

# KM Youth Gridders Prepare For Moss Classic

Kings Mountain's junior midgets lost the Gaston League football championship last week at Dallas, bowing to undefeated and nationally-ranked Mason Athletics 38-12.

Coach Jim Littlejohn's Little Mountaineers gave the hosts all they could handle in the first half, trailing by just 18-12 at intermission. But the Dallas-based team proved too strong in the final two quarters.

Boe Robinson scored on

a 68-yard pass interception return and Carl Smith passed 80 yards to Tony Rainey for the two KM touchdowns.

"We're real proud of our boys," noted assistant coach Danny Bagwell. "We gave a good team effort in the first half but just couldn't stay with them in the second half."

Kings Mountain won the regular season Division One title and Mason, which in previous years played under the name of the YEMC Little Orangemen, capped the Division Two

crown.

The Little Mountaineers were in Clewiston, Fla., this weekend participating in the annual Florida Classic, but the details of Saturday night's game were not available at the Mirror-Herald's early

press deadline. Details will be carried in Wednesday's paper.

The Little Mountaineers and the Kings Mountain midgets will play in the annual John Moss Classic Saturday at John Gamble Stadium. The Little

Mountaineers' opponent is still uncertain. The Blue Devils will play Long Island, N. Y.

The tentative schedule for Saturday's classic includes an 11 a. m. junior midget game between Shelby and Charlotte, a 1 p.

m. junior midget game involving the Little Mountaineers, and the 3 p. m. midget contest between KM and New York.

The homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime of the final game. Sonya Smith, last year's

queen, will crown the new queen. Contestants are voted on through a penny vote. Proceeds from the vote will help pay the cheerleaders' way to the Little Gator Bowl in Florida on Dec. 4, when the Blue Devils meet Naples,

Fla. Also, the midgets are raffling off a 1966 Baracuda and are currently selling tickets to help pay their expenses to Florida. The car will be given away on December 24 at City Hall.



**LEAPING CATCH** — Kings Mountain's Wade Harrington leaps high to pull in pass from quarterback Alan Van Dyke in last Saturday's Mountaineer Bowl action between the Blue Devils and Cramerton at John Gamble Stadium. KM won, 30-0.

## All-Time Mountaineer Grid Trophy Winners

The trophy winners at this year's Kings Mountain Lions Club football banquet will join a star-studded list of athletes who in the past have helped establish KMHS as one of the top football powers in the Southwestern Conference.

The fete is set for Tues., Dec. 14, at the Kings Mountain Motor Inn, beginning at 7 p. m.

Jim Heavner, a KMHS graduate and now president and general manager of Radio Station WCHL, Chapel Hill, will be guest speaker for the evening.

The Lions Club began honoring the Mountaineers in 1939 and began awarding trophies to deserving players in 1953, when Ronnie Layton won the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy. That was the only award given until 1969, when Dr. George Plonk added the most valuable player award.

Several other trophies have been added through the years and this year deserving Mountaineers will be presented six major awards. Those include the blocking trophy, MVP award, the John Gamble Scholastic Award, the Most Improved Player Trophy, the Mountaineer Award and the Mirror-Herald Player of the Year Award.

Listed below are all the past trophy winners.

**BLOCKING**  
1953 — Ronnie Layton; 1954, Charles Yelton; 1955, Joe Meek Ormand; 1956, David Marlowe; 1957, Bill Herndon; 1958, David Plonk; 1959, Gary Blanton and Mike Ware; 1960, Charles Burns; 1961, Curtis Floyd; 1962, James Hope; 1963, Bo Goforth; 1964, Lyn Cheshire; 1965, Chip Bridges; 1966, Kenny Plonk; 1967, Charles Greene; 1968, Stanley

Brown; 1969, Jerry Lovelace; 1970, Dale Russell; 1971, Jake Bridges; 1972, Jake Bridges; 1973, David Bell; 1974, Nathaniel Smith; 1975, David Gordon.

**MOST VALUABLE**  
1959, Don Fisher; 1960, Punch Parker; 1961, Sammy Houston; 1962, Charles Goodson; 1963, Mike Huffstickler; 1964, Richard Gold; 1965, Danny Kiser; 1966, Sandy Mauney and Tommy Finger; 1967, Bert Smith; 1968, Wayne Mullinax; 1969, Philbert Smith; 1970, Geeper Howard; 1971, Marshall Logan; 1972, Mark George; 1973, Dennis Hogue; 1974, Chris Johnson and Johnny Byers; 1975, Chris Johnson.

**SCHOLASTIC**  
1962, Lyn Cheshire; 1963, Ben Grimes; 1964, George Plonk; 1965, Larry Patrick; 1966, Chuck Gladden; 1967, Rick Finger; 1968, Geeper Howard; 1969, Chuck Hoyle; 1970, Geeper Howard; 1971, Steve Plonk; 1972, Larry Hamrick; 1973, John Plonk; 1974, Mike Bumgarner and John Yarboro; 1975, Kelly Land.

**MOST IMPROVED**  
1963, Terry Leonard; 1964, Pat Hord; 1965, Philip Bunch; 1966, Eddie Bridges; 1967, Ross Springer; 1968, Clarence Ash; 1969, Charles Barnes; 1970, Johnny Hogue; 1971, Mark George; 1972, Jerry Valentine; 1973, Roy Putnam; 1974, Ronnie Morrison and Larry Biddix; 1975, Steve Southwell.

**LEADERSHIP**  
1963, Jimmy Ledlin; 1964, Pat Murphy.  
**MOUNTAINEER**  
1971, John Grier; 1972, Harlee Davis; 1973, Not given; 1974, Carl Roseboro; 1975, Bruce Valentine and Nathaniel Smith.  
**PLAYER OF YEAR**  
1974, Dale Hartsoe; 1975, Mike Bumgarner.

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