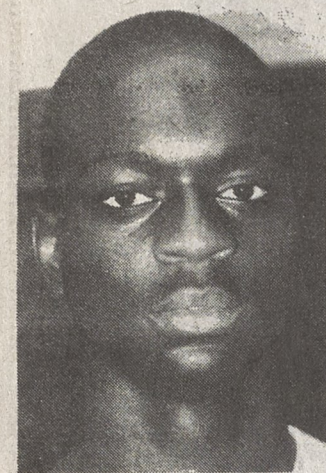


Mounties to play in Gaffney jamboree

Denny Hicks will see his Kings Mountain Mountaineers in a game situation against a pair of strong South Carolina schools in a football jamboree Thursday at 7 p.m. at Gaffney High School.

The Mountaineers, Gaffney, Chesnee, Blacksburg, Shelby and Polk Central will compete in a North Carolina vs. South Carolina scrimmage which will be a more detailed scrimmage than North Carolina fans are accustomed to.



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tangle in the sixth quarter.

"We're going to be going against some real good folks and it will be a real big test for us," says Hicks. "The South Carolina schools will be much bigger than us and Gaffney will be two-platooning."

Chesnee has won its conference for the past two years and was the undefeated state 2-A champion two years ago. Gaffney is always in the running for the state 4-A title in South Carolina.

"It's going to be a game atmosphere," said Hicks. "They anticipate they will put close to 6,000 people in the stands, so that's going to be as close to a game situation as you can get." Hicks and his assistants are anxious to see how their young men will handle a game situation. The Mountaineers lost all but three starters off the offense, but they do have a large number of people returning on defense.

The Mountaineers, who open regular season play August 28 at North Mecklenburg in a 7:30 contest,

will be looking to senior quarterback Jerry Black to lead the offense. He got a good test as the full-time starter last year and improved tremendously as the season progressed.

He'll have a large number of talented backs to hand the ball off to. Tailbacks Pat Ross and Calvin Logan should be among the fastest backs in the Southwestern 3-A Conference, and fullbacks Robbie Ruff and Kasey Holland should also be exciting ball-carriers.

"Our speed is as good or better than it's been since I've been here," says Hicks. "But most of our backs are in the 140 to 150 pound range. They're not going to be running over people, but if we can get them loose they can run."

One of the Mountaineers' most exciting players on offense could be junior Marcus Bell, who can play quarterback, tailback, wide receiver and tight end. He also returns to the defensive backfield.

"We have backs this year who are 4.6 and 4.7 sprinters," Hicks beamed. "We've gone to war several times in the past with 4.9, 5.0 and 5.1 running backs. To have that many kids who run a 4.7 or better makes us feel real good as far as team speed. Speed can't be an excuse for us this year."

Another big key on offense could be senior kicker Sirimaha Rithiphong, last year's Soccer Player of the Year. He hit all 12 of his extra point attempts last year and he'll also be called upon to kick field goals this year. Hicks said he has the leg to kick from 40 yards.

"We're real pleased with him," he said. "He's pretty close to the form he had at the end of last season. If he can come in that close and progress from that point, he should be a pretty strong offensive threat for us."

Rick Marr has also joined the team from the soccer team, and he'll be counted on for some punting as well as quality playing time at wide receiver and defensive back.

The only starter in the offensive line is guard Bo Phongsas, but Hicks is also counting on guards Bron Smart, Chip Davis, Chris Carrigan, Jody Putnam and Antwan Brown; tackles Scott Roper, Norris McCleary, Phillip Caldwell, Chris Shirah, and Shaun Byers; centers Travis Smith, David Merck and Kelly Ware; and ends Cedric Moore, Kevin Brown, Calvin Mathis and Michael Davis.

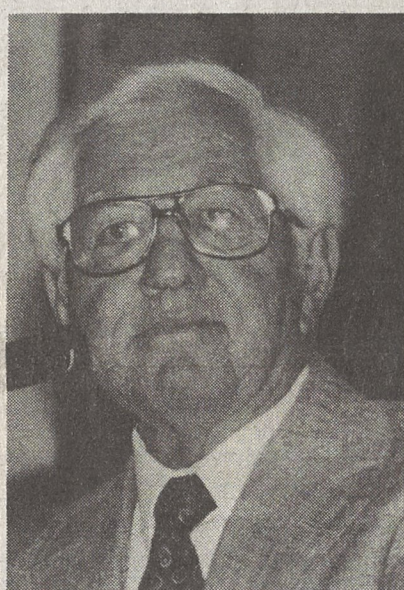
Marr will be joined at wide receiver by Bell, Derick Houser, and sophomores Kevin Melton and Hart Wells.

Shu Carlton selected for 'Hall'

Former Kings Mountain High football coach Everett L. "Shu" Carlton has been selected for induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Carlton and seven other inductees will be honored during pregame ceremonies on Saturday, September 19, at Kenan Stadium when North Carolina takes on Army in a 7 p.m. battle.

Carlton will be joined by George Cushwa, former Thomasville football coach; Norma Jean Harbin of Winston-Salem, former West Forsyth coach who is the first woman inductee; James "Choppy" Wagner, former Washington High football coach; Moadel Walsh, former football coach at Robbinsville;



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Everett Lee "Shorty" Waters, former coach at Jacksonville; Thomas Henry "Toby" Webb, former football coach at Albemarle; and John Wesley "Jack" Young Jr., former football coach at Ahsokie.

Carlton compiled a 43-27-8 mark in eight years at Kings Mountain and coached the Mountaineers to their first two conference championships. He moved on to Gastonia Ashley (now Ashbrook) where he posted a 115-47-9 mark and had eight teams in the state playoffs.

Carlton was the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors' Association AD of the Year in 1983. He is a member of the Gaston County and Kings Mountain Sports Halls of Fame.

KM's Eric Spicer wins county golf tournament

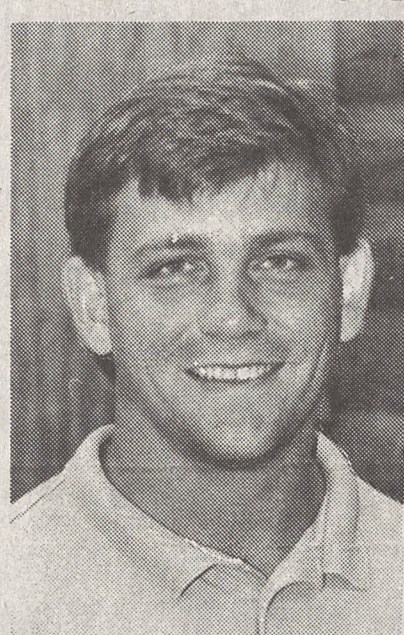
Eric Spicer of Kings Mountain shot a four-under par 68 Sunday at River Bend Golf Club to win the annual Cleveland County Amateur Golf Tournament by five shots.

Spicer returned the championship trophy to Kings Mountain after a one-year absence. Mitch Howze won the event in 1990.

Spicer won the event by shooting a four-under 32 on the back side at River Bend. He canned a 30-foot birdie putt on number 14 for the first of three consecutive birdies. He had trailed Don Teague by one shot at the turn.

The 68 gave him a tournament score of one-over par 214. Earlier rounds were played at Kings Mountain Country Club and Pine Grove.

Gerald Putnam of Kings Mountain finished second in a sud-



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den death playoff with Don Teague of Shelby. Both shot 219.

Brad Wilson of Kings Mountain was fourth at 220, KM's Hayne Neisler finished fifth at 224 and KM's John Gamble and Stoney Jackson tied for ninth at 225.

B.D. Morrow won the seniors division with a 234, edging Jake Kiser by one stroke.

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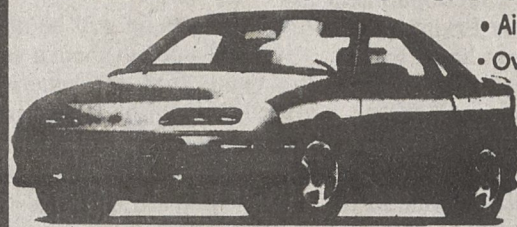
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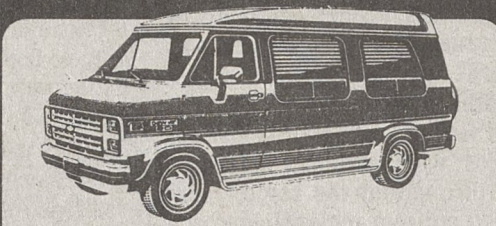


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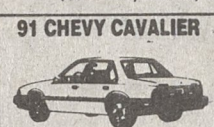
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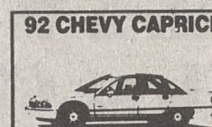
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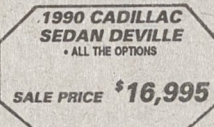
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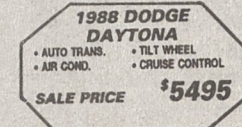
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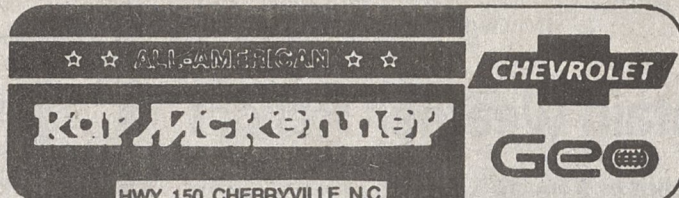


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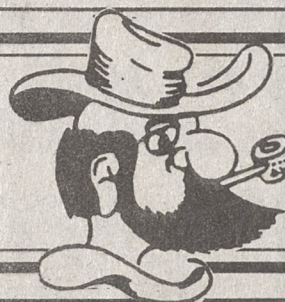


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