

Dilling Bowling Champ

John Dilling's team defeated Johnny Dye's team three games to two to win the rolloff for the Kings Mountain Duckpin Bowling League championship last week at Dilling Heating Lanes.

All league bowlers celebrated the end of the summer season with a cookout at Lake Montonio.

Plans are now underway for the winter league, which will begin the second week in September.

Dilling's team won the first two games before Dye's group came back to win the next two and force a fifth game. Dilling and Melissa Bowen each rolled a 117 in the final game to swing the championship.

Dilling finished the five-game series with a 605 set to lead the winners. He had a single game high of 121 in the first game. Dye led his team with a 580 series with a single game high of 141 in the fourth game.

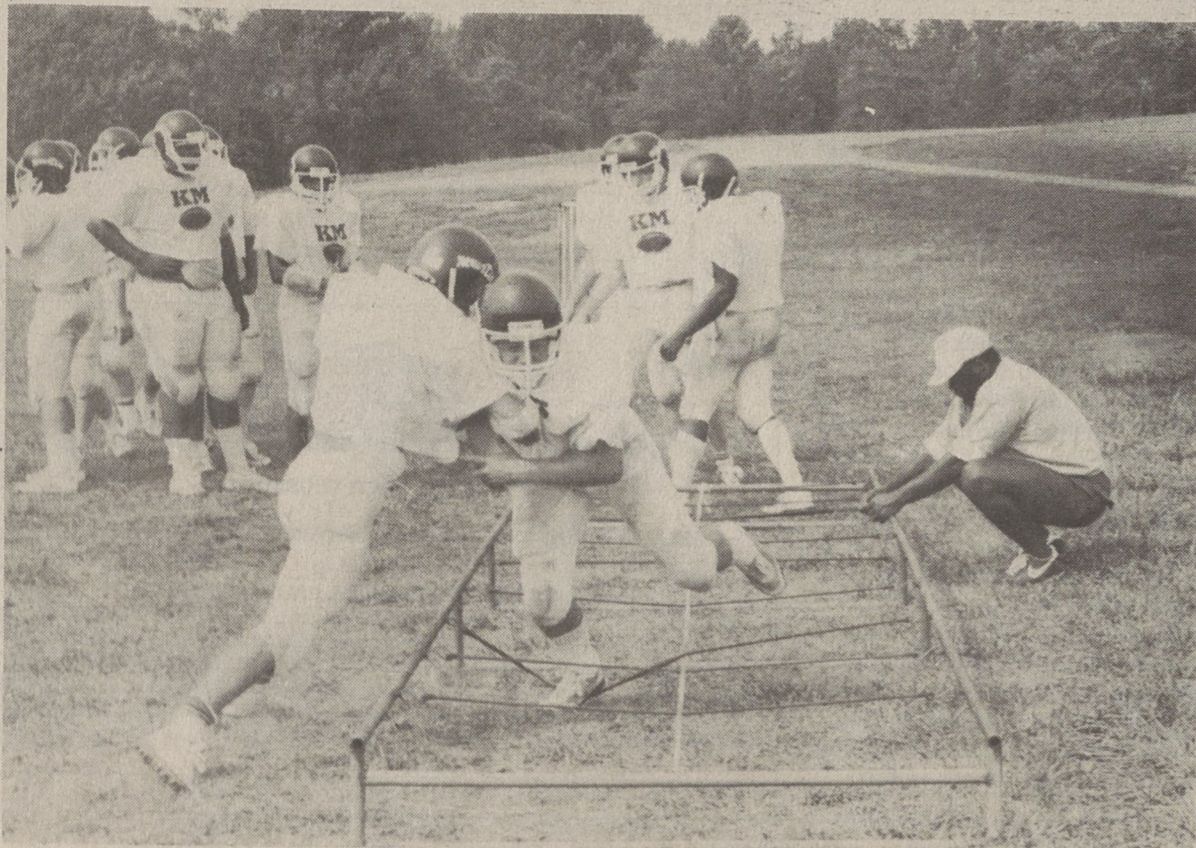
Dilling carried the highest overall average of the year, 125. He averaged 126 per game during the first half and 124 during the second half.

Dye averaged 124 for the first half and 125 for the second half. Betty Hullender averaged 121

and 118 and R.W. Hullender 1004 and 109. Dye recorded the highest single games of the year, a 169 during the first half of the season

and a 155 during the second half. Betty Hullender had the high marks for women, a 160

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BLOCKING DRILLS - Two Kings Mountain High football players go through blocking drills during a recent practice session. The Mountaineers will scrimmage East Burke High School tonight at Gamble Stadium and open their Southwestern 3-A Conference season next week at Burns.

Mounties Scrimmage East Burke Thursday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will scrimmage 4-A East Burke High School Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at John Gamble Stadium, and then turn their attention to their regular season opener September 2 at Burns.

New head coach Denny Hicks is working 29 hopefuls, and all are progressing well. The way the players perform in Thursday's scrimmage could go a long way in determining who will start at Burns.

The team has reached most of its goals thus far, Hicks says, but still has a lot of room for improvement. He has experienced players at most offensive and defensive positions, and barring injuries, the Mounties could have a lot to stay about who wins the Southwestern Conference title.

Practice continues to go well despite the 90 and 100 degree heat, Coach Hicks said.

"We're staying healthy," said Hicks, "but the heat is sapping our energy."

Hicks has noted improvement in several areas and continues to feel good about the team's prospects.

"We're throwing the ball a little better," he said. "The quarterbacks are starting to get a little confidence and the line is doing a much better job of pass protection."

"We feel like we're going to have a much better kicking game," he added. "Todd Cloninger and Roderick Boyce are doing a good job punting the football and Jarvis Young and

Keith Pressley are handling the kickoffs and extra points. Their legs are getting stronger and they're restarting to strike the ball good. We hope extra points won't be as much of a factor as they've been the last two years."

At quarterback Thursday, Hicks and his aides will be looking closely at three players. Seniors Todd Cloninger and Brad Reynolds lettered last year. The third prospect is sophomore Roderick Boyce, who started for two years at the junior high.

Cloninger started at quarterback last year but was injured in the fourth game of the season. He returned later in the year to handle the team punting chores.

Reynolds saw only limited action at quarterback but was one of the team's better defensive players at the end position.

Curt Pressley, the number two rusher last year, and Eric Odum, a junior who saw limited action on both offense and defense last season but who has been very impressive in pre-season drills, will operate from the tailback position. Both are big and fast and could be among the top runners in the SWC this fall.

David Parker, a hard runner and good blocker, returns at fullback. The coaches will also be looking at Rocky Lutz, who is up from the jayvee team.

At quick back, Danny Moore and Zack Roseboro will see a lot of action. Roseboro started in the defensive secondary last year and Moore is up from the jayvee team.

Thomas Putnam, a senior

who started at flanker last year, and Doug Ramsey, a newcomer, will operate at the wide receiver slot.

On the line, the Mounties have at least one returning player at every position. Most of the linemen have good size and get off the ball well, Hicks said.

Jeff Stokes started part-time at center last fall. Others the coaches will be looking at tonight are Brad Jones, Shane Crawford and Jarvis Young.

Quinton Rikard and Shawn Rainey are experienced at the guard positions and the coaches will also look for a lot of good play from John Grant, Jody Sellers and Neil Morris.

Dale Moore, the team's biggest player at 280 pounds, Shane Burton and James Ellison return at the tackle positions. Thurndon Brown and Steve Falls will also see a lot of action.

Gerald Gladden saw some limited action last year at tight end. Others who are fighting for a starting spot are Kale Bagwell, Robert Appling and Keith Pettus.

Most of the same players will also see action on defense, but by next week Hicks is hoping to come up with a lineup that won't show many people playing both ways.

KM's Charlie Foster Wins Bass Point Title

SUMMERTON, S.C.—Bass fishing wasn't exactly red hot when anglers in the Carolina Division of the Red Man Tournament Trail met on Santee-Cooper Lakes Aug. 14, but Eddie Herlong made it seem that way.

The passage of a weather front through the area prior to the tournament time seemingly left a good number of Santee-Cooper bass reluctant. Herlong, however, thrashed up an impressive limit.

Herlong, 30, a construction worker from Prosperity, S.C., scored a clear victory with seven bass weighing 17 pounds, 12 ounces. He collected \$1,537 for the effort.

Fishing heavy cover and cypress trees in the Santee River, Herlong used a chartreuse/white Lunker Lure buzzbait on top and a chartreuse/white spinner-bait down below to fool his fish.

D.C. Whitman, Clinton, S.C., boasted just four keepers, but the heft of a behemoth 10-2 largemouth pushed him into second place with a total of 14-7. He won \$897 in prize money for the runner-up finish and collected another \$468 from the big bass pot for his jumbo fish.

Whitman's bass were taken on Scuffydine worms along cypress trees in four to five feet of water up the Santee River above Santee State Park.

Glenn Sheppard knocked out third place and \$596 in cash winnings with six bass weighing 13-15. Sheppard took his bass

early in the day's action by fishing windblown banks in Braswell Slough, some 35 miles south of the Goat Island Resort tournament headquarters. His productive lures were green Seeker worms.

Tommy Isgett, Lewisville, N.C., was fourth and won \$399 with a half-dozen bass weighing 13-12. E.M. Belken, Summerville, S.C., won fifth-place money of \$239 with six keepers

Charlie Foster, a 37-year-old tackle dealer from Kings Mountain, N.C., has emerged as the points champion in the Carolina Division for 1983. Foster this season scored first-place finishes at Lake Norman and Lake Murray enroute to accumulating 209½ points which gave him the \$1,000 honor.

The top 24 anglers in each division will qualify for the Red Man All American Bass Championship Oct. 18-22 on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley in western Kentucky. This no-entry-fee event will feature a purse including more than \$125,000 in cash, 10 Ranger bass boats and, for the big bass award, a 50 hp Mercury Black Max outboard motor.

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