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Kevin Mack AFC Rookie Of The Year

Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack was named Tuesday as the United Press International's Rookie of the Year in the American Football Conference, fulfilling the 23-year-old's goals of rushing for over 1,000 yards and being named rookie of the year in his first season in the National Football League.

Earlier, Mack was a close second to Eddie Brown of the Cincinnati Bengals in the voting for NFL Rookie of the Year.

Mack, who played his college ball at Clemson University, gained 1,104 yards rushing, rushed for eight touchdowns and caught three touchdown passes to lead the Cleveland Browns to the AFC Central Division title. The Browns lost to the Miami Dolphins 24-21 in the opening round of the NFL post-season playoffs last week. Mack rushed for 55 yards in that game.

The Kings Mountain native's first year in the NFL was one of the best ever enjoyed by a rookie. He broke the Browns rookie rushing record of 942 yards which was set in 1957 by Hall of Fame great Jim Brown. He and teammate Earnest Byner, an East Carolina University product, became only the third duo in NFL history to rush for over 1,000 yards each

out of the same backfield. Byner had 1,002 yards rushing, breaking the 1,000 yard mark with a seven-yard run on the Browns' last play of the regular season.

Mack was fourth in rushing in the AFC and led the entire NFL with a five yards per carry rushing average. He was the only rookie selected to play in the annual Pro Bowl Game which is scheduled for February 2 in Honolulu, and he was Honorable Mention All-Pro.

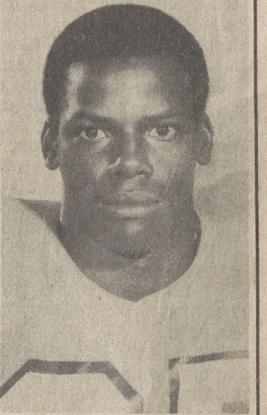
Mack has been a record-setter throughout his football career which began as an 11th grader at Kings Mountain High School. After playing linebacker as a junior in high school, he began shining in high school track and was moved to the tailback position his senior year. He set school records for most yards rushing in a single game (287) and most yards rushing in a single season (1,585).

From KMHS, Mack moved on to Clemson where he earned a starting position as a freshman before suffering an ankle injury midway through the season. His sophomore year, he was the starting fullback in the Orange Bowl game in which the Tigers defeated Nebraska 22-15 for the national

championship. His senior year at Clemson, he set a school record for most yards rushing by a fullback and had the highest per carry rushing average in the Atlantic Coast Conference. He played in the Blue-Gray All-Star Game in Montgomery, Ala., and was named Most Valuable Player.

Before the NFL draft, Mack signed a pro contract with the Los Angeles Express of the United States Football League. When he arrived in L.A., the Express was in last place in its division but finished as division champions and advanced to the semifinals of the league playoffs. Mack set Express records for longest touchdown run from scrimmage (71 yards) and most yards rushing in a single game (146).

Even though Mack had already inked a pro contract, the Browns were so impressed with his abilities that they drafted him in the first round of the NFL's supplemental draft, and the move paid off. Mack decided to give the NFL a try and made his mark on the pro football world.



KEVIN MACK

KM Woman Has Ear Implant

Six weeks from now Beuna (Dimp) Lawing, 63, of 113 North Cleveland Avenue, hopes to be hearing again the sounds of birds and doorbells as well as other unfamiliar noises she hasn't heard in 15 years.

The Kings Mountain woman underwent successful surgery Tuesday in Charlotte Eye, Ear, Throat Hospital for an artificial ear implant of her right ear, the first ear implant surgery in North Carolina.

"We're all just delighted as are the doctors", said her husband, David Lawing. "We have high hopes that Dimp will be home in about three days and then there will be a period of recovery, more tests, and in about six weeks she will return to the

hospital where she will get an outer hearing device, a sound processor, that can be operated with batteries to wear underneath her clothes and give her the necessary help to hear with the artificial ear."

Mrs. Lawing has only 14 percent hearing, with aid of a hearing aid, in her left ear and has no hearing in her right ear, said her husband, although she has reared a family of five children and worked along with him at R.L. Stowe Mill in Belmont.

Clanging noises in her head which had the sounds of bells ringing had worsened in the last months and the family were searching

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BEUNA LAWING

Grover Teen's Heart Used In Transplant

A 17-year-old Route 1, Grover man's heart was implanted in a 30-year-old woman, North Carolina's third heart transplant recipient, at Charlotte Memorial Hospital Monday.

The woman subsequently underwent a second heart transplant when the first developed problems. She was listed in very critical condition.

About a month ago, Allen Philbeck told his mother, Jane Oaks, of Route 1, Grover, that he wanted her to donate his organs if he ever became brain dead. Mrs. Oaks carried out his wishes.

On New Year's Day around 8:30 a.m. the van in which Philbeck was riding to work from Fallston to Charlotte hit an icy patch in the road. The vehicle ran off the road, down an embankment, and overturned.

Philbeck was transferred from Cleveland Memorial Hospital to Charlotte Memorial Hospital Sunday night. Lengthy tests determined the heart donor-

recipient match and the transplant operation began on Monday at 3:30 a.m. by surgical teams in a seven hour operation on the mother of four children. Only two other heart transplants have been performed in North Carolina, both at Duke University Medical Center last April. One of those recipients is still alive.

Funeral services for young Philbeck were conducted Wednesday morning from Masters Funeral Home

Bloodmobile

Visit Slated

Kings Mountain city employees will sponsor a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at First Baptist Church on West King Street Thursday, Jan. 9th.

Donors will be processed from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

This is a regular Kings Mountain visit. All donors who gave at the Kings Mountain High School visit on Thursday, Nov. 14th, are eligible to give.



1923 Battle Of KM Celebration...

KM Historical Museum In Works

Kings Mountain Historical Museum Foundation has been established in Kings Mountain with a slate of officers recently installed and with plans to acquire a permanent building in the downtown area to display historical items relating to the city's long history.

"We are happy to tell you", says Mrs. Hazel M. Fryer, the Foundation's first president, "that the Foundation Committee has secured four upstairs rooms in the former City Hall building (now the Police Station) at 110 South Piedmont Avenue as an office

and collection center for any items which local citizens may wish to donate."

Items appropriate for display which reflect the history of Kings Mountain and this area might be antique farm implements, military or war memorabilia, transportation, railroad or mining items, local business and industrial information or histories, old diaries, pictures, personal items such as clothes, over 50 years old, shoes, hats, accessories, toys and collections of any kind reflecting life in Kings Mountain in the past.

Anyone having items to donate to the museum should contact one of the officers. Interested persons wishing to volunteer their ideas or services are also invited to do so, said Mrs. Fryer.

The new Foundation grew out of the desires of the 1981 Kings Mountain Centennial Committee to utilize for the benefit of all the remaining funds generated by the successful celebration of the one-hundredth birthday of the founding of the town of Kings Mountain. Last year the Centennial Committee divided the remaining monies by

making equal distribution to the Mauney Memorial Library, the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation, Inc. and the newly organized Kings Mountain Historical Museum Foundation.

Officers for the Kings Mountain Historical Museum Foundation (KMHMFF) are President, Mrs. Hazel H. Fryer (739-4828); Vice-President, Mrs. Ruby H. Baker (739-2147); Secretary, Mrs. Lynne W. Mauney (739-5181); Treasurer, Thomas A. Tate (739-8015).

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Nanney Nominated For Award

Bethware principal Ron Nanney is the Kings Mountain NCAE's district nominee for the coveted Terry Sanford Award. This award, named for Terry Sanford, North Carolina's education governor, is presented annually to an educator who has demonstrated creativity and innovativeness in education. This year's theme is "multidisciplinary teaching and learning."

The Instruction and Professional Development committee of the local NCAE cited many programs and projects created or implemented by Nanney. Among these are a holistic approach to reading



RON NANNEY

instruction, an affective self-concept emphasis called "Every Student a Winner," A Washington, D.C. trip for fifth grade students, staff, and parents which correlates to fifth grade social studies, a student opportunity emphasis in art and public speaking, the creation of an elementary French awareness program called "Nous parlons francais," and innovative curriculum programs in music and physical education which emphasizes the integration of other content areas. It is the last three areas that the IPD committee of NCAE is recognizing in Nanney's nomination. Carol

Wheeler, Kay Jolley, Susie Roberts, and Carol Parker are members of the local IPD committee.

"Nous parlons francais," a French awareness program for first graders was started last year by Nanney with Doris Wallace's first grade class. This year, Mrs. Wallace is continuing the program with her first graders, and Nanney is teaching the two remaining first grade classes. The program integrates culture, music, art, and stage programs to the study of French vocabulary. Last year's students

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FIRST BABY OF NEW YEAR—April Ellen Morrison is held in the arms of her mother, Judy Morrison, in Kings Mountain Hospital where she was born on Jan. 2 at 2:25 a.m. and is the first baby born at Kings Mountain Hospital during New Year 1986. Weighing seven pounds, 12 and one half ounces, she is the second daughter of Judy and Phillip Morrison of 1008 W. Gaston Avenue in Gastonia and granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan D. Ramkissoon of High Shoals and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Morrison of Kings Mountain and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Sonia Ramkissoon of Trinidad, West Indies and Mrs. Ethel Mae Davis of Old Fort. The baby's father works at Best Baker in Shelby. Other member of the Morrison family is 20 months old Rebekah Christiana. Dr. F.K. Chen was the attending physician.