

Football practice opened Monday at Kings Mountain High School

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Teaching sandwiched in between two sessions of conditioning highlighted the opening of football practice Monday afternoon at Kings Mountain High School.

Head Coach Dave Farquharson and staff greeted 80 prospects, and Farquharson hopes that number will grow after school opens on Monday.

"For the first day, we got a lot done," he said. "We spent a lot of time teaching. We did our conditioning at the beginning and the end, and spent a lot of time in between teaching in groups and individually."

The Mountaineers will have to get accustomed to new position coaches for the second straight season. Kings Mountain lost five of its ten coaches last season, and has two new assistants on board

this year.

Excitement seemed high, though, and the attitude of the players was excellent.

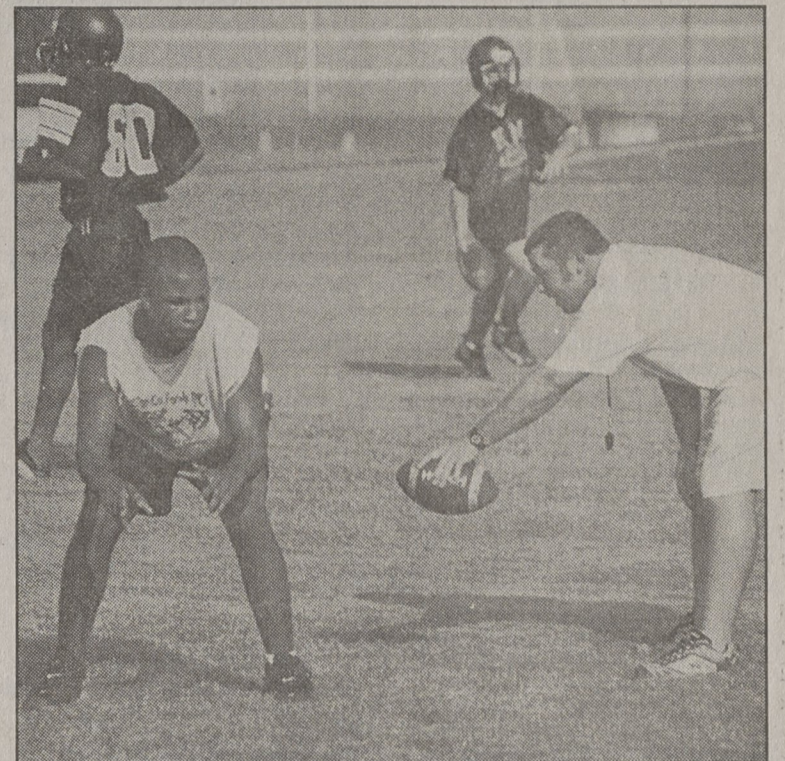
"We spent about 40 minutes just with our individual groups on both sides of the ball," Farquharson said. "We were short some freshmen from mini-camp, but that's always a problem because of transportation and vacation and things like that. A lot of times you lose them that first week and then when school starts you get them all out."

Farquharson said 69 of the 72 players returning from last year's program showed up opening day. He said the other three did not show up for summer weight training despite efforts of their position coaches to get them out.

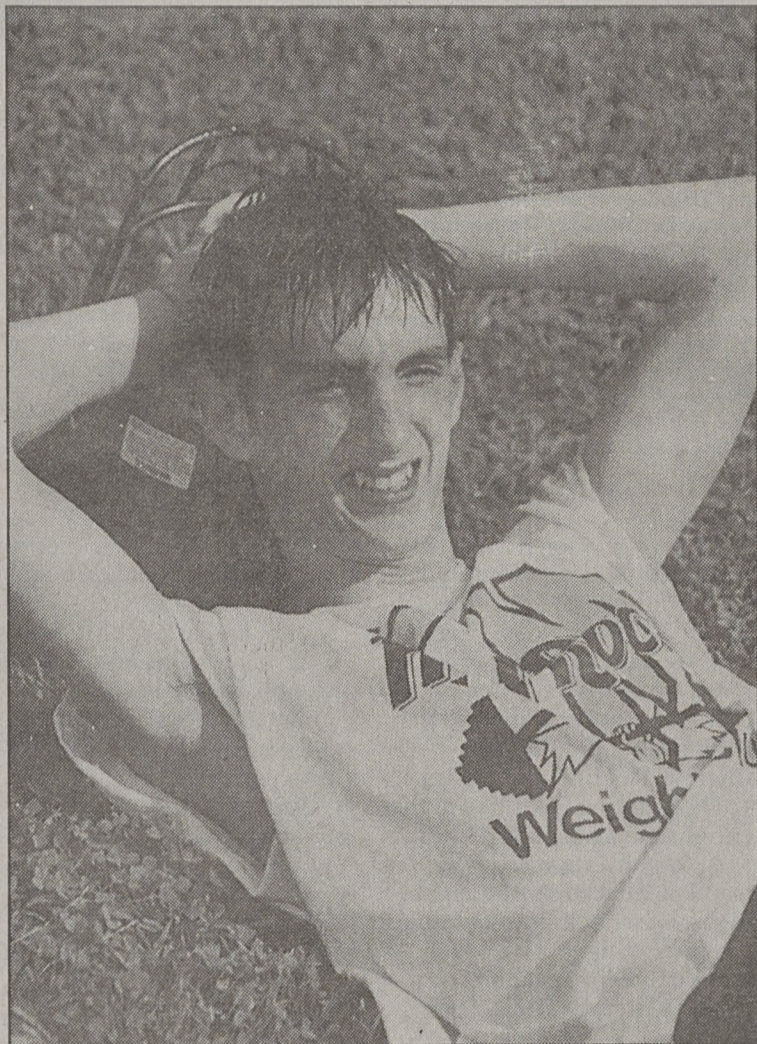
"I know one has quit, and there's a rumor that another one transferred," he said. "But most
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Freshman Brad Moffitt hauls in a pass



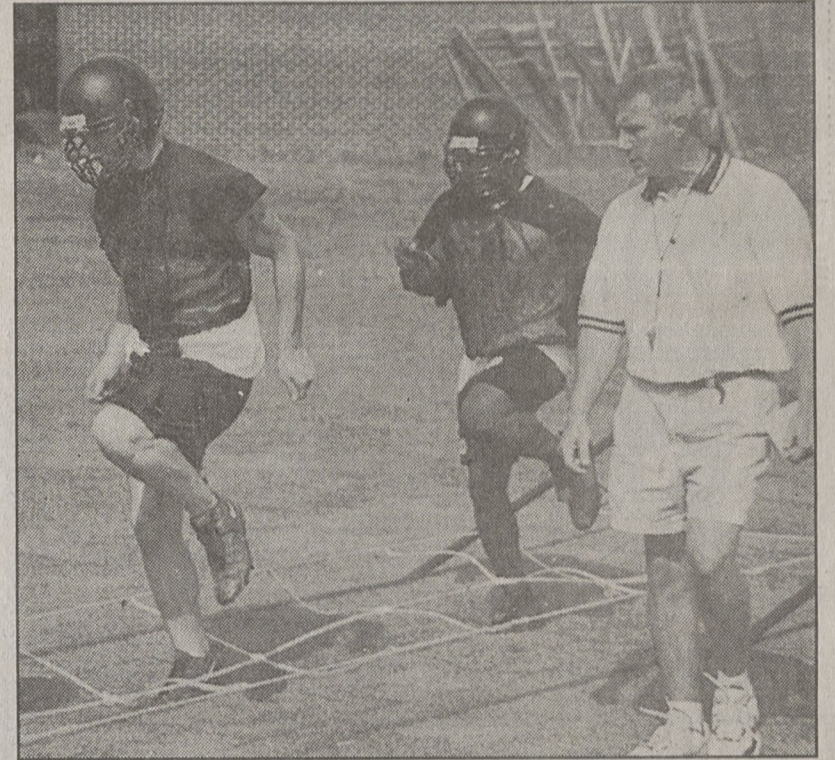
Assistant coach Kenny Bridges works with linebackers on pass coverage



Asa Harris takes advantage of a five-minute break to rest his tired bones.



Assistant coaches John Bumgardner, left photo, and Mark Latham watch Mountaineers go through conditioning drills



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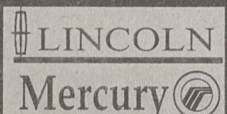
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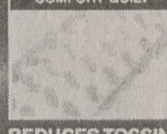
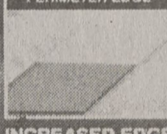

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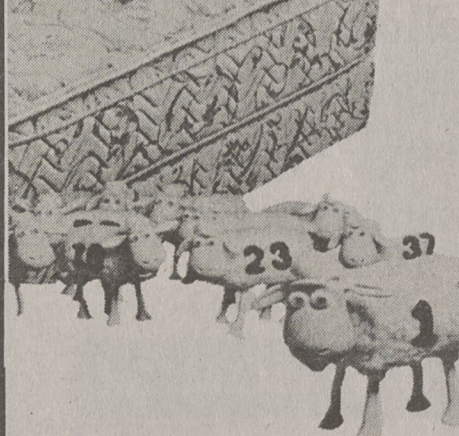
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