

JVs lose third

Kings Mountain High's junior varsity football team dropped its third straight decision Thursday night at Gamble Stadium, losing to Lincolnton 12-0.

Coach John Bumgardner's team never could get cranked up on offense as it fumbled the ball 12 times, and lost most of them.

"We were our own worst enemy," Bumgardner said. "Everything we did we did it wrong. We weren't able to hold on to the football and that will certainly tell the tale on you."

"We played the poorest we've played," he added. "We made a lot of mistakes. If we're going to be competitive we're going to have to eliminate those mistakes and do it now. We can't keep making them and expect to win."

Bumgardner said he did see some bright spots in his defense. Lincolnton scored both of its touchdowns in the first half, capitalizing on KM fumbles to drive less than 20 yards for both scores.



ATTACK BY WOLFPACK - Lincolnton's defense swarms all over Kings Mountain quarterback Lamont Littlejohn (3) in a junior varsity football game Thursday night at Gamble Stadium. Black is hit from behind as he attempts to throw a pass. Lincolnton won 12-0.

"I can't really say their defense stopped us," Bumgardner said. "We stopped ourselves...completely."

Bumgardner said the junior Mountaineers went back to the drawing board this week in preparation for their first conference game tonight at 7 p.m. at R-S Central.

"Out kids are going to have to realize what it takes to be a football team," he said. "It takes commitment to play this game. We're starting to get some commitment from some players. I hate to say it, but those who aren't willing to make the commitment really don't belong with us."

"We have a lot of people playing as individuals. They're worrying about what they can do for themselves rather than what they can do for the team. Teamwork has been our big emphasis this week and it's going to be our emphasis for the rest of the season. We've got to establish some pride."

GAFFNEY, SC - Jack Pennington of Augusta, GA picked up first place money in Super Late model action at Cherokee Speedway Saturday night.

Paul Croft started the 30-lap event from the pole but when the green waved Hot Rod LaMance jumped out front to an early lead. Croft dropped to third with Pennington moving into second place. LaMance led the first 14 circuits until he tangled with a slower car and crashed into the fourth turn guardrail.

Pennington inherited the lead and held command the remaining 16 laps around the 1/2-mile clay

oval. Croft was second, Jeff Smith third, Doug Sanders fourth and Tony Russell fifth. Heat race winners were Croft and LaMance.

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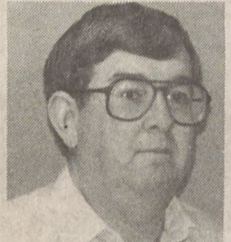
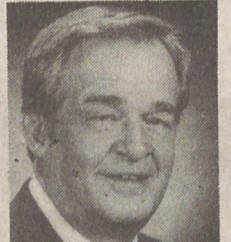


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Kicking Patriots whip Shelby 2-1

Kings Mountain Middle School's soccer team took over sole possession of second place in the Bi-County Conference Monday with a 2-1 victory over Shelby.


Casey Sipe scored from midfield for KM and Chris Wallace added the second goal with a header in front of the goal.

Prior to the regularly-scheduled game, the two teams completed a suspended game from a week earlier. That contest was halted at half-time because of rain. Shelby finished with a 4-2 win. Rusty Putnam and Wesley Bridges scored the KM goals.


Kings Mountain plays its final home game Thursday at 4 p.m. against Burns.

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Big D goes for broke

By LES SEE
 Big D knows his football. Or so he says!

The Herald publisher, thanks largely to stupidity on the part of Sage Stewart and Bullet Bob Hayes for going too far out on the limb, led the pigskin pickers last week with an 11-4 record.

Stewart and Hayes, trying desperately to catch up, called for some major upsets that didn't happen. Stewart and guest Butch Morrison finished with 10-5 figures and Hayes was 9-6.

For the year, the guests lead with a 45-14-1 mark, followed by Austin at 40-19-1, and Stewart and

Hayes at 37-22-1.

Stewart says he would have led "but I changed some picks so my card wouldn't be the same as the others." Stewart first planned to go with Michigan over Florida State but changed his mind after the other three called for a Wolverine upset.

That one paid off, but the other changes (R-S Central over East Rutherford, Ashbrook over Myers Park, and Arizona State over Nebraska) backfired. Ditto for Hayes with Duke over Virginia. The Blue Devils' play was so sloppy that Hayes is picking Vandy

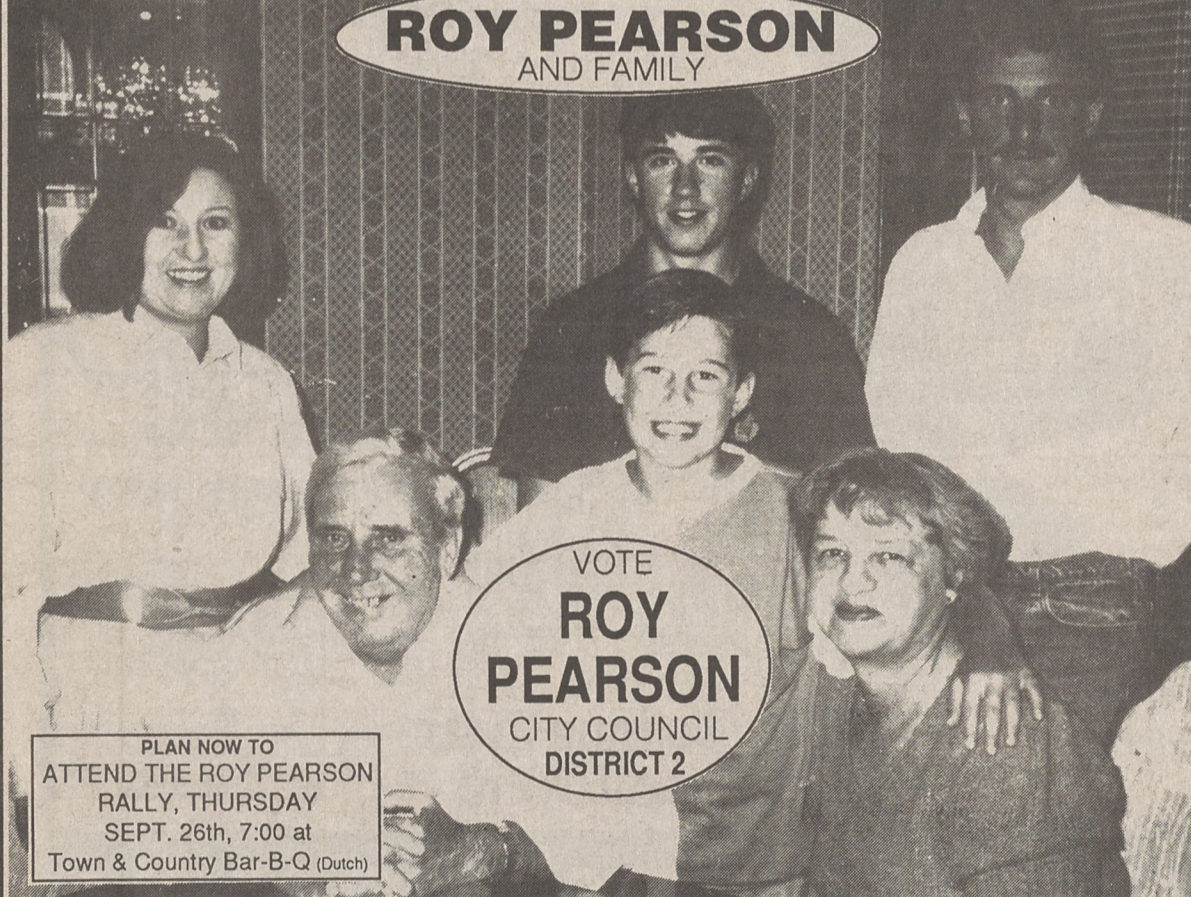
over the Dudes --err, Dukes-- this week.

"It's time to get serious," said the Big Chief. "The second half of the season will prove that Austin's luck has run out and I'm the real football expert in these parts."

Austin, who trails the guests by five, is going for broke in the fifth week of the season. He's going with a host of upsets which will either put him in the lead or ruin his chances.

This week's guest is Joni Blanton, a Kings Mountain postal employee who has delivered some more solid picks for the guests.

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