

Nitro Plans on Passing If Receivers Can Be Seen

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Nitro coach Pat Vance makes no secret of his plans Friday night. The Wildcats will pass, maybe.

"We've got to pass the ball because we're not big enough to grind it out against DuPont. Our biggest worry this week is seeing over the top of DuPont's defenders to pass the ball. They are really big," said Nitro coach Pat Vance.

Nitro travels to DuPont Friday night in one of five games involving Kanawha Valley Conference teams. Elsewhere Friday, Stonewall Jackson and Charleston clash at Jaidley Field. Herbert Hoover goes to Ravenswood. St. Albans is at Dunbar and Sissonville is at South Charleston.

"Not only is DuPont tough, but they are big and tough," Vance noted. "They have some good players at the skilled positions. I know they lost a lot through graduation, but they have a lot back from last year."

DuPont is riding a 17-game regular season winning string and Vance thinks the Panthers have an excellent chance of reaching the Class AAA playoffs again. "DuPont has probably the fastest back in the state in Eddie Saunders, a great end in Denny Ballard and a strong line. They've got the talent where you need the talent," the Nitro coach noted.

Nitro is not as big or strong as DuPont, but Vance is not giving up without a fight. "We'll just have to use our quickness to stay in the game," he said. "I think you can count on us passing because we're going to have to go for the big play in this one."

Nitro hopes to cash in on the passing arm of Jimmy Henson and receiving of end Gene Duffield. "We haven't been as successful as I'd hope passing, but that could change. Henson is a fine passer and Duffield an excellent receiver," Vance said.

Vance is concerned about the DuPont game. "Playing DuPont is never easy and playing them at DuPont is even tougher," he said.

DuPont coach Corky Griffith doesn't think his team is near its peak. "We're not overwhelming anybody," he said. "We haven't peaked yet and I'm glad we haven't because the toughest part of our schedule is still ahead of us."

Griffith has a lot of respect for Nitro. "They are not as big as we are, but they execute very well and they are well coached. Pat does a great job with

them. Nitro won't beat itself, you have to do it."

Griffith said his biggest worry is stopping Nitro's passing game. "We know they're going to pass and Henson can really throw. That Duffield can catch anything that comes close to him. We've got to stop their passing game, that's all."

Another worry is Benjie Smith, middle guard for Nitro. "He's really tough on defense and could give us an awful lot of trouble. I've been impressed with him in the game's I've seen Nitro play," Griffith said.

Griffith said he's been pleased with the play of end Denny Ballard. "He's grading real high on the game films with his blocking and he's been making some big plays for us in clutch situations, the type of plays that can turn a game around for you," the DuPont coach said.

Tim Ray Gardner is the team's leading tackler. "He's really been giving us a heck of a good effort," Griffith said of his defensive nose guard.

Fleming Keeps State Open Lead

DAVIS (AP) — Pro golfer Barry Fleming of Vienna in Wood County held on to lead the field Wednesday in the second round of the West Virginia Open golf tournament, played at Canaan Valley.

Fleming shot a 73 in the second round, diminishing his lead to one stroke, with a three-under-par 141 two-round total. His first round 68 had given him a three-stroke lead Tuesday.

Second place was shared by Moundsville's Mark Wheaton, with a 71-71-142 on the 6,800 yard, par 73 course, and Mark Welton of Fairmont, who shot a 69-73-142.

Third place was captured by Moundsville pro Doug Ray with a 74-69-143, fourth by amateur Randy Hillis of New Cumberland at 73-71-144; and fifth was shared by pros Chip Vanen of Moundsville, Terry Smith of Paden City, and Fletcher White of Glade Springs, all with two round totals of 145.

The three-round tournament ends Thursday.

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CHAMPAGNE BATH is given to Los Angeles manager Tom Lasorda by Dodger pitcher Doug Rader after L.A. beat San Francisco 3-1 Tuesday night to win the National League West title. (AP Wirephoto)

State Roundup

AAU Tourney Returning to State

HUNTINGTON (AP) — The National Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics basketball tournament for players 15 and 16 years of age will return to Huntington next summer.

Buddy Graham, who coached the runnerup West Virginia team in this year's tournament and also served as tournament director, said he has received a letter from George R. Hoagland, national Junior Olympics chairman, asking that Huntington again host the tournament.

Clay Eyes First Win Over Bisons

CLAY — Clay County coach Ronald Sirk said the only good thing about last week's game was "that it's over."

Nicholas defeated Clay 33-0. "Nicholas was just too much for us. They just had us out-classed," Sirk said.

Meanwhile, the Panthers will try to win their first game ever over Buffalo-Putnam Saturday night at Buffalo.

"We need this one if we are going to have a fair season. We need a good victory and then we have four games at home," said Sirk. "If we cut down on our mistakes, we will have a chance."

Dyer Comes Back Strong

SUMMERSVILLE — Billy Dyer, a 6-foot-3, 196-pound fullback, played in his first game of the season since breaking his thumb and it was quite a game.

Dyer scored two touchdowns and provided the key blocking for Jeff Lilly who rushed for 157 yards.

"Nicholas' defense was led by Harold Hinkle, Leroy Hanshaw, Kevin Perkins, Tony Martin, Walter Hinkle and Scott Perry.

Winfield Plays Scott

WINFIELD — Undefeated Winfield, which beat Charleston Catholic 52-13 last week, will take its offense show to Madison for a 7:30 p.m. game Friday with Scott High.

In last week's win, Greg Schirtzinger scored three touchdowns and rushed for over 200 yards. Art Dolin had two touchdowns and over 100 yards rushing. Winfield coach Leon McCoy praised the blocking of entire line.

Rogers Sparks Valley Victory

SMITHERS — Patty Rogers scored 12 points to help Valley High beat visiting Mount Hope 46-18 in the opening game of the season for both girls' teams.

Mount Hope 2 8 2 6 —18
Valley 12 12 12 10 —46
Mount Hope — Dearing 8, Greed 21, Hall 2, Pryor 6.
Valley — Harper 8, Bria 7, Cosby 3, Rogers 12, Rollins 3, Casciani 2, Lipscomb 1, Duncan 2, Williams 6, Washington 2

"The national officials were real happy with the first tournament here," said Graham, who manages Memorial Fieldhouse, where the tournament is played. "They said they'd like to see Huntington become known as the permanent home of the tournament, just like Williamsport, Pa., is the home of the Little League World Series."

Greenbrier Hosts Invitational

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — The Greenbrier will play host later this month to the only professional tennis tournament of its type in the world — the Borg-Warner Chemicals World Tennis Invitational for players 35 years of age and older.

Among the players already entered in the Sept. 29-Oct. 1 event are Roy Emerson, Cliff Drysdale, Roger Taylor and Fred Stolle. Total prize money for the two-day tournament will be \$16,000, according to Vic Sexias, The Greenbrier's director of tennis. The tournament will be played at The Greenbrier's new multi-million dollar tennis facility.

Emerson was the Wimbledon, U.S. Open, and Australian mens champion in 1964 and has won every major singles championship in the world. Drysdale was the U.S. Open runnerup in 1965 and made the final eight of the World Champion of Tennis (WCT) finals this year.

Taylor and Stolle are considered among the world's top doubles players. Stolle has won every major world doubles title at least twice, and was Wimbledon finalist three consecutive years in 1963, 1964 and 1965.

Kendra Eyes Records

MORGANTOWN (AP) — West Virginia quarterback Dan Kendra has moved into third place in the all-time Mountaineer total offense list with his 160-yard passing performance against Maryland.

The Allentown, Pa., senior now has passed and run for 3,477 yards. He need 999 yards to surpass Mike Sherwood's mark of 4,475 yards and needs 1,011 yards to become the all-time leader, surpassing Bernie Galiffa (4,426 yards).

'This Is Our Week,' State Coach Says

"We feel like this will be our week. We really do," West Virginia State coach Oree Banks said, as he prepared his Yellow Jackets for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game with Fairmont at Institute.

Banks said two things have his hopes up as State looks for its first win after two straight losses.

"Number 1, Robin Lyons will be back. We're really happy that he's back. We're also happy that we didn't get anyone seriously hurt against Concord.

"Number 2, Ron Lindsey, our freshman quarterback, has two games under his belt. Even though he made a lot of mistakes against Concord, he gained some good experience. There's no substitute for game experience," Banks said.

Lyons, the big sophomore fullback,

Panthers Top S.C.

Kim Keeney scored 13 points and Marcia Calloway added 12 more to lead DuPont to a 42-30 victory over South Charleston in a high school girls' basketball game at DuPont.

Six games are scheduled tonight. They are Sissonville at Nitro, Stonewall Jackson at Herbert Hoover, George Washington at East Bank, Dunbar at St. Albans, Charleston at DuPont and Catholic at Logan.

South Charleston (30)				DuPont (42)			
Player	FG	FT	Pts	Player	FG	FT	Pts
Ainsworth	3	4-10	10	Keeney	6	1-5	13
Asbury	1	0-2	2	Calloway	6	0-2	12
Huffman	3	0-7	6	Pierce	2	3-4	7
Nelson	0	1-5	1	Chadwick	3	1-4	7
Pauley	0	0-0	0	Robinson	1	0-1	2
Young	0	0-0	0	Wentz	0	0-0	0
Parker	0	0-0	0	Stone	0	1-2	1
Knigh	0	0-3	0	Shelton	0	0-0	0
Adkins	0	0-0	0	Bess	0	0-0	0
Rasmussen	1	1-4	3	CShelton	0	0-2	0
	12	6-31	30	18	6-20	42	

South Charleston	5	9	9	7-30
DuPont	8	10	14	10-42

Junior High

Kim Holstein and Teresa Gillisepie scored all but two of Washington's points in a 34-25 victory over host Elkview in a junior high girls' basketball game. Holstein scored 18 and Gillisepie 14.

Hayes beat Nitro 42-9 at Nitro.

Washington	8	6	14	6-34
Elkview	0	4	5	0-25
Washington	Kim Holstein 18, Teresa Gillisepie 14, Elk-Jody Rose 8.			

Hayes	8	13	6	13-42
Nitro	0	4	3	2-9
Hayes	Thompson 10, Henthorne 9, Nitro-Karnes 4.			

Chiefs to Become Toronto Farm

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The Syracuse Chiefs, the International League farm club of the New York Yankees, will become a farm club of the expansion Toronto Blue Jays next season, a Chiefs spokesman said Wednesday.

General Manager Tex Simone said the Chiefs' board of directors voted unanimously Wednesday to terminate a contract with the Yankees and sign on with the Blue Jays.

Simone said the American League Blue Jays and the Chiefs had signed a "working agreement."

Parents' Day Set for Catholic

The parents of the Charleston Catholic football players, cheerleaders, band members and majorettes will be honored prior to the Catholic-Buffalo-Wayne game Saturday at Oakes Field. The kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

The parents will be introduced at 12:45 p.m.



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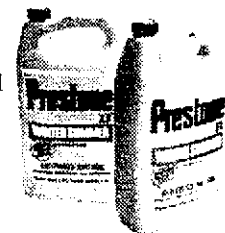


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