

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,

## **1977 KMHS Grid Roster**

## KMHS Opens At R-S

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Player POS WGT CLASS 3-Steve Boggan QB 148 QB 158 5-Jimmy Hall 7-Joel Wright QB 175 HB 128 9-Monte Rhea 20-Mike Adams HB 161 Sr. 24-Charlie Jenkins HB 145 27-Bryon White HB 158 Jr. 33-Dennis Owens FB 175 FB 200 Jr. 38-Ray Robinson Jr. 41-Andy Loftin HB 145 Sr. 43-Jody Deaton HB 144 HB 166 Jr. 47-Kenny Bell 51-Bruce Valentine 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. 32-Jeff Prescott E 160 Jr. 8 ! Dwayne Clark E 148 Jr. 85-Terry McClain E 157 Jr. 86-Dennis Putnam E 177 87—Scott Ellis SI 89-Steve Laughter E 162 Sr.

90—Danny Bolin 99—Stan Scruggs

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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

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

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

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

One of those players is linebacker Scott Ellis, who has

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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

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.

stands and Dan Brooks

offensive line coach and

defensive coordinator.

will serve as head

assistants will be given

a chance to serve as

head coach at sometime

during the seven-game

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Jones said all of the

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### Jayvees At Burns Tonight

Kings Mountain

open their

High's jayvee foot-

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

ballers

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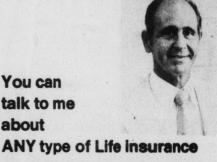
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