

To Coach Defensive Front

N.C. State Tackle Kohl To Join Mountaineer Staff

SPORTS

Jack Kohl, who helped lead N.C. State's Wolfpack to three bowl appearances in the past three seasons, has joined the football coaching staff at Kings Mountain High School.

Ravenna, Ohio, Kohl will be responsible for the Mountaineer defensive front. He's the fourth coach signed since Dan Brooks took over as head mentor. Steve Foster, offensive line coach, David

Brinkley, backfield coach, and Charles Burns, jayvee coach, earlier joined the staff.

"I feel lucky to get the job," said Kohl, who will also serve as ICT instructor. "Kings Mountain's a real nice town and the coaching staff and school administration is real supportive."

Brooks said Kohl comes highly recommended both as a coach and teacher.

"He has a real good football background, having played both offensive and defensive tackle," noted the KM mentor. "He and Coach Foster will compliment each other real well."

"He was highly recruited by Lou Holtz," added Brooks, "and that alone speaks highly of him. I talked with Coach (Bo) Rein at State and he said Kohl played in every game for him and worked real hard for everything he got. I feel like he'll continue to do that as a coach. I think people who have to work hard make better coaches than those who have a lot of talent and everything comes easy for them."

"We're real happy to get him as a teacher, too," he continued. "Everybody at State said he's one of the best to ever come out of their ICT department. It's important that he wants to do a good job in the classroom too."

Kohl was an All-Conference offensive and defensive tackle at Ravenna High, a 3-A school with an enrollment of about 1,000. In Ohio, 3-A is the largest classification.

He played defensive tackle his first year at N.C. State and lettered at offensive tackle the past two years. He will graduate from State later this summer and will be in Kings Mountain in time for the start of grid practice the first week in August.

In High school, Kohl led his team to its conference title with an 8-2 record in 1973. He was most valuable player on the track team and specialized in the shot put.

Kohl is 22 years old and single.



JOINS MOUNTAINEERS — Jack Kohl, seated, former N.C. State tackle, gets ready to sign a contract to teach and coach football at Kings Mountain High School. Kohl will be in charge of the defensive front and

will assist Steve Foster with the offensive line. Looking on are KMHS Principal Forrest Wheeler, left, and head football coach and athletic director, Dan Brooks.



Photo By Gary Stewart

FUTURE PRO? Audrey Amos serves the tennis ball during a practice match at the Kings Mountain High School courts. The 16-year-old Miss Amos is one of the top amateur tennis players in the state of Arizona and has hopes of playing college and professional tennis. The

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Amos, formerly of Kings Mountain, became interested in competitive tennis five years ago after seeing pro star Billie Jean King play in a tournament in her hometown.

Net Star Audrey Amos

Hard Work Pays Off

pros, Mort Stone, who now lives in California. He tutored pro standout, Stephanie Tolleson, and started Audrey on a strenuous exercise program which involves about three hours work per day.

As a freshman in high school (she is now a rising junior) Audrey helped lead her team to the district championship for the ninth straight year. But she has since given up high school tennis because she feels she can face tougher competition at clubs in the Phoenix area.

As an 11-year-old Audrey attended a pro women's tournament in Phoenix and that's when her love for the sport began.

"I saw Billie Jean King play," she recalled, "and I decided I wanted to be like her. I had been playing for

a couple of months but not seriously. It was after seeing her that I wanted to start playing competitive tennis."

Audrey competes in about a dozen tournaments a year and just recently completed the Southwest Tournament, where she competed with 48 of the best players from Arizona, New Mexico and part of Texas. The tournament is a qualifying event for the national tournament, but Audrey failed to qualify.

"I played the number three ranked player in the second round, Katherine Kell," she recalled. "She split sets with Tracy Austin and almost beat Austin in the finals of the Seventeen Tournament, sponsored by Seventeen Magazine."

Audrey, because her birthday falls on Sep-

tember 25, usually competes against older players and in the coming year will be competing in the 18-year-old division.

"Most of the people I'm playing against started when they were around six years old," she says. "People like Tracy Austin come from California to play in the Phoenix tournaments. There are 700,000 people in Phoenix and over a million in the Phoenix area where most of the good players come from."

Audrey's goal are to play college and pro tennis and she feels this coming year, when she'll be competing against 18 year olds, will determine whether or not she'll be able to accomplish those feats.

"I don't know if I'll be able to make it," she says. "It'll take a lot of hard work."

But, she already knows about the hard work.

Wildcats And 49ers To Play

DAVIDSON — Davidson College again will play an ambitious basketball schedule in 1978-79 — highlighted by a first ever meeting with cross-county rival UNC-Charlotte.

Davidson announced its 1978-79 schedule Friday at a joint press conference with UNC officials and representatives of Charlotte Observer Charities, which will sponsor the game.

Davidson and UNC will meet Feb. 19 at the Charlotte

Coliseum. Although UNCC will be designated as the home team the two schools will share the net proceeds equally.

In addition to UNCC, Davidson will play seven other Charlotte Coliseum games, including Notre Dame, Wake Forest, Duke, Furman, Brown and the Charlotte Invitational Tournament.

The CIT field includes Canisius, Long Island and Connecticut. Davidson faces

Canisius in the opening round of the Nov. 24-25 tournament.

Davidson will go on the road for a pair of tournaments in December. The Wildcats play in the Indiana Classic Dec. 18-19 at Bloomington, Ind. They travel to Albuquerque, N. M. for the Lobo Classic Dec. 29-30.

The Indiana field includes host Indiana, Army and Washington. The Lobo tournament includes host New Mexico, Idaho and Miami

(Ohio). Pairings have not been established for either tournament.

The road schedule also includes a game at N.C. State, the former school for Davidson's first year coach Eddie Biedenbach, whose team will include four starters from last year. One of the four starters is all-American candidate John Gerdy, who averaged 25.8 points last year and is almost certain to become the Wildcats' all-time leading scorer.

Qualifying Set

Qualifying for the Green Valley Four-Ball Tournament will begin Saturday and run for two weeks.

Any persons interested in entering the event may do so by going by the pro shop or calling pro Barry Stevens at 739-7681. You do not have to be a member to participate.

Entry fee is \$20 per team and trophies will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in each flight.

Smith Racing At Gaffney

GAFFNEY, S. C. — Promoter Ed Gault Jr. has four big races on the agenda for the next two weeks, starting Thursday night here at the Cherokee Speedway.

Saturday night, Gault plans a 50-lap special Open competition race for the late models, a

semimodified and rookie program.

Fourth of July night, and Saturday night following the fourth, conclude the two weeks of exciting racing.

Fulmer Lance, driving a No. 88, white and black, Camaro, from Washington, Ga., sat his foot in victory circle for the

first time Saturday night, beating out Gaffney's David Perry and Mike Duvall, and Boiling Springs' Dennis Williams in a fender-to-fender finish. Raymond Payne, Forest City, finished fifth.

Shelby's Butch Bowen, who gained the semimodified lead after tangling up with Gaffney's Larry Petty, gained his fourth win. Both cars got crossways in the second turn but Bowen came out the leader. Roger Ligon ran in third spot after spinning out.

Don Gaudin, Rock Hill, got his third rookie win of the year.

Benny Clontz, Freddy Smith, Mike Humphries, Houston Wilkie, Charlie Biggers, Bob Cooper, Doug Osteen and J. C. Eaves are some of the other late model favorites expected to return.

The Cherokee Speedway is located off the Gaffney exit on I-85. Gates open at 5 o'clock and action begins at 8 o'clock.

"The schedule is too tough," Biedenbach said. "But I like it and am excited about it. I know our players feel the same way. I just hope they never see the full schedule and we can show it to them one game at a time."

"Seriously, the schedule is one of the most attractive in the country. The Southern Conference is getting tougher all the time and all of the teams have improved over last year with recruiting. And the addition of East Tennessee improves the league."

"Our non-conference schedule has to be the toughest in the country. It includes nine teams that were in the NCAA and NIT last year, plus our conference champion Furman, which made the NCAA playoffs and lost to Indiana by one point."

Athletic director Thom Cartmill said "Our schedule is very difficult and one which I think will be very exciting for our fans with Notre Dame, Wake Forest, Furman and the Charlotte Invitational Tournament, plus the addition of UNCC."

Central Rec Program To Begin Next Week

Central School will sponsor a free summer recreation program for rising sixth and seventh graders beginning July 5 and running through August 4.

All persons interested may register at 9 a. m. on July 5.

Activities will run from 9 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. each day.

Activities include softball, volleyball, hor-

sesoes, table tennis, basketball, tennis, and basic gymnastics and wrestling.

The reason for the program is to acquaint the rising sixth and seventh graders with the school and some of the faculty.

Phil Weathers and Pam Sayers, Central's health and physical education teachers, will be in charge of the program.