

Brooks: Warriors Won't Be Down Long

Mounties Host East Gaston Friday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, coming off an impressive 23-0 victory over 4-A Gastonia Ashbrook last week, try to get a Southwestern 3-A Conference win under their belts Friday night when defending champion East Gaston invades John Gamble Stadium.

It's the first home game for the Mountaineers and coach Dan Brooks is hoping a friendly atmosphere will help his charges get rolling in conference play.

Kings Mountain is 1-1 overall, having dropped a 16-6 decision to Burns in its conference opener two weeks ago. East Gaston, which advanced to the State 3-A playoffs last fall, is 0-2, having lost to East Lincoln 6-0 and South Point 48-7.

Coach Brooks is warning his Mounties against overconfidence, something that cost them dearly at Burns two weeks ago.

"East Gaston's a whole lot better team than a 48-7 loser," says Brooks. "They played well against South Point until they fell behind. Then they lost their momentum and South Point kept picking it up."

Brooks has a great deal of respect for East Gaston, which defeated the Mountaineers the last two years in a row.

"East Gaston's not going to be down long," said Brooks. "They're very competitive. We can't let up a bit. We've got to play every bit as good, if not better, than we did last week against Ashbrook."

The Mountaineers gave one of their best efforts in years last week, rolling up almost 300 yards total offense and holding the Green Wave to 50. Ashbrook crossed midfield only once.

"As long as our kids are willing to work like they did last week, we'll be all right," said Brooks. "But we're still not where we need to be. We've still got a lot of improving to do."

Brooks said he's looking for improvement in the passing game and a reduction of penalties.

"We've been having far too many penalties," he said. "We were penalized 110 yards against Ashbrook. That'll hurt us in a closer ballgame."

"Our offensive line has got to get to the point where it blocks for the pass as well as the run. Our quarterback (Jeff Cloninger) does a pretty good job and we've got people that can catch the football. We've got to work on our patterns and get our receivers where they need to be."

Cloninger to date has hit on 4-of-8 passes for 94 yards. Tight end Tim Leach has caught three of the tosses for 58 yards. The other 36-yarder went to split end Mark Schuman for a touchdown against Ashbrook. Leach, one of the state's better linemen, has been thrown to five times and caught three, was interfered with once and the other was nullified by a penalty.

Kings Mountain's running game has been good with seniors Kevin Mack and Avery Smith leading the way. Mack has rushed for over 200 yards in two games even though he sat out more than half of the Burns game with leg cramps.

Fullback Chris Wright, who has also ran well, is listed as a doubtful starter for Friday's contest, so Smith and Maurice Jamerson will be seeing a lot of action at both fullback and tailback. Smith sprained an ankle in the Burns game and aggravated it against Ashbrook.

End Terry McClain, who injured an ankle in pre-season drills, is back at full strength and backup center Mark Scruggs, who also injured an ankle in pre-season, is expected to be in action Friday night.

Friday's kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

"We're really glad to be coming home to play," said Brooks. "It makes a lot of difference when you're playing in front of the home fans. I hope as many people as can will come and get involved."

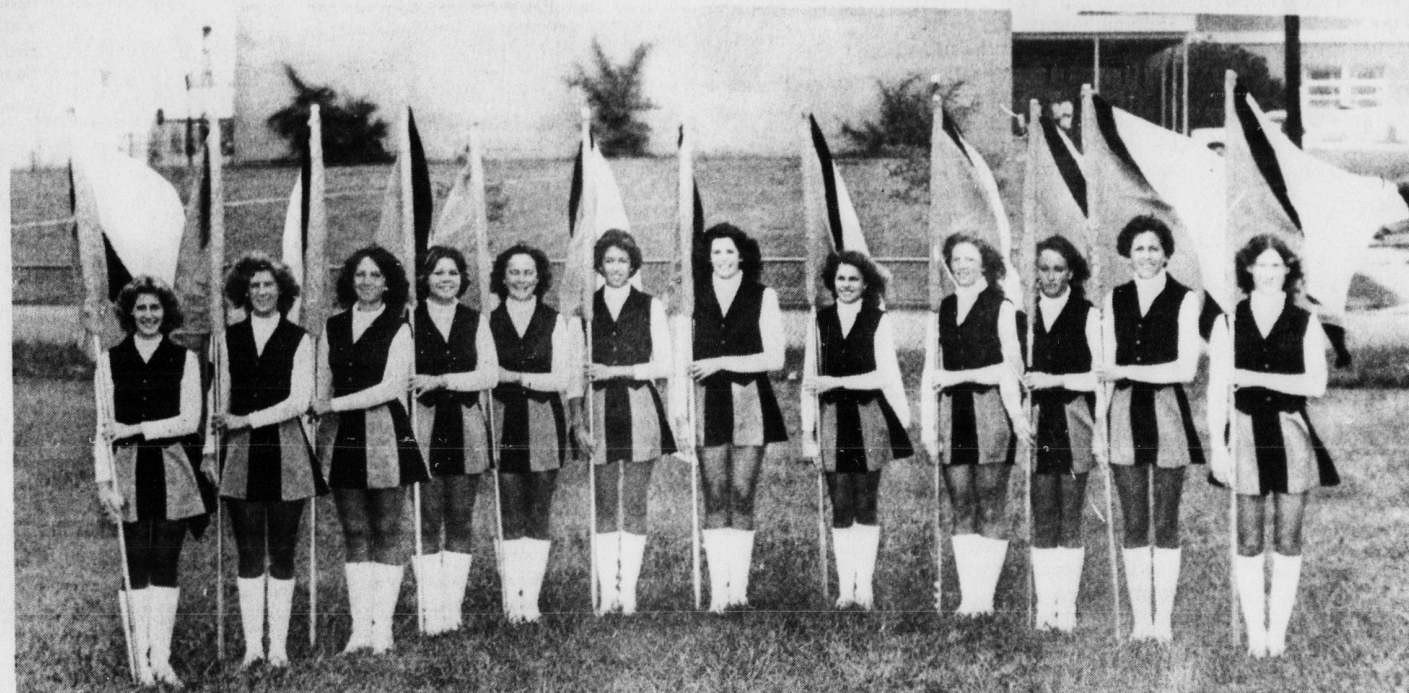


Photo by Gary Stewart

KMHS FLAG GIRLS—Here are the Kings Mountain High band flag girls, who perform well for the football fans throughout the football season. Left to right are Kristal Huffstetter, Donna Myers, Edie Schronce, Janet Childers, Ann Thomasson, Susan Howze, Jane Lybrand, Kevin Jenkins, Janet Blair, Laura Herndon, Danna Seism and Janet Homesley.

Picks Raiders, Mounties

Fearless Riding With The Winners This Week

By FEARLESS

Well, what do you expect if you want to be William Tell? After my 4-2 record last week, I'm still not happy with my "scorecard" on the season. It's now 7-7 just at .500, and that ain't like ol' Fearless.

I really dig good-lookin' girls. I went out the other night with a girl and came home with a lump in my throat. She was a karate expert.

One of my teeth was loose, so I went to the dentist and told him to pull it out and put a new one in just like the others—so he put in a tooth with four cavities.

I asked a girl recently, "What would I have to give you for just one little kiss?" She replied, "Chloroform!"

I said to another sexy-looking miss, "Don't you think I'm rather good looking?" She replied, "In a way." I asked, "What kind of way?" She said, "Away off."

I was so enamored with one girl that I said to her, "Oh, my darling, how can I leave you?" She said, "By train, plane or taxi!"

I took a young lady out for a steak dinner recently. She ate so much they put her face on food stamps two weeks later.

Bue enough of this funny bones business. Let's try our hands, (as in "KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ME") at picking this week's area prep winners.

South Point looked great last week in a 48-7 win over nearby rival East Gaston. Despite the fact that South Point is down to 720 students this year, the grid team apparently hasn't lost much when it comes to that winning touch.

North Gaston invades Friday for Parents Night. The Wildcats are certainly no soft touch, as indicated by last year's 7-6 Raider squeaker at North Gaston.

The Wildcats have played well this year,



giving Chase all it could handle last week.

If the Big Red isn't down after its emotional win over East Gaston, Jim Biggerstaff's team should win another league game. I'm going to call it 20-6, South Point.

Coach Jerry Adams takes his East Gaston Warriors to Kings Mountain Friday. The Mountaineers are coming off of a big 23-0 win over Ashbrook.

The Warriors are yet to win. Adams made all-state in football at Kings Mountain, his hometown. The crystal ball, however, calls for a 27-12 Kings Mountain win.

Cherryville, following a 14-0 loss to Burns, is 0-2 on the season. The Ironmen go out of the conference again this

week at home against Polk Central.

It's time for the Ironmen to win. I'll pick it 20-6, Cherryville.

Bessemer City gets back into action after an open date. The Yellow Jackets of John Powell are 1-1. They play Piedmont at home Friday.

The prediction is for a 21-6 Yellow Jacket win.

Both Ashbrook and Hunter Huss have open dates this week.

In other area games, here's how Fearless sees 'em: In a battle of bitter rivals, the prediction is for Lincoln to edge past Maiden, 20-14; East Lincoln 14, North Iredell 13 (a tossup); Charlotte Latin 27, Gaston Day 6; and Clover 26, St. John's 7.

Love you and will see you on these pages next week.

KM Pee Wees Win Opener Over Spindale

Kings Mountain's Optimist Club pee wee football team opened Western Conference play Tuesday night at City Stadium with an impressive 14-0 victory over Spindale.

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The two clubs played to a scoreless first half. KM put seven points on the board in each of the final two periods.

Coach John Van Dyke, whose club is defending conference co-champions, cited Roderick Boyce, Darrell Bell, Tim Sanders and Monyell McCullough for their defensive play.

Kings Mountain's junior midgets played a later game Tuesday night but details were not reported.

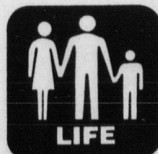
The pee wees and junior midgets host Chase next Tuesday in a twinbill beginning at 6:30. KM's junior pee wees open their season Monday night at Forest City.

Jayvees Lose

Kings Mountain High's jayvee footballers try to break a two-game losing streak this afternoon at East Gaston.

The Little Mounties dropped their second straight shutout Monday to Ashbrook 30-0.

KM had only 100 yards total offense, including 40 rushing by Carlos Owens. Coach Burns also cited quarterback Jerry Tatum for his play on offense.



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