

# Pop's At It Again....

Short cuts from the world of sports:  
William (Pop) Foster, Kings Mountain's 72-year-old golfer who shoots his age, just continues to be amazing. You read here recently that Pop scored the first hole-in-one of his career on the par three 14th hole at Kings Mountain Country Club. You'll recall, he used his trusty five iron, one of only five clubs that he carries. To top that hole-in-one effort, Pop went out last Tuesday and scored an eagle two on the par four third hole at KMCC. And, you guessed it, he used old faithful, the five iron . . .

Monday night's KM-Chase game, which drew an estimated 5,000 fans, was the biggest drawing card in the Mountaineers' history in John Gamble Stadium. An estimated 10,000 fans jammed the stadium last year to view a Hunter Huss-Ashbrook game . . .

Former Chase star Billy Ray Vickers has to be one of the best second string halfbacks in college football. As a backup at N. C. State, Vickers is averaging over 100 yards per game, and his performance has helped the Pack win two in a row over Virginia and Syracuse. . . .

Two former Kings Mountians got a big kick out of Ashbrook's recent 21-7 victory over the Mountaineers. One, Shu Carlton, is a former KMHS and Ashbrook coach who is now athletic director for the Gaston County Schools. The other, Tim Echols, a former KMHS athlete, is an Ashbrook assistant . . .

A national survey published last week shows that baseball is back at the top as the most popular sport among fans. . . .

Tom Barnette passes along this fish story: Back a couple of years ago, Tom was on his way to Chimney Rock and spotted a trout in the river that runs along Highway 74. "I jumped in and chased that fish three or four miles," he said. "Finally, it jumped in a pool with three or four hundred other trout. But I was determined. I jumped in, grabbed that fish and threw it up on the bank. The reason I know it was the same fish is because it was wringing wet with sweat from me chasing it so far." Those of you who know Tom know he wouldn't tell a lie . . .

I stopped in Herman Blalock's Grocery the other day and Herman said he had messed up his football contest blank and probably would be disqualified. "I picked Davidson," he said, "and they're not even playing. There are two other teams playing at Davidson, Washington and Lee." Washington and Lee, I explained, is the same team, not two different ones. But, from the looks of the contest blanks, Herman wasn't the only person fooled on that one. Several people picked Washington, several picked Lee, and one person even picked Lee at Davidson . . .

Kings Mountain High's football team and cheerleaders were special guests at Saturday night's Gardner-Webb - Newberry football game and saw G-W win 9-7 behind Bill Salyers' four pass interceptions and Mike Cox's fourth quarter 42-yard field goal, which erased a 7-6 Newberry lead . . .



GARY STEWART

## --Pickin' The Winners

This should be the toughest week yet in pickin' the winners as there are several high school and college games that could go either way.

**EAST GASTON AT SHELBY** — This is one high school game, along with South Point at Chase, that could decide an early SWC champion. East Gaston has the material to beat Shelby, but the Lions are awfully hard to beat in a big game on their home field. We'll call for a 28-20 Shelby win and hope we miss.

**EAST RUTHERFORD AT KINGS MOUNTAIN** — Kings Mountain is coming off one of the toughest battles of its life and is probably physically drained. But the Mountaineers have too much determination to let down. They should beat East 20-7.

**SOUTH POINT AT CHASE** — Chase, like KM, won't let down after a tough battle. The Trojans can help KM out by beating South Point, and I think they'll do it, 14-13.

**NORTH GASTON AT R-S CENTRAL** — In this battle of the winless, I see the Hilltoppers winning their first game, 20-14.

**CREST AT BURNS** — Should be no contest. Crest, 35-14.

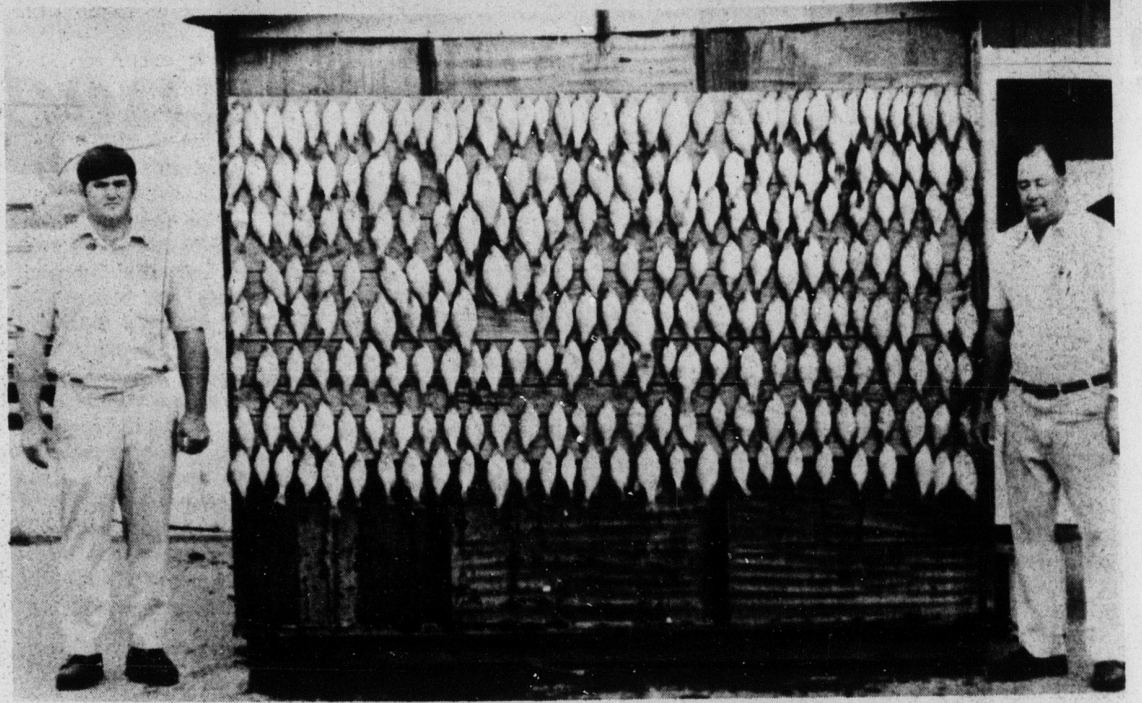
**WAKE FOREST AND N. C. STATE** — State came around last week but we see a Deacon victory, 24-21.

**NORTH CAROLINA AT NORTHWESTERN** — In a hard-fought battle, we see the Tar Heels winning on a field goal, 17-14.

**GEORGIA AT SOUTH CAROLINA** — If the Junkyard Dogs lose two in a row to South Carolina teams, Georgians will be calling for Vince Dooley's head. We see the Bulldogs halting Carolina's winning streak, 35-31.

**CLEMSON AT GEORGIA TECH** — Maybe Clemson's for real. We'll call it 28-24, Tigers.

**GARDNER-WEBB AT MARS HILL** — G-W has been billed as a high-scoring offensive but weak defensive team. It was exactly the opposite in last week's 9-7 win over Newberry. Bulldogs should get the offense going this week and beat Mars Hill, 31-20.



LOT OF CRAPPIES — Danny Kiser, left, and Fred Kiser are shown here with 245 crappies they caught last weekend while fishing at Lake Wylie.

## 'Gutty' Mountaineers Nip Chase 13-12

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Dennis Owens, who had a big eight-yard run which gave the Mounties a first and goal at the one, carried over on fourth down and Valentine booted the point-after.

"Boggan did a real good job," noted Jones. "He went in there and wasn't scared and showed the type of leadership that we needed."

Chase moved 76 yards early in the third period to get on the board, Stroud going over from one yard out. Valentine then stopped the first of two Chase conversion attempts, and the Mounties held on to their 7-6 lead.

Boggan, the only KM quarterback to complete a pass all year, then went to the air to lead the Mountaineers to their final TD and a little breathing room.

He hit Terry McClain for a 34 yard gain to the Chase 14, then found White wide open at the five and the junior carried it in from there for a 13-6 lead. Valentine's extra point attempt was good, but the

Mounties were penalized 15 yards for holding and his second attempt from 34 yards out was short.

That left Chase with an opportunity to score and win the game on a two-point conversion.

Shortly after Chase's second TD which cut the score to 13-12, Robinson returned to the game all to the delight of the Mountaineer fans, and behind his leadership

the Mounties ate three big minutes off the clock before Chase got the ball again.

The Trojans moved from their own 13 to the KM 33 behind Stroud's passing, but on a big third down play, Bumgardner broke through to throw Stroud for a big loss, and a fourth down pass fell incomplete with 15 seconds remaining.

Jones called the game

"one of the most exciting I've ever been involved in" and praised his players, assistant coaches and the fans for their part in the victory.

"It was just a good determined effort by all the football players," he said. "Everybody did a good job in preparing them to play, and the people really got behind us."

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## KM Girls Volleyball Team Wins

Kings Mountain High's girls volleyball team hosts North Gaston today at 4 p. m. in their first home game of the season.

The match will be played in the gym and there will be an admission charge of 50 cents for students and one dollar for adults.

The Mountainettes opened their season Monday by sweeping two of three games from East Rutherford. KM won the first and third sets, 15-13, and 15-11, and East won the middle set, 15-7.

Coach Kathy Brooks said the difference in the match was KM's serving.

Robin McSwain, Judy Henderson and Lori Smith were cited for their serving. Priscilla Rickenbacker played a strong game on offense and Angie Hickman played well on defense.