

CHS drafts Cain

As of Monday when the Redskins took the practice field, it looks as if Cumberland High School's football coach is the old master himself, Ron Cain.

Cain was the coach just before Tim Saylor came along four years ago.

But this may be a homecoming in a deeper sense. When Cain played for the Redskins, he led the state in high school scoring: 137 points in 1954 when he was a junior, and 154 points in 1955 when he was a senior. Those were the school records until Bobby McIlquham aced Cain two years ago. Now Cain is McIlquham's coach.

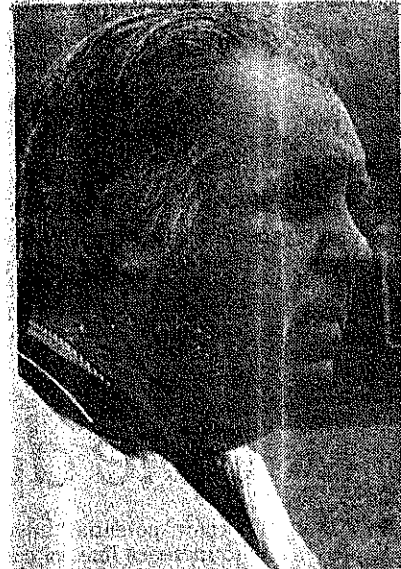
At least, Cain is the coach for now. He said Monday that he did not have a contract with the Harlan County School Board yet. "It's all verbal," he told *Tri-City News*.

Last week, the school board and local member Johnny Blanton thought they had someone else.

That was Walter Thomas, formerly of Letcher County and now in Alabama. Blanton had gone to Thomas after George Hatcher from Tennessee had turned down the job.

Thomas was scheduled to be at the school board meeting last Wednesday for confirmation. However, at 8 a.m. that day, he called Blanton and said he wasn't coming either. Blanton said he suspects

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Ron Cain, who set scoring records at CHS, look over the Redskin football program Monday.

Ron Cain dies; coached Seneca to football title

The Courier-Journal

Ron Cain, who coached Seneca High School to the state Class AAA football title in 1965, died Wednesday in Tallahassee, Fla. He was 61.

Cain underwent heart-bypass surgery Monday, said his brother, John Cain.

Ron Cain, a former University of Kentucky football player, led the state in scoring two years while at Cumberland High School. He scored 154 points in 1953 and 139 in 1954.

Cain was an assistant coach at Waggener for two years before taking over at Seneca in 1962. In seven

seasons at Seneca, Cain's teams posted a 57-13-1 record, winning County Region titles in 1965 and 1968.

His '65 team beat City Region tist Flaget, then 10-0 and led by quarterback Oscar Brohm, 13-12 in the AAA final. Seneca was the first County Region team to win the AAA crown.

Cain's '68 team lost to Trinity 29-18 in the AAA final. He then became assistant coach at UK for two seasons before returning to the high school ranks at Somerset in 1971. Cain later coached at Cumberland.

Somerset Undertaking Co. is in charge of arrangements.

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Cain's Goal

the natural thing that I continued into coaching."

Cain went to the University of Kentucky on a scholarship and earned his bachelor's degree in physical education while lettering three years as a varsity end.

A mid-term 1960 graduate, Cain joined Waggener High School's coaching staff as an assistant in the fall of 1960.

He served there two years, then moved to Seneca as head coach in 1962. In five seasons his teams have compiled a 39-9-1 record, a winning percentage of .813. His 1965 team won the state AAA championship, the only one a Jefferson County school has ever won.

Wife To Be Teacher

Cain's wife, the former Phyllis Ann Hall of Whitesburg, whom he married 9½ years ago, will soon be joining him in the teaching ranks.

She is attending U. of L. now and will finish work on an elementary education degree this year.

Mrs. Cain "is up to date on football," Cain said of his wife's sports interests. "And she is a very fine swimmer. She used to be a real good diver but doesn't work at it as much now. She still loves to swim, though."

The Cains have three children, Ronda Ann, 8, a third-grader; Ronnie, 6, who will start to school this fall, and Patricia Leigh, 9 months.

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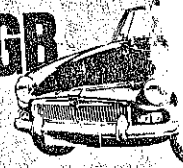
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Ron Cain dead at Kentucky gridiron legend revived Somerset High

By JEFF NEAL
Commonwealth Journal Sports Editor

SOMERSET — It didn't take Ron Cain long to sell Hobe Withers on the fact that he could coach football.

"He didn't think he could win ... he knew he could," Withers said yesterday. "Ron Cain told us 'if you all want a football program, then let's do it. But you've got to put a lot into it.' He was a confident man."

Withers, who currently sits on the Somerset Board of Education, was a member back in 1971, when Cain was hired to revitalize a tarnished Somerset High football program.

Within a year, the Briar Jumpers were winners again. Cain, the man who ushered in

a golden era in Somerset High football, died late Wednesday in Tallahassee, Fla., after undergoing open heart surgery over the weekend. He was 61.

"Ronnie is still the most articulate coach I've ever discussed the game of football with," said John Cain, Ron's younger brother, who followed his elder sibling as the Jumpers' head coach. "Ronnie knew every facet of the game like no other coach I've ever been around."

"There's no question that success on the football field followed my brother wherever he went," John Cain added. "He was a great, great football coach."

Somerset had won three games in two years before Ron Cain and his staff, which included John Cain, came aboard in

1971. That first year, the Jumpers had a six-game turnaround, going from 2-8 to 8-2. In 1972, the Briar Jumpers were 9-1.

In 1973 and 1974, Cain's team went 17-4, won two district crowns, a Central Kentucky Conference title and a regional championship. The 1974 Jumpers were 10-1, and finished in the Class AA state semifinals.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to Cain's coaching prowess is that the Jumpers were 4-0 against mighty Danville during his tenure at SHS.

"Coach Cain just immediately instilled a great work ethic in our program," said Max Messamore, the quarterback of the SHS team through the Ron Cain era. "He made us believe that if

we worked hard and never quit, that we would win. He pushed us to keep going even when things looked bad ... he'd tell us to bow our necks. I've heard him say that 5,000 times."

Ron Cain's theory — x's and o's aside — was quite simple. He believed if you looked like champion, a proud bunch of young men would behave like champions.

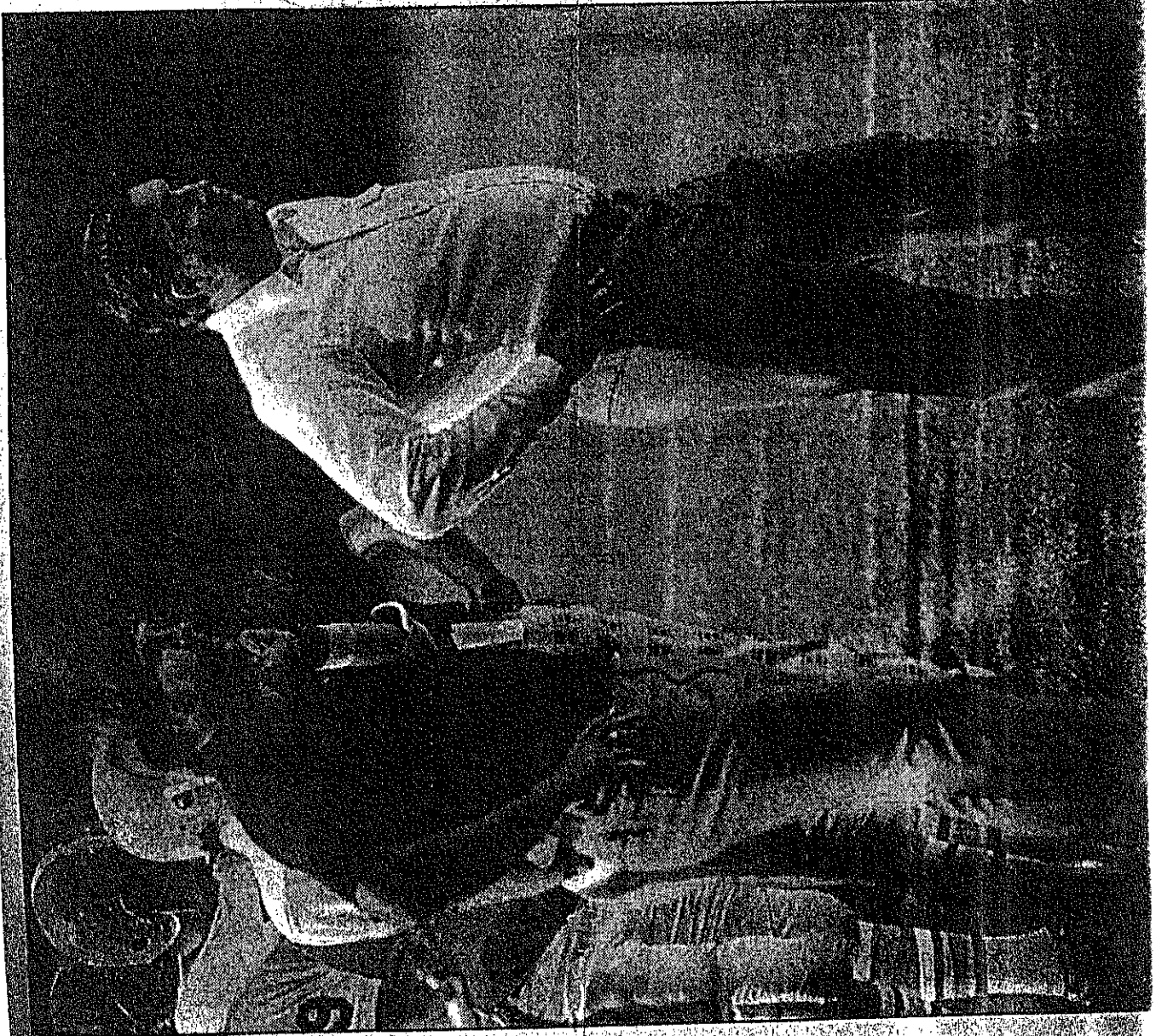
That theory worked at Somerset High School.

"I remember him backing a truck up to the old press box at Clara Morrow Field and throwing all of our old equipment out when he got here," Messamore said. "Every season, we had new uniforms. He made sure his

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WILLIAM RONALD CAIN
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The Ron Cain Era at SHS

At left, coach Ron Cain (right) and his younger brother John (left) are on the SHS sidelines at Clara Morrow Field during the 1974 season. Above, Ron Cain shouts instructions to his team. Below, John Cain talks with Somerset quarterback Max Messamore. The Briar Jumpers were 34-7 in Ron Cain's four seasons at the helm.



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UK had recruiting responsibility, and Ronnie was head and shoulders above all the other coaches up there," John Cain said. "John Ray wanted Ronnie to get into recruiting only ... but Ronnie loved coaching too much for that."

"I always thought that Ronnie would've made an excellent coach on the collegiate level," John Cain added. "That incident might've prevented him from doing that."

Instead, Ronnie Cain wound up at Somerset High.

And, as a result, the Briar Junipers enjoyed over two decades of gridiron excellence.

"Ron Cain will be missed," Withers said. "He's been away from here for over 20 years, but us from the bottom to the top in a very short period of time. And when we hired John, we never missed a step."

"Ron made his mark everywhere," Withers added. "He was a legend."

William Ronald Cain is survived by his former wife, Phyllis H. Cain, a son, William Ronald Cain II, and two daughters, Patricia Leigh Cain Tilly and Ronda Anne Flynn, all of Somerset. Two brothers, John Cain and Dr. Robert Cain, also survive. Ron Cain had five grand-children and four nieces and nephews.

Friends may call this evening after 5 p.m. at Somerset Under-taking Company.

The funeral will be held at Cumberland Missionary Baptist Church in Cumberland, Ky., tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Burial will be at the Huff Cemetery in Cumberland.

Recently Ron Cain worked as a teacher and coach in Valdosta, Ga., for the Lowndes County Board of Education. Ron Cain coached under Mill Miller, who was one of Cain's assistants in the 70s at Somerset High. Lowndes County has reached the state finals twice under Miller, who won a Georgia state title at Sylvester High.

"I always looked forward to coach Cain coming back in the summer ... we'd get together and talk about different things he'd added to his offenses," Mesamore said. "I'll miss that. I can't believe he's gone."

Ron Cain was a prep football standout at Cumberland, where he led the state in scoring his junior and senior seasons running as a fullback out of the wing-T. The high school football All-American was also an All-Stater in basketball, as he averaged 27 points a game for the Redskins on the hardwood.

Cain moved on to the University of Kentucky, where he played offensive and defensive end under coach Blanton Collier. Cain was named to the All-Southeastern Conference Academic Team with a 4.0 GPA.

After graduating from UK, Cain signed a pro contract with the Denver Broncos of the fledgling American Football League, but opted to get into coaching instead.

The Cumberland native's first head coaching assignment was in the summer of 1972, 89 days after attending Cain's first meeting as head coach of the SHS program. "We had a lot of fun revitalizing the program at Somerset," John Cain recalled. "We had a great staff, and we had hard-working players who took a lot of pride in the program. It was a very enjoyable time."

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players got everything they needed ... he wanted Somerset High to be a first-class program. Cain made an impact immediately. And although he left Somerset to enter private business in his hometown of Cumberland, Ky., after just four years, the mark he left is indelible.

"Ron asked a lot from the administration in terms of upgrading facilities," Withers recalled. "I remember him painting and working to make the locker rooms and the showers nice for the players. He wanted to feel like they were in a top-notch program, because he felt it would make them work harder. That philosophy worked for Ron."

The upgrade culminated with the opening of Clark Field.

"Really, you can credit Ron Cain for getting Somerset High the new football facility," Mesamore said. "He was tough, but he was also like a big dad to his players. I don't know if I ever pleased him once in all the time I played for him. But I know he cared about us, not just as players, but as individuals."

"He told us that first day he was here that he'd make men out of us ... and he did."

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"I knew when we went to play opposite sidelines several times The Cain brothers were on them."

The Cain brothers were on Cumberland, and that program needed a lift. Ronnie gave it to John Cain said. "He was there in bored being away from football."

"I think maybe Ron got a little A state championship game."



S P O R T S

Tuesday, February 15, 1972

Somerset Sports Program Gets New Revamped Look

Ron Cain To Direct SHS Athletic Program

Somerset High School's head football coach Ron Cain will step up to a newly created post of athletic director at the end of this school year and extensive improvements are planned for the system's athletic facilities next year.

The action was taken at a special meeting of the Somerset Board of Education last night.

In addition to the elevation of Cain, who completed his first year as head gridiron coach at SHS with an 8-2 record, the board also authorized the hiring of a sixth assistant football coach and relieved another coach and relieved another assistant, Milt Miller, of some of his teaching responsibilities.

The post of athletic coordinator, presently held by Jerry Johns, was abolished by the board, however, Johns will serve as tennis coach and assistant basketball coach, receiving the same salary as at present.

The board plans to build new dressing rooms in the vocational school building when it is remodeled and converted into a middle school for junior high

school students. The present dressing rooms are to be remodeled and lockers installed to replace the hooks now used to store football uniforms.

Coach Cain was given authority to improve the playing surface of the football field and also was placed in charge of its use; however, he was directed to schedule time for band practice sessions on the field.

Coach Cain and SHS Principal Jim Williams were asked to prepare an athletic department budget to include the purchase of additional physical education, football and track equipment, and submit it to the board for approval at a later meeting.

The board suggested that advance season ticket sales to athletic events and the sale of advertising for programs be turned over to the Jumper Club, an organization of SHS sports enthusiasts.

It also proposed that concessions sales at athletic events be placed on a lease basis to a caterer with the proceeds

of the lease arrangement to go to the junior and senior classes and the Athletic Department.

Last Monday, at the regular monthly meeting of the board, a committee was appointed to plan construction of a track which would encircle the baseball field and Hopkins School playground; however, Supt. O'Leary Meece reminded that plans for such construction would first have to be approved by the Division of Buildings and Grounds of the State Department of Education.

Coach Cain earlier had requested salary increases for members of the football staff. Meece pointed out to the board that as athletic director, Cain would receive a \$1,500 a year increment, which represents a \$500 increase over this year.

The superintendent said there probably would be a salary increase for all teachers as a result of state action in revising the Foundation Program salary allotments. If the 6 per cent increase is passed by the State Legislature, it will

mean that Ron Cain will receive an additional \$485, Milt Miller will get \$468 more, Ron Whilson and John Cain will receive increases of \$581, Charles Taylor will get \$439 more and Oscar Fitzgerald's salary will be increased \$417.

Most of the changes and improvements came as a result of a 10-point letter of request sent to members of the board on Jan. 4 by Coach Cain.

In the letter he noted that "... I am sure you are aware that your young men of this high school are deprived of equal facilities in comparison with the schools they compete against."

In listing the 10 requests for the board's consideration, Cain said, "These are not demands; however, there are reasons for all of them."

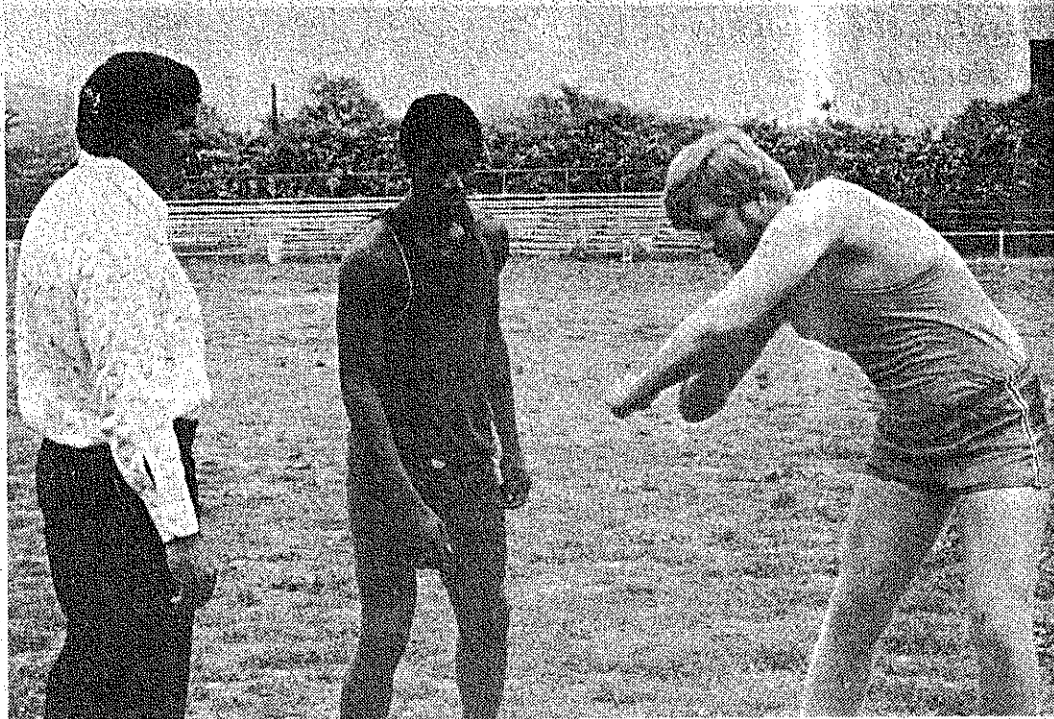
The board discussed the requests in executive session and took formal action at last night's special meeting. Dr. Jack Hill, chairman of the board, read Cain's requests one by one and reported the board's action.

SHS Principal Williams and Coach Cain, who had been invited to attend the meeting, sought clarification of several points with the board. Cain would he could start looking for an assistant football coach as soon as it is determined what teaching positions will be vacant next year. The coaching staff also teaches regular classes and must meet requirements to teach these subjects. He was authorized to hire an assistant coach to start work in July.

Members of the board stressed that the changes were being made for the good of the school system and that no personalities were involved in their considerations. Communication and cooperation were cited as the cornerstones of a smooth operating and efficient education program "and that's what we want to have here."

The board also had received a request from school principals in the system for salary increases next year, but consideration was postponed until the March regular meeting.

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Shooting For The State

Representing Somerset High in the Class AA State Track Meet Saturday in Lexington will be Mike Griffis, right, and Tim Gaines, center. Track coach Ron Cain looks on as Griffis shows the form he used to win the regional shotput title. Gaines was first in the 440-yard dash. Only winners in each regional event advanced to the State Meet. (Town and Country Photo by Bill Bowden)

THE SPORTING THING

By CLARENCE GREENE



Another Spring meeting of the Cumberland Valley Conference went into the official record last night.

The most newsworthy item that was produced was the death knell of high school basketball season. The conference re-adopted the idea of awarding its title to the team that went the farthest in the district tournament.

Thus, a majority of the teams, from the CVC, who enter the district meet can do so without having played any regular season games at all.

Originally the rule stipulated six games with three different schools to be eligible for the title. Sometime ago the KHSAA adopted a rule that said in effect that in order for a team to have spring football practice it must have baseball or enter the regional track meet.

All the teams in the SEK conference enter the track meet, although just what emphasis is put on it would cause as much argument as how much interest will now busy up from high school baseball locally.

Other official items of business was naming Cumberland the official CVC basketball champion for the 1955 season and Roy King as the coach of the year.

The naming of the official All-CVC basketball team concluded the spring meeting. There were 31 players nominated by the nine coaches for the 10-player honor squad. In the official secret ballot Dick Amyx, Benham, was designated captain because he was the only player to get nine votes.

The All-CVC Team

Dick Amyx, Benham.
Fred Helton, Evarts.
David Blair, Cumberland.
Ronnie Cain, Cumberland.
Howard Walls, Harlan.
Clyde Tipton, Black Star.
Jack Morgan, Hall.
Lige Buell, Wallins.
Bill Lee, Wallins.
Dickie Parsons, Harlan.

Other players who received votes but failed to poll enough to gain the first 10 are: Bill Criscillus, Loyall; Norman Edwards, Harlan; Ray Webb, Harlan; Tony Halburnt, Harlan; Ken Smith, Lynch; Carl Jackson, Evarts; Bill Warfield, Black Star; Jackie Gallagher, Cumberland; Don White, Loyall; Bill Henery, Lynch; Eddie Karst, Evarts; Red Hanzel, Hall and Wendell Hensley, Hall.

In addition to those on the honorable mention list are Petrey, Benham; Clark, Black Star; Owens and Powell, Hall; Wilson, Loyall; Morgan, Lynch; and Baute, Wallins.

Officers of the conference for the 1955-1956 school year were John Howard, principal at Wallins as president; Clyde Tweed, football coach at Wallins as vice-president and the writer as secretary-treasurer.

1950s Were Golden Era For The Prep Footballers

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Horace VanMeter, an end, signed with Virginia Tech and end Jimmy Maddox went on to University of Tennessee. Cain's running-mate in the backfield, Jack Gallagher, was also one of the state's scoring leaders and joined Cain at UK.

Clark Mayfield was a kicker at Black Star High School and later went on to UK.

The Evarts Wildcats also had some very good teams and players during that era. Current Evarts Coach Ron Johnson was one of the best in Cloverfork at that time and he remembers the good and bad times.

Evarts finished 7-3 each of Johnson's final three seasons (53, 54, and 55).

Charles Bentley was the head coach the first two seasons, before the legendary Charles Hunter started his long reign in 1955.

In 1953 both tackle Lloyd "Hot Dog" Fletcher and center Ralph Asher went to the University of Kentucky.

Johnson, a center and line-backer, signed with East Tennessee State University after his senior season.

The current Evarts coach was also a participant in the East-West Kentucky All-Star Game after his senior season.

Five players from the county played on that all-star team. Jerry Kirk and Kenny Cole at Benham, along with Don Atkinson and Fleet Webb at Harlan were also members of the East team.

Johnson remembers the 1954 season as possibly the best one in the County. Besides Cumberland and Lynch, Harlan was 9-1.

The 1954 Evarts team had its own outstanding lineup. Frank Asher and Freddie Helton were the ends, Jack Hammons and Bob Johnson played the tackles,

Don Andrews and Bill Henson were at the guards and Johnson was the center.

The Wildcat backs that season included Buddy West, Eddie Karst, Jim Toby, Jackie Bates and Ed Farley.

One of the Evarts losses in 1954 came at Whitesburg. "They had us down 35-0 at the half and it started snowing. We were in the bus at haltime and Coach Bentley came into the bus at haltime and said 'excuse me I thought this was the football team' and he went out and sat in the stands.

"We cut the lead to 35-28 and he came back on the sidelines. But we ended up losing 41-35," said Johnson.

Johnson also remembers a 40-7 loss at Cumberland his junior season. "We were only behind 14-7 at the half, but they pulled away the second half. The Cumberland radio stations said I had 28 tackles that game, but I also remember Ron Cain running by me a few times."

There have other good teams and players since that time in the 1950's, but the overall quality has never been quite the same.

It was a time to remember.

1950s Were Golden Era For Local Teams

By JOHN HENSON
Of The Enterprise Staff

The 1950's were a golden period for high school football in Harlan County.

Teams at Lynch, Cumberland, Everts, Harlan and Benham were ranked among the best in the state.

Outstanding players from all of the county schools drew attention from college scouts around the nation.

The county also had some of the best coaches in the state with people such as Roy King at Cumberland, Sam Potter at Lynch,

Joe Gilly at Harlan, Charles Hunter at Everts and Charles "Big Man" Davis at Benham.

Current Cumberland High School Coach Ron Cain was among the very best of the elite players of that time.

In 1953 and 1954 Cain led the state in scoring. He totaled 154 points as a junior and 137 points as a senior before moving on to The University of Kentucky.

One of Cain's best games was a 33-13 win over arch-rival Lynch his senior season. Cain scored five touchdowns and threw for three extra points.

That win completed an under-

feated 10-0 season for the Redskins and also ended a losing streak against Lynch.

Back in those days the Lynch Bulldogs just didn't lose very often. As Cain remembers that game was Lynch's only loss in three years.

Cumberland then went to Danville to play a bowl game. At that time the playoff system in high school football was not in existence and the best teams around the state were invited to bowl games.

The Redskins dropped a 13-7 decision to Danville and had the ball on the one yard line when time ran out.

After the season ended Cain was named to the first team all-state squad as both a running back and linebacker.

eraged 25 points a game as a senior and also could have continued his basketball career in college, but chose football.

He later went on to UK and earned three letters as a tight end and defensive end. Cain was named to the All-SEC Academic Team as a senior with a perfect 4.0 average.

At that time, high school competition in the region was among the best in the state.

"In my opinion the strength in the entire state focused in southeastern Kentucky. Lynch, Cumberland, Whitesboro, Corbin, Pineville, Whitesburg, Hazard and Prestonsburg had the best teams in the state.

"As I recall if you wanted to win the CVC, you had to beat Lynch. It seemed like every year

Harlan had super teams. Everts was ranked somewhere between eight and 10 in the state one year. Every year they had outstanding football players. They would hit you.

"Everts, Harlan and Hall High had outstanding baseball programs during that time," said Cain.

The 1950's also brought a wealth of individual talent to the area. Jim Stanley was an outstanding tackle at Lynch before going on to Texas A & M.

"Coach (Bear) Bryant said he (Stanley) was the best high school lineman he ever saw play the game of football. He spoke at the Lynch banquet and said that if he ever saw a high school player any better than Jim Stanley, he would vote to bar him from



Reaching High

ent Cumberland coach and former Redskin all-stater Ron Cain captured as a freshman at the University of Kentucky in 1955. Cain the state in scoring as both a junior and senior.

December 30, 1953

Redskins Open Cage Activity; Drop Opener, Take 2nd Game

The whistle blew and the ball went up in the air, the 1953-54 basketball season was officially begun.

In the first game which was an evenly fought game to the end, the Redskins lost out to the Whitesburg Yellowjackets 64-69.

The score was tied many times but mid-way of the fourth period the Jackets gained a six point leadway and the Redskins tried but just couldn't catch up.

Competing for scoring honors were: Blair-23, Cain 17, Gallagher-11, Maddox-10, and Scott-3.

For the Yellowjackets, Fields was the high point man with 26 points.

In the second game of the season the Redskins out-played the Bell County Bobcats 59-44. Paced by Ronnie Cain the Redskins held the lead during all three quarters and at one time were nineteen points ahead of the Bobcat team. The Bobcats strong arm seemed to be Johnson who shelved 11 points.

The Redskins got their share of charity throws making good 17 of the 19 free shots.

Scoring were: Cain-30, Blair-17, Gallagher-7, Scott-4, Van-Meter and Cornett-1.

Score by quarters:
Cumberland 11 30 41 59
Bell Co. 9 15 23 44

Cain Leads Parade

Ronnie Cain who can shoot 20, 25 and 30 footers with about as much ease as he made touchdowns led the parade with 18 points.

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Cumberland Takes Defeat Wallins Devils With Shocking 51-35 Score Redskins Attempt 51 Field Goals And Make 19 Of Them Pay Off

By Clarence Greene

The patrons of Cumberland High School are a patient group. They waited 15 years to excel in sports and then hit the "Jackpot" in both leading sports. Last night the Redskins took the CVC lead in basketball with a shocking 51-35 decision over the Wallins Purple Devils.

Cumberland Takes CVC Top Berth Redskins on Top First Time Ever

Redskins Take Lead

The Cumberland Redskins lead the Cumberland Valley Conference for the first time in 36 years or since they became a member of the league. They downed undefeated Wallins 51-35 this past week to take the CVC lead, last undefeated quintet in the CVC. David Blair and Ronnie Cain powered the Redskins with 34 points for this important win.

The Corbin Redhounds went outside to lose to Clark County High at Winchester, 70-43.

The Cumberland Redskins, who jumped up as the region's No. 1 team after beating Wallins, breezed to their ninth win in 10 starts by turning back Leatherwood, 69-36, Friday night. Jackie Gallagher, outscored speedster Ronnie Cain, 20-16, while top scorer David Blair fell to 11 points. Blair leads the Redskins with 199 points to 172 for Cain. Cumberland is undefeated in conference play with six wins. They play Evarts Tuesday.

Cumberland, Clay County, Barbourville and Middlesboro are the current leaders in the four districts that comprise the region.

Cumberland Redskins Captivate Bell 59-44 Behind Scoring Of Cain

The Cumberland Redskins still showing the effects of football muscles captivated the Bell Bobcats 59-44 with Ronnie Cain leading them to their first CVC win by scoring 30 points.

Blair, upon whom Cumberland has been counting to make them a CVC contender, accounted for 16 points. Harlan Johnson led Bell with 11 points.

Harlan reached the 50 mark against Lynch. They'll have to surpass that to beat Cumberland there on Friday. You'll recall the 32 scored by Webb and Walls was just two points more than Ronnie Cain tabbed himself against Bell County.

Cumberland remained right on their heels with a decisive 59-45 triumph over Harlan. It was Cumberland's second CVC win in as many starts.

Ray Webb kept Harlan in the Cumberland game with 20 points even though top honors went to David Blair with 23 points. Bill Burkhart came through with seven for second place honors for Harlan. The touchdown twins—Cain and Gallagher—had a total of 25 points.

By Clarence Greene

The Cumberland Redskins breezed along to cope the Cumberland Invitational tourney with a 67-47 win over the Benham Tigers, in Cumberland, Friday night.

Harlan defeated Lynch 63-56 in the consolation. The Cumberland Redskins still exhibit the offensive power regardless of balanced scoring. Naturally David Blair and Ronnie Cain turned in 45 points.

Ronnie Cain led tourney scoring by tabbing 43 points for the Redskins. He was followed by Burkhart with 41, Bob Galloway, Benham, with 37, David Blair, Cumberland had 36 and Dick Amyx, Benham, chalked up 34 points.

The Hall Gamecocks face Cumberland with a 5-1 record. Their win over Henderson was an easy one prior the holidays.

Cumberland will have height advantage under the basket with David Blair but Hall has more scoring depth from the fast break. Cumberland's scoring has gone to Cain with 103 points in five games followed by Blair with 98 and Jackie Gallagher with 53 points.

Cain Named In First Team of All CVC

Ronnie Cain, Redskin, was named in the first team of the annual all CVC selections announced on Nov. 21. The selections are compiled by all coaches of the Cumberland Valley Conference voting on their choice for each position on the honorary team.

Cain, who played full-back in the regular season, was picked as one of the four best conference backs. He was also chosen, along with Jim Stanley (Lynch), as Co-Captain of the team. He was the only Junior on the first team list.

On the second team the Redskins had four players listed: Horace VanMeter-end, William Scott-guard, Bill Evans-center, and Jack Gallagher-back.

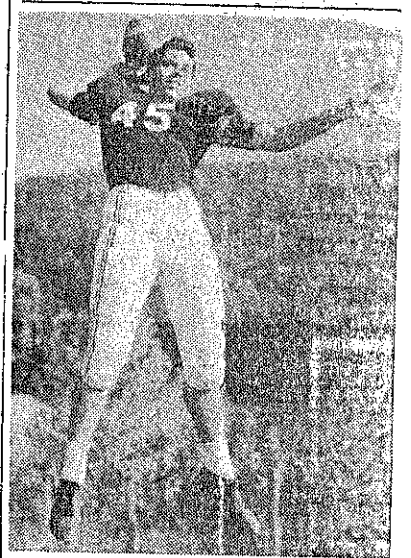
The all CVC first team is as follows:

Ends-Styles, Benham; Saylor, Black Star; Osborne, Wallins; Tackles-Stanley, Lynch; Fletcher, Evarts; Guards-McIlquaham, Benham; Mayercheck, Lynch; Center-Asher, Evarts; Backs-Ronnie Cain, Cumberland; Bonich, Lynch; Wilhoit, Loyall; and Ross, Harlan.

Sam Potter, Lynch, was named CVC coach of the year.



YEA! MAROON, YEA! WHITE



RONNIE CAIN

One of last years lettermen is Ronnie Cain 6' 1" guard. Cain had a total of 274 points from last season and is a good bet for all Tourney.

Nov, 1973

Good Sam,

Congratulations on a fine season. Although the playoffs didn't exactly go the way we wanted, we can't remember a more enjoyable football season.

We would like for you to know that your long hours and hard work with our team have been most appreciated.

Although very few boys can be outstanding players, we do feel our son and all the players can reach their full potential under your excellent coaching. We may be selfish but

We do hope you'll be with us for many years to come. We feel like the football program at Belmont is under the best of care with your guidance. Thanks again for all your efforts.

Best Wishes to you and your family,

Jack & Geraldine Shuler

lots of appreciation from parents



UNITED STATES NAVY

4 Oct. 70

Dear Coach,

How are you? Fine & hope. Well I've finally ended up in the service. I'm getting ready to start my third week of boot camp. It really isn't too hard, its just that all the petty stuff that gets to you. I think I might have been better off in the draft, I didn't know how much I would miss the good life. Once you get a taste of it, you don't want to give it up. I think really though, I made the right decision. I was starting to become a drifter and a bum really. My school record was against me and I really couldn't get into anything I wanted, because of it. Well now the navy is going to send me through a school to learn a field and I should be able to have a good thing going when I get out.

I may never get to see you again, and I wanted to get a chance to thank you for the many things you did for me when I was young. You influenced my life in more ways than one. You helped give me something that I will cherish for the rest of my life. You made me a man, in more ways than one. You made be realize that being first even if it is a small and insignificant things, it is the only way to live. It is a guideline I will always live by. You made me feel the value of teamwork and leadership which I am putting to great use now.

letter of
appreciation
to his coach



You made me realize that anything worth doing is worth doing right. You made me tough and I will never falter through anything within my physical or mental power. And above all, you taught me how to love. I honestly can say that I loved everyone of my teammates and I believe this was one of the secrets to our success the year we won the state. You molded us into one unselfish unit. There are many things which I could go on listing down these pages are what I thank you for. If I am a success in life, which I truly believe I will be, it will be a large part of the things I learned from you that put me there. You made me a winner.

I wish you the best of luck in the future and I hope you continue to have success everywhere you go.

Your Former
Player
John Habick

From: Phyllis H. Cain

To: KHSAA

C/O: Ms. Marilyn Mitchell

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Inductee Ron Cain Bio**

Date: June 16, 2003

**Please call me (502-425-8057) cell (606-424-4191) on June 17th
to verify receiving this information. Pictures will be mailed today.
I have questions about players other than family wanting to attend
the dinner.**

Thank you.



Phyllis H. Cain

William Ronald Cain
“RON”

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High School Football All-American Fullback
Led Kentucky in scoring 1953-1954 _____
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Head football coach at Louisville Seneca High School
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Linebacker Coach and Recruiter

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Head football coach at Somerset High School
Led the Briar Jumpers to a **10-1 record in 1974**
And a berth in the Class AA state semifinals

1971-1974 (cont'd)

**Won two district titles, one regional championship
And one Central Kentucky Conference crown
34-7 worksheet in four years**

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1990s

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA
Hall Of Fame
Golf Outing
June 16, 2003

William Ronald Cain (Ron Cain)
Inductee
Deceased

Golf Outing

- Yes, I will individually participate in the golf outing.
- Yes, I will be participating with guests (listed bellow).
- No, I will not be able to participate.

Names of Golfers (\$210 per foursome)

- Check Enclosed
- Visa/Mastercard
- Card Number/Exp. Date

Luncheon

- Yes, I will attend the luncheon.
- No, I will not be able to attend.

13 Number of Luncheon Guest(s)
*Children, Grand-Children
Brothers, friend*

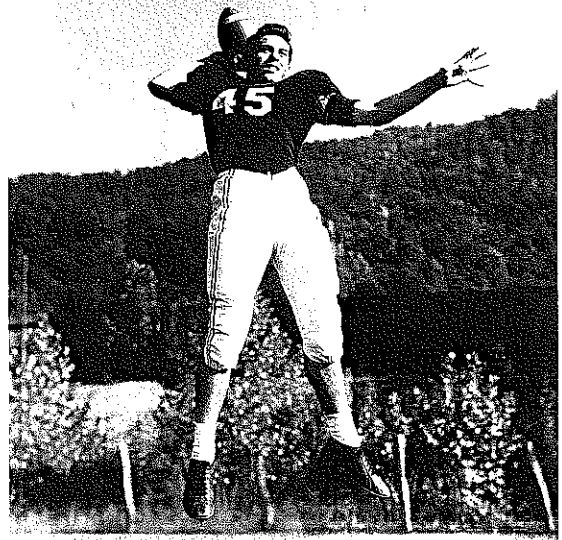
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WILLIAM RONALD CAIN
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- Assistant football coach at the University of Kentucky under John Ray. Cain coached UK's linebackers and was a recruiter for the Wildcats.

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- Head football coach at Somerset High School.
- Went 8-2 in his first season. The Jumpers were coming off a 2-8 campaign.
- Led the Briar Jumpers to a 10-1 record in 1974 and a berth in the Class AA state semifinals.
- Won two district titles, one regional championship and one Central Kentucky Conference crown at SHS.
- Cain left SHS to go into private business. He finished with a 34-7 worksheet in four years.

1982-1985

- Cain returned to coaching at his alma mater, Cumberland High School.
- Led the Redskins to the Class A state championship game in 1985.

1990s

- Cain coached under Milt Miller, one of his former assistants, at Lowndes County High School in Valdosta, Ga. Recently, Cain was in charge of the junior high program.