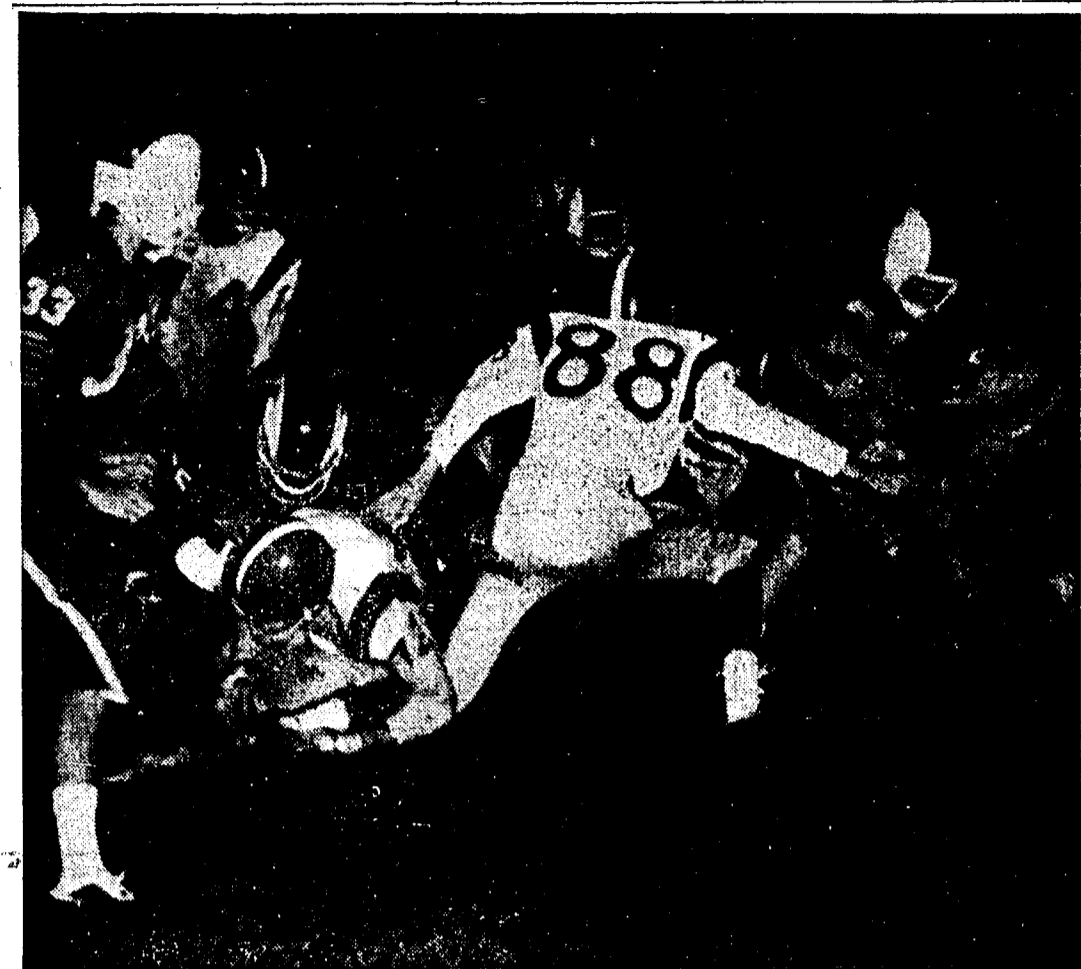


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Mooresville To Battle West Rowan In Conference Opener Here Friday

Still gasping after their narrow 6-0 victory over Statesville last Friday night, Mooresville's Blue Devil gridders turned out in full scale for practice sessions Monday afternoon in preparation for their North Piedmont Conference opener against West Rowan tomorrow (Friday) night.

Game time is set for 8 o'clock on the Senior High Athletic Field with a large delegation of Mooresville fans anticipated at the gate. Head Coach Roy Boyles lost no time Monday afternoon, after checking over the minor injuries collected in the grueling line battle against the Greyhounds. He sent the entire team through a rugged workout.

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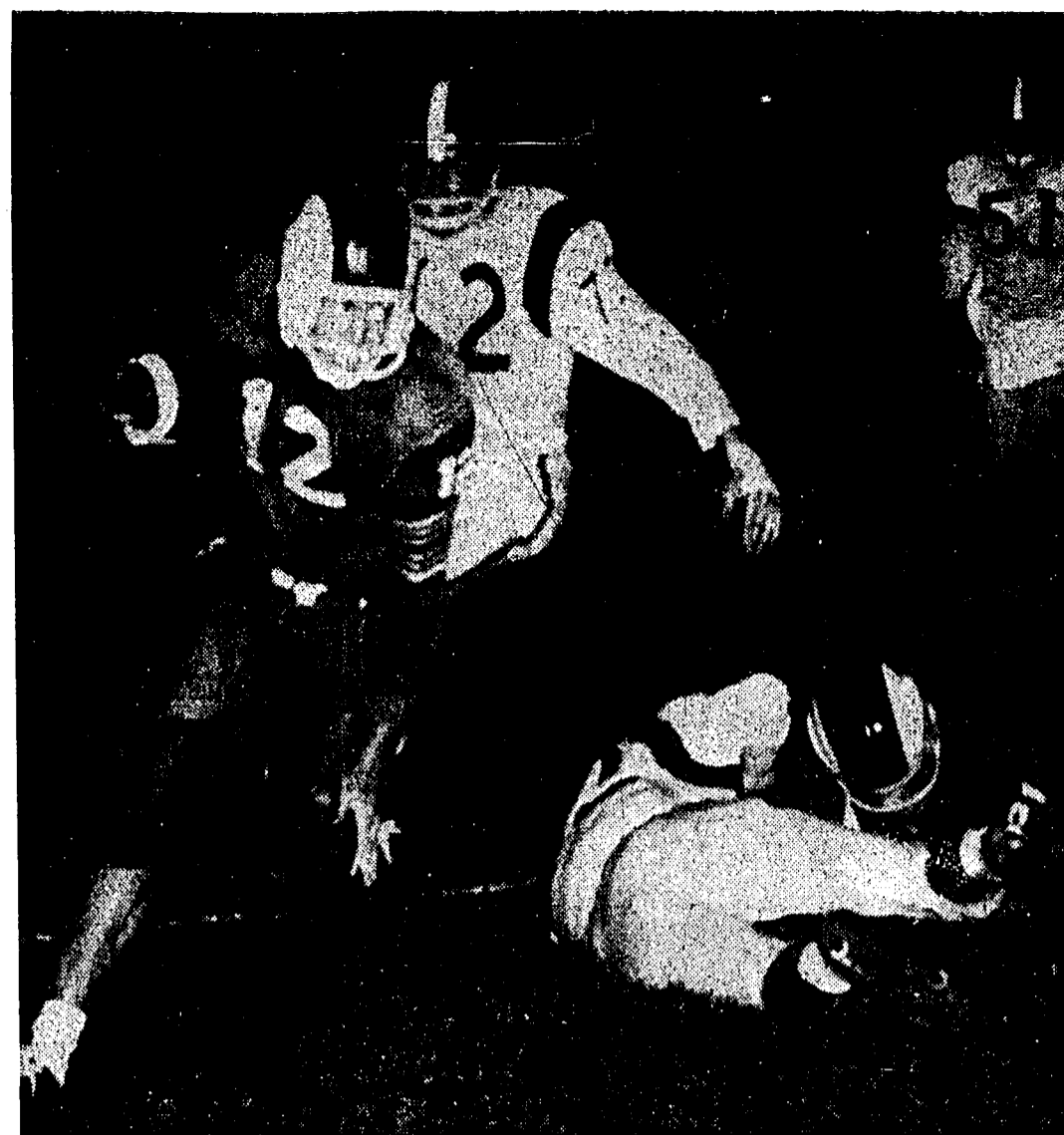
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Draymore Wins Textile League Tourney Title

The Industrial Softball League tournament wound up in championship style as Draymore and the Ramblers battled a thrilling contest in the tourney title game Monday night. Heroes were scattered all over the field, but the biggest of all would be Draymore short stop Don Buie.

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SIDELINE COMMENTS

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We kept waiting, waiting, and then finally it happened. Deal shook loose on a roll-out play and carried all the way for a touchdown. Before this we had our doubts. When Statesville completed that long pass we had another mild stroke, but here the defense came through to preserve the victory.

Yes, it sure was a tremendous game, a game in which Mooresville was rated the favorite because Statesville was supposed to be in a rebuilding year. From experience, I've found where the Blue Devils and Greyhounds play there is no such thing as a favorite and to win by one touchdown is plenty of satisfaction for this corner.

Still thinking about that defense, Dewitt Hinson, Billy Watson, Gary Karriker, Bobby Pope, Roy Thompson, Larry Dyson all in the line made us feel real proud. They did a fine job. The backfield made up of David Olinphat, Puddy Johnson, Mike Chester, Tim Roach, Tom Deal and Chick Pless made it plenty hard on the running and passing game of Statesville.

Think now, West Rowan comes to town tomorrow night. Coach Roy Boyles reports the game will be played should the weather be no worse than last Friday night. The postponement of the game last week made a real hardship for Mooresville fans as well as this writer.

All these writings had to be held up one day, making the Sunday afternoon a real full-time day for yours truly. We got the pictures of the game printed Sunday afternoon, completed our writings around midnight, then went to sleep looking forward to a rainless Friday tomorrow.

North Piedmont teams made a fine showing in the first week of the season. Six of the seven games played were non-conference affairs and the NP came out winners in five of the contests. Our predictions also took a glimmer for

the first week. In the seven games we had only one tie and one tie. We didn't predict the tie so we'll count that as a loss on our side of the ledger, giving us a 5-2 mark in this first week. The five rights give us a percentage of .714. Reckon we can up it this week.

North Piedmont games played last week had North Rowan and West Rowan battling to a 6-6 tie and Monroe thumping Concord 26-14 for our two wrong predictions.

Our right guesses had East Forsyth downing Davie County 32-6, Troutman stopping Celeste Henkel 6-0, South Rowan topping East Rowan 7-0, Children's Home shel-

lacking West Montgomery 19-6 and our Blue Devils over Statesville 6-0.

To delight North Piedmont Conference fans, six games are on tap around the conference. Monroe travels to North Rowan, Concord is at East Rowan, Davie County motors to Thomasville, Statesville and Troutman collide at Troutman, Children's Home is at West Davidson and the Blue Devils are set to entertain West Rowan.

With our fine mark last week we hit the prediction trail again in what we expect to give us an improvement in our crystal balling. We like Monroe over North Rowan 20-7, Concord to edge out East Rowan 13-7, Thomasville to romp over Davie County 32-6, Statesville to down Troutman 20-6 and Children's Home to make it two in a row with a 20-7 decision over West Davidson.

West Rowan and Mooresville will see two unbeaten clubs taking the turf in Blue Devil Hollow. Our prediction: Mooresville by half a point.

Mooreville had one other scoring chance, this coming in the latter part of the first half. Deal, from his 39-yard line, ran down to the Statesville three. However, a clipping penalty moved them back to the 18 and after three running plays failed, Karriker attempted a field goal from the 14-yard line which was blocked by the charging Statesville forward wall.

Karriker was also a wee bit off on the placement after the Mooresville score as his boot barely missed the right cross bar.

Mooreville's victory over the Greyhounds came after two years of Statesville domination in what, to Iredell fans, is a replay of the Duke-Carolina battles which provide fans with enough gridiron entertainment to last a lifetime, and it's only the beginning of the season.

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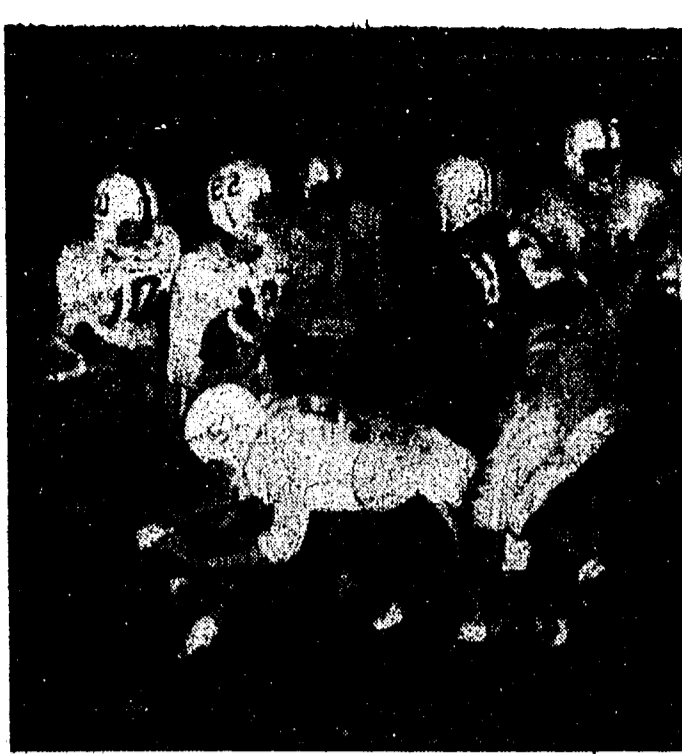
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