



Photo By Gary Stewart

MEET THE MOUNTAINEERS — Here's the 1977 edition of the Kings Mountain High football team, which will open Southwestern Conference play Friday at R-S Central. Players include, front row, left to right, Alan Putnam, Steve Laughter, Monte Rhea, Jimmy Hall, Jody Deaton, Andy Loftin, Bryon White, Tracy

Cooke and Charlie Jenkins. Second row, Kelly Land, Bruce Valentine, Steve Boggan, Stan Scruggs, David Seay, Danny Bolin, Dennis Owens, Scott Thornburg and Mike Adams. Back row, Terry McClain, David Ray Robinson, Ronnie Wilson, David Gordon, Scott Ellis, Kale Goins, Kenny Bell, Norman Phillips,

Joel Wright, Jeff Prescott, Dwayne Clark, David Bolton and Chris Bumgardner. Not pictured, Dennis Putnam, Richard Van Dyke, and Walter Floyd.

1977 KMHS Grid Roster

No.	Player	POS	WGT	CLASS
3	Steve Boggan	QB	148	Jr.
5	Jimmy Hall	QB	158	Jr.
7	Joel Wright	QB	175	Sr.
9	Monte Rhea	HB	123	Jr.
20	Mike Adams	HB	161	Sr.
24	Charlie Jenkins	HB	145	Jr.
27	Bryon White	HB	153	Jr.
33	Dennis Owens	FB	175	Jr.
38	Ray Robinson	FB	200	Jr.
41	Andy Loftin	HB	145	Sr.
43	Jody Deaton	HB	144	Jr.
47	Kenny Bell	HB	166	Sr.
51	Bruce Valentine	C	200	Sr.
582	Kale Goins	G	140	Jr.
57	Tracy Cooke	C	157	Sr.
61	Alan Putnam	G	157	Jr.
62	Walter Floyd	G	198	Sr.
63	Norman Phillips	G	171	Sr.
64	Richard Van Dyke	G	181	Sr.
67	Kelly Land	G	205	Sr.
73	Chris Bumgardner	T	191	Jr.
74	David Seay	T	229	Sr.
76	Scott Thornburg	T	176	Jr.
79	David Gordon	T	232	Sr.
80	Ronnie Wilson	E	185	Sr.
81	David Bolton	E	187	Jr.
82	Jeff Prescott	E	160	Jr.
8	Dwayne Clark	E	148	Jr.
85	Terry McClain	E	157	Jr.
86	Dennis Putnam	E	177	Sr.
87	Scott Ellis	E	183	Sr.
89	Steve Laughter	E	162	Sr.
90	Danny Bolin	E	170	Jr.
99	Stan Scruggs	E	185	Jr.

KMHS Opens At R-S

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Hilltoppers to upset South Point last fall.

Ron Hendrix, the R-S coach, says he's hoping the Hilltoppers will start off this SWC season the same way they ended last year's.

"If we play the type of ball we played against South Point last year, then we can play with anybody in the conference," he says.

One of Morris's favorite targets will probably be tight end Eddie Searcy, a returning starter.

The KMHS coaches have been well pleased with their team in pre-season drills and in last week's scrimmage with 4-A Olympic High School. However, several players are nursing some nagging injuries and are doubtful starters for Friday night.

One of those players is linebacker Scott Ellis, who has

been bothered for several months with pulled muscles in his back. The other starting linebacker, Bruce Valentine, has been bothered with a toe injury but should start.

Others who have experienced injuries in the last week include end Dennis Putnam and guards Walter Floyd and Richard Van Dyke. Jones is hopeful all will be able to play even if they can't start.

The KMHS offense will include Ronnie Wilson and either Putnam or Terry McClain at ends, David Gordon and Tim Seay at tackles, Kelly Land and Alan Putnam at guards, Valentine at center, Jim Hall at quarterback, Kenny Bell and Jody Deaton at halfbacks and Dennis Owens or David Ray Robinson at fullback.

Gordon, Valentine, Land, Putnam, McClain and Bell are returning starters. Robinson and Owens alternated at fullback and Hall started two games at quarterback.

Defensively, the Mountaineer lineup will include McClain and Steve Laughter at ends, Gordon at tackle, Land and either Chris Bumgardner or Norman Phillips at guards, Robinson or Stan Scruggs at rover, Valentine and either Ellis or Kale Goins at linebacker, Bryon White and Andy Loftin at the corners and Steve Boggan at safety.

If Ellis starts at linebacker, the defense will be the same as last year except at one guard, one corner and safety.

KM's kicking game will be in good shape with Robinson doing the placekicking and Boggan and Danny Bolin handling the punting chores.

Friday's contest will be the first KM-R-S Central meeting since 1971 when the Mountaineers won a 26-6 decision on Hilltopper soil. The two clubs quit playing each other the next year when several new teams entered the SWC.

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Jayvees At Burns Tonight

Kings Mountain High's jayvee footballers open their season tonight with a 7:30 game at Burns High School.

Athletic Director Bobby Jones said all of the varsity coaches will accompany the team to Burns. Jones will view the action from the

stands and Dan Brooks, offensive line coach and defensive coordinator, will serve as head coach.

Jones said all of the assistants will be given a chance to serve as head coach at sometime during the seven-game

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