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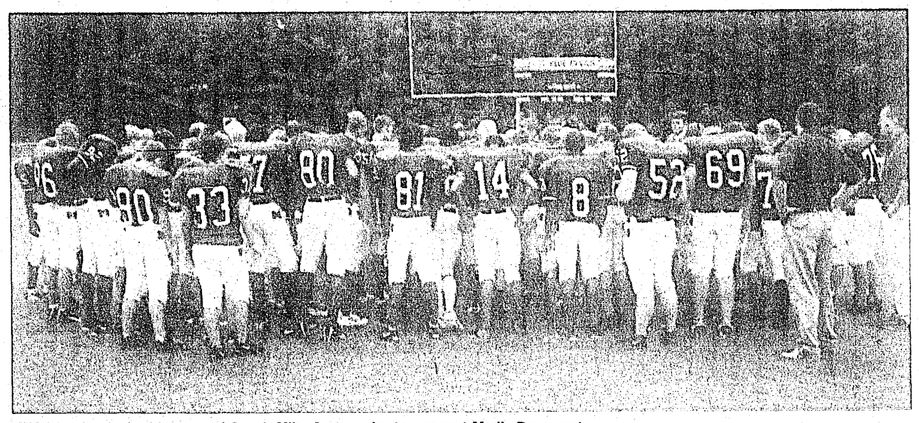
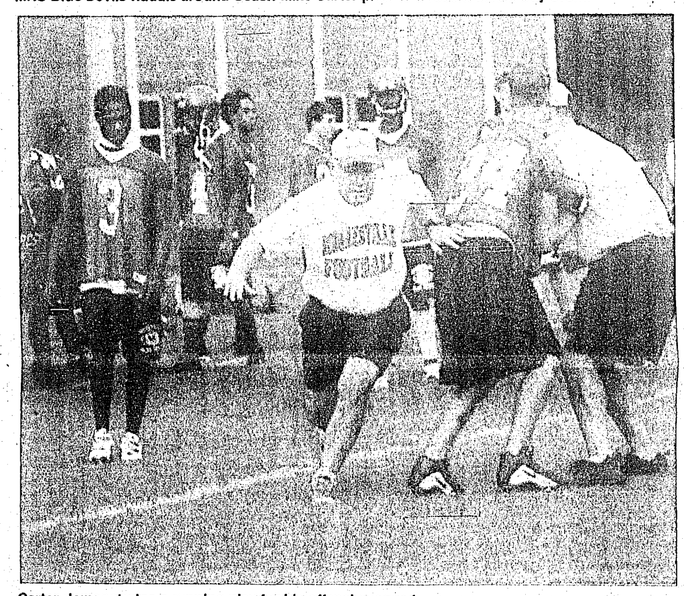


MHS Blue Devils huddle around Coach Mike Carter prior to a recent Media Day event.



Carter demonstrates a running play for his offensive squad.

Football part of fabric of life here in Mooresville

By JAIME GATTON

You can almost smell it in the air: It's football season in Mooresville.

Tonight, Mooresville High will kick off the season that the town always looks forward to — the one it's especially anticipating this year after MHS fell one game shy of a trip to the 3-A state finals last season.

"I tell people all the time: Football is one of the biggest things going in Mooresville," says Bruce Boyles, superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District. "It's the place where everybody goes on Friday nights. It's something people really look forward to."

The Blue Devils will square off with Gaston County's Forestview

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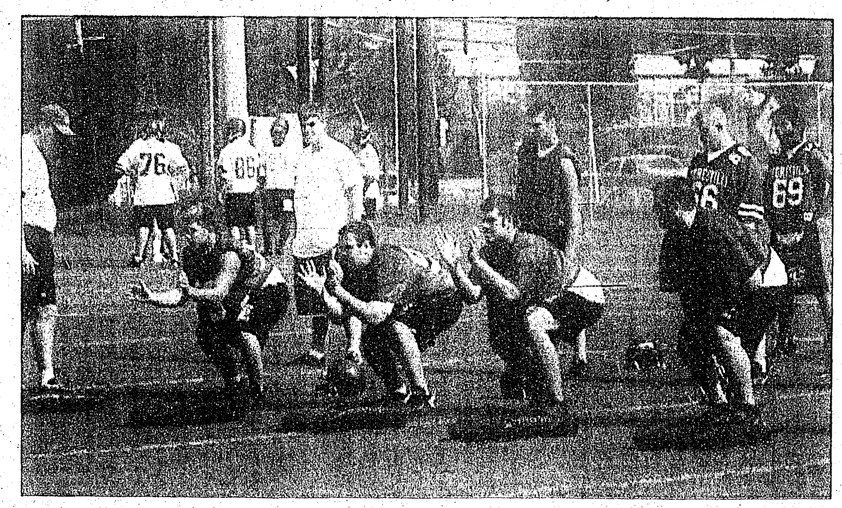

Learning how to do it the right way, these Blue Devil linemen hone their skills prior to the season-opening football game tonight.

Photos by Larry Sullivan

Best-yet scores are welcome news for I-S Schools

Mooresville slips in 2001 SAT average

By JAIME GATTON and DALE GOWING

Amid the financial and administrative turmoil that has rocked the Iredell-Statesville Schools in recent months, the system has gotten some good news: Last year's SAT scores were the system's highest ever.

The scores, released this week by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, revealed a 29-point gain for Iredell-Statesville over last year's math and verbal test scores.

Iredell-Statesville seniors during the 2000-01 school year posted an aveage SAT score of 1024 — four points above the national average of 1020 and 32 points higher than the state's average of 992. Iredell's score was a 29-point improvement over the previous year.

'...These SAT scores just prove we are doing what we're here to do: educate our children.'

Tara Cashion, school board member

Almost 51 percent — or 424 — of the I-S seniors last spring took the Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is an entry requirement for many colleges and universities.

The Mooresville Graded School District tested 57.1 percent of its students and received a total score of 996 — down 58 points from last year's high of 1054.

Mooresville's scores topped the state average by four points, but fell 24 points shy of the national average.

Iredell-Statesville's good news, however, was heartily welcomed by parents and beleaguered administrators — especially in light of the current investigations into possible financial mismanagement by the district, and the resulting suspension of Supt. Howard Coleman.

"I've tried to separate what's happening in our schools from the other clouds that are over us right now, because those clouds don't reflect the great job are schools are doing," said Acting Supt. Julia Williams. "This SAT score is a perfect example of that. The other problems, we'll try to take care of them, too."

Added Board of Education member Tara Cashion of Mooresville, "To me personally, these SAT scores just prove we are doing what we're here to do in the first place: educate our children.

"Even though we're having these (adminstrative office) problems, we're right on target with educating the children."

Mooresville administrators cautioned against drawing negative conclusions about their district's

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Great Earthquake: 115 years ago today

Dad thought commotion was a burglar

By O.C STONESTREET III
Special to the Tribune

The Mooresville-south Iredell area is not a location known for severe seismic activity. There have been a few tremors in our history, but mostly the terra firma around here has stayed firma.

The one great exception to this was, of course, the earthquake which occurred 115 years ago today — on Aug. 31, 1886. Known as the Great Charleston Earthquake, its epicenter was near the historic South Carolina coastal city.

Here follows a first-person account of that event by Harris DeWitt Mills, a Mooresville resident who was 8 at the time. The son of pioneer Mooresville merchant John Pinkney Mills and his wife Elizabeth Harris Mills, and a grandson of Isaac Harris, Harris Mills' account of the earthquake was one of his regular columns, called "Yesteryears," that appeared in the Tribune in the late 1940's.

By HARRIS D. MILLS

The afternoon of August 31, 1886, was a warm, hazy closing of a typical summer day. Probably it was more like the Indian summer

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