



JUNIOR PEE WEES - Here's the Kings Mountain Optimist Club junior pee wee football team, which competes in the Gaston Youth League. Front row, left to right, Jody Richardson, Chris Putnam, Michael Byers, Marty Stephenson, Mark Byers, Tim McClain and Emmett McClain. Second row, Shane Webb, Danny Hughes, Brandon White, Jason Hughes,

Norris Degree, Brian Curry, Todd Starnes and Brian Benfield. Third row, Demetris Wilson, Andy Hollifield, Casey Jones, Tommy Proctor, Jay Richardson, Jonathon Putnam, Chad Plonk, Chris Plonk and Ryan Hollifield. Back row, coaches Dale Putnam, Bobby Richardson, Stan Moore, Scott Carpenter, John Bolton and Bobby Glenn.



JUNIOR MIDGETS - Kings Mountain Optimist Club's junior midget football team is pictured above. Front row, left to right, Ron Ruffin, John Hill, Aubrey Warmoth, Brian Black, David Ayscue, Jack Nicholson, David King, and Bernard Thompson. Second row, Terry Jones, Julius Pagan, Greg Young, Brian

Byers, Todd Fain and Darin Shank. Third row, Gary Carroll, Anthony Holland, Antoine Holland, Tim Putnam, Scott Dye, Donnie Eaves, Jody Champion and Phillip Greene. Back row, coaches Tommy Bennett, David Turner, Jim Littlejohn, Scott Ellis and Do Champion.

Patriots, West Fight To 20-20 Overtime Tie

Kings Mountain and West McDowell junior highs fought to a 20-20 overtime tie in the opening football game of the season last Thursday in Marion.

The Kings Mountain team stays on the road this week with a non-conference game at West Lincoln.

Kings Mountain battled back twice during regulation to tie the game. After a scoreless first overtime, the Patriots scored in the second overtime on a one-yard run by quarterback Roderick Boyce, but their attempted run for a two-point conversion failed. West McDowell came back to score on a three-yard run and Kings Mountain's defense stopped their running attempt for a two-point conversion.

West took a 6-0 lead in the first period. Kings Mountain came back to tie it at 6-6 at halftime on a 45-yard touchdown run by Otis Brooks.

West regained the lead late in the third quarter, 14-6. Kings Mountain scored late in the fourth period on a two-yard run by Boyce and Brooks ran a two-point conversion to force the overtime. Boyce's touchdown was set up by a 30-yard pass reception by Aubrey Hollifield.

Kings Mountain gained 146 yards rushing with Brooks getting 79 and Vince Sullens 56. Boyce hit six of 13 passes for 124 yards. Sidney Brown caught two passes for 54 yards and Travis Crocker caught three for 40 yards.

Coach David Heffner cited Andre Byers, Brooks, Sullens, Robert Huggins, Donald Mauney and Calvin Stephens for their defensive effort.

"Our offensive line looked as good as any line we've ever had," Heffner said. "We still have a lot of work to do on defense."

Jayvees Lose 26-22, Host Huss

Kings Mountain High's jayvees, coming off two straight narrow losses, host Hunter Huss Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in their first home game.

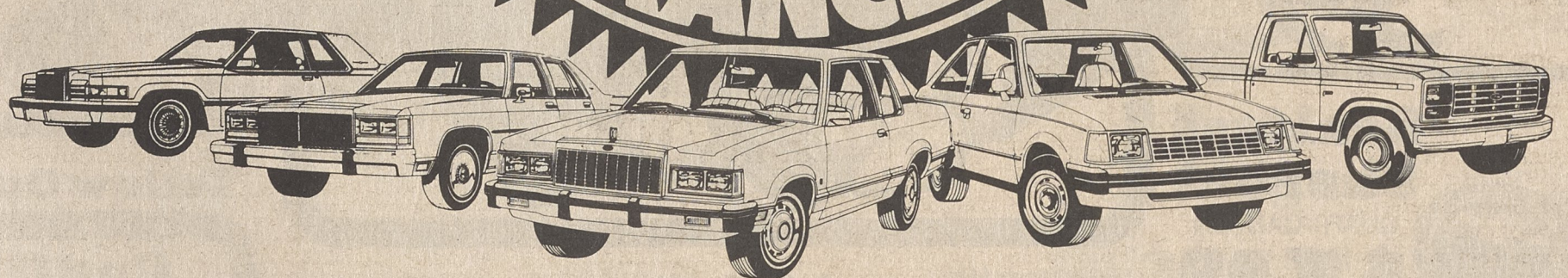
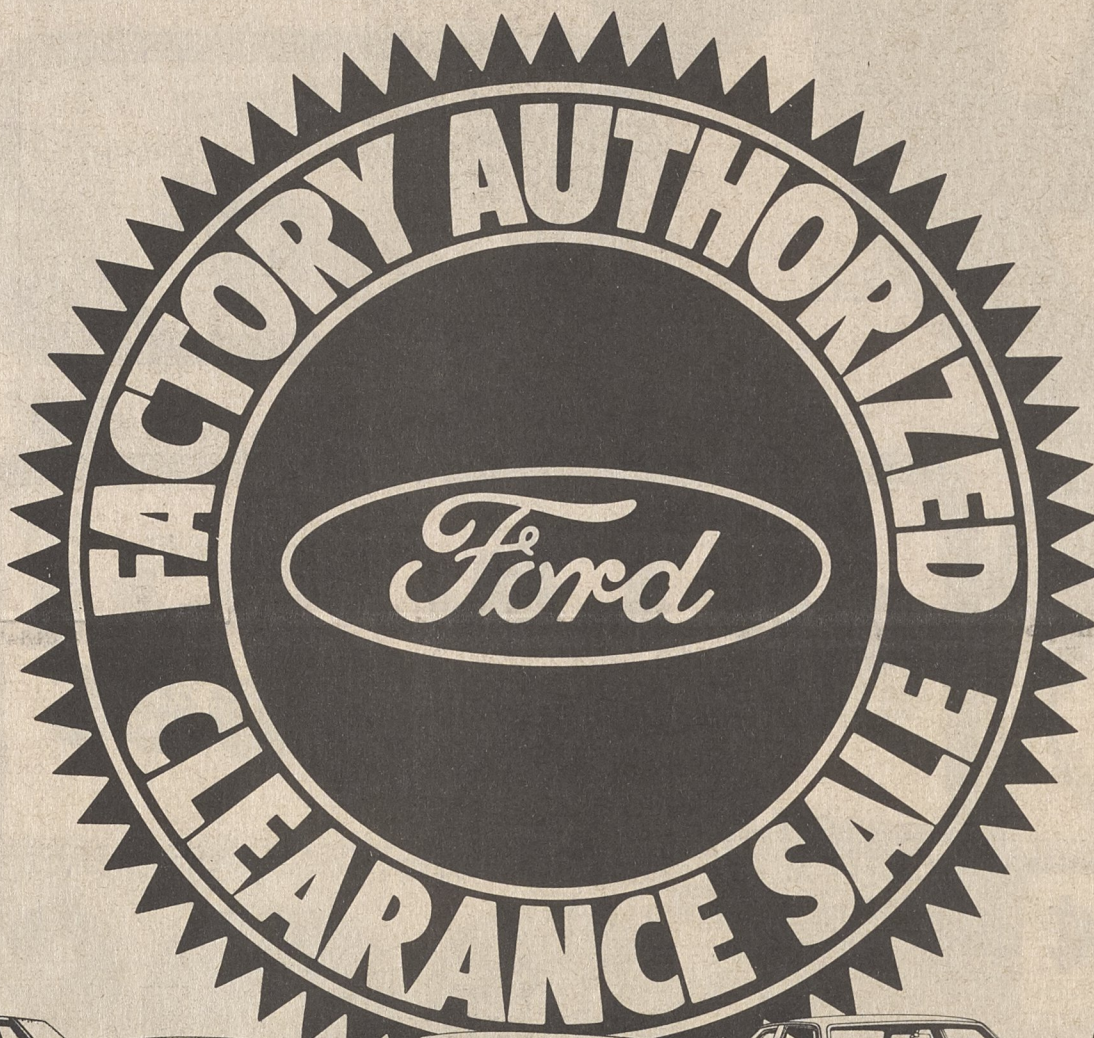
The Little Mountaineers fell to Ashbrook 26-22 last Thursday night. The Green Wave came from behind with two touchdowns in the second half to win.

Kings Mountain took an 8-0 lead in the first quarter when Lavar Curry ran a 30-yard touchdown and also scored a two-point conversion.

Ashbrook came back to go ahead 14-8 at halftime, but KMHS took a 22-14 lead in the third period on a 60-yard TD run by Curry and a 40-yard TD run and two-point conversion by Mike Grier.

After Ashbrook went ahead 26-22, the Mounties drove to the Wave 20 to go but fumbled.

Coach Tim Echols cited Kale Bagwell for his defensive play.



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