



PHOTOS BY GARY STEWART

TWO-RUN HOMER - Kings Mountain's Richie Gold is congratulated by Coach David Heffner as he rounds third on way to home plate after hitting a two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning Wednesday against Hunger Huss. Gold's homer accounted for the only two KM runs in a 6-2 loss. The Mountaineers host Burns in a Southwestern 3-A Conference game Friday at 4 p.m.

Mounties Whip R-S

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers and their ace righthander Tommy Batchler opened Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball action in fine fashion Tuesday at R-S Central,

defeating the Hilltoppers by a 2-1 score.

Batchler, a senior and three-year mound starter, went the distance on the mound, hurling a two-hitter and striking out 12.

He did not allow a base on balls.

R-S had only three baserunners, two by base hits and another by a KM fielding error. The Hilltoppers' lone run came in the bottom of the sixth inning on a home run by McDaniel.

Kings Mountain collected five hits with Brad Reynolds leading the way with 3-for-4. Todd Cloninger added a double and Richie Gold a single.

The Mountaineers took the

KM Netters Are 1-2 In Non-Loops Play

Kings Mountain High's tennis team opened play last week and lost two of its first three matches.

The Mountaineers, coached by Steve Lazenby, were scheduled to go to Bessemer City Tuesday. They return home Thursday to battle West Lincoln.

Last week, the Mountaineers lost 5-4 decisions to Freedom and Lincolnton, and then came back on Friday to defeat Freedom 6-3. Victories in all three doubles matches was the difference Friday.

LINCOLNTON 5, KM 4 (Singles)

Brad Jones (KM) def. Lee Brogden 6-0, 6-0; Jeff Barnette (KM) def. Davey Warlick 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; Thomas Putnam (KM) def. David Boyd 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; Mike Roberts (L) def. David Pervine 6-1, 6-3; Scott Rankin (L) def. Mike Bowles 6-3, 6-3; Bart Crawford (L) def. Wes Thompson 6-4, 6-1.

(Doubles)

Jones-Barnette (KM) def. Brogden-Boyd 8-4; Roberts-Crawford (L) def. Putnam-Bowles 8-4; Rankin-Warlick (L) def. Thompson-Rick Canipe 8-4.

KM 6, FREEDOM 3 (Singles)

Paul Puckett (F) def. Brad Jones 6-1, 6-3; Jeff Barnette (KM) def. Charlie Suh 7-5, 7-6; Thomas Putnam (KM) def. Mike Dehnert 6-2, 6-2; Rob Lynam (F) def. David Pervine 6-3, 6-1; Mike Bowles (KM) def. Trey Setzer 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Mike Lynam (F) def. Wes Thompson 6-4, 6-2.

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Game Films Available

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While cleaning out some old file cabinets recently, members of the Kings Mountain High coaching staff found several old films of KMHS football games.

Instead of throwing them away, the school is offering them free of charge to anyone who would like to have them.

The film is 16 millimeter. Game films were found from years 1951, 1955 through 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1965 through 1969 and 1970 through 1976.

Anyone who would like some of the films should call Larry Sipe or Denny Hicks at the KMHS gym (739-8311).

Kevin Mack Signs With L.A. Express

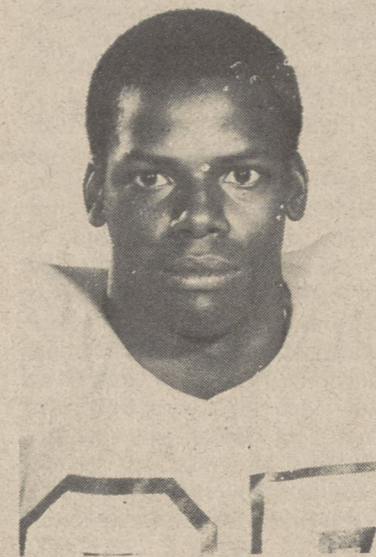
Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack last week signed a professional football contract with the Los Angeles Express of the United States Football League.

Mack is currently working out with the Express and hopes to see playing duty within the next week.

The terms of Mack's contract were not disclosed. James Robinson, a teammate of Mack's at Clemson University, also signed with the Express and the two are sharing an apartment in Los Angeles.

Mack's mother said the former KMHS student went to L.A. last Wednesday to talk with the Express management, and signed on Friday.

Mack had a sensational senior season last fall for Clemson, which won its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference title. A 197-pound fullback, Mack led the team in rushing with 862



KEVIN MACK

yards, the most ever for a Clemson fullback, and had the highest carry-per-yard rushing average of any back in the ACC.

He had three 100-plus yard games, including a career high of 187 yards in a 52-14 victory over Maryland which clinched the ACC title.

Mack was the starting fullback in the 1982 Orange Bowl game when Clemson defeated Nebraska 22-15 for the national championship.

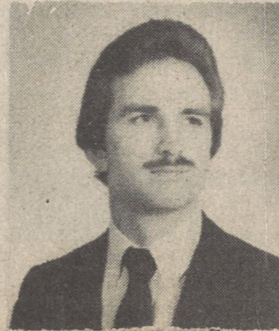
At Kings Mountain High, where he played under Coach Dan Brooks, Mack broke the single season and single game rushing records his senior year. His game record was 287 yards against R-S Central, and his career record was 1,585 yards.

Mack becomes the second Kings Mountain High football player to play pro football. Pride Ratterree, a lineman at KMHS in the 1930's, played with the Chicago Bears in the National Football League. Ratterree played his college ball at Wake Forest and later coached on the collegiate and college level.

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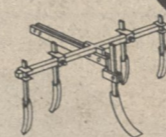
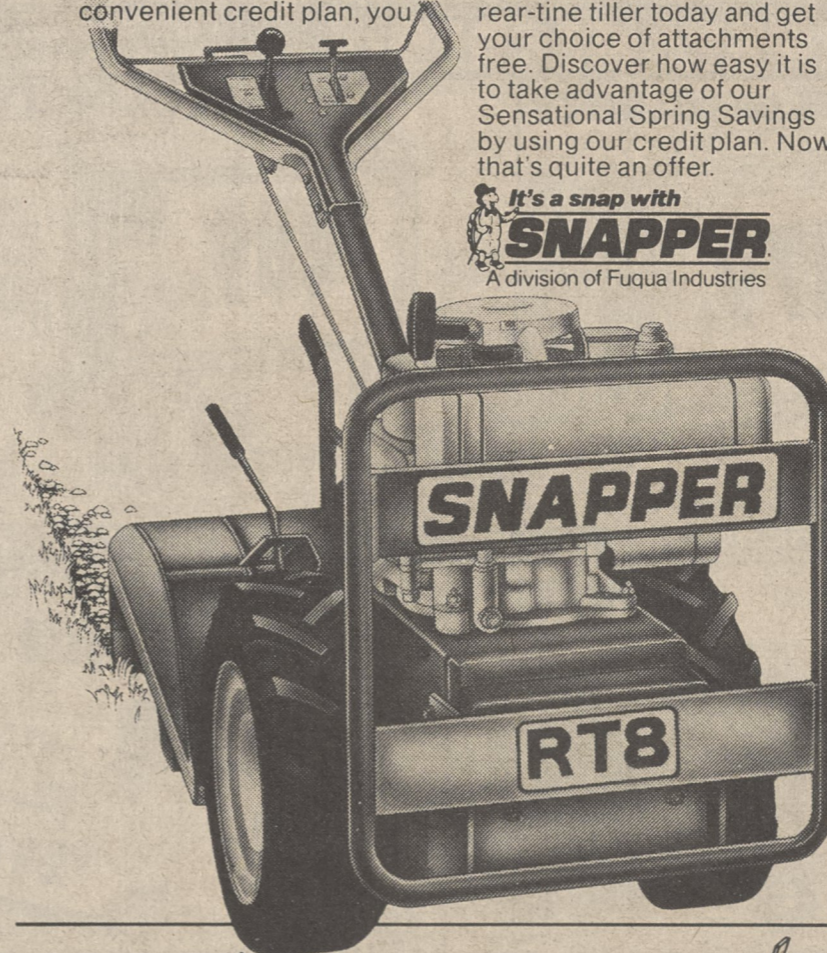
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