

# Pop Warner teams win in Florida

Kings Mountain's Optimist Club Pop Warner football teams were winners in last Saturday's Thanksgiving Bowl games in Cocoa Beach, FL.

The pee wees defeated Cocoa Beach 25-6 to end their season with a 7-3 record. The junior pee wees finished with an 8-3 mark with a 29-0 win over Cocoa Beach.

Derek Smith gained 111 yards on five carries and scored two touchdowns to lead the pee wees. Deon Holland gained 49 yards and scored one TD, and Josh Etters gained 40 yards and scored one TD.

Other rushing leaders for the Mountaineers were Aaron Bolton and Montrell Banks with 17 yards each. Banks also scored an extra point.

Derek Smith hit 4-of-7 passes. Travis Robinson had catches of 12 and 24 yards, Holland caught an 11-yard pass, and Etters caught a 12-yard pass.

Derek Smith had a pass interception and Montrell Banks led in tackles with 10. Derek Smith had seven tackles, Aaron Bolton and Paul Wilder five each, and Josh Etters and Tyler Leach four each. Others with tackles were Deon Holland, Travis Robinson,

Derek Gary, Allen Springs and Steven Grant.

Austin Link scored two touchdowns and gained 48 yards rushing, and Jamar Currence scored a TD and gained 46 yards rushing to lead the junior pee wees' victory.

Asa Harris added 20 yards rushing, and others with rushing yardage were Brandon McClain, Brad Camp, Brandon King, William Moore, Demarius Grier and Brad Moffitt.

Moffitt scored nine kicking points, including three two-point conversion kicks and a 23-yard field goal.

Harris completed a 29-yard pass to Austin Link, and Link caught a one-yard pass from Moffitt.

Brad Moffitt, Demarius Grier, T.J. Summitt and Chris Patrick each recovered a fumble, and Moffitt led in tackles with 10. Ryan Burton and T.J. Summitt had five tackles each, Chris Patrick four, and Michael Sabetti and Asa Harris three each. Others in on tackles were Justin Brown, Eddie Byers, Brad Camp, Jamar Currence, Anthony Hopper, Brandon King, William Moore, Chad Roberts and John Thompson.

## Wrestling Saturday at National Guard

The Professional Wrestling Federation will be at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory Saturday night for an 8 p.m. card.

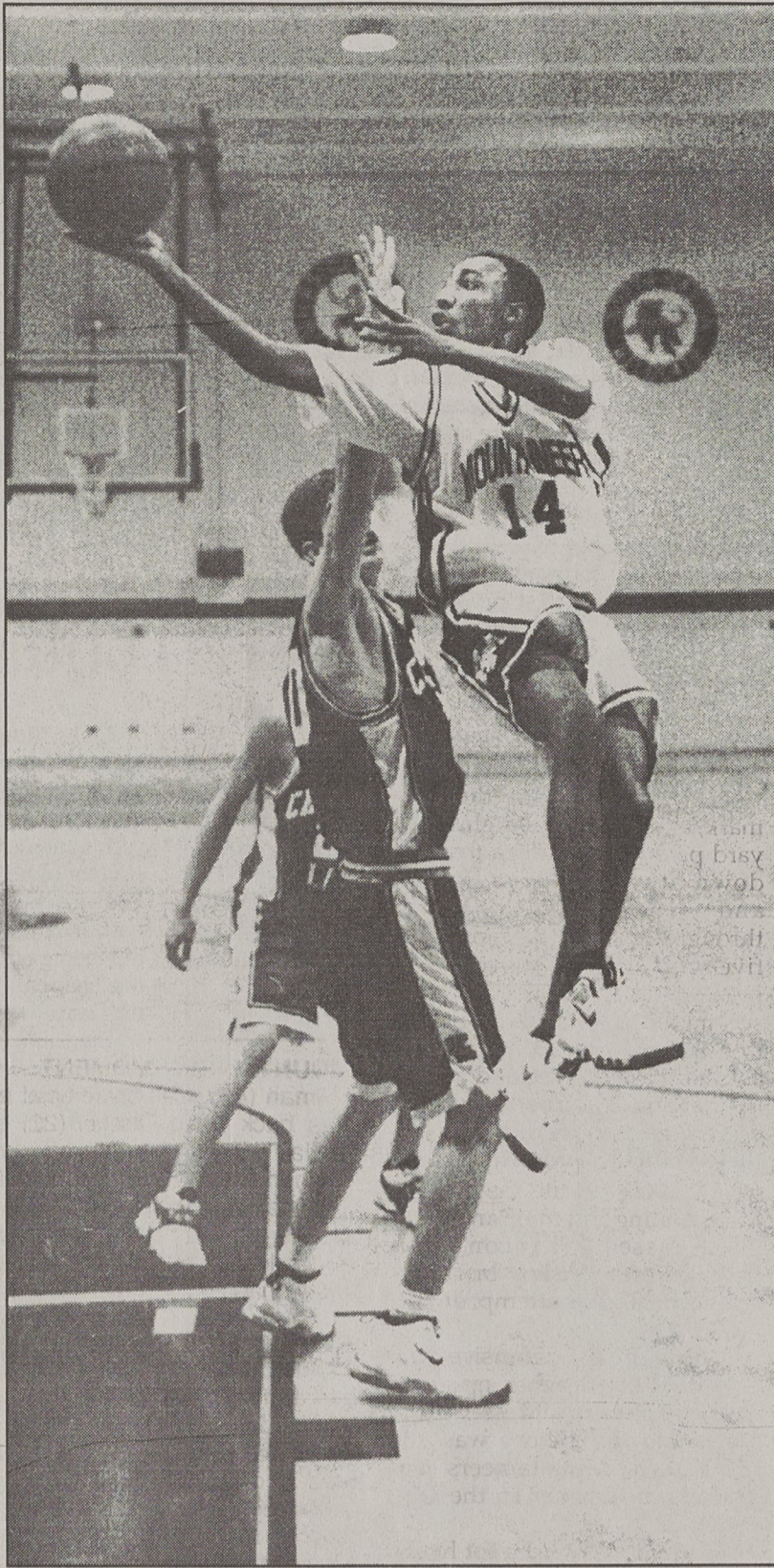
Heavyweight champion Italian Stallion and Gorgeous George South will compete in a title match in barb wire, and Madd Maxine will fight The Extreme One.

P.W.F. Body Guard Rob Walton, the new Eastern States champion, will be in a handicap match, fighting two wrestlers at the same time. Also appearing are the King Rapper, Crush, the Overlord, Black

Angel, Terry Austin, The Assassins, Black Dragon, California Kid, The Juicer, Big Bubba, Carolina Dreamer, Heart Breakers, Brutus McNasty, The Breeze, Wasted Youth, and Nightstalker.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$7 at the Armory. Tickets at the door will be \$8. Kids five and under will be admitted free.

For more information call the Armory at 739-4741 or the PWF office at 408-2793.



**CAGERS OPEN SEASON** - Kings Mountain's Marlon Byers (14, left photo) and Kristie Brinkley (20, right photo) fire short jump shots from the lane in last week's season-opening basketball



games with Charlotte Latin at the KMHS gym. The Mountaineers host Clover, SC tonight.

## Top-ranked Clover here tonight

# Basketball teams lose to Latin

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Kings Mountain High's young basketball players are gaining some valuable experience early in the season.

The Mountaineers took on one of the top private schools in North Carolina - Charlotte Latin - in their season's opener last Tuesday night, and they face the preseason #1 team from South Carolina, Clover, tonight at the KMHS gym.

Sandwiched between those two powers last night was East Gaston, usually one of the strongest teams in the ME-GA 7 4A Conference.

The Mountaineers, with just two seniors and three juniors among their current top ten players, fell to Latin 91-67 last week but Sipe was highly pleased with his team's effort.

"We were a little bit out-manned, but I thought the 10 kids that we dressed really gave a good effort," he said. "We hit 70 percent from the foul line, so that was a plus, and I thought that Queshon Goode, a freshman who led us in rebounding, played extremely well for a ninth grader. We're going to depend on him as a front line replacement, and it's good that he's getting this experience early in the season."

Latin blazed out to a 23-8 first quarter lead and was never threatened. They led 53-22 at the half and 73-39 going into the fourth quarter. Jonte Harrell, who has already received a full scholarship to the U.S. Naval Academy, led four double-digit scorers with 22 points. Ben Brooks added 19, Jon Overcash 14 and Jonathan Stout 11.

Senior guard Marlon Byers, the only returning starter for the Mountaineers until Sipe gets his players that are still on the Mountaineer football team, led the KM offense with 23 points.

"We're going to war this week with the same 10 kids," Sipe said, "and I know that we're going to be a better defensive club because that's something that has been our point of emphasis over the Thanksgiving holidays."

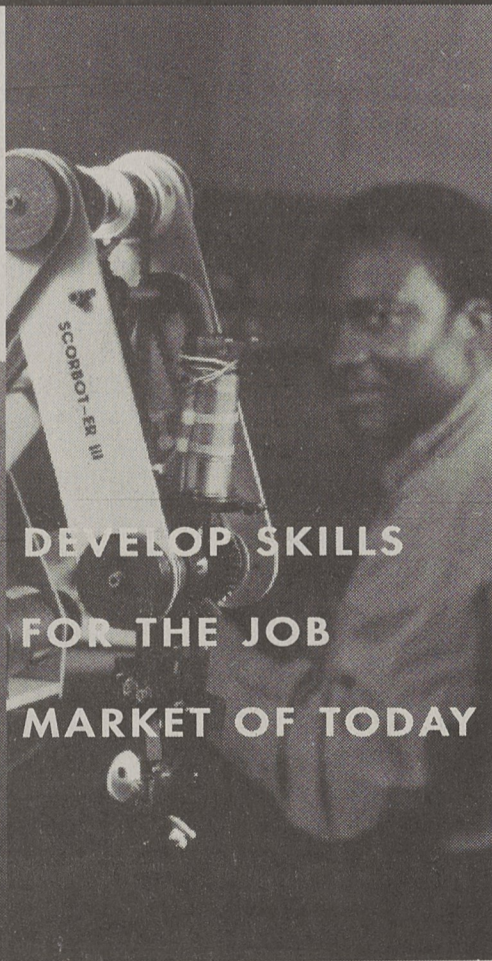
Latin (91) - Stout 11, Brooks 19, Overcash 14, Harrell 22, Colasanth 3, Kennelly 8, Sheehan 2, Cropper 9, Gallagher 3.

KM (67) - Byers 23, Moore 5, Bess 8, Denton 4, Nixon 9, Houze 4, Campbell 8, Goode 6.

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