

# Mountaineers Break Losing Streak With 14-0 Win



## Herald Sports

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### Guards Lead Mountie All-Star Parade

Since Kings Mountain high school joined the Southwestern 3-A Conference back in 1954, 35 outstanding football players have been named all-conference. Five of the boys have been named twice, and one was named all-conference for three consecutive years.

So, adding those figures, Kings Mountain coaches have landed 42 players to all-conference berths, two to Shrine Bowl berths, and several to all-state recognition.

Of the 35 all-stars in KMHS history, there were eight guards, seven halfbacks, six quarterbacks, six tackles, four ends, three centers, and one fullback.

Prior to Kings Mountain joining the SWC in '54, records show two all-conference players, tackle Robert Neil ('46), and end Bob Jackson ('49).

The years 1964 and 1959 lead the all-time yearly selection as six boys were chosen each of those years. Both seasons, Kings Mountain claimed top spot in the SWC. Actually, the Mountaineers finished in a three way tie with Rutherford and Shelby in '59 but last year won the conference title with a perfect 7-0 SWC mark.

In '59 the Mounties lost a playoff game to R-S Central, 26-0, giving Rutherford the right to represent the conference in the WNCSSAA playoffs. Last season the Mounties were ousted by Hickory, 6-0, in the semi-finals in Shelby.

Kings Mountain has won or shared five Southwestern Conference titles. The Mountaineers won sole possession of the conference crown in 1955 and '56 and last season. In '59, the Mounties were tri-champs with Rutherford and Shelby, and in '63 were co-champs with Shelby. Everett "Shu" Carlton coached the team to the championships in '55 and '56, John Gamble was the mentor in '59, and current Coach Bill Bates was the head knocker in '63 and '64.

The 1956 team was the only KMHS eleven to win a WNCSSAA championship. That Mountaineer team posted an 11-0-1 over-all record and was 6-0-1 in SWC play. In '55 and '64, the Mounties lost out in the semi-finals and in '59 and '63 other teams represented the conference because of "playoff" wins.

### Cloninger And Cook Started It All

In 1954, only two boys were named to the SWC all-conference team, but those two started this long string of all-stars which Kings Mountain fans will always be proud of.

Guard Ken Cloninger and tackle Ken Cook were the two all-star choices, and since then, seven guards have been named along with Cloninger and five boys have been named to go along with Cook.

In two separate seasons, both first unit Mountaineer guards were tagged all-conference. In '55, Leonard Wright and Buddy Smith were named to the team, and in '63, Jimmy Medlin and Fred Dixon were chosen. Charles Burns was added to the list in 1960, Curtis Floyd in '61, and George Plonk last season.

Of those eight, two have played college football. Jimmy Medlin is now playing for Western Carolina as an end, and Fred Dixon played at Clemson last year. He is now attending Western Carolina and will be able to get back into action next season.

Of the seven halfbacks named all-conference, two were named for two consecutive seasons.

KEN BAITY, who is recognized as probably the best football player to ever play at KMHS, was named to the all-conference squad in 1956 and '57. Baity, who was also a member of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl and all-state teams in '57, holds the all-time rushing record for a Mountaineer player, both for one season and career.

For his three year career, '55, '56, and '57, Baity carried the football for a total of 453 times and gained a net total of 3025 yards, for a 6.7 rushing average.

In '55, when Baity played as a fullback, he carried the ball 117 times, gained 675 yards, and lost 10 for a net total of 665 yards and a 5.7 average. The next year, he picked up a net total of 1071 yards in 163 carries for a 6.6 average.

And his senior year, he gained 1289 yards in 173 carries for a 7.5 average, giving him his career total of 3025. For three years, he scored 144 points with 24 touchdowns. His greatest scoring year was '56 when he netted 13 touchdowns.

Mike Huffstickler was the other halfback to be named twice to the SWC all-star team. Huffstickler, KM's Most Valuable Player in '63, was named in '62 and '63. Warren Goforth, brother of '65 Mounties Steve and Tommy, was also named in '63.

JIM "PUNCH" PARKER, son of Mountaineer End Coach Donald Parker, holds the all-time Mountaineer scoring record, 122 points which he scored in 1960, the year that he was named all-conference.

Other halfbacks named to the all-conference team were Don Gladden ('58), Paul Hendricks ('59), and Alton Stewart ('61).

George Harris and Pat Murphy gain recognition as being probably the best quarterbacks to ever play at Kings Mountain. Murphy is the only one to be chosen all-conference for two consecutive years, '63 and '64, but Harris made it to the Shrine Bowl, in '55 when he was also tagged all-conference. Harris was also named to the all-state team. Other Mountie quarterbacks named all-conference have been Richard Gold ('64), Wally Harris ('62), Don Fisher ('59), and John McGinnis ('56). McGinnis doubled as a quarterback-halfback, and Gold played halfback and end.

David Marlowe was the only tackle to be named twice, in '56 and '57. Other tackles named were Lyn Cheshire ('64), Cook ('57), Mike Ware ('59), Dale Hollifield ('60), and James Hope ('62).

KEITH LAYTON and Jimmy Cloninger are recognized as the two greatest ends to ever play for the Mountaineers, with Layton having a little edge over Cloninger. Layton was the player chosen all-conference for three years, '55, '56, and '57. He also attended The Citadel on a football scholarship.

Cloninger, who is now playing college football at Appalachian State Teacher's College, was tapped for all-conference honors last season, was also a member of the Charlotte Observer All-State team. Other ends named were Charles Goodson ('62) and Gary Blanton ('59).

Hubert McGinnis, Jerry Adams, and Joe Meek Ormand were the three centers named to the squad. McGinnis was named last season, while also being tapped All-

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Kings Mountain broke a six-game losing streak here Friday night by defeating Belmont's Red Raiders 14-0 in a key Southwest Conference football game. The win was the first Mountaineer victory since September 17, when the locals won a 13-6 decision over Cherryville.

The Mountaineers controlled the ball for the bigger part of the game. Belmont got in only 42 plays in all, with 22 of those being passes. The Mountaineers got in 59 running plays, and eight passing.

Kings Mountain Coach Bill Bates stated that he was well pleased with his team's output and added that he now thought that the Mountaineers will play conference co-leader Lincolnton a close game this week.

Bates praised senior fullback Danny Kiser and senior wingback Steve Goforth on great offensive performances, and added that defensive ends Bobby Bolin and Charles Carroll, linebackers Paul Gaffney and Tommy Dover, defensive tackle Carl Weisener, and guard Larry Patrick played a good game.

"It was the first time this year that our offense and defense has played well together," said Bates, following his third win of the year. He added: "One week the defense would be good, the next week the offense would be good, but this week they got together. We also had some good breaks," he added.

Fullback Danny Kiser was again the offensive star of the game. The 180-pound letterman fullback scored both the Mountie touchdowns and led the ground gaining department with 146

yards in 22 carries. Jay Powell chipped in 70 yards rushing. Paul Gaffney had 41 yards in two carries, and Steve Goforth had 37 yards. The Mounties had 290 yards total rushing.

Kings Mountain won the pre-game toss and elected to receive. Bobby Bolin took a short kickoff and returned it to the 32, from which point the Mountaineers' game winning touchdown drive began. Steve Goforth carried on first down, picking up four yards, and Kiser moved the ball to the 40 on the next play.

With a third down, two yards to go situation, Kiser surged across left tackle and went 60 yards for his second touchdown of the season. Sophomore Chip Crisp kicked the extra point, and the Mounties led 7-0 with 10:44 remaining in the first quarter.

Belmont took Crisp's kickoff on the seven and returned to the 37, from which point the Red Raiders staged a good running attack which was stalled on the 16 yard line when two costly penalties kept them from getting a score.

Charles Orren, Danny Atkins, and Larry Holcomb made a couple of good runs for Belmont. Orren with a 19-yard run, Atkins with a 13 yarder, and Holcomb with a 21 yard romp. Holcomb got the pigskin to the KM nine, but a 15-yard clipping penalty put the Raiders back on the 24.

Adkins, a speedy junior halfback, moved it back to the 14, but a 5-yard penalty put the Raiders back to the 18. Adkins moved to the 11, Holcomb was thrown for a five yard loss, and quarterback Warren Garrett passed incomplete on fourth down, and the Mountaineers took over.

Kings Mountain staged its second touchdown drive early in the second period when Belmont was forced to punt with a fourth-and-eleven situation from the Raider 34. The punt rolled dead on the Mountaineer 25, and from there the Mountaineers were on their way.

Kiser went five yards to the 30, then senior tailback Jay Powell broke loose on a 40 yard run which put the Mounties on the Belmont 30.

Steve Goforth carried to the 28 and in two tries Kiser had a first down on the 20. Powell moved the pigskin to the 16, Goforth picked up five, and Kiser got the first down with a three yard run to the Belmont eight.

Powell then set up the final touchdown with a three yard run to the five, from which point Kiser went over with his second score of the game. Crisp booted the extra point as 2:59 showed on the scoreboard clock.

The Mountaineers had a couple other chances to score but penalties kept pushing them back from the enemy goal line. Belmont was able to get no further than the Mountaineer 25.

Sophomore guard Paul Gaffney picked up two first downs for the Mounties with a couple faked punts. His first covered 34 yards, his second seven, for a total of 41 yards gained. He also played a commendable job as a line-backer on defense, and made some timely blocks on offense.

Coach Bates praised junior quarterback Tommy Finger on a job well done. Finger, although minus 29 yards rushing, did a remarkable job with his ball handling, and turned in another

outstanding performance on defense with two pass interceptions and some outstanding tackles. He played the entire game, with the exception of the final two minutes.

### MOUNTAINEER GRIDGRAPH

	KM	B
First Downs	15	10
Yards Rushing	290	100
Yards Passing	5	98
Total Yards	295	198
Passes Att.	8	22
Passes Comp.	2	6
Passes Had Int.	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Penalties	35	45
Punts	3-40.7	4-29.0

### KINGS MOUNTAIN RUSHING

Player	T	G	L	N	Avg.
Kiser	22	147	1	146	6.6
Powell	13	70	—	70	5.4
Gaffney	2	41	—	41	20.5
S. Goforth	10	37	—	37	3.7
Smith	4	20	—	20	5.0
T. Goforth	2	5	—	5	2.5
Finger	6	3	32	-29	-4.8

### PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Finger	8	2	1	5

### RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yards	TD
Kiser	2	5	0

### BELMONT

Player	T	G	L	N	Avg.
Adkins	8	63	1	62	7.7
Orren	6	27	—	27	4.5
Holcomb	3	24	5	19	6.3
Barr	1	3	—	3	3.0
Garrett	2	0	11	-11	-5.5

### PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Garrett	22	6	2	98

### RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yards	TD
Tate	5	58	0
Barr	1	40	0



OUTSTANDING — Pictured above are Paul Gaffney (left) and Danny Kiser who were among the many stars of last week's 14-0 Mountaineer win over Belmont. Kiser scored both KM touchdowns and gained 146 yards rushing and Gaffney was a standout on both offense and defense. The two boys gain "Co-players of the Week" recognition as a result of their outstanding performances. Kiser was also tapped as "Player of the Week" by the Charlotte News.

## KM To Host Lincs In Season Finale

Southwest Conference co-leader Lincolnton will come to town Friday as the local Mountaineers end their 1965 grid campaign. The game will get underway promptly at 7:30.

Lincolnton is currently tied for the SWC lead with East Rutherford, however, in the event that the two are tied at the end of the season, East will represent the conference in the post-season playoffs as a result of a 6-0 "sudden death" win over the Lincs.

The Wolves, ranked in the state's top ten 3-A schools, have yet to lose a game, and in the event that East should lose its game with Shelby, will win the conference title with a win over Kings Mountain.

Coach Bill Bates of Kings Mountain has announced that he has brought up three players from the KMHS ninth grade team, which ended its season last week with a 20-7 win over Hunter Huss.

Up from the ninth grade squad are Wayne Mullinax (halfback), Joe Cornwell (quarterback), and Stanley Brown (tackle). The three spearheaded the Little Mountaineer charge this year and were the big guns which led the team to a 6-1 season record.

Bates reports that his starting lineups will look the same but said that he will substitute as much as possible, and added that the three ninth graders will probably see some action.

The Mountaineers are fresh from a 14-0 win over Belmont and will probably offer some stiff competition for the strong Wolves. Last week's KM win was the first in six weeks. The Mounties now sport a 3-6 record, 2-4 conference.

A Kings Mountain win could move the Mounties as high as fourth place in the conference and no lower than a fifth place tie. A KM win over Lincolnton, and a Shelby win over East Rutherford would give the conference title to Shelby and would really juggle the final standings.

Senior fullback Danny Kiser will go into the game as the Mounties' leading ground gainer.

### Davidson Coach Banquet Speaker

Homer Smith, head coach of the Davidson College Wildcats, will be the featured speaker at this year's Lions Club football banquet honoring the members of the 1965 KMHS grid squad.

The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club. The Lions first began honoring the local footballers back in 1939 and since then many of the outstanding North and South Carolina coaches have been to Kings Mountain for the event.

Last year's speaker was Eddie Teague, coach of The Citadel in Charleston, S. C.

State by the Greensboro Daily News. Adams was chosen in '59 and '60, and Ormand was honored in 1955.

Last but not least, the only Mountaineer fullback to be chosen all-conference was Jimmy Blanton. He was tapped back in '59.

and scorer. Kiser has tallied three touchdowns in the last two games to take over the scoring lead with 13 points, and has gained over 100 yards per game in the last two, to take over the rushing lead with 393 yards in 83 carries.

Kiser's 4.7 rushing average leads all regulars. The only player who has a chance to overtake Kiser's rushing lead is senior tailback fullback Jay Powell, who has gained 343 yards in 85 carries.

Powell, who has been hampered with injuries all season long, will probably again see starting duties but will be getting rests all through the game. Sophomore Dennis Smith, who has 91 yards rushing, will probably see a lot of action on offense this week.

At the wingback slot will again be Steve Goforth. One of four lettermen, Goforth has been impressive all season with his blocking, and has shown that he can pick up some yards too. He gained 37 yards in 10 tries last week to up his season's total to 115. He, too, has missed a lot of action due to injuries.

Junior Tommy Finger will be at the quarterback post again this week. Finger was very impressive last week with his ball-handling and was also a standout on defense.

On the line will probably be Fred Wright and Scott Cloninger at the ends, Chip Bridges and Roy Medlin at the tackles, Paul Gaffney and Chucky Gladden at guards, and Sandy Mauney at center.

Tackles Carl Weisener and Kenny Plonk, guards Larry Patrick and J. C. Wright, and ends Philip Putnam and Charles Carroll will be used largely on defense.

In other Southwest Conference games this week, Cherryville will visit Chase and R-S Central will host Belmont.

### 12 Seniors End High School Grid Careers

Twelve seniors will be playing in the final game of their high school football careers here Friday night when the local Kings Mountain Mountaineers host Lincolnton.

Four are lettermen and the remaining eight have been standouts all season long for the Mounties. The four lettermen are Bobby Kiser, Jay Powell, and Steve Goforth and tackle Chip Bridges.

Other seniors are ends Fred Wright, Bobby Bolin, Scott Cloninger, and Robert Phifer, tackle Charles Ramsey, guard Danny Finger, and backs Philip Bunch and Mike Goforth.

### BOY SCOUTS

A new den of Boy Scouts will join the ARP Pack at a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.



LITTLE MOUNTIES — Pictured above is the Kings Mountain high school ninth grade football team which posted a 6-1 season record and finished second in the Southwest Junior High circuit with a 4-1 mark. Pictured front row, left to right, are Demetrius Moore, Rocky Goforth, Pete Ware, Robert White, Morgan Hollifield, Roy Kale, and Joe Cornwell. 2nd row, Barry Robinson, Clarence Ashe, Kenneth Meachum, Stanley Brown, and Eddie Black. 3rd row, Chuck Easley (manager), Ross Springer, Mark Goforth, Wayne Mullinax, Joe Dover, and Philbert Thombs (manager).

### Mullinax Leading Little Mountie Scorer And Ground Gainer In '65

Kings Mountain high school's ninth grade Little Mountaineers finished season play last Wednesday by defeating Hunter Huss of Gastonia by a 20-7 count. The win brought the Mounties' final record to six wins and one loss.

Coach Bob Hussey's junior high boys scored 158 points as a team and the Little Mountie defense had only 33 points scored against it. Nineteen of those points came in the season opener against Lincolnton, which the Lincs won, 19-12.

Halfback Wayne Mullinax was the leading rusher and scorer for the Little Mountaineers. The 150-pounder scored 14 touchdowns for a total of 84 points, and averaged close to 100 yards per game. Mullinax threw for two additional touchdowns.

Quarterback Joe Cornwell was second in scoring with four touchdowns, Kenneth Meachum had 14 conversions, end Ross Springer had 12 points, and Mark Goforth, Clarence Ashe, Demetrius Moore, and Rocky Goforth tallied a touchdown apiece.

Springer, Cornwell, and line-backer Joe Dover were the mainstays of the Little Mountie defense. Cornwell averaged one pass interception per game and Springer and Dover were in on many tackles. Springer was also the leading fumble recoverer.

At one time during the year, the Little Mounties had a string of four games in which they had shutout their opponents. After beating Bessemer City 21-7 in the second game of the season, the Little Mountaineers blanked Cherryville (61-0), R-S Central

### Standouts

Pictured above are Wayne Mullinax (left) and Joe Cornwell who were two of Coach Bob Hussey's junior high standouts this season. Mullinax scored 14 touchdowns and threw for two others to lead the Little Mountie scoring and Cornwell had 24 points with four touchdowns.

### Two Southwest Boys Make Shrine Bowl

Mickey Mitchell of Shelby and Martin Eaddy of Lincolnton will represent the Southwest Conference in the annual Shrine Bowl game in Charlotte this year.

Eaddy, a 190-pound center, was chosen all-conference by the SWC coaches last year and has been listed along with two other outstanding North Carolina centers to play in the annual event.

Mitchell is listed on the Shelby roster as a 210-pound tackle but has been listed on the Shrine

### MARGRACE CLUB

The Margrace Woman's club will meet Friday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. J. B. Foster on Margrace road.

### Midgets To Wrestle At Grover Thursday

A three-match wrestling card will be featured at the Grover Elementary School gymnasium Thursday night at 8 p.m., admissions being one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children, ages 6-12.

The event is being sponsored by the Grover Rescue Squad. Many internationally known wrestlers will be featured.

Ladies World Champion Violet Ray will oppose the Leopard Woman from Paris, France, in

### SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	TOT.
Mullinax	14	—	84
Cornwell	4	—	24
Meachum	0	14	14
M. Goforth	1	—	6
Springer	2	—	12
R. Goforth	1	—	6
Moore	1	—	6
Ashe	1	—	6
—	24	14	158

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