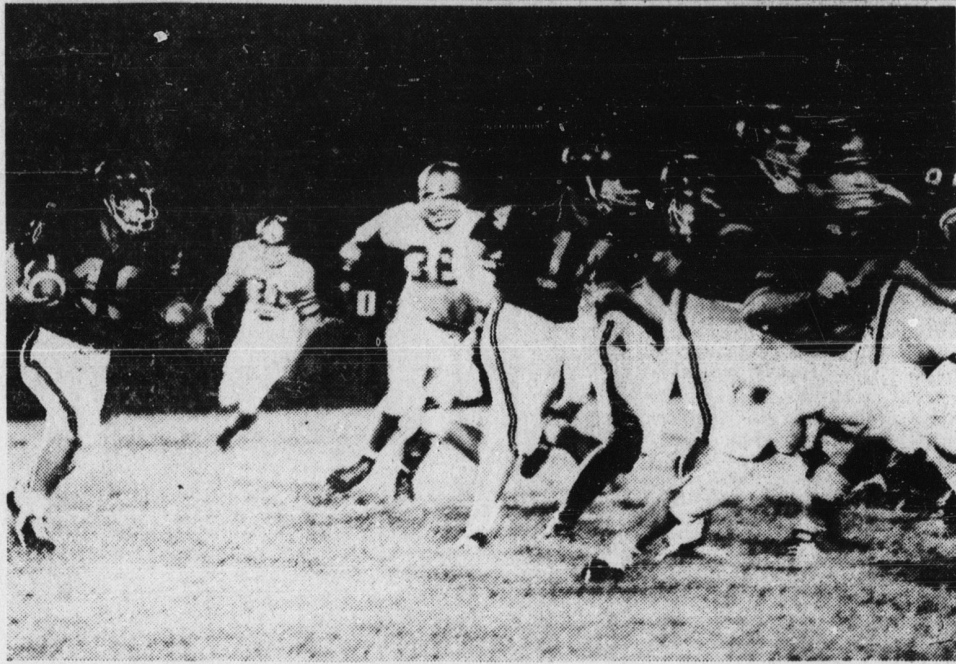


# Mountaineers Host Chase In Home Opener Friday



**MULLINAX ON SWEEP** — Kings Mountain halfback Wayne Mullinax (40) picks up good yardage on an end sweep as backs Joe Cornwell (15), Philbert Smith (35) and Geeper Howard (14) do the blocking. The Mountaineers won by 32-0.

## Reginald Murray Shares National L-R Golf Title

Air Force Major Reginald A. Murray of Kings Mountain teamed with Major Randy Scott to win the sixth annual national lefty-righty golf title at Lenoir over the weekend.

The two Moody Air Force (Ga.) majors posted a final round 71 over the Cedar Rock Country Club course Sunday to end up with a 72-hole total of 278.

The one under par score gave the pair of flight instructors a one stroke victory over Kerry and Kim Schwenkie from West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Charlotte team of Herman Burks and Gene Lookabill finished in a tie for fifth place after posting a 75.

Finishing third were Gene Clanton and Bob Cornish.

Murray, a lefthander, has won several golf tournaments. He is the son of Boyer Murray of King Mountain.



**PASS INTERCEPTION** — Kings Mountain defensive end Gerald Putnam (89) blocks a pass thrown by Bessemer City quarterback Barry Fowler during second half of Friday's opening game. No. 53 of the Mountaineers (right corner) is Jimmy Crawford who intercepted.

## Trojans Have Won Last Three Games Vs. KMHS

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers open their home football schedule here Friday night when Chase comes to town.

The Mountaineers haven't defeated the Trojans since 1964, when the Mounties went undefeated in regular season play and won the Southwest Conference championship.

Coach Bill Bates' Mounties are hungry for a victory over Bob Bush's club, especially since the Trojans won last year's game 14-0 in the final 18 seconds on a pair of pass interceptions.

Both clubs sport 1-0 records and beat their opening opponent by the same score, 32-0. Chase whipped Crest in a conference game while the Mountaineers defeated Bessemer City in a non-league bout.

Friday's game, which gets underway at 8 o'clock, is the first of nine straight conference games for the Mountaineers, and the first of only four home tilts.

Other home games for the Mountaineers this season are against Cherryville Oct. 4, R-S Central (Oct. 11) and Crest (Oct. 25).

The Mountaineer starting unit will probably be the same Friday. At the ends will be seniors Ross Springer and Clarence Ashe, at the tackles seniors Eddie Black and Stanley Brown, at the guards Gary Henderson and Mike Brown, and at center senior Joe Dover.

At quarterback will be sophomore Geeper Howard, the halfbacks will be seniors Wayne Mullinax and Joe Cornwell and junior Philbert Smith will be at fullback.

Quarterback Gary Cobb heads up the Chase attack. He scored two touchdowns and passed for two more against Crest.

Coach Bates earlier tagged Chase and Belmont as the teams to beat in Division Two and both clubs took opening night victories last week. Belmont edged Cherryville 12-6, coming from behind to do it.

Thus, after first week action, Division One standings show Lincolnton's Wolves on top with a 1-0 record. The Wolves edged R-S Central 7-0 last Friday.

The Hilltoppers are in second place with a 1-1 mark. They beat Burns 20-0 week before last. Other Division One clubs, Kings Mountain, Shelby and East Rutherford, haven't played any conference games.

In Division Two it's Chase and Belmont tied for top with 1-0 marks while Burns, Crest and Cherryville are 0-1.

## Herald Sports

### BULLDOGS CHOOSE CO-CAPTAINS

**BOILING SPRINGS** — The Gardner-Webb College Bulldogs today chose co-captains for the 1968 season. Sid Bryson and Billy Scott were named by a vote of the players to lead the squad this year.

Bryson, a 6-1, 180 pound sophomore from Morganton, is a quarterback who was injured last season and missed playing. He served as a student coach last year and picked up a great deal of knowledge of the game. Bryson's injuries are healed and he should provide the Bulldogs with both a running and passing threat.

Billy Scott, 6-0, 190 pounds, is from Greenwood, S. C., who is a center and plays a rover position on defense. Scott has good speed and a real desire to play the game. He is a vicious tackler on defense and one of the better blocking centers in the league.

With the selection of these two as co-captains, the Bulldogs continue to prepare for their opening game with the Junior Varsity of Western Carolina University on September 14 in the Ernest W. Spangler Stadium.

**HAMPTON, GA.** — Hal Hamrick, one of auto racing's most experienced promotion and public relations directors, has been named Assistant to the President, Jack Black, and director of racing at Atlanta International Raceway.

Appointment of the 38-year-old native of North Carolina, and now a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, came at a meeting of the track's executive committee.

In making the announcement, track president Jack Black said Hamrick would be in charge of "all promotions and public relations at the raceway." He would also work with sanctioning bodies as well as accessory companies in the tracks behalf.

Black emphasized that Alf Knight would continue "in his present responsibilities as track superintendent."

Hamrick, who has been involved in stock car racing for 15 years, began in 1953 as a broadcaster in the Carolinas, holding down announcing jobs at several Carolina radio-television stations.

When the ultra-modern, half-mile Bristol International Speedway opened in 1961 Hamrick ramrodded it to success right from the start.

He left Bristol in 1965 to open his own racing promotion and public relations firm. His chief client was the National Hot Rod Association, for whom he was press and promotions director.

Hamrick's extensive racing background includes being general manager of Indianapolis Raceway Park, serving on national racing committees and broadcasting many races.

He was anchor man on the broadcast of both the Daytona 500 and 400 this year, and broadcast many NASCAR races with Bob Montgomery on Universal Racing Network. He also handled public relations for the Teleprompter Corp.'s televising of the Daytona 500.

Hamrick actually has been temporary director of racing at Atlanta Raceway for more than a month. He was in charge of promotions at the recent Dixie 500, which was the most successful summer event in AIR's nine-year history.

Hamrick and his wife, Selma, have a son Leon, and a daughter, Debbie.

Black said that the appointment of Hamrick was only one step of many planned for the Atlanta track. A new airport will be finished shortly on the track property. Parking space for planes will be within easy walking distance of either grandstand. Everything will be completed at the new airport before the March 30, 1969 Atlanta 500.

A new press box and control tower is expected to be ready before next year's race. Other announcements are expected in the very near future for Atlanta, one of NASCAR's greatest racing plants.

**WBTV's Thacker To Cover Tourney**

**CHARLOTTE** — Golfing enthusiasts in the Charlotte area will see a familiar face covering the Kemper Open Golf Tournament in the person of WBTV's Sports Director Jim Thacker. The new \$150,000 invitational tournament will be televised live and in color on Channel 3 Saturday, September 14 at 5:30 and Sunday, September 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Thacker is best known in the Carolinas for his telecasts of ACC basketball, now going into his fourth season. Although he has done a great deal of golf work in radio, this is Jim's first opportunity to do golf coverage on a national level.

The Pleasant Valley Country Club, stretched over 7,230 yards and with a par of 72, is one of the longest and toughest courses the touring pros will come across on their travels across the country.

The Kemper, which is the final major PGA tournament in the East this year, is providing a bonus of \$100,000 for a hole-in-one on the 183-yard 16th hole on either of the last two rounds. This is the largest sum ever offered for an ace.

## Ex-Duke Gridder Bob Matheson Fills Brown Job

By DICK BRUSIE

**DURHAM, N. C.** — For years Bob Matheson's dad, a dentist, filled holes in patients' teeth. Now, Bob, an AP All-America linebacker at Duke in 1966, is plugging a big hole in his second season with the NFL Cleveland Browns.

Matheson, 6-4 and now weighing 236 pounds, has been impressive in the Browns' pre-season exhibition contests and just may be that big middle linebacker Cleveland has sought for so long.

Browns coach Blanton Collier likes what he has seen of Matheson in the middle. The ex-Blue Devil co-captain has committed few mental errors in pre-season duels and his techniques of pass coverage are much improved.

Matheson has enjoyed playing at middle linebacker after having worked at all three positions as a backup for three regulars last fall.

"I like to hit," says Matheson, "and the middle linebacker's prime responsibility is the run. I think I can take care of the pass assignments but I'd rather play the run than the pass."

"I feel more confident and comfortable now. I find myself reacting instead of trying to think about what I'm supposed to do in a given situation."

**SHADES OF FUTRELL:** Larry Davis, who is taking his fifth year at Duke this fall as a graduate student in the School of Forestry, is the first Blue Devil gridder in the last five years to complete his football eligibility while being enrolled in graduate school.

In 1963 Billy Futrell of Lynchburg, Va. entered Duke Medical School in the fall of his final year. An excellent student and member of the Judicial Board at Duke, Futrell rushed for a 6.45 average and scored three touchdowns as a junior.

While playing football and attending medical school during his final season of eligibility, Futrell had a banner season. He was the No. 2 rusher on the team with a 4.07 average, caught seven passes for 150 yards (21.4 avg.) and scored two touchdowns.

## Mullinax And Springer Named Players Of Week

A pair of KMHS seniors have been named as co-players of the week following outstanding performances in the Mountaineers' 32-0 victory over Bessemer City Friday night.

Wayne Mullinax, a 150-pound halfback, and Ross Springer, a 180 pound end, were singled out by Head Coach Bill Bates and they will receive a gift from Fulton's Dept. Store which will honor a Mountaineer or Mountaineers every week throughout the season.

Mullinax, a three-year starter here, scored three touchdowns and gained 89 yards rushing in 13 carries to spearhead the KMHS offensive charge and Springer made several tackles in leading the defensive unit, which held the Yellow Jackets to minus 19 yards in the first half.

Springer, who is in his second season as a two-way starter at end, burst through the Bessemer City line several times to throw Yellow Jacket backs for big losses.

## Bert Smith May See Action In Bulldog Opener

**BOILING SPRINGS** — The Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb College will open their 1968 football season at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, against the Junior Varsity of Western Carolina University in the Ernest W. Spangler Stadium.

The Bulldogs with their sophomore laden team have been in practice for the opener since August 26 when approximately 120 players reported. The squad is down to 70 men, 30 in their second year under Head Coach Norman Harris. The squad held scrimmages among themselves and a controlled scrimmage with Newberry College. In these scrimmages the Bulldog coaching staff has been pleased with the showing of the team.

Freshmen who will probably see much action against the JV's from Western will be John Wright, 6-2, 212 pounds from Chester, S. C., Tim Scully, 5-9, 205 pounds from Miami, Fla., Gator Bonaparte from Charleston, S. C., if his injured leg is well and Bert Smith from Kings Mountain, also injured. Ray Miller, possible starting linebacker, is out with a leg injury.

Probable starting quarterback will be Sid Bryson, 6-1, 180 pounds from Morganton, with the running backs being Lynn Matthews and David Gibbons. Jimmy Rogers will also be seeing a great deal of action. The fullback duties will be split between Donald Stiles and Ted Luckadoo.

Billy Scott, James Washburn, Tommy Tate, Ryan Hendly, Albert Jacobs, Richard Peeler, Randy Rushton, and Peter Lindh will see action in the line either on offensive or defense.

The Bulldogs and Coach Harris are hoping to improve on their 5-4 season in '67 but the squad will face a stiff schedule other than Western in Ferrum's Frosh, Lees-McRae, Chowan, Ferrum, Appalachian Frosh, East Tennessee Frosh and Hargrave Military Academy.

## Good Running Gives KMHS A 32-0 Victory In Opener

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers scored a stout running game to defeat Bessemer City 32-0 Friday night in their 1968 football opener.

The victory marked the first time in three years that KMHS has opened a season with a win. Senior halfback Wayne Mullinax paved the way for the Mountaineer victory, scoring three touchdowns and gaining 89 yards rushing.

He had plenty of help, however, from fullback Philbert Smith who had two TD's and 62 yards rushing, and senior wingback Joe Cornwell who added 44 yards in only five carries.

The game, however, was not a true test of the Mounties' strength, as the host team Yellow Jackets were weak, both offensively and defensively.

The Yellow Jackets gained only 29 yards against the Mountaineers, and that came against the second and third unit defensive teams. Against Kings Mountain's first unit, the Yellow Jackets were minus-19 yards and didn't pick up a first down, nor pass the midfield stripe.

After Bessemer City failed to gain any yardage on the opening kickoff, the Yellow Jackets punted and Mullinax returned it from the KM 40 to the Bessemer 45, from which point it took only four running plays to score.

A pair of five-yard offside penalties against the host team also aided in the march.

Mullinax and Smith carried the pigskin twice each in the drive, and Mullinax put the Mountaineers ahead 6-0 with a 14-yard jaunt around right end.

Kings Mountain threatened again after Bessemer failed to gain any ground on its second series, but a Geeper Howard pass

was intercepted by Demetrius Moore in the end zone as the first quarter ended.

Bessemer City got the ball on its own 20, and still couldn't move against the Mountaineer defense and had to punt again. This time Charles Barnes took Ronnie Riddle's boot on the KM 46 and returned it to the Bessemer 16.

From there it took six plays for KMHS to score. Smith going over from one yard out. Smith had a 10-yard run in the march and Mullinax added an 11-yard jaunt which put the pigskin on the one yard line.

Kings Mountain's final first half touchdown was set up on a blocked punt by Mike Brown. Brown blocked the kick on the 17 but it rolled to the nine before the Mountaineers pounced on it.

Mullinax carried it over on the first play and Bobby Etheridge kicked his first of two extra points, making the score 19-0.

When the first half ended, the Mountaineers' second unit, under the direction of junior Charles Barnes, were on the BC 10 but a second down pass was intercepted by Steve Kindschi.

Coach Bill Bates sent his first unit back into the game at the beginning of the second half and it marched the opening kickoff 59 yards for a touchdown.

Mullinax scored on a one yard run but the score was set up by Cornwell's 21-yard run on a reverse. Etheridge missed the point after, making the score 25-0.

Coach Bates then took his unit out again, and it didn't return until less than a minute remaining, when he put the first unit boys back in to see if they could score with time running out.

The Mountaineers took over on the Bessemer 49, but Howard was thrown for a one yard loss on first down. Howard then passed incomplete, but on third down he hit Smith with a short pass and the 160-pound junior fullback turned it into a 50-yard scoring play.

Etheridge booted the point after, making the final count 32-0, only one point difference from last year's score, 31-0.

Coach Bates cleared his bench. Outstanding on defense for the Mountaineers were end Ross Springer, Mike and Stanley Brown, freshman linebacker Danny Oliver, and others.

The loss was the second straight for the Yellow Jackets of Ace Parker. In two games, the Jackets have yet to score a point, as they lost to West Lincoln opening night, 28-0, and then KM, 32-0.

## Clyde Culbertson Takes First Place

Clyde Culbertson's team has taken over first place in the men's district bowling standings.

The Culbertson five won three games from Plonk Oil Co. Monday night and now sport an 8-4 record, compared to Plonk's 7-5 mark.

Ronnie Culbertson topped the winner's attack with a 153 line and 380 set. Clyde Culbertson added a 373 set and Al Henderson had a 333.

For Plonk Oil, Robert Ramsey came in with a 145 line and a 330 set, and Ranny Blanton added a 336.

Dilling Heating won three games off Albert Brackett to move into third place with a 6-6 record. The loss dropped Brackett into a three-way tie for fourth.

Leading the Dilling charge was John Dilling with a 140 line and a 388 set. Furman Wilson chipped in with a 358. For the losers, Dwight Reeves had a 135-334.

Richard Culbertson and Bob Herndon split a four-game series. Leading the Culbertson attack were Gerald Hips with a 136 line and Richard Culbertson with a 352 set.

For the Herndon team, Mull Ramsey had a 140 line and a 366 set.

In ladies bowling action Tuesday night, Ware's Phillips 66 won four games off Plonk Brothers to move into a tie for first place with Oates Shell Service.

Leading the Phillips 66 victory were Betty Wells with a 113 line and Ethel Tignor with a 294 set. For the losers, Dessie Lottin had a 110-310.

Oates Shell whipped Amaco three games to one as Sara Schaeffer rolled a 142-325 and Jenny Oates added a 321. For Amaco, Betty Fite had a 129 line and 298 set.

The American Legion won three games off Drewes Tax Service as Lib Gault had a 147 line and 349 set. For the losers, Betty Hullender bowled a 130-323.

## Demon Deacons In '68-69 Will Be Improved

Jack McCloskey, who left the University of Pennsylvania three years ago to undertake the job of rebuilding the Wake Forest basketball program, feels this is the season the Deacons will begin to show improvement.

McCloskey has had little to cheer about the past two years. His first team (1967) finished with a 9-18 record, and last year's club was 5-21, the most losses ever in a single season by a Wake Forest team.

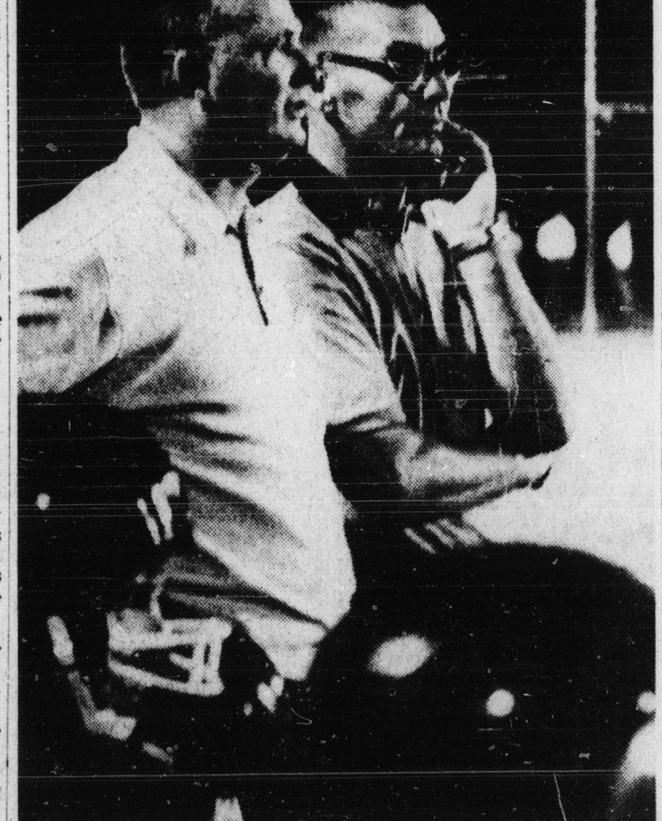
One of the main reasons for the two poor back-to-back seasons was the lack of a good big man, but the Deacon coach feels he has someone to fill the spot this year in sophomore Gilbert McGregor, a 6-7, 240-pounder, who appears to get a bigger kick out of pulling down a rebound or blocking a shot than scoring a basket.

McGregor had a 16-point scoring average for the freshmen in 15 games last season, but his rebound average was 18.1. He had 33 rebounds in one game.

Another top-flight addition to the squad is soph Charles Davis, a 6-1 backcourt performer, who led the freshmen with a 28.1 scoring average. Davis, who prepped at Brooklyn Tech and Laurinburg Institute, has all the tools to make the Deacons more of an offensive threat than they were a year ago.

These two newcomers will team with the top five scorers off last year's varsity, Dickie Walker, who led the scoring with a 17.2 average, heads the list of returnees. Jerry Montgomery, one of only two seniors on the club, was second with a 13.5 average despite the fact he was bothered with a bad back most of the year. Norwood Todman (13.3), Dan Ackley (7.0) and Larry Habegger (5.7) are the other three.

Two other sophomores will also be serious contenders for starting assignments. They are Neil Pastushok, the No. 2 frosh scorer at 20.3, and guard Bob Rhoads, who had an 11.8 average.



**COACH CONFAB** — Kings Mountain High football coaches Bill Bates (left) and Bill Cashion talk over strategy on the sidelines during KM-Bessemer City game Friday night. They must have been thinking on the right track as the Mounties won easily, 32-0.

## MOUNTAINEER GRIDGRAPH

	KM	BC
First Downs	17	6
Yards Rushing	257	29
Passes	5-12	4-14
Passing Yardage	79	50
Passes Int. By	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punts	2-30.5	6-22
Penalties	60	58

### RUSHING

Player	Att.	YG	YL	NY
Mullinax	13	89	—	89
Smith	9	62	—	62
Cornwell	5	44	—	44
Bell	4	17	—	17
Howard	2	14	1	13
Barnes	2	12	—	12
Easley	1	9	—	9
Blanton	2	9	—	9
Kerns	1	5	—	5
Carpenter	1	4	—	4
Hoyle	2	0	7	-7
TOTALS	42	265	8	257

### PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Howard	5	1	1	50	1
Barnes	4	2	1	17	0
Easley	3	2	0	12	0
TOTALS	12	5	2	79	1

### RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yds.	TD
Smith	1	50	1
Bell	2	13	0
Etheridge	1	9	0
Barnes	1	9	0

### MEN'S LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
Clyde Culbertson	8	4
Plonk Oil Co.	7	5
Dilling Heating	6	6
Albert Brackett	5	7
Richard Culbertson	5	7
Bob Herndon	5	7

### LADIES' LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
Oates Shell	7	1
Phillips 66	7	1
Drewes Tax	4	4
American Legion	3	5
Amaco	2	6
Plonk Dept. Store	1	7

### BRICKLAYING

Cleveland County Technical Institute will sponsor classes in bricklaying beginning Monday from 7 until 10 p.m. and continuing two nights per week. Registration is \$8. Cline Beam will be the instructor and the 80-hour course will end in February.