

Lineberger, Robinson Win Two Awards Each

Two seniors who were among the smallest players on the team walked off with two awards each at the annual Mountaineer Club

football banquet Thursday night at Kings Mountain High School. Senior Co-Captain Jeff Lineberger was awarded the

coveted Dr. George Plonk Most Valuable Player Award and shared the John Gamble Scholastic Award for the second

straight year with Boo Robinson. Robinson also shared the Mountaineer Club's Coaches Award with Mark F. Smith.

The coveted Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy, the oldest of all the awards at KMHS, went to senior center Mark Scruggs. Other winners included Markus Hager, BDF Construction Company Tackling Award; Tony Boyce and Tony Rainey, American Legion Post 155 Most Improved Player Awards; and Wally Davis, Mountaineer Award for Defense.

Head Coach Dan Brooks described Lineberger as a "dedicated, loyal player, who played a lot on guts. He was hurt up all year, but never missed a practice," said Brooks. "He'd take a beating on one play and the next time go just as hard."

Brooks also called Lineberger the most versatile player he's coached in his three years here. He played a number of positions on both offense and defense, including fullback, tailback, split

end, flanker, cornerback and safety.

Lineberger and Robinson were also praised by KMHS Principal Bob McRae, who presented the Scholastic Awards. Both players, he said, have made straight A's throughout their high school careers, and have accomplished that goal while also being active in other school and community activities. Robinson serves as Student Body President and Lineberger is President of four clubs.

Line Coach Steve Foster described Scruggs as a "consistent" blocker. He graded out in blocking at 90 percent for the year, which, Foster explained, means on 90 percent of the plays, he made the correct block.

Consistent was also the word used by Defensive Coordinator David Brinkley in describing Davis. "Defensive end is one of the toughest positions to play in our defense," said Brinkley, "and Wally did an outstanding job." Backfield Coach Bob Jones

praised Hager for his consistent play over a three-year period. He was the only member of the 1980 team to start for three years.

"He was one of our leading tacklers his sophomore and junior years, also," Jones said. "He did a good job for us. It was easy to choose him as the winner of the award because he was our leading tackler for the year."

Mountaineer Club President Bill Grissom described the Coaches Award winners, Robinson and Smith, as "hustlers who always gave 110 percent. If the coaches asked them to play another position, or do anything, they did it. They're little but they're tough."

Boyce and Rainey were cited for their improvement since the winter, when they began work on the weight machines, and during the course of the season.

Boyce, the team's leading rusher, was moved to tailback

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Photos by Gary Stewart

TROPHY WINNERS - These four Kings Mountain High graders won awards at Thursday night's Mountaineer Club football banquet held at the KMHS cafeteria. Left to right, Mark

F. Smith, coaches award; Jeff Lineberger, most valuable player and scholastic award; Boo Robinson, scholastic award and coaches award; and Mark Scruggs, blocking trophy.



MORE WINNERS - The four Kings Mountain High football players above won trophies at Thursday night's banquet, sponsored by the Mountaineer Club. Left to right, Wally Davis,

defensive award; Tony Rainey, most improved on defense, Tony Boyce, most improved on offense; and Markus Hager, best tackler.

Patriots Defeat West, Host Crest Wednesday

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers opened defense of their Western Junior High Athletic Association championship Wednesday with a 61-8 victory over West McDowell at the Central School gym.

The Patriots host Crest Wednesday at 4 p.m. in a match that could prove to be one of the toughest of the season.

Kings Mountain recorded six victories on pins last week and Mike Smith, the Patriots' 132-pounder, kept his career undefeated record intact with an 11-5 decision over Larry Elliott. Smith fell behind 5-2 during the early moments of the match but rallied to win.

"West McDowell had a very strong team," said Coach Phil Weathers. "The score really doesn't indicate how close some of the matches were. Quite a few of our veteran wrestlers had their hands full. We were surprised with West McDowell's strength."

Two KM seventh graders came through with impressive wins. Kenneth Smith pinned West's Billy Crowe in the 78-pound match and Vince Sullens of the Pats pinned Doug Shelton in the 105 pound match.

Doug Sipe pinned Tommy Hoyle in a 167-pound match and heavyweight Dale Moore pinned Doug Elliott in matches that Coach Weathers called "the toughest of their careers."

"We all probably learned a little bit Wednesday," Weathers said. "We made a lot of mistakes we shouldn't have and we had a lot of opportunities that we didn't take advantage of. But I feel like now that we have a match under our belts that

can work those mistakes out." In preliminary matches, Roderick Boyce, Randy Whitaker, Jarvis Young and Jeff Stokes of the Patriots won and Paul Terry lost.

THE RESULTS

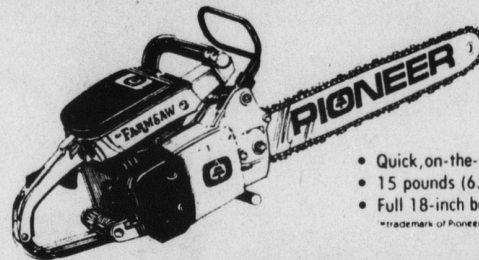
78 Pd. - Kenneth Smith (KM) pinned Billy Crowe.
88 - Dale Smart (KM) won by forfeit.
98 - Derek Jordan (KM) won by forfeit.
105 - Vince Sullens (KM) pinned Doug Shelton.
112 - Tim Hamrick (KM) dec. Jimmy Cook.

119 - Calvin Goode (KM) pinned John Mannis.

126 - Scott Elliott (WM) pinned Robert Bradshaw.
132 - Mike Smith (KM) dec. Larry Elliott.
138 - Todd Gossett (KM) and Eddie McFalls (WM) tied.
145 - Jody Sellers (KM) pinned Dwayne Goforth.
155 - David Parker (KM) pinned Bill Barnette.
167 - Doug Sipe (KM) pinned Tommy Hoyle.
Unl. - Dale Moore (KM) pinned Doug Elliott.

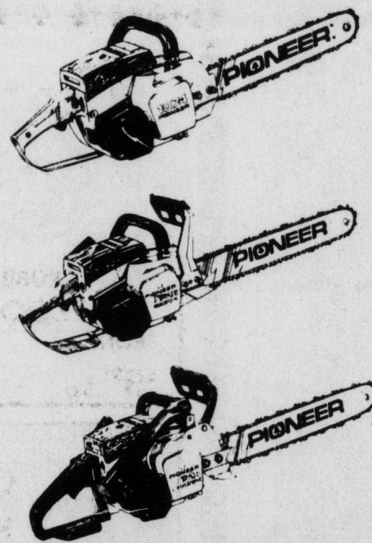
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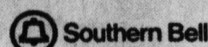


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