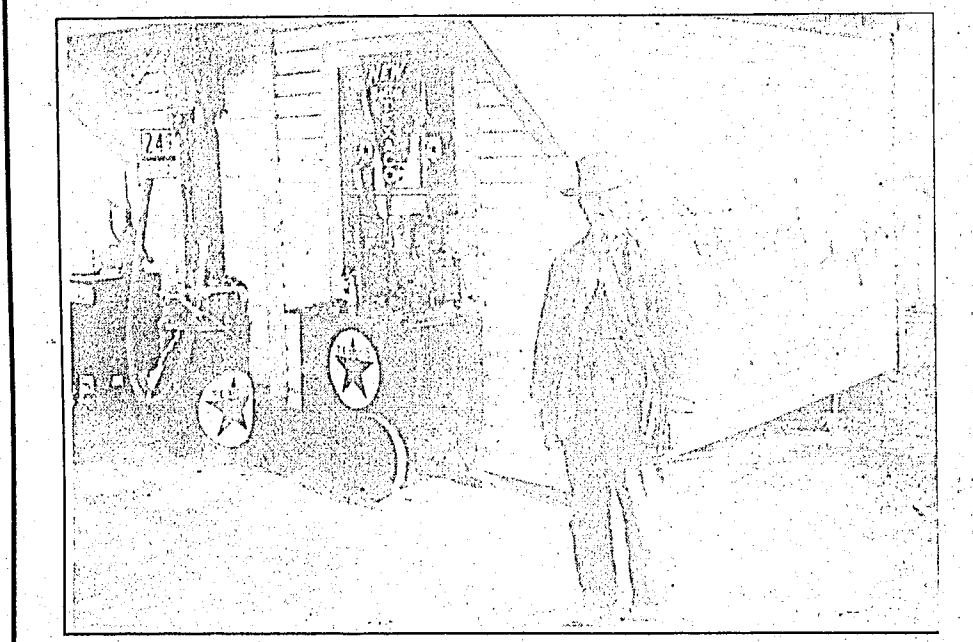
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A listing of regular area meetings

A weekly listing of upcoming meetings, classes and other events in South Iredell and the region (all telephone numbers have 704 area codes unless otherwise noted).

LNHS parents

The newly formed Lake Norman High School Parents Association will meet Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Brawley Middle School cafeteria to an informational meeting and to elect officers. For more information, call Jeff Lavoe at 704-663-3060.

Singles Club

The New Beginnings Singles Club of Lake Norman will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Corral restaurant in Mooresville. Details: 704-664-5577.

AARP cookout

The Mooresville/South Iredell Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons will hold its annual cookout at Sloan Park west of Salisbury on Sept. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. For more info call Jo Ann Morrow, 948-5967.

Business Expo 2001

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce will present Business Expo 2001 on Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center. The expo will give local businesses an opportunity to display their service and products, as well as network with other business people in the area. Exhibit booths cost \$175 for members and \$250 for non-members. Caterers, restaurants, and food vendors are also needed to participate in the "Taste of the Town" event that will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 704-664-3898.

DAR meetings

Daughters of the American Revolution meet monthly and for date and location call Miriam Smith, 704-948-7327.

Living Single

The South Iredell Senior Center is offering a "Seniors Living Single" support group for area seniors who are single. The group is intended to provide an avenue for single seniors to meet others interested in companionship and friendship. Questions? Call Debbie, 662-3337.

Partners in Parenting

Beginning in September, Piedmont Mediation Center will offer a seminar that teaches divorced or separating parents how to remain a stable force in their children's lives. The classes will be held in Mooresville the first, Saturday morning of even months. For more information, call (704) 873-7624.

Youth intervention

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Iredell County, Inc. is launching its new Youth Enhancement Services (YES) Program, which will use prevention and intervention techniques to provide guidance to at-risk male youths between the ages of 13 and 19. For more information, call 662-3238.

Mooresville Woman's Club

The Mooresville Woman's Club meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Pine Room of the War Memorial building. For more information, call 704-663-2532 or 704-660-1086.

Class reunions

The South Iredell Class of 1991 will have a 10-year reunion on Sept. 22 at the Mooresville Citizens Center. Help is needed to track down as many of our classmates as possible. Please e-mail any current addresses to Jennifer Hager Eland at jeland@carolinian.com or call 704-947-2787 for additional details.

The South Iredell High School class of 1995 will hold its sixth-year reunion — "From Geek to Chic" — on Sept. 22 from 6 p.m.-midnight at the Holiday Inn in Cornelius (I-77/Exit 28). Cost is \$50/person and includes dinner, a deejay and dance floor. If you're a graduate or know how to contact one, or for more information, call Jaime Gatton at 704-658-0824 or e-mail jgattont@earthlink.com.

The Mooresville High School Class of 1980 will hold its 20th reunion on Nov. 10 at the American Legion hut on North Main Street. If you're a graduate or know how to contact one, call Scott Vaughn at 704-660-9343.

Square Dance Lessons

A new session of modern Western Square Dance lessons will begin Oct. 1, join the Spinning Moors at the War Memorial Bldg., 220 N. Maple St. Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person per lesson. For details call (704) 664-4429 or (704) 892-5262.

Mothers of Multiples

Lake Norman Mothers of Multiples meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius. The group provides support and friendship for families of multiples and promotes interest in and knowledge of, multiple births and parenting. For details, call Lisa Delano at 704-662-0779.

Book discussion

"Chapters," a women's book discussion group, is forming in Mooresville. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at Java Jim's Coffeehouse at the Brawley Commons shopping center, with two sessions available: 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 7-9 p.m. For details, or the book title, call Fran at 664-5536.

CG Auxiliary

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-1, located on Lake Norman, meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Midway Marina Restaurant. Dinner (optional) is at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Anyone welcome.

Help the animals

The Iredell County Humane Society needs volunteers and funds for numerous Society programs, including the spay-neuter program, shelter adoption subsidy, adopt-a-pet, pet therapy and humane education. For more information on helping or contributing, call the Humane Society at 704-871-2594. Donations are tax deductible.

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LN Christian Women

The Lake Norman Christian Women's Club brunch is held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Peninsula Country Club, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Details: 948-5931.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Family Support Group of Mooresville meets the first Monday following the first Sunday of every month, at 7 p.m. at Peninsula Baptist Church on Brawley School Road. The support group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association/Carolina Piedmont Chapter. For more information, call 799-2712 or 532-7390.

Genealogical Society

The Genealogical Society of Iredell County meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Iredell County Public Library auditorium, 135 E. Water St. in Statesville. For details, call 664-1717.

Getting a GED

Area residents who would like to obtain their General Equivalency Diploma (GED) can begin that pursuit immediately through the Mooresville Recreation Department's Winnie Hooper Center. Each Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-8 p.m., GED classes are being offered. For more information, call 663-0033.

Lakeside Business Leaders

Lakeside Business Leaders invites local business professionals from new and established Lake Norman area businesses to join the group. The organization meets every Friday for lunch at the Texas Steakhouse in Mooresville. Networking begins at 11:45 a.m., while the hour-long business meeting begins at noon. Details: Call Gail Sears at 662-9443 or 965-3954.

Model airplane club

The R.C. Wingers, a radio-controlled model airplane club in Mooresville, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. During Daylight Savings Time, the club meets at its flying site on Patterson Farm Road. Winter meetings are at Fairview United Methodist Church in Mt. Mourne. For more information, call 663-2776 or 664-3498.

Amateur astronomers

The Astronomical Society of Rowan County meets monthly at the home of Ellen Treder. For more information, call (704) 636-1399 or (704) 857-2788.

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Lake Norman After 5

The Lake Norman After 5 Christian Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Mooresville Citizens Center. For details, call 483-7494, 663-7881 or 857-2998.

Evening Quilters

The Mooresville Evening Quilters meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Mooresville Middle School.

Mothers & More

The Lake Norman chapter of Mothers & More (formerly called FEMAE) meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huntersville Community Room, 107 S. Old Statesville Road (N.C. 115). The national, non-profit organization provides support to women who have altered their career paths to accommodate motherhood. Mothers who work full-time, part-time or are stay-at-home moms are welcome. For details, call 393-2734 or e-mail the organization at: mothersandmore@mindspring.com

Support for families

Families Anonymous, a 12-step self-help support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about, and affected by, the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one, meets Fridays at 7 p.m. at the House of Hope, 48 Selma Drive in Mooresville. Organizers urge family members, but not the loved one experiencing the problem, to attend. Also, children under 15 are discouraged from attending. The program is free. For details, call 799-1945.

Hispanic ministry

Central United Methodist Church sponsors a ministry of assistance, information and referral to Mooresville's growing Hispanic community. The ministry, named "Comunidad en Unidad" (Community in Unity), offers weekly assistance on Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. at the church. Spanish-speaking residents are encouraged to take advantage of the service.

Stroke support

Pamela Laroche, a stroke survivor, leads the Mooresville Stroke Support Group at the South Iredell Senior Center in the Mooresville Citizens Center at 1 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month.

Jolly Travelers

The Jolly Travelers of First Baptist Church of Cornelius — offering recreation, travel and ministry opportunities to senior adults — meets the second Tuesday of each month at the church. Details: Call Margaret Smith at 875-9306.

Surveyors meet

The Lake Norman Surveyor Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Lew's Fine Foods in Mooresville.

Moms In Touch

A number of Moms In Touch prayer groups, which pray for their children and the schools they attend, meet weekly in the Mooresville area. For meeting times and locations, call Karen Ledbetter at 662-3076.

Lake watchdogs

The Lake Norman Cove and Creek Keepers meet the first Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church west of Mooresville. Anyone interested in volunteering time as the environmental "eyes and ears" of the lake is invited. For more information, call Norah Dahlen at 892-4079.

Fibromyalgia support

A Fibromyalgia support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Phillip's Catholic Church in Statesville, and the second Monday of each month at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville. Both sessions are at 7 p.m. Details: Call Dee at 924-7384.

Cornelius Aglow

Meetings of the Cornelius Aglow Lighthouse Ministries are held the second Saturday of each month at the Prime Restaurant, I-77/Exit 28, at 9 a.m. All women and girls of all nationalities and denominations are invited. For more information call Marlene Edwards, 896-7066 or Lena Wallin at 892-8819.

Children of Alcoholics

The Mooresville House of Counseling of Iredell, 141 W. Statesville Ave., meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. for Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents. The counseling service is available 24 hours a day. For details, call 664-4357.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Several chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the Mooresville area each week. For locations and meeting times, or assistance with a problem related to alcohol, call the Help Line at 878-6404.

UDC meeting place

The Battle of Bentonville Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy meets monthly, for dates and location, call Kay Jones at 663-0390.

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