



DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE CHAMPS -The First Union National Bank team won the championship in the 11-12 year old Dixie Youth Baseball League this summer. Team members include, front row, left to right, John Anders, Chad Pearson, Travis Short, Michael Silaphet, and Daniel Mauney. Back row, Coach Dan Denton, Seth Denton, Chris Carroll, Clay Phillips, Neal Rainey, Will Hendricks and Coach John Foster. Not pictured, Jason Woody and Alex Carroll.

Sipe to coach in East-West game

Kings Mountain High basketball coach Larry Sipe always dreamed of coaching in all-star games.

His dream will come true next July 19 when he assists veteran

Concord High coach Bo Brickles with the West team in the annual East-West All-Star Game at the new Greensboro Coliseum.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association informed the coaches of their selection last week.

"How ironic!" Sipe thought

when he learned that he would be sitting on the bench beside of the gray-haired Brickles, former head coach at Davidson College.

"The night I got the call that I was to be the West assistant, I told my wife, Brenda, that I hoped the head coach would be somebody I could learn something from," Sipe said. "It said, 'wouldn't it be funny if it were Bo Brickles?'"

Brickles and Sipe have sat across the gym from each other on numerous occasions, the most notable in the Western North Carolina championship game in Hickory in 1990 when Sipe's Mountaineers knocked off the top-ranked Spiders to earn a trip to Chapel Hill for the state 3-A championship.

"I think everybody remembers

that game," said Sipe. "I'm really looking forward to coaching with him. He's already been in touch with me and we'll be going to the Camcorders Skyline all-star camp in High Point Sept. 25 to look at some players."

Sipe, who has been in coaching for 24 years and has a 169-95 record in 10 years at KMHS, has turned out one conference champion, one conference tournament champion, and three Sectional champions here.

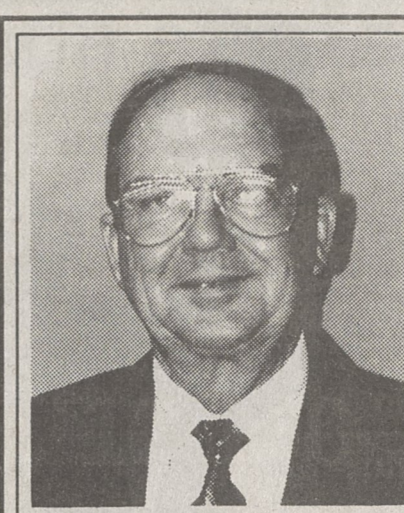
"Being selected to coach in the East-West game is quite an honor, but it's a result of all those good basketball players that I've had here these last 10 years," Sipe said. "You get recognition by having good athletes."

WRESTLING

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Italian Stallion, is becoming a victim of outside interference, also.

The Stallion was getting the best of Nature Boy Austin Steele as special referee Jerry Scruggs of Kings Mountain was doing a good job of keeping Steele's manager, Gorgeous George South, out of the ring. But, Scruggs had to halt the match when a "lady" came out of the crowd, jumped into the ring, hit the Stallion with a purse and exited the building.

In other matches, Emilio "The Latin Lover" defeated The Russian Assassin, Jeff Victory defeated Kildozer, and Gorgeous George South whipped Ray Hudson.



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FOOTBALL

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Junior defensive back Rodney Brown tacked on the final two touchdowns in the fourth quarter - one on a 26-yard return of a fumble and the other on a 56-yard punt return on which he took a reverse hand-off from Kevin Melton.

Coach Hicks said he was pleased overall with the Mountaineers' performance, but added that several areas of the Mountaineers' game needs improvement.

"We were pretty well pleased with the kicking game," he said. "The execution by all of our players - both the coverage people and the return people - was exceptional for this early in the season. There are a lot of things we can do better, but to be that far along was good."

"Defensively, I thought our kids played real sound team defense. We had a lot of people around the football and that's always good. As long as you're getting that done you can get better at reads and techniques. We showed a strong desire to want to get to the football."

"Offensively, overall we were

pleased but we felt like we weren't as far along as we thought we would be. A couple of times we had the ball in scoring position and had some breakdowns, but we're an option football team and we depend on our linemen to do a lot of reading and picking up assignments to get the quarterback and tailback on the outside third of the field. A couple of times we didn't even get past the tackles, but that will take some time."

The Mountaineers got outstanding defensive play from Bron Smart, Jahi Smart, Sheldon Smith, David Merck, David Owenby, Kenny Bridges, Rodney Brown and Kevin Melton; and excellent blocking from Travis Smith, Jody Putnam, Norris McCleary and Cedric Moore.

■ The Mountaineers face a much tougher test Friday night when they travel to Crest to take on a much-improved Charger eleven.

Crest is fresh from a 13-12 victory over its arch-rival, Burns, and

is regarded as a serious contender for the Northwestern 4-A Conference championship.

While Kings Mountain's defense was outstanding against East Gaston's running game, its pass defense was not seriously tested. That won't be the case this week, though, because Crest is one of the top throwing teams in the area.

"They have a wide open attack," said Coach Hicks. "Their quarterback (D'Andre Hopper) has a lot of ability. They get in a one-back set, or run and shoot, and throw the ball about 90 percent of the time. We'll be looking for at least four wide receivers on every snap of the football."

Defensively, Hicks said the Chargers line up in a 50 defense, but do a lot of stunting and try to create confusion for the opponent's offense. "Their whole defense is geared to get penetration, and we're an option football team. That's not a real good match-up for us, but if we're going to be successful we're going to have to take care of it."

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	KM	EG
First downs	12	10
Yds. rushing	177	84
Yds. passing	43	40
Passes	1-5-0	4-15-1
Punts	3-33	7-38
Fumbles lost	0	5
Yds. penalized	50	70

Score by quarters:	T
EG	0 0 0 0 -0
KM	13 20 13 13 -59

KM - Holland 9 run (Lefevers kick)

KM - Moss, 43 pass from Littlejohn (Kick failed)

KM - Littlejohn 26 -run (Lefevers kick).

KM - Holland 16 run (kick failed)

KM - Bell, 4-run (Kick failed)

K M - Bridges, 80-yd. interception return (Lefevers kick)

KM - Holland 15 run (Lefevers kick)

KM - Brown 24 fumble return (Kick failed)

KM - Brown 55 punt return (Lefevers kick).

RUSHING

KM - Bell 5-20, Holland 13-75, Littlejohn 7-40, Ship 3-19, Martin 3-24, LeFevers 1-(-3), Smith 1-2, Tate 4-0. EG - McElwaine 11-61, Washington 14-16, Richardson 3-13, McDowell 1-3, Blalock 2-0, Wallace 5-(-9).

PASSING

KM - Littlejohn 1-4-43-1; Bell 0-1; EG - Wallace 4-15-40-1.

RECEIVING

KM - Moss 1-43. EG - Stewart 2-24, Tilson 2-16.

PUNT RETURNS

KM - Smith 2-117, Brown 2-60. EG - Armstrong 4-51, Broome 3-30.

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