

WOMEN'S CHAMPS
—Here's the Bethlehem Baptist Church women's softball team which won both the regular season and tournament titles in Kings Mountain League play this summer. Team members include, front row, left to right, Trudy Whisnant, Sallee Durham, Judy Whisnant, Kim Gladden and Cathy McDaniel. Second row, Karen Harmon, Lynn Eters, Debbie Wells, Angela Clark and Tricia Blalock. Third row, Coach Joel Whisnant, Sherry Sellers, Debbie Appling, Diane Williams and Coach Larry Appling. Not pictured, Lynn McDaniel, Karen Lail, Christine Smith and Audrey Owens.



Jayvees At Burns Tonight

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The jayvees have looked sharp in pre-season drills and should be set for a winning season. At present, there are 22 players on the team, all sophomores. Jeff Cloninger, who quarterbacked KM Junior High last fall, will lead the club into action. He's 5-9 and 154 pounds and is a good option quarterback and a good passer. Wade Harrington and Tim Leach will also be called on for a lot of quarterback play. The Little Mountaineers are strong in the running game with tailback Avery Smith leading the way. He looked especially sharp in last week's scrimmage with Olympic High School. Mirton White, also a

good runner, will open at halfback and Maurice Jamerson at fullback. Jamerson, in addition to being a strong runner, is one of the team's best blockers. Up front, players like Danny Williams, Mike Chambers, Tony Putnam, Glenn Carroll, Mark Howell, David Alexander, Lynn Thompson, Robert Bradley and Mark Shuman will be counted on to supply some good blocking and defense. The Little Mountaineers play their first game in John Gamble Stadium a week from tonight against Shelby.

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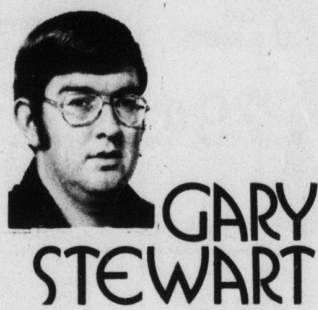
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Trio Mounties In College



Kings Mountain High School will be represented by three players in the college football ranks this fall.

Sophomore defensive back Chris Johnson returns for his second season at Gardner-Webb and is being heavily counted upon by Coach Oval Jaynes, whose club is one of the pre-season favorites in the SAC-8 Conference.

Freshman Richard Ross, who originally signed with Gardner-Webb, could break the starting unit at Wofford, which is playing under new coach Buddy Sasser. Ross played halfback at KMHS but will probably be used as a wide receiver by the Terriers.

Tennessee Tech is counting on safety William Thompson, who has drawn a lot of praise from Coach Don Wade in pre-season drills.

There's a strange story surrounding Thompson's appearance on the Tech campus in Cookeville, Tenn.

"We tried to sign him to a grant-in-aid during the recruiting season," Wade said, "but he turned us down. The next thing I knew he showed up here for practice. He's paying his own way."

The Golden Eagles open their season on September 10 against Western Carolina. Ironically, one of Thompson's high school coaches was Dan Brooks, a former player and coach with the Catamounts.

Another Kings Mountain resident, but one who did not play at Kings Mountain High, is being counted on to catch a lot of passes for Lenoir Rhyne's Bears this fall.

Steve Gardner, a 212 pound sophomore, was moved to tight end from quarterback during LR's spring drills. He's a former All-Conference standout at Burns High School.

Dennis Dukes, offensive backfield coach at KMHS, will be in an unenviable position Friday night when the Mountaineers open Southwestern Conference play at R-S Central.

Dukes is a native of Rutherfordton and was an All-Conference halfback for the Hilltoppers in the late 60's and 1970. He went on to become the leading rusher at Gardner-Webb for four seasons before joining the faculty at KMHS.

Friday will mark the first time KMHS has played R-S since 1971 and the first time Dukes has ever pulled against his alma mater.

KMHS head coach Bobby Jones went to Chase last week to kill two birds with one stone. He scouted both Chase and Ashbrook, two clubs the Mountaineers will be playing in the coming two weeks.

Like everybody else, Jones came away stunned that the Trojans completely demolished Ashbrook, 32-14.

"They're awesome," Jones said of the Trojans. "They're as good as any high school team I've ever seen. Ashbrook didn't look that bad. They just weren't a match for Chase."

Chase has won at least a share of the SWC title the past two seasons and the Trojans are being picked as one of the leading contenders again this year.

It's that time again... time to make our annual predictions of the upcoming SWC race, and to begin our weekly pickin' the winners of area games.

As far as the SWC race is concerned, there's not much that can be added to what's already been said. It's going to be one of the best races ever with any one of several teams capable of winning the trophy.

So, to get right in to the predictions, we're calling it like this:

- 1 - Kings Mountain
- 2 - Chase
- 3 - Shelby
- 4 - South Point
- 5 - Crest
- 6 - East Rutherford
- 7 - East Gaston
- 8 - R-S Central
- 9 - North Gaston
- 10 - Burns

And, now, quickly scanning over the first week of action, we see Kings Mountain defeating R-S Central 21-0, South Point over Askbrook 21-7, Shelby over Hunter Huss 14-10 East Gaston over East Lincoln 27-20, South Mecklenburg over North Gaston 28-0, Bessemer City over Gaston Day 13-8, Cherryville over Burns 20-13, East Carolina over N. C. State 34-31, South Carolina over Appalachian 28-7 and Western Carolina over Jacksonville State 27-24.

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The Ski Bees, made up of skiers from Kings Mountain and Shelby, will for the first time attempt to pull five barefooters behind one boat and trickers will attempt to make twin helicopter wake turns.

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