

New Faces May Be In Lineup

Mountaineers Host Chase Friday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers get back into the Southwestern Conference Friday night, hosting a powerful Chase team at John Gamble Stadium.

The Trojans, defending SWC champions with Shelby, bring a powerful outfit here and will be looking to avenge their only regular season loss in

'76. KM edged the Trojans 8-7 and Chase went on to win eight straight games after that to earn a share of first place.

Chase is 2-0 overall

this year and 1-0 in the SWC, having beaten 4-A Gastonia Ashbrook 32-14 and SWC foe North Gaston 32-0.

The Mountaineers are 1-0 in the SWC, having

blanked R-S Central 36-0, and 1-1 overall. They dropped a 21-7 decision to Ashbrook last week.

KMHS Coach Bobby Jones says his club is capable of beating Chase but will have to play much better than it did against Ashbrook last week. The Mounties turned the ball over six times against the Green Wave, once on a pass interception and five times on fumbles.

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Tickets On Sale

Kings Mountain High football fans still have time to get a season's ticket for the five home games in John Gamble Stadium.

Tickets, priced at \$10, are on sale in the KMHS main office. The \$10 price is the same you'll pay at the gate, however, buying a season's ticket assures you of a reserved seat in the middle section of the home stands.

KM's home games this fall are against the top clubs in the Southwestern Conference, Chase, Shelby, South Point, East Gaston and East Rutherford.

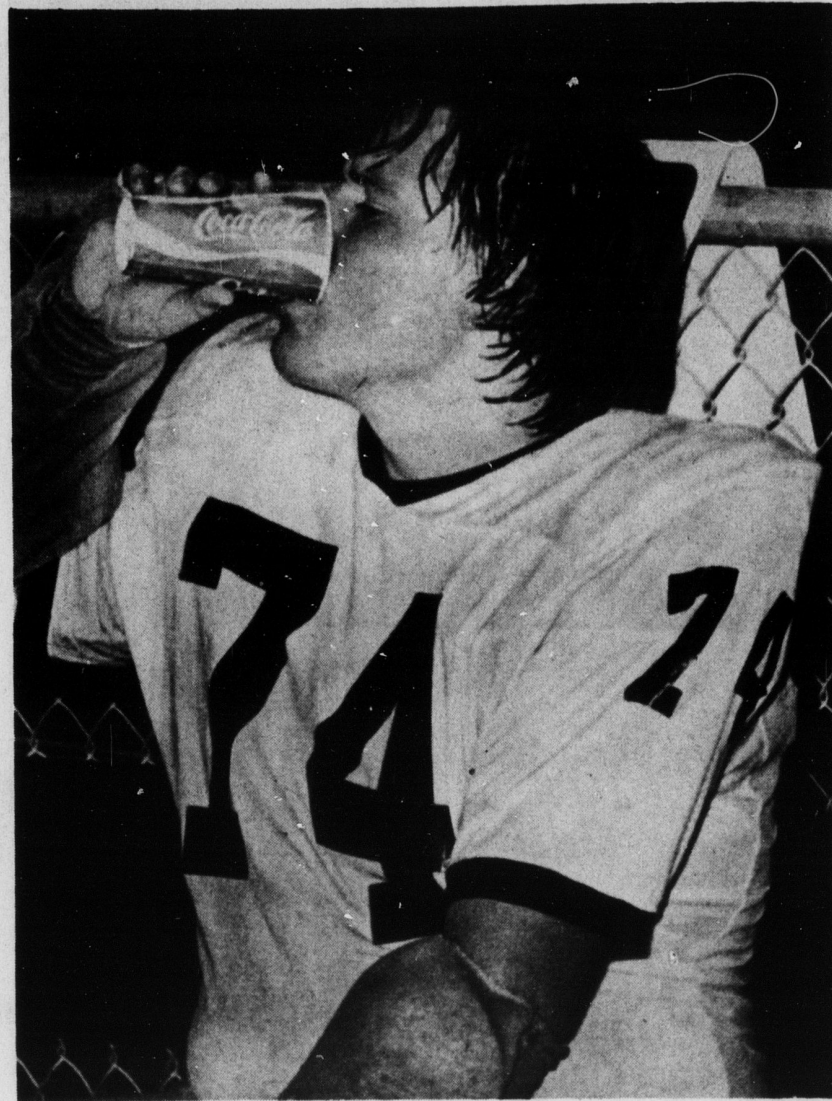


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PAUSE THAT REFRESHES - Kings Mountain High senior tackle David Seay tries to quench his thirst during KM-Ashbrook non-conference game Saturday night at

Ashbrook. KM lost that game, 21-7, but will be trying to snap back this Friday night when unbeaten Chase comes to John Gamble Stadium.

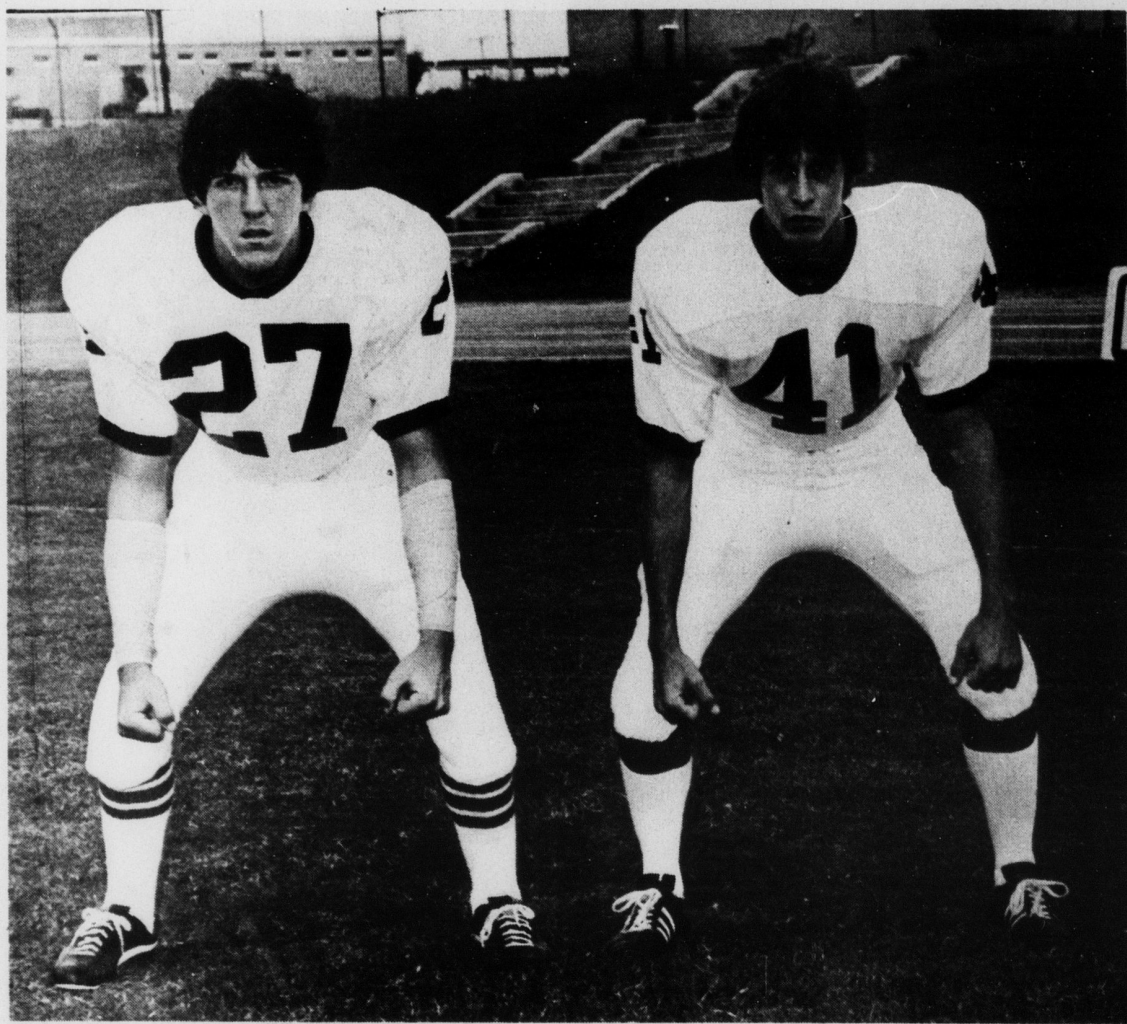


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EYEING TROJANS - These two Kings Mountain defensive backs, Bryon White, left, and Andy Loftin, will probably be kept quite busy Friday night when Chase High's high-stepping Trojans come to John Gamble Stadium. The

Trojans own one of the Southwestern Conference's top passers in Alan Stroud, and two of the top runners in Keith Crenshaw and Chuck McSwain.

Guy Building Girls Tennis

You've read here before about how determined and hard-working a coach Kings Mountain High's tennis coach Ed Guy is.

He's the type person that coaches solely for the enjoyment he gets out of helping develop an athlete.

The tennis program at KMHS was weak, to say the least, when Guy took over, and you'll recall, it hit its peak last spring when the Mountaineers won their first Western N.C. High Schools Activities Association championship.

Guy feels the boys program now is on solid ground and now he's turning his attention to building the girls program.

One step he's taking this fall is to give his time free each afternoon following girls practice to work with girls from the junior high school. He's currently working with six freshmen whom he hopes will step in and help out the varsity next year.

Still, Guy feels the KM girls might not be starting young enough. Tennis players in successful towns, like Shelby, begin organized school play as low as the sixth grade.

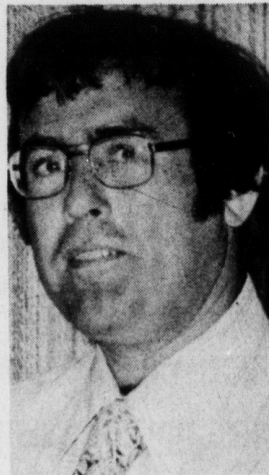
There's just one thing working against Kings Mountain starting them out that early. The only facilities here are the KMHS courts and they're tied up by the varsity teams in the afternoon and the public at night.

"You can't teach it until you get the facilities to work with," said Guy. "That's like starting basketball practice with no gym."

"When the junior high was built, tennis courts were in the original plans but every year they get put back," he said. "I'm hoping someday they'll get built."

"It's frustrating," he continued, "when you go out to the high school at night and can't even get a court."

Guy says the only reason KMHS has been able to compete is because "we have real good athletes who are good at every sport. But we'll never have a real outstanding girl tennis player until we start them out early."



ED GUY



GARY STEWART

--Pickin' The Winners

We went 7-1 on pickin' the winners last week for a season's mark of 16-2. Our only miss was Kings Mountain's 21-7 loss to Ashbrook.

Taking a look at this week's slate, we're calling it like this:

R-S CENTRAL AT EAST GASTON - Warriors can equal their win output of last year by beating the Hilltoppers. And, they should have no trouble doing it. Call it 34-6.

CHASE AT KINGS MOUNTAIN - If the Mountaineers play like they did last week against Ashbrook, the KMHS scoreboard won't be able to keep up with the Trojan points. But we feel like the Mounties will be able to get up this week. Call it 21-15, KM.

NORTH GASTON AT SHELBY - Shelby had an unexpected scare last week, so the Lions will be ready this time. Say about, 35-0.

BURNS AT SOUTH POINT - No contest. South Point, 42-7.

CREST AT EAST RUTHERFORD - The only advantage East will have will be the home field. Crest looks too tough. Call it 27-7, Chargers.

WASHINGTON AND LEE AT DAVIDSON - Could Davidson be improving? Must be. They won one last week. Maybe this will be the start of something good. Call it 17-14, Wildcats.

N.C. STATE AT SYRACUSE - State's hurting, and so is Bo Rein if he doesn't have a winning season. This won't be a good week for the 'Pack. Call it 35-14, Syracuse.

RICHMOND AT UNC - North Carolina should take this one easily, as the Heels are coming off a good performance against nationally-ranked Kentucky, and they're before the home folks. Call it 33-17.

MIAMI AT SOUTH CAROLINA - Miami's tough, but Gamecocks look like they're in for another good year. Call it 28-21, USC.

CLEMSON AT GEORGIA - Clemson played Maryland a good game, and should have won, but the Tigers won't take much of a bite out of these Bulldogs. Call it 42-10, Georgia.

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