

## Booster Club Membership Falling Short

Going into the final stages of the annual membership drive of the Booster's Club, President Buford Compton is dismayed with the lack of interest shown by local sport fans in joining the club. Membership is falling way short of the sign-up at this time last year. Club members are urged to contact all persons possible in an attempt to put the needed 300 members on the dotted line. Membership in the club is only \$5 per year. Every penny of this fee goes directly into promoting the sports program of the local school system. This year, the club is backing the Midget Football program and the need for financial help is vital to keeping the youngsters playing. The local sports club depends entirely on the sale of memberships to carry out the financial program for the year. They need and deserve the support of each and every sport fan of the Mooreville area. Make it a point right now to call on a Booster member and do your part to help this fine organization meet its membership goal.

## SIDELINE COMMENTS

### Prognostications Reach .846—An All-Time High

Now I believe this writer can consider himself an expert on this predicting business. In 13 games, we have been right on 11 occasions for an amazing .846 percentage. Only two tie games during the first two weeks have kept us from having a perfect record.

### Troutman Set For Methodists Friday Night

Checking over his team Monday afternoon, Troutman Coach Bill Mayhew counted no serious injuries in the Bobcats' 26-8 loss to Statesville last Friday night. He set right to work preparing his charges for the game tomorrow night against the highly-rated Children's Home eleven.

Local area fans have been getting their share of gridiron thrills with the fine performance of the Blue Devil team in two games. They remain unbeaten, downing Statesville 6-0 the first week, then whipping West Rowan 25-7.

Gary Karkier is having his troubles trying to make extra points. In five attempts he has converted one time. His kicking has been real close and on three occasions the ball just missed the cross bar. Watch him tomorrow night. I believe he will hit them, should the team score any touchdowns.

Davie County is still seeking its first win. From the type of game they played against the Blue Devils last year, you can bet your last dollar they will be all out for a victory. Let's hope our boys come through with their third win of the year.

It would also be right at this time to commend the vast number of fans who turned out for the opening game despite cloudy weather. They got their money's worth as they saw the locals play almost to perfection.

It is our opinion, the Blue Devils have the stuff to take the conference this year. Only time will tell, this win or loss this corner is backing them all the way. They are a fine bunch of boys.

Rolling to the outcome of last week's games, our correct guesses were Monroe over North Rowan 15-7, Mooreville took West Rowan 25-7, Concord and East Rowan battled to a 0-0 tie, Thomasville stopped Davie County 26-6, Statesville beat Troutman 26-8 and Children's Home continued unbeaten with a 33-0 margin over West Davidson.

Five games, three conference battles and two non-league affairs head up the menu tomorrow night, Kannapolis is at home against North Rowan and South Rowan travels to West Rowan in a non-league contest.

League tilts have Children's Home at Troutman, East Rowan at Monroe, and the Blue Devils on their home field against Davie County.

Hope our record will keep that fine mark as we go along with these teams: Children's Home to stop Troutman 19-8, Monroe over East Rowan 20-7, Kannapolis to outscore North Rowan 19-13, South Rowan to walk over West Davidson 26-0.

On the local scene, we will have to go along with the Blue Devils to down Davie County 41-0. Hope no kicks go straight up.

P. S.—If you haven't gone down to see the Midgets play, you are sure missing a lot. Better make plans to be there this Saturday night.

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4—THE MOORESVILLE (N.C.) TRIBUNE— THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1963

## Junior High Grid Machine Shaping Up As Rough, Tough, Hustling Unit

The sound of leather smacking, helmets clashing and coaches bellowing echoing off the hills and hollows surrounding Hood Field means only one thing: The Junior High Red Imps are at it again. Hopefuls for this year's football team are entering their third week of practice.

Coach Dave Richardson and his able assistants Conrad Tharpe and Bill Griffith have another week to prepare their charges for battle in their opening game against D. Matt Thompson in Statesville September 22.

Optimism is prevalent as the squad goes through workouts. Coach Richardson expects to field a representative team during the campaign. Richardson will have experienced boys at every starting position. A beefy and experienced line and a talented backfield are expected to improve on the 24 record posted by the Imps last year.

Line Coach Griffith marvels at the way his charges are hitting the middle of the line. Griffith has the entire starting forward wall of last year and he reports each boy has grown considerably not only in size but also in desire and ability.

Heading up the long list of experienced linemen are Franklin Rader, John Beam, Joe Benson and Bill Keeter. These lads will form the nucleus of the offense and defense.

Richardson lists 34 boys on his squad. Going into practice sessions this afternoon, only one boy is definitely out of the starting line-up for the opening game. Tommy Oliphant, who had expected to see much action at the line-backing position, is watching from the sidelines with an ankle injury. Richardson reports that it is entirely possible Oliphant will be lost to the team for the entire season.

Other than this setback, the locals appear to have a top notch outfit with Mike Deaton nominated for the quarterback spot, David Bowles or Tommy Brown at the fullback slot and Mitchell Coggins and Larry Sprinkle at halfbacks. Set for offensive duty in the line are Tony Levan, Johnny Verble, and Jim Benfield at ends, Bill Keeter and John Beam at tackles, Joe Benson and Franklin Rader at guards with Clarence Black getting the nod for the ball-snapping duties.

Coach Richardson, having only a small number of boys to work with because of the Midget football program installed this year, has been able to screen the boys almost to perfection.

"National 400" Set For October 13 In Charlotte  
It could be the grand national champion stock car driver of the year will be decided in the "National 400" stock car race in Charlotte Sunday, October 13. Present leader Joe Weatherly is but a few points ahead of second place Ned Jarrett of Newton.

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