



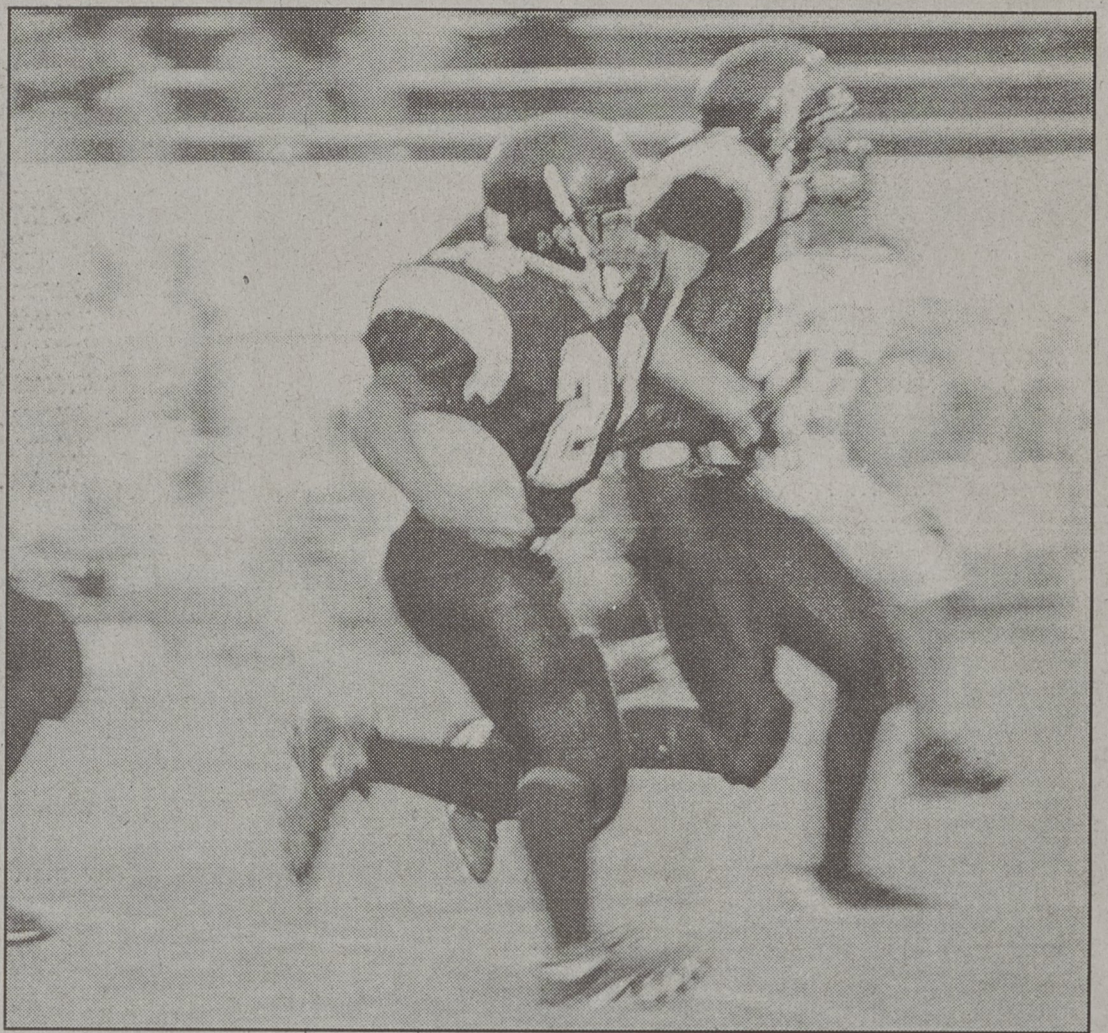


PIGSKIN PICKERS

The sports reporters of Republic Newspapers, Inc. make their picks for this week's football games.

	 Gary Stewart LAST WEEK 13-2 OVERALL 35-10	 Todd Hagans LAST WEEK 12-3 OVERALL 31-14	 Ronald Kiser LAST WEEK 10-5 OVERALL 31-14	 Dwight Frady LAST WEEK 12-3 OVERALL 33-12
Hunter Huss at Bessemer City	Bessemer City	Bessemer City	Hunter Huss	Bessemer City
North Gaston at Cherryville	North Gaston	North Gaston	North Gaston	Cherryville
East Lincoln at Lincolnton	East Lincoln	Lincolnton	Lincolnton	East Lincoln
Forestview at Chase	Chase	Forestview	Chase	Forestview
Ashbrook at Freedom	Freedom	Freedom	Freedom	Freedom
Shelby at Kings Mountain	Kings Mtn.	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby
South Point at Crest	Crest	Crest	South Point	South Point
Burns at East Rutherford	Burns	Burns	E. Rutherford	Burns
Maiden at Bunker Hill	Maiden	Maiden	Maiden	Maiden
Newton-Conover at Hickory	Hickory	Hickory	N.-Conover	Hickory
Gardner-Webb at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	Gardner-Webb	Chattanooga	Gardner-Webb
Western Carolina at The Citadel	The Citadel	The Citadel	W. Carolina	The Citadel
Appalachian State at Liberty	App. State	App. State	App. State	App. State
NC State at Texas Tech	NC State	NC State	NC State	NC State
Florida at Tennessee	Tennessee	Florida	Tennessee	Florida

SPORTS BRIEFS



Tyson Byers returns kickoff for Kings Mountain High's JV football team.

Aquatic Cycloes present awards

The Kings Mountain Aquatic Cyclones recently held their annual long course season banquet at Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby. The team enjoyed a cookout before the awards ceremony.

Coaches Aaron Allen and Barbara Franklin were present to hand out medals and trophies to all swimmers that competed in the summer meets.

There were high point winners for those in their age group who had the most points over the long courses season. For the 15 and over boys, Colby Wollak had 69 points. Michael Allen had 226 points for the 13-14 boys. William Quarles got 97 points for the 11-12 year old boys, and James Detter earned 93 points for the 10-under group.

For the girls, Michelle Jones won for the 13-14 year olds with 81 points. Ashley Quarles had 84 points for the 11-12 year old girls. Sarah Hovis had 92 points for the 10-under girls and Ashley Cain had 75 points for the 8-under girls.

Also winning trophies and medals were Taylor Rippy, Phaedra Mangan, Katelyn Latham, Clara Owen, Lorrin Plyler, Sarah Catherine Greenlee, Brooks McGinnis, Lacey Beam, Mary Grace Owen, Charlie Jones, Alyssa Ponder, Shannon Kay, Chandler Kay, Brittany Beam and Ozzy Canipe.

The Cyclones will start their short course season on September 21. KMA will be hosting the meet at Neisler Natatorium in Kings Mountain. The public is invited to attend the meet.

Anyone interested in joining the team should call Coach Aaron Allen at Kings Mountain High School.

Childers hurls one-hitter for KM

Morgan Childers hurred a one-hitter and struck out nine to lead Kings Mountain Middle School's girls softball team to a 10-0 victory over Pumpkin Center Thursday.

Childers gave up the only hit in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Childers also slammed a three-run home run as KM won its sixth straight game of this year and 18th straight over the past two seasons.

In a game last week, Childers hurled the win and Laura Weigel slammed a triple and had five runs batted in to lead the Lady Patriots to a 12-3 victory over West Lincoln.

JV Mountaineers lose to Forestview

Kings Mountain High's JV football team dropped its second game in three starts Thursday night at Gastonia Forestview, 42-13.

J.J. McClain scored a rushing touchdown and Brian Gibson caught a touchdown pass from Ryan Burton for the only Kings Mountain scores.

Marquize Norris played well for the Mountaineers on defense, but KM didn't have an answer for Forestview running back Terrell Harris, who gained 135 yards and scored on runs of 46 and 10 yards.

Josh Martin scored on a 27-yard touchdown run for the Jaguars, and also intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Jawann Wilson scored on a 50-yard run and Josh Jackson scored from 15 yards out.

Kings Mountain travels to Shelby tonight at 7 o'clock.

Local girl to play in Blacksburg game

Megan Propst, daughter of Grover native Vickie Turner Propst and her husband Tom, will be playing volleyball for Southside Christian School of Simpsonville, SC in a game Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Blacksburg High School.

Propst is the granddaughter of Martha Turner of Grover.

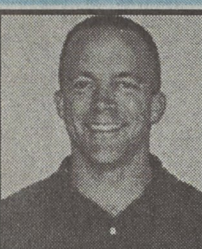
Cheer competition set in Taylorsville

Alexander Central High School in Taylorsville will host the Carolinas Foothills Classic cheerleading competition September 28. Dancers and partner stunt teams may also compete.


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