

Final SWC Standings

Teams	SWC		OVERALL	
	W-L		W-L	
South Point	9-0		10-0	
KINGS MOUNTAIN	7-2		8-2	
Shelby	7-2		7-3	
East Rutherford	6-3		7-3	
R-S Central	5-4		5-5	
Burns	4-5		5-5	
Chase	3-6		4-6	
Crest	3-6		4-6	
East Gaston	1-8		1-9	
North Gaston	0-9		0-10	



Mountaineer lineopens huge hole for Avery Smith

...KMHS back had over 100 yards rushing in 27-0 win

KM Mauls Lions 27-0

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coaches for getting the players ready and the players for carrying out their assignments properly.

"Our offense kept the ball away from them" he said. "We had some time-consuming drives. That was exactly what we wanted to do and the players did exactly what we asked them to do."

Wrestlers Seeking 3rd Title

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers will be going after their third straight Western Junior High Athletic Association championship December 5 when they open their 1979-80 campaign against West McDowell.

Phil Weathers has coached the Patriots to a 19-1 record over the past two years. That only loss was to South Carolina power Sullivan in a non-conference match.

Weathers greeted 40 prospects on the first day of practice last Monday and that number included 14 grapplers who were members of the team last year.

"I was real pleased with the turnout," he said. "I felt like it was the smoothest first day of practice I've ever had. I hope things will continue to go as smoothly."

The roster at present includes 11 ninth graders, 15 eighth graders and 14 seventh graders. Weathers says he will probably narrow the team down to 25 or 30 people before the first match.

"We have a good group of guys," he said. "We'll be counting on the 14 returnees for a good year."

Some of the top returnees include Tommy Welch, Jimmy Wadkins, Roger McClain, Mike Smith, David Bradley, Tim Hamrick, David Parker, Randy Whitaker and Danny Caldwell.

Others on the team are Doug Ramsey, Farris Turner, Rodney Turner, Tom Potter, Jeff Stokes, Richard Green, Larry Logan, Rodney Smith, Calvin Goode, Tony Green, Doug Caldwell, Johnny Ross, David Putnam, Lewis Huskey, Charles Short, Derek Spann, Bill Ford, Jody Sellers, Vernon Stowe, Jamie Fletcher, Kale Bagwell, Steve Hamrick, Dale Smart, Rocky Lutz, John Fleming, David Moore, Doug Sipes, Maury Williams, Jeff Chapman, David Brown, Mike Stroupe, and Dale Moore.

Two new weight classes (78 and 110 pounds) will be added this year for a total of 15 divisions. A conference tournament has also been added and it will be held at the school of the league champion.

"We're really looking forward to the tournament," said Weathers. "It's going to give everybody a lot of good experience."

College Park of Hickory has entered the conference, giving it seven teams. Kings Mountain will face each conference team once and also has two non-conference matches against Sullivan and Castle Heights, both of Rock Hill.

"I feel like the competition is getting tougher," said

Brooks said his main goal after halftime was to hold on to the football. Shelby touched the ball for only four plays in the third period.

"We weren't interested in scoring any more points," he said. "We just wanted to keep the football. In a different situation, we could have scored more."

"This win is going to make for a good winter," he went on. "Football is a crazy game. You win on Friday night but you don't have long to think about it because you have to start getting ready for another game. The last one is the one you always remember. This was a good way to finish up."

"It made us feel real good that the players played as well as they could play," he continued. "Everybody played well. The backs ran well, the line blocked super and the defensive front

and secondary played real well. "It was happy ending to a good season," he said. "A lot of teams with worse records are going to the playoffs."

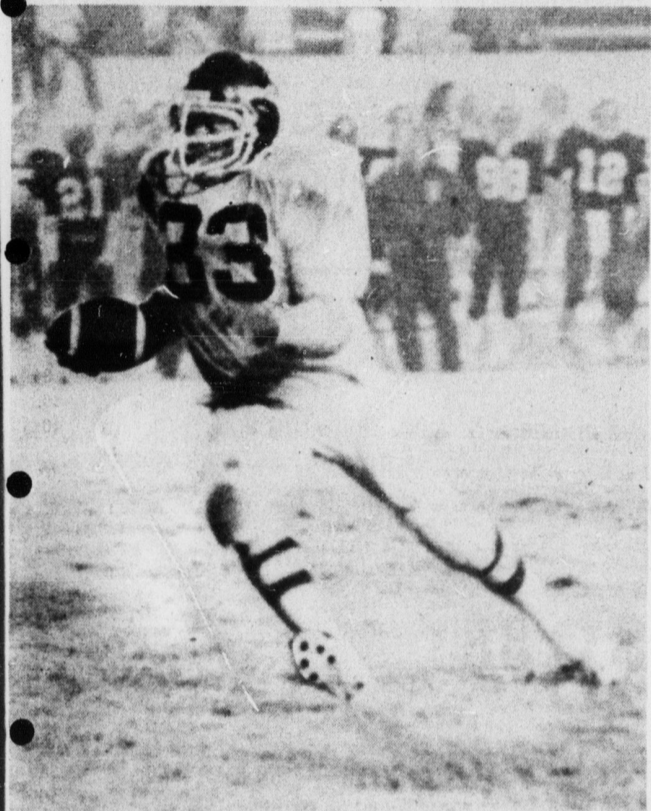
"We feel real good about the season," he added. "We knew we were a lot better than we showed in the first game. We were flat that night (when KM lost to Burns 16-6) and weren't ready. But we improved every week. At

times we let down a little, especially when we played in bad weather, but we reached an improvement in some area of our game every week.

"The kids were real coachable," he went on. "That was the big key. They paid attention. They always knew what the other team was going to do. That comes from being coachable."

I would like to express my thanks to all the concerned people who voted for and supported me in the Kings Mountain District School Board Election.

R. W. (Bill) Moss



Fullback Chris Wright is wide open as he picks up valuable yardage in 27-0 win over Shelby.

Tennis Teams Are Defeated

Both Kings Mountain High tennis teams that competed in the Western Regional Tournament last week in Morganton lost out in the first round.

Bridget Glass and Ronda Guy lost 7-6, 7-5 to Jennifer Dennison and Gabby Gruss from T.C. Robeson of Asheville, and Jamie Humphries and Kim Gladden lost 6-4, 1-6, and 6-4 to Sherry Miller and Martha Brady of Tryon.

"Both of our teams had real close matches that they could have won," commented Coach Ed Guy. "We just haven't been able to win the big ones this year."

"I'm hoping the experience they gained this year will teach them something for next year," he added. Glass, Guy and Humphries, as well as several players who didn't make it to the

tourney, return next fall when the Mountaineers will be trying to improve on an 11-3 record.

"We had a good season," noted Guy. "We had some real good times and a few disappointments. We could have gone further but things don't always go the way you hope they will."

Looking ahead to next year, Guy said the Mountaineers could win their first Southwestern 3-A Conference, but they'll have to begin preparations now.

"I hope all of the players coming back, plus some of the junior high players will look upon now as the time to start getting ready for next year," he said. "Between now and next August is the time when they'll improve. If they wait until August to start, they won't improve."

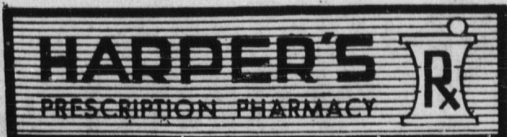
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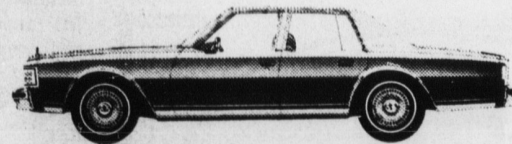
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