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## Gary Plays Oceana for State Double-A Title Saturday

Kickoff Time is 1:30 Between Unbeatens

Gary goes on the State Championship trail this weekend as they trek to Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield to go against the Oceana Indians for the Double-A football title.

Both teams have gone through the regular season unbeaten and both boast a 10-0 mark. Kickoff will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and a big crowd is expected to be on hand for the game.

Gary's Sid Cure commented, "Anybody that wins ten games such as Oceana is no pushover. We have both played one common opponent, Northfork, and Oceana beat them by more points that we did. We're both playing for the state championship so each team will have a lot of incentive."

Cure plans on leaving from Welch around 10:00 Saturday morning. The team will eat a light pre-game meal before going to the stadium.

Gary captured one of their biggest victories Veterans Day as they belted Welch 44-12 before an overflow crowd at Memorial Stadium.

Cure had these comments to make on the game, "Our game plan worked out real well against Welch. We adjusted real well on defense and forced them to get out of their regular offensive pattern and go to the air more. Then after we came up with several key interceptions our

offense took over and controlled the game."

"We thought maybe we could have optioned more than we did. It may have been a big score, but it wasn't that easy a game. In the type of rivalry we have, no game is easy. Also most of our boys have played two or three years together and Welch has several sophomores playing and this makes a difference."

Gary is having several boys that will be All-State candidates. You can say the same for Oceana. One of the finest tacklers and blockers is Stacy Keys of Oceana.

Coach John Beckleheimer at Oceana wasn't sure at the start of the season just how far his ball club would go, but did comment that he had some fine boys and with a few breaks might have a decent season. Well the Indians have done more than that. They've rolled over several opponents with their offensive attack and will also sting you on defense.

Coach Cure commented, "We're bigger than they are in the line by 10 or 15 pounds per man. They've scored a lot of points just as we have so they must have a good offensive attack. They've averaged 40 to 50 points a game on the season so we'll have to be ready."

The Coaldiggers also will be bringing good credentials into the fray with

Oceana. Gary has whipped seven Triple-A teams on their schedule and has one of the most explosive attacks of any schoolboy team in West Virginia.

Cure had his charges back at working hard again on the upcoming big game Saturday, and said that although the victory over Welch was a big win for them, they had to get back down to getting ready all over again.