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### Last Putnam Brother Is Winding Up Career

Short cuts from the world of sports:  
An era in Kings Mountain High football will end with the last game of the current season. For years, Mr. and Mrs. Max Putnam have had a son playing sports here. It began back in the early 60's with Dale, who played for the 1963 and '64 SWC championship teams. Then followed Phillip, Gene, Terry, Roy, and now Dennis, a member of the current KMHS eleven. But don't worry coaches. Most of those Putnam boys have sons on the way . . .

Charles Green, a former Mountaineer tackle who went on to play for Appalachian State's Mountaineers, is now the line coach and head wrestling coach at Grier Junior High School in Gastonia. . . .

#### ---Only One In Playoffs

Reggie Jackson, the World Series most valuable player, could also win some awards with his spitting ability. He's one of few athletes who can spit tobacco juice through the gap in his two front teeth . . . And manager Tom LaSorda of the Dodgers should get some type of award for the neat way he picks his nose . . .

And, on the topic of the World Series, ABC's camera work was undoubtedly the worst of all time. Cameramen spent too much time focusing on the dugouts and players' wives . . . With 32 8-A conferences in the state, no conference will be fortunate enough to have two teams in the state football playoffs which begin November 11. That makes it tough on the Southwestern Conference, which has several teams which could play anybody. All other divisions (1-A, 2-A and 4-A) will have some conference with two teams in the playoffs . . .

#### ---Johnson Has Best Game

Kings Mountain Junior High's footballers, who wind up their '77 season Saturday night at Shelby, are wearing black arm bands in memory of their teammate, Tommy Grissom, who died this summer . . . Former KMHS standout Chris Johnson, a defensive back at Gardner-Webb, scored the first touchdown of his college career last Saturday when he returned an intercepted pass 21 yards for a score in G-W's 51-23 romp over Carson-Newman . . .

Ashbrook's Green Wave will play host to the nation's top high school basketball team, DeMatha High of Washington, D. C., on December 17. DeMatha is coached by Morgan Wooten and for 17 consecutive years all the seniors on the team have been offered college scholarships . . .

Frank McIntyre of Kings Mountain participated in a deep sea fishing trip last week, hosted by his son-in-law, Wayne Love of Stanfield. The group, fishing out of Morehead City, went 80 miles off the coast and hauled back 550 pounds of red snapper, 100 pounds of grouper and 100 pounds of porgie. Dobbie Love won the cash prize for the biggest catch, a 26 and one-half pound grouper . . .

#### ---Pickin' The Winners

Our pickin' the winner sheet listed nine winners in 10 games last week. Our upset of the year, Chase over Shelby, backfired with the top-ranked Lions coming from behind for a 14-8 victory.

Our season's mark stands at 62-16 a percentage of .795.

**EAST GASTON AT KINGS MOUNTAIN** — East Gaston will be a tough homecoming and Warrior Coach Jerry Adams, a former KM griddler, would like nothing more than to spoil the night for the KM fans. It'll be a tough one, but we're calling for the Mountaineers to win a thriller, 21-20.

**CHASE AT EAST RUTHERFORD** — Trojans should win this one, but East is capable of pulling the upset. We'll call for a 28-14 Chase victory.

**BURNS AT NORTH GASTON** — North Gaston should win its second game of the year, 20-16.

**R-S CENTRAL AT SHELBY** — R-S is on a two-game win streak, but the Hilltoppers won't be able to do anything with the Lions. Shelby will win 35-7, setting the stage for a head-to-head meeting with unbeaten South Point next week.

**CREST AT SOUTH POINT** — In their final game before the big one, the Raiders will score an easy 42-6 victory over the Chargers.

**SOUTH CAROLINA AT N. C. STATE** — State hasn't been impressive the last two weeks, but neither has South Carolina. Pack should get back on the winning track, 17-14.

**WAKE FOREST AT CLEMSON** — Clemson should win its seventh straight and continue to move up in the national rankings. Call it 24-7.

**DAVIDSON AT VMI** — VMI should take a close one, 21-17.

**NORTH CAROLINA AT MARYLAND** — Maryland can throw the ACC into a three-way race between the Terps, Tar Heels and Clemson. Call it 14-10, Maryland.

**GARDNER-WEBB AT ELON** — This one could be for the SAC-8 title. Bulldogs are coming off a big win over Carson-Newman, but Elon should take this game by a 28-24 margin.

# Smith Runs At Gaffney

**G A F F N E Y** — die Smith, Kings Mountain; Dennis Williams of Morganton's Bennett Clontz, Gaffney's Mike Duvall and C. L. Pritchett, Lavonia, Ga., late model sportsman racing's favorites here this season, battle it out again Saturday night at the Cherokee Speedway.

Saturday's program again begins at 7 o'clock with the rookies running first. The semi modifieds and late model sportsman's races wind up the thrilling 100-lap agenda. Other late model favorites expected are Preston Humphries, Floyd Weaver, Shelby; Herman Mooney, Morganton; Spartanburg's Billy Bishop and Harold Painter; Woodruff's Doug Osteen and Fred Hawkins; Fred-

die Smith, Kings Mountain; Dennis Williams of Morganton's Bennett Clontz, Gaffney's Mike Duvall and C. L. Pritchett, Lavonia, Ga., late model sportsman racing's favorites here this season, battle it out again Saturday night at the Cherokee Speedway.

Georgia favorites expected outside of Pritchett are Elmer Lance, Herman Wise, Aaron Galley, and Ray Allison.

Gault said, "We will continue to run the regular Saturday night program as long as the weather permits."

Gault also has a Thanksgiving afternoon race slated to begin at 2:30.

"Open competition," will run each Saturday night — that means run what you bring.



**JR. MIDGET CHEERLEADERS** — One reason for the success of Kings Mountain's junior midget football team this season has been the support given by the cheerleaders pictured above. They include, front row, left to right, Martha Alexan-

der, Lisa Raby, Becky Ayers, Tina Forbes, Lee Ann Wilson, Lynn Styers and Tammy Peterson. Second row, Robin Hope, Kim Leftwich, Angela Lyon, Leslie Sellers, Dena Bowen, Cindy Weaver and Shanna Smith.

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