



Bearcats Win Season Opener Over Yellow Jackets

JV team wins over West Montgomery

Friday night was the 2011 non-conference opener for the Bearcat football team. At 7:30 p.m. the Cats won the coin toss, opting to Forest Hills, our Union County neighbors. But when it comes to one of our biggest rivals, neighborly isn't in either teams' vocabulary. This game is usually rough and tumble and this year's was no exception. The Yellow Jackets returned the opening kickoff and scored on the first run of the night. After Anson's four and out the Jackets would score again with a 65-yard tear in the first minutes of the game. That's a hard pill to swallow from any team, but especially from one of those big rivalries I've already mentioned.

The Bearcats loosened up, and with Juquan Bullock's 94-yard kickoff return sparks began to fly for Anson. With the score now 13-7 Jackets, the relief was short lived as the scoreboard quickly changed to show a 19-7 Forest Hills advantage. Anson would score again before the half ran out, while tightening that margin to a mere 25-22 point

difference. But, the Bearcats were still riding backseat and needed some inspiration from their position coaches while in the field house.

During the second half there was back and forth scoring until Anson pulled in 28 unanswered points to put the game away once and for all. "We need to tackle a little better, but our guys got some big stops in the second and third quarters, which put us in the lead for good," said Head Coach Luke Hyatt. "This was a great win and start to our season. Our kids have really worked hard for us to be in the position to get off to such a good start."

The Cats did face mounting penalties and lost the ball a couple of times, wounding them during the first half, but they recovered and forged ahead. Hyatt added, "Offensively we did a lot of good things. We still have to protect the football. Special teams are getting better, but this entire team should be commended for their effort. Our kids played extremely hard and our assistant coaches did a great job putting together a game plan that would fit our kids."

Anson's notables include Brandon Smith, 14 carries, 245-yards and 4 touchdowns; Rodrick Evans, 14 carries, 136-

yards, 1 touchdown; Jamarcus Tillman, 4 carries for 40 yards; Diondre Tyson, 4 carries, 31-yards, 1 passing TD; and Dondre Pratt, 43-yard touchdown catch. The Bearcats ran for 447 yards as a team and had 490 total yards. Elliott Johnson and Marvin Wright each grabbed 7 tackles to lead the defense.

Anson's JV opened on Thursday with a 24-10 win over West Montgomery. They will face Pageland Central at home this week on Thursday at 7 p.m.



Shown from left, part of the calm before the next storm, E-Learn Sturdivant, Marvin Wright, Rayshun Davis and Dazhoun Hammonds ready themselves for battle.

The Varsity Bearcats travel to Pageland on Friday night and would like support from lots of fans in the stands. This will be a tough game so make plans to travel across the state line where the Bearcats will battle the Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Let's go Cats! Photo and story by Mel Lyon

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Drew Cole to Play for UNC-Pembroke

2011 Anson New Tech graduate Drew Cole, will be playing baseball for UNC-Pembroke. Cole signed a letter of intent and received a scholarship for his freshman year to play with the Braves.

Cole played varsity baseball for three years at Anson High School where he received the MVP, Newkirk and highest batting average awards. He was chosen to the SCC All Conference Team in both 2010 and 2011. His parents are Doug and Debbie Cole of Peachland.



Shown here from left are Drew Cole, Christ Stinson and Debbie Cole.

Anson Girls Volleyball has Three Named to SCC All Conference Team

The Anson High School girls volleyball team had three players named to the SCC All Conference Team. To be eligible, all coaches from each school in the conference must vote.

The Anson girls, Devin Smith, Kailee Cole and Crystal Barbour. Their Coaches, Mrs. Celeste Dutton and Mr. Terry Ponds are very proud of the three All Conference winners. By Mel Lyon



Anson Middle School Athletic Information

- August 29 - Cheerleading practice begins at 5:30 p.m.
 - August 29 - Volleyball sign-up and try-outs begin, 5:30 p.m. in gym
 - August 29 - Golf try-outs/practice begins 4 p.m. at Twin Valley
- Any child wishing to participate in a sport at Anson Middle School needs to get a physical prior to attending tryouts. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ross at 704-694-6325.

Booster Club Tickets for Sale

Summer is coming to a close and that means the Bearcat fall sport season is about to get underway! Our athletes are ready to begin their winning seasons and they need your help. Support athletics at Anson Middle School and Anson High School by purchasing Booster tickets.

This year fans can purchase a varsity football ticket for \$35 per person that will get you into Friday night home games and also allow you to park in the Booster lot. In addition, you can purchase a regular Booster membership which covers admission to home games for all other sports at both AMS and AHS. The cost is \$100 (4 passes) for each household/business. For those 55 years and older, the membership cost is \$75 (2 passes).

Tickets can be purchased at Lacy's and at the ticket booth during home games. Checks should be made to the Anson County Booster Club.

Anson athletes deserve no less than the very best! Do your part to help make that happen by supporting the Booster Club!

Diabetic Support Group Meets Aug. 25

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 25th at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Hunter, Pastor at First Baptist Church of Wadesboro. His topic will be "Other Ways to Cope with Chronic Illness."

For information call Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979 or Beth McLendon at 704-694-4291.



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