

# PREPS

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Conference victory over the Warriors.

The Indians spoiled the Warriors' homecoming festivities when Doug Miller kicked a 33-yard field goal and quarterback Derrick McGowan went over from a yard out with 7:28 remaining.

The final West Meck touchdown was set up when the Indians recovered a Warrior fumble at the East Gaston 31.

Fullback Ray Hughes of West Meck shredded the Warrior defense for 182 yards in 17 carries.

East Gaston's Robbie Hart, who had a tender ankle entering the game, injured it on his first carry from scrimmage and had to sit out the rest of the game.

The Warriors drove 75 yards in nine plays to grab a 7-0 lead on a 6-yard run by quarterback Kenneth Hilton and the first of two extra points by Jon Michael.

The Indians tied it when Hughes raced 63 yards two plays after the ensuing kickoff and Miller converted. West Meck went ahead 14-7 on its next possession when they drove 80 yards in 13 plays with McGowan passing 10 yards to Larry Thomas on the first play of the second period.

The Warriors tied the game in the third period on a 58-yard, 12-play drive, with Tony Byrd, Hart's replacement, going in from 5 yards out at the 5:05 mark.

West Mecklenburg upped its record to 2-1 in the conference and 6-1 overall. East Gaston dropped to 0-3 in the league and 2-5 overall.

— Dwight Frady

## Maiden 52 Bessemer City 8

BESSEMER CITY — There wasn't much Bessemer City football coach Chip Herring could say after his Yellow Jackets were pummeled by Maiden.

Not only was the score lopsided, but Maiden added injury to insult as three Bessemer City players suffered broken bones in the game.

On the third series of downs for the Yellow Jackets, running back Anthony Carson broke his leg and is out for the year. Before the game was over, linebacker Chris Walker broke his finger and guard Howard Grindstaff broke his hand.

"When it rains it pours," Herring said. "They (Maiden) knew we were wounded and came right after us. They attacked our weak points."

Bessemer City was forced to pass on nearly every down after losing Carson. The Jackets gained five yards rushing on 20 attempts. Quarterback Bobby Mantooth passed for 122 yards, but was 6-20 with two passes intercepted.

"We passed because we didn't have any choice," Herring said. "I wanted to run the ball, but we didn't have anybody to do it. The only running back we had broke his leg. Our second and third-string runners weren't able to dress because one has a broken collar-bone and the other has a rotator cuff injury."

"We didn't expect this at all. I would have never dreamed they would have scored 52 points."

Maiden used its strong running game to control the football, gaining 246 yards on the ground with Derrick Ikard gaining 127 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

Ikard scored on runs of 5 and 1 yards in the first quarter, and quarterback Robbie Abernethy made it 22-0 when he scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak and followed that with a two-point conversion run.

Abernethy then threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Elijah Farley with 5:17 left in the first half to give Maiden a 28-0 lead. In the third quarter, Farley spun up the middle and ran 27 yards for a touchdown. That was followed by Cary Shook's two-point pass from Von Ramseur to give Maiden a 36-0 lead with 2:06 left in the quarter.

Bessemer City finally got on the scoreboard when Bobby Mantooth completed a 72-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Gingles. Dale Reid followed with a two-point run with 50 seconds left in the quarter.

Abernethy scored on a 5-yard run followed by Ramseur's two-point run before Maiden's Rodney Dellinger sacked Mantooth in the end zone for a safety to make it 46-8.

Maiden ended the scoring when Marcus Propst carried the football in from the 2 with 1:33 left.

— Bruce Martin

## Chase 20 South Point 6

BELMONT — Chase's Steven Deck ran 4 yards up the middle and into the end zone to boost the Trojans to a 13-6 lead with 6:52 left in the game and send his team to victory over winless South Point.

Deck's touchdown came after a punt by South Point's Mark Mull was blocked by Chase's Scottie Watkins. The ball rolled out of bounds on the Raider 6-yard line.

Chase, 1-3 and 2-5, put the first points of the game on the board when Billy Haynes went over from 1 yard out, capping an 11 play game-opening drive with 7:39 left in the first quarter. Haynes added the extra-point kick giving Chase a 7-0 lead.

The Raiders, 0-4 and 0-7, answered quickly by driving 76 yards in 2:04 with Keith Robbins going off-tackle and into the end zone from 12 yards out to bring South Point to within a point within 5:35 left in the first period.

Robbins rushed for 228 yards on 31 carries for the game.

The final score of the contest came when Chase's David Ramsey broke to the outside and ran 25 yards down the sideline for the touchdown with 2:38 left in the game. Haynes' second extra-point on the night accounted for the final point of the game.

— Sam Bundy

## Newton-Conover 27 West Lincoln 7

NEWTON — Newton-Conover exploded for 21 points in the second period and quarterback Eric Brown passed for three touchdowns and ran for another as the Red Devils moved to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Southern District 7 2-A Conference.

Brown scored on a 1-yard run to start Newton-Conover's second-period surge, then passed 6 and 14 yards for touchdowns to Brad Killian before halftime.

In the final period, Brown and Killian hooked up again on a 1-yard TD pass to make it 27-0.

Clay Leatherman, who had 105 yards on 24 carries, scored on a 12-yard run in the fourth quarter as West Lincoln, 2-2 and 5-2, avoided the shutout.

— Staff reports

## Mooreville 21 Cherryville 6

CHERRYVILLE — Thomas Blakeney scored three touchdowns and rushed for 146 yards while the Mooreville defense held Cherryville to 21 yards rushing in the Southern District 7 2-A Conference game.

Blakeney scored on a first-quarter run of 2 yards, then returned a punt 60 yards in the second period as the Blue Devils took a 14-0 halftime lead. Blakeney added a 36-yard scoring in the fourth period.

Cherryville's only score came in the final minutes when Kevin Clinton scored from 12 yards out.

Mooreville is 2-5 overall and 2-2 in the SD7. Cherryville is now 2-2 in the league and 3-3 overall.

— Ron Kiser

## West Caldwell 20 East Lincoln 15

LENOIR — The Mustangs, now 2-5 overall and 1-1 in conference play, spotted West Caldwell 20 first-quarter points and then fought back to make it close before falling in the Big Six 3-A contest.

Eric Corpening scored on runs of 80 and 43 yards in the first period and James Nelson added an 8-yard touchdown run as West Caldwell, 6-1 and 2-0, took the big early lead.

But the Mustangs turned things around, shutting down the West Caldwell attack and rallying.

Harold Anderson scored on 6-yard run and Steven Spivey ran for two points in the second period to make it 20-8. In the third period, Doug Friday scored on a 6-yard run and Jeff Haymore added the PAT to make it 20-15, but that was how it ended.

— Staff reports

## Fairfield Central 7 Clover 0

WINNSBORO, S.C. — A Clover fumble set up the game's only touchdown as the Blue Eagles fell to 1-3 in Broad River Conference play and to 1-6 overall.

The fumble, late in the first period, gave Fairfield-Central the ball on the Blue Eagles' 29. Troy Jones eventually ran it over from five yards out and Curtis Jones added the point after for the game's only points.

Fairfield-Central is now 1-3 in the league, 3-4 overall.

— Staff reports

## Charlotte Latin 59 Gaston Day 18

CHARLOTTE — The Spartans fell to 1-7 overall as Charlotte Latin bounced back from its first defeat of the season last week with a blowout victory. Latin is now 6-1 on the season. No further details were available at press time.

— Staff reports

# Chase 20

## South Point 6

Chase	7	0	0	13	—	20
South Point	6	0	0	0	—	6

C — Billy Haynes 1 run (Haynes kick)

SP — Keith Robbins 12 run (kick failed)

C — Steven Deck 5 run (pass failed)

C — David Ramsey 25 run (Haynes kick)