

# Mounties Host Shelby In "Big One" Friday 8:00



## Herald Sports

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### The Big Game Is On Tap This Week

The game of the year for High School football fans is on tap this week and it will be played right here in Kings Mountain. That game, of course, is the Shelby Lions vs. Kings Mountain Mountaineers contest.

The last time the two teams met in Kings Mountain was in 1963 when they fought to a 6-6 deadlock. Shelby won the "penetration" 6-3, and the two teams went on to tie for the conference championship, and Shelby got the nod to represent the conference in the post-season playoffs.

Last year, Kings Mountain had one of the best 8-A teams in the state, but the Lions still gave the Mounties a good game. That one was played on Shelby's home field.

Kings Mountain broke a scoreless deadlock with less than a minute to play in the first half when quarterback Pat Murphy tossed four straight passes to Richard Gold for a TD, giving KM a 6-0 lead at halftime.

But the Lions came roaring back to take a 7-6 lead and the Mounties had to come from behind to win the game, 19-7. As you know, KM went to to win the conference championship and Shelby finished the season in fourth place.

This year, Shelby seems to have a big advantage over the Mounties.

The Lions have racked up an impressive 5-1 record so far, their only loss coming to the hands of Lincolnton, 25-6. In that game, the Lincs held Shelby to minus rushing. The Lions are currently in fourth place in the SWC with a 2-1 conference mark. They have defeated R-S Central (25-14), and Cherryville (39-20).

Shelby has claimed non-conference victories over Hunter Huss (13-6), Brevard (13-6), and Lenoir (40-0).

On the other hand, Kings Mountain has won only two games and has not scored in the last three ballgames. The Mountaineers started off the season with a 19-0 win over Salem, then beat Cherryville 13-6, but have lost the last four, to Chase (38-12), East Rutherford (20-0), Bessemer City (7-0), and Mooresville (32-0).

### Will The Mountaineers Win Five?

It's very doubtful!

While speaking at a meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club some weeks ago (before football season opened), Mountaineer Head Coach Bill Bates said that the coaching staff would be well pleased if the team won five games this season.

Will the Mounties win five?

Look at it this way. The tough games are just now getting here.

The Mountaineers play Shelby this week, then play at Rutherfordton (the Mounties beat the Hilltoppers 21-20 last year) and return home to host Belmont and Lincolnton in the season's final two.

Bernard and Rutherfordton do not sport good records. In fact, KM's mark is just a little bit better. Both teams have 1-5 records and Rutherfordton is winless in conference play. Belmont beat Cherryville 25-19 for its only win and Rutherfordton beat non-conference Enka 19-13.

Kings Mountain might win over Belmont and Rutherfordton, but the Mounties are going to have to pull an upset or two to be assured of a break-even year. That means, they'll have to beat either Shelby or Lincolnton.

### Should Be Good Week Of Football

This week should be a good week for football.

While the big game for KM fans is on tap this Friday, other conference games pit Chase against Lincolnton, Rutherfordton against Cherryville, and Belmont against East Rutherford.

The Lions-Mountaineer game is always filled with excitement, and over at Cherryville, it will be a battle of the non-winners, for SWC play that is. Up at Chase, the conference's two top teams are battling and East Rutherford has to battle Belmont at the Red Raiders' home field.

TAKE THE TEAMS ONE AT A TIME — Lincolnton has not lost a game this year. The Wolves were tied by East Rutherford, 6-6, and the Cavaliers went on to win in "sudden death", 13-6. Chase is undefeated in conference play and is ranked sixth in the state.

Lincolnton was rated third in the state until that tie, and since then has dropped to ninth position. The Wolves have defeated Cherryville (26-12), Shelby (25-6), Hudson (6-0), Newton (?-?), and Rutherfordton (14-0).

The Trojans have racked up victories over Salem (20-0), Rutherfordton (21-0), Polk Central (35-0), Belmont (25-6), and have lost one, to Davie County (6-0).

Chase has a lot of speedsters but (from what I have heard), the Wolves sport a good defensive team. Plus, Lincolnton has two boys that made all-conference last year, halfback Steve Brackett and center Martin Eddy.

Let's say this: It will be a close ballgame but Lincolnton will win it, 12-7?

Going down the line: Rutherfordton at Cherryville.

Coach Max Beam's Hilltoppers lost a lot of good boys last year and are hurting in the same way as Kings Mountain — lack of experience.

But after such a slow start, the team has closed the gap and has shown little progress. The Hilltoppers sport a first-half ball club, as they pointed out up at Shelby a few weeks ago.

Cherryville has a fair quarterback, a couple fair runners, and some ends who can catch the ball. It should prove to be a close game, also, so let's say Rutherfordton over Cherryville, 20-18.

East Rutherford shouldn't have too much trouble with Belmont, but the Raiders have the advantage of their home field. East has some quick backs, and one of the best quarterbacks in the conference.

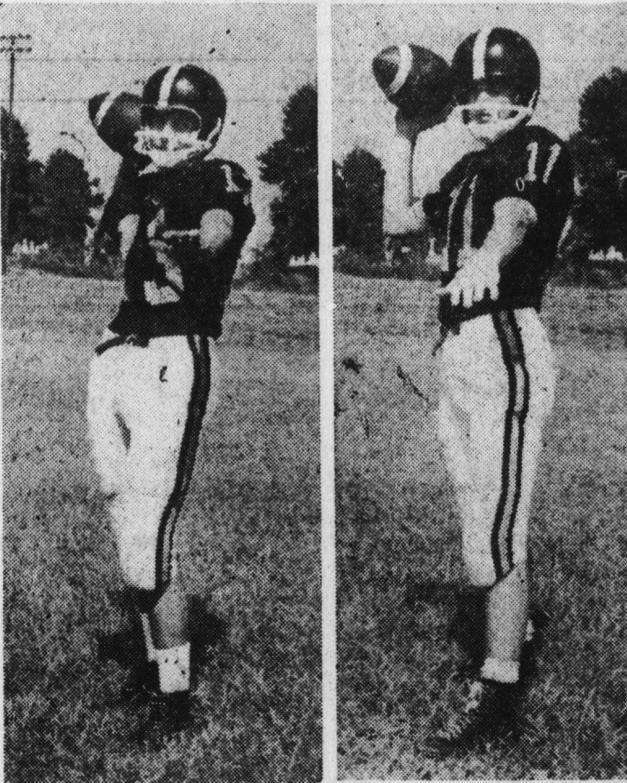
Belmont will lose to East by a 25-0 count.

Now, last but by no means the least: SHELBY AT KINGS MOUNTAIN.

The Mountaineers are having their share of the problems and the Lions are sporting a good team — not a conference winner — but a real good team. Shelby's backs are faster than KM's, and quarterback Mitchell Self, a two-year letterman, is rated as one of the best around these parts.

Self is a good passer as well as runner. And, too, ends Sonny Davis and David DePriest serve as good receivers. If they can possibly do it, the Lions will run up the score on Kings Mountain.

I hate to say it: Shelby over Kings Mountain, 27-0.



**WHICH ONE?** — Either Tommy Finger (left) or Tommy Goforth will be starting at quarterback for Kings Mountain Friday night when the Mountaineers host Shelby in an 8 o'clock contest. Goforth has been directing the team all season but Head Coach Bill Bates said Tuesday afternoon that Finger might receive the starting call, since he has been looking good in practice this week. Both boys are juniors.

The Shelby Lions "cross the creek" Friday to pay a visit to the Kings Mountain football team and to play a game which is being predicted to be a well-fought contest and, as usual, filled with excitement.

The game, originally scheduled for 7:30, has been moved up a half-hour and will be played at 8 p.m. it was announced Tuesday afternoon by KM Head Coach Bill Bates.

Bates looks for a good game this week, saying that "the boys are always up for them" (Shelby). Bates added that the KM-Shelby contest is always a good one, even though one team may have a big advantage.

This year the Lions of Coach Gerald Allen have the advantage. Shelby has won five of its first six games, and is in fourth place in the Southwest Conference standings. The Lions racked Cherryville by a 39-20 count last week.

While the Shelby Coaches — Allen, Jim Horn, Gene Kirkpatrick, and Bob Reynolds — are blessed with experienced players and many lettermen, the KM Coaching staff has been "crying the blues" all season long.

Only four members of this year's team are lettermen, and one of them lettered his sophomore year. All four are seniors. Other than those four, inexperienced players have dominated the scene at KM this season.

Bates said Tuesday that he is not certain of a starting eleven

for this week's game and added that more sophomores will be seeing action in this week's game. Bates has not scheduled any more varsity games for this season, and has "called up" all tenth graders from the jayvee team.

He said that he is not certain of any of his backs, as of yet,

and added that a couple new faces may be seen at the end positions. From tackle to tackle,

the line will probably look the same with Chip Bridges and Roy Medlin at the tackles and Chuck Gladden and Paul Gaffney at the guards.

It will either be Tommy Finger or Tommy Goforth at quarterback, the latter having handled the post for the first half of the season. Finger got in much action at quarterback in last week's game and could possibly receive the starting nod for this week's game. He has been a mainstay on defense all year.

One Kings Mountain back — Philip Wright — had to quit the squad because of poor grades and the tailback position, which he played, has been left open to either sophomore Dennis Smith or senior Mike Goforth.

Bates said that Smith may start at either tailback or wingback, reporting that if he doesn't start at wingback, then Steve Goforth probably will.

At fullback will be one of four boys: Seniors Jay Powell, Philip Bunch, and Danny Kiser, or sophomore Chip Crisp. Powell is still favoring an injury and

Bates reports that Crisp has looked good in practice this week, adding that he might lean toward the soph for action.

At the ends, the Coach is not certain. Charles Carroll is listed as a doubtful starter because of an injury, and Bates said that sophomores Pat Cheshire and Stanley Laughter may be called upon for action at the two positions.

Other sophomore starters will be guards Paul Gaffney and J.C. Wright. Gaffney has been starting all season long, and Wright got the nod last week as the defensive middle guard.

Now, opposing these boys listed above.

Coach Allen will have directing his team a 175-pound senior by the name of Mitchell Self, who is rated as one of the best quarterbacks in the conference and a boy who got experience last season by directing the Lions to a 6-4 record and a fourth place finish in the conference.

Halfback Paul Wright, a letterman, is the booster of Shelby's running attack and Self can either throw or run, as he has shown through the first six games.

Other members of the Shelby backfield are halfback Terry Goode and Jerry Nanney, both juniors. David Scheweppe, a junior, and sophomore Phil Peeler will also see much action in the Lion backfield, both offensively and defensively.

At the ends will be senior let-

termen David DePriest and Sonny Davis, '64 starters, who are the main targets for Self's passes. At tackles will probably be Mickey Mitchell (205-pound senior) and Steve Cornwell, a 195-pound junior. On defense, Mitchell will be seen at one end and possibly at the other will be junior Joe Roundtree.

Roger Vassey, a 175-pound junior, who played for East Rutherford last year, will be a starting tackle on defense.

At the guards will be lettermen Roger McKee and Chip Cloninger and at center will be letterman Robert Blanton. McKee and Blanton were both starters last season.

Shelby, while compiling a 5-1 record, has racked up 137 points for six games while holding its opponents to only 71. Kings Mountain has managed only 44 points this year and has been held scoreless in the last three games. The Mountaineers have had 103 points scored on them this year.

In other conference games this week, East Rutherford will be at Belmont, Chase will host Lincolnton, and Rutherfordton will play at Cherryville.

KINGS MOUNTAIN'S football squad is less one halfback since report cards were issued last week. Philip Wright, leading rusher, was ruled ineligible to participate during the second half of season play.

## Mountaineers Lose Fourth; Fall To Mooresville, By 32-0

Kings Mountain suffered its third straight shutout Friday night, falling to the hands of the Mooresville Blue Devils 32-0, at Mooresville.

Mooresville was led by senior fullback Jerry Coats, who scored three of his team's five touchdowns and gained a total of 106 yards rushing. Quarterback Mike Deaton, a junior, completed two touchdown passes, both to end Terry Curtis.

Dennis Smith took the opening kickoff for KM on the 15 and returned to the 17 but on third down, quarterback Tommy Goforth fumbled and Mike Thompson, a guard, recovered for Mooresville on the 26.

In six plays the Blue Devils had another score, with Deaton passing 49 yards to Curtis to clinch the drive. Brannon's PAT was no good and the Blue Devils led 13-0, only seconds after the second quarter had gotten underway.

Mooresville drove 80 yards for its third score of the night, after taking over when the Mountaineers were forced to punt. Ricky Young ran the punt all the way back for a TD, but a clipping penalty caused the play to be called back.

It took Mooresville a few more plays (11) to score on that drive, with Deaton again passing to Curtis for the TD. The pass covered 23 yards, Brannon's point after failed, and Mooresville led 19-0 with 3:28 left to play in the first half.

Donnie Robinson took Chip Crisp's second half kickoff for Mooresville and raced from the 10 to the 33 before being brought down. Coats galloped to the Mountaineer 46 with a first down, and in three running plays, the Blue Devils had another first down on the 32.

Olyphant ran to the 24, then a clipping penalty put the Blue Devils back on the 39. On fourth down, Coats ran to the 19 for another first down and Mooresville got possession on the nine, due to a penalty against KM.

Coats then went off right tackle for the score, and Brannon's point after attempt failed, Mooresville leading 25-0.

Coats scored his final touch down with 11:21 left to play on a one-yard plunge. Mooresville had taken possession when KM was forced to punt and drove 54 yards for the score. Brannon kicked the PAT for the final score.

It was Mooresville's fifth win in six starts, and the Mountaineers' fourth straight loss. KM was not managed a score in the last three contests.

Sophomore tailback Dennis Smith was KM's leading ground gainer, picking up 24 yards in seven carries. Steve Goforth gained 23 in nine tries.

Player T G L N Avg.  
Smith 7 28 4 24 3.4  
S. Goforth 9 25 2 23 2.5  
Crisp 2 14 — 14 7.0  
Finger 2 7 — 7 3.5  
M. Goforth 2 6 — 6 3.0  
Kiser 3 6 — 6 2.0  
Mitchem 2 1 2 .1 .5  
T. Goforth 1 — 3 .3 .3.0  
McSwain 1 — 8 .8 .8.0

PASSING  
Player Att. Comp. Int. Yds.  
Finger 3 1 0 4

RECEIVING  
Player Caught Yds. TD  
M. Goforth 1 4 0

MOORESVILLE  
Player T G L N Avg.  
Coats 19 106 — 106 5.6  
Olyphant 13 70 — 70 5.4  
Robinson 7 51 — 51 7.3  
Goodman 2 9 2 7 3.5  
Cook 1 4 — 4 4.0  
Deaton 2 7 6 1 .5  
Young 1 — 1 .1 .1.0  
Morrow 2 — 3 .3 .1.5

PASSING  
Player Att. Comp. Int. Yds.  
Deaton 10 6 0 135  
Morrow 2 1 0 12

RECEIVING  
Player Caught Yds. TD  
Curtis 4 104 2  
Levan 1 26 0  
Cook 1 12 0  
Robinson 1 5 0

Recorder's Court Judge Wins Contest

Kings Mountain Recorder's Court Judge George Thomasson is the winner of the weekly Shelby Daily Star football contest for this week. Thomasson missed only the Duke-Clemson game, which Clemson won, 32-20.

Thomasson, who received his law degree at Duke University, beat out Mrs. J. A. Vaughn of Shelby, who also missed only one prediction. Mrs. Vaughn missed the Purdue-Michigan game.

Thomasson entered a tie breaking score (for the Shelby-Cherryville game) of 36 points, and Mrs. Vaughn entered a tie breaking score of 34 points. There were 59 points scored in the game, which Shelby won 39-20.

As a result of winning the contest, Judge Thomasson will receive a first place prize of \$15. Mrs. Vaughn gets the \$10 second place prize.

SANDY KOUFAX of the Los Angeles Dodgers gave up only one earned run in the three World Series games that he appeared in against the Minnesota Twins.

Pat Panther rolled a 104 line and a 301 set to lead Plonk Brothers to a fourth place position by taking a 4-0 win from heretofore first place Elsie's Beauty Shop. Pat Herndon added a 302 set for the winners and Lib Gault had a 137 line and a 352 set to pace the losers.

STANDINGS  
Team W L Pct.

Elise's Beauty Shop 18 10 .643  
McGinnis Furniture 18 10 .643  
Kings Mtn. Drug 14 14 .500  
Plonk Brothers 13 15 .464  
Oates-Henderson 11 17 .393  
Cash's Grocery 10 18 .357

John Dilling and Steve Rathbone teamed up to lead the Alley Cats' win, Dilling claiming high line with a 124 and Rathbone adding a 337 set. Richard Culbertson rolled a 126 line and a 327 set to pace the losers.

STANDINGS  
Team W L Pct.

Alley Cats 14 6 .700  
Clarence Plonk 11 9 .550  
Clyde Culbertson 11 9 .550  
Alexander's 4 16 .200