

Heavy Drills To Begin

Kings Mountain High football prospects will put on the pads Friday and begin heavy preparation for the 1980 Southwestern 3-A Conference campaign.

Head Coach Dan Brooks and his staff greeted 45 varsity and 32 jayvee candidates last Friday and today will wind up their week of light conditioning drills.

"We're happy with the turnout," said Brooks, who coached the Mountaineers to an 8-2 season last year, one of their best in several seasons. "We're young, inexperienced and small, but we have people who want to play football and that'll make a lot of difference."

The Mountaineers lost 21 seniors, including 17 starters. They have only one starting lineman returning.

"I believe we'll be the smallest and most inexperienced team in the conference," Brooks said. "Every team in the conference has folks back but us."

"R-S Central, Shelby, Crest

and Burns have just about everybody back," he went on. "We lost a lot of people at skill positions, so we have a lot of coaching to do. But if they'll all stay coachable, that's the biggest thing."

The Mountaineers will go through their annual football camp next week, practicing twice daily and also going through a number of skull sessions, view films and hear lectures from the coaching staff and visiting college coaches.

Players will report to camp Sunday from 4-6 p.m., at which time their parents will meet with the coaching staff. They'll return home that night and report back Monday morning. They'll stay at the school through Thursday night.

The week will climax on Fri., Aug. 15 with a 6:30 p.m. scrimmage and the annual "Meet the Mounties" cookout, sponsored by the Booster's Club, at 8 p.m.

The Mounties will then go

back to one-a-day drills. They'll scrimmage Northwestern High in Rock Hill on August 26 and open regular season play on September 5 at home against Burns.

The varsity prospects include Mike Woodberry, Barry Lowrance, Max Brooks, Carlos Owens, Jim Bumgardner, Terry Chapman, Dennis Jones, Wally Davis, Mark Russell, Daryl Strong, Trent Thomasson, Markus Hager, Richard Ellison, Travis Bell, David Turner, Mike Donald, Gary Allen, Doug Wright, Tony Rainey, Cam Stewart, Tommy Eubanks, Larry Wilson, Tony Boyce, Eric Spicer, Todd Bell, James Rikard, Johnny Bolton, Tony Gordon, David Hartgrove, Boo Robinson, Calvin Hood, Rupert Stephens, Tony Brown, Jeff Lineberger, David Bolin, Chris Wright, Terry Feaster, Dana Camp, Dexter Tate, Mark E. Smith, Mark Scruggs, Mark F. Smith, Adam Greene, Keith Pressley and John Barnette.

Junior varsity candidates include Trent Hullender, Jody Freeman, Tony Childers, Alan Chapman, Ricky Kight, Roger Grayson, Lindsay Davis, Rodney Sellers, Kenny Mit-

Turn To 3-A



Photo by Gary Stewart

GRID DRILLS - Kings Mountain High football coach Dan Brooks explains some of the finer points of the game to a group of running backs in pre-season practice yesterday. The Mountaineers will end a week of conditioning drills today and go to heavy workouts Friday.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Any youngsters between the ages of nine and 13 interested in playing either pee wee or junior midget football for the Kings Mountain Optimist Club teams may join the teams by reporting to practice at 6 p.m. weekdays at City Stadium.

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