

# Barnette, Bell Sign

Kings Mountain High football standouts John Barnette and Travis Bell last week signed football scholarships with Livingstone College.

They are the only two members of last year's Mountaineer eleven to sign college scholarships.

Both played offense and defense for the Mounties, who finished 3-7 in the always-rugged Southwestern 3-A Conference. Livingstone recruited Barnette as a defensive back and Bell as a tailback and defensive back.

KM's three straight victories late in the year. Barnette caught the winning touchdown pass in a 6-0 upset win over South Point's Red Raiders and he caught a similar touchdown pass late in the first half against Shelby and had the Mounties on top 7-0 until late in the fourth quarter.

On defense, he made 41 tackles, caused two fumbles and recovered two fumbles. He turned one of his fumble recoveries into a 65-yard touchdown run against league champion Crest.

Bell came on strong in the second game of the season against Ashbrook and finished the year as the Mounties' number two rusher with over 600 yards. He had over 100 yards rushing against Ashbrook and had a season's high of 138 in a 19-0 win over R-S Central.

Despite an injury which sidelined him late in the year, he made 31 tackles and intercepted two passes. He returned one of the interceptions for a touchdown.



**INE GRANTS** - Kings Mountain High football standouts John Barnette, seated left, and Travis Bell, seated right, are pictured above signing football scholarships to attend Liv-

ingstone College. Looking on, left to right, are KMHS assistant coach Greg Richardson, Mrs. Equilla Barnette, Mrs. Carolyn Bell and KMHS head coach Dan Brooks.

Barnette played end and defensive back for the Mounties. He was the team's top pass receiver and teamed with southpaw quarterback Eric Spicer to perfect an "alley-ooop" pass which was the big key to

## KMHS Sports Banquet Scheduled On May 21

The annual Kings Mountain High School All-Sports Banquet will be held May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Roy Williams, assistant basketball coach at the University of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are on sale at the KMHS principal's office and the KMHS athletic department. About 150 tickets are available.

The highlight of the fete will be the presentation of a number

of trophies to deserving athletes in all sports except football. A separate banquet for the football team is held each winter.

The big awards to be presented are the Kings Mountain Herald Male Athlete of the Year Award and the Mountaineer Club's Female Athlete of the Year Award.

Most Valuable Player Awards will be given in every sport, most improved player and coaches awards will be given in basketball and a most improved player award will be given in baseball.

Hardee's of Kings Mountain will sponsor the most valuable player trophies in basketball, as well as the most improved player trophy in baseball. Hardee's will also begin sponsoring the Mountaineer Defensive Player Award in football next year.

Mayor John Henry Moss sponsors the most valuable player trophy in baseball.

In addition to the athletic awards, the sponsoring Booster's Club will present its third annual Booster of the Year Award.

Williams, a former basketball coach and athletic director at Owen High School in Swannanoa, helped coach the Tar Heels to the national championship in basketball this past season.

### Junior High Golfers Third

Kings Mountain Junior High's golfers finished third in the annual Western Junior High Athletic Association Tournament last week at Shelby City Park.

Crest won the championship with a 162 score, followed by Shelby 169, Kings Mountain 183, East McDowell 191, Burns 198 and West McDowell 241.

Bo Hope led the Patriot effort with a 44 and also won a special putting contest. Other KM scores included Steve Plonk and Brian Bickley 45 each and Mike Homesley 49.

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