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'65 Season Unfortunate For Mounties

The 1965 Kings Mountain high school football record will go into the books as the worst since KMHS joined the Southwest Conference in 1954.

The '65 Mountaineers posted a 3-7 season record with wins over Belmont, Cherryville, and Salem, and finished in sixth place in the conference standings with a 2-5 SWC mark.

Until this year, the less fortunate season for the Mountaineers is believed to be 1961 when Coach John Gamble's Mounties posted a 3-6-1 mark, however, that team had a conference record of three wins, three losses, and a tie.

In the 12-year history of the SWC Mountaineers, only three of those years have been losing seasons. In 1962, the first year that current Coach Bill Bates was head mentor, the Mounties had a 4-5-1 record. That tie represents a 0-0 deadlock with East Rutherford.

Five Mountaineer teams have won or shared conference championships. Coach Shu Carlton's '55 and '56 teams won the SWC championship, Coach Gamble's '59 Mounties finished in a three-way tie with R-S Central and Shelby, the '63 team was co-champs with Shelby, and last year's Mounties won the SWC crown.

Only one of those teams — the 1956 Mountaineers — won the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association championship.

In '47 Mounties Won Only One Game

Coach John Rudisill's 1947 Mountaineers defeated Hendersonville 13-0 in the first game of the season and did not score again that year. Their final record was 1-9. The Mountaineers had 249 points scored against them.

Shelby defeated the Mounties by a 40-0 count, that score believed to be the most one-sided in the history of the two schools. No boys were named all-conference in '47. The Mountaineers had a couple other bad seasons prior to joining the Southwest Conference. Coach Don Parker's '45 Mountaineers posted a 2-7 mark with 6-0 wins over Belmont and Bessemer City. Only 18 points were scored by the Mounties that year.

Current Line Coach Bill Cashion was Coach Parker's top offensive gun that year. He was a fullback.

In 1948, the year that Carlton came to Kings Mountain, the Mountaineers posted a 2-6-2 record. The wins were 6-0 victories over Lincolnton and North Carolina School For The Deaf and the ties were 0-0 deadlocks with Mt. Holly and Rutherford. The '48 Mounties registered 36 points for 10 games.

Coach Clyde Canipe's 1946 team registered the best season prior to KMHS joining the SWC. The Mounties had a 7-3 record for the year and had one player to be named all-conference — Robert Neil, a tackle.

After the 2-6-2 record in '48, the Mounties broke even with five wins and five losses in '49. End Bob Jackson was named all-conference that year.

The Mounties broke even again in '50 with a 4-4-2 mark and in '51 had a 4-4-1 record and a 2-4-1 Western AA Conference mark. In '53 KM had a 5-3 season. No files could be found of the '52 season.

'65 Mounties Came On Strong At Last

During the last half of the season this year's KM eleven showed that it would be a team to be reckoned with come next year. Although the Mounties won only one game during the last half, they showed much improvement.

Let's take all games one at a time and review the '65 season.

SALEM — The Mounties opened the '65 campaign at home on September 10 against 2-A Salem and finished the game with a 19-0 victory. Wingback Steve Goforth pulled in four passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns to lead the KM charge.

CHERRYVILLE — The Mounties came alive during the second half of play to erase a 6-0 first half deficit and win by a 13-6 count. Philip Wright was the game's leading rusher with 128 yards gained and Charles Carroll and Paul Gaffney played a commendable job on defense. Fullback Jay Powell picked up 93 yards before being injured late in the first half.

CHASE — Kings Mountain lost its first conference game in two years at Harris, falling to the hands of a strong Trojan team, 38-12. Tommy Finger showed his first sign of offensive talent by catching three passes for 39 yards. Negro halfback Reggie Jamerson and sophomore halfback Joe Stewart (no relation) gained 95 yards each to lead the Chase running game.

EAST RUTHERFORD — The Cavaliers, later to become conference co-champions, fought off an inspired KM defense for a 20-0 win at Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain was the first team to hold East to under 300 yards rushing as it allowed the Cavaliers only 166 yards on the ground.

BESSEMER CITY — A fourth down, ten yards to go situation for Bessemer on the Kings Mountain 30. Yellow Jacket quarterback Richard Kincaid threw a pass to end Jody Long for a touchdown and Little Six foe Bessemer had ruined Kings Mountain's homecoming with a 7-0 victory. Kings Mountain's defense held the Yellow Jackets to only 87 yards rushing with tackle Chip Bridges turning in a good showing.

MOORESVILLE — The Blue Devils, who ended their season with a 9-1 record, defeated the Mounties by a 32-0 count at Mooresville in the sixth game of the season. KM managed 63 yards on the ground with sophomore Dennis Smith leading the way with 24. Tommy Finger took over as the Mountie quarterback.

SHELBY — The Lions found the going a little rough here in the season's seventh game and had to fight off a tough KM defense before claiming a 19-0 win. Quarterback Mitchell Self and halfback Paul Wright led the Shelby offensive charge and Shrine Bowler Mickey Mitchell played a good game on defense for the winners. Danny Kiser turned in a good defensive show for the locals.

RUTHERFORDTON — The Hilltoppers put a perfect end to their '65 homecoming by slapping the Mounties with a 27-6 setback. The Mounties led the game in rushing with fullback Danny Kiser leading the way with 101 yards in 19 carries. Kiser also scored the Mounties' only touchdown.

BELMONT — Kings Mountain snapped a six-game losing streak by handing the Red Raiders a 14-0 licking. Kiser scored both touchdowns for the Mounties on runs of 60 and five yards. He also had 146 yards rushing.

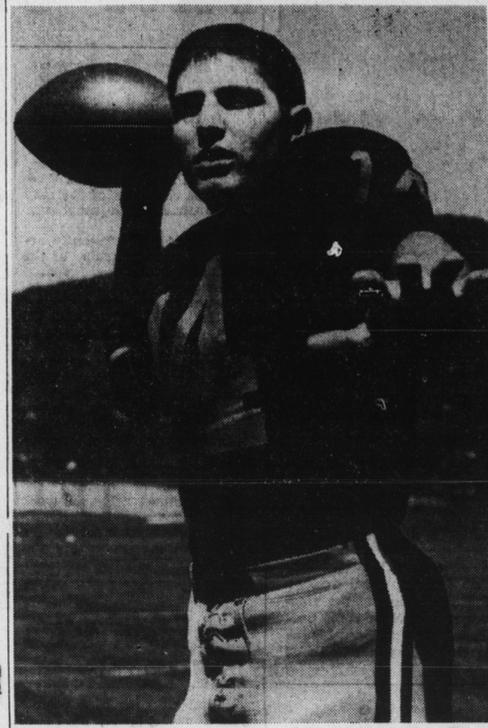
The final game of the season is covered in a separate story on this page.

Lincolnton Trips Mounties In Finale, 20-7



LEADING RUSHER — Pictured above is Danny Kiser, Kings Mountain high school senior, who was the Mountaineers' leading scorer and rusher for the '65 football campaign which ended last week. Kiser scored 24 points and added 394 yards gained, plus, was a key man on defense for the Mounties.

Danny Kiser Leads Mountie Scoring And Rushing In '65



FRESHMAN STANDOUT — Pictured above is former KMHS football star Pat Murphy who has been tapped as one of the outstanding freshmen players at Appalachian State Teacher's College in Boone.

Danny Kiser, Chip Bridges Named To Play In '65 Lions Bowl Game

Danny Kiser and Chip Bridges, two 1965 Kings Mountain high school football standouts, have been named by Coach Bill Bates as members of the South Lions Bowl team which will meet the Northwest stars on Saturday, November 27, at Forest City in the annual Lions Bowl game.

This is Bates' first year as Lions Bowl coach. His assistant for the game will be Lincolnton Coach Von Ray Harris.

Kiser and Bridges are listed along with 25 other Southwest Conference standouts. Lincolnton leads the list of selections with eight boys being named. Shelby is next with six, Cherryville next with four. Chase has three, and Kings Mountain, Belmont, and Rutherford, two each.

Belmont's two players, fullback Charles Orren and tackle Barry Farmer, may not accept the bid due to the fact that the Red Raiders have one more game remaining on their '65 schedule.

Chase halfback Reggie Jamerson is the only Negro to be named to the team and thus becomes the first Negro to be named to a Southwest Conference all-star team.

Both Kiser and Bridges have been standouts all season long for the Mountaineers, who posted a 3-7 season record. Kiser was the team's leading scorer and rusher and Bridges was the backbone of the defensive team.

The complete South roster follows:

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
QB	Mitchell Self	Shelby
QB	Bill Bondurant	Linc.
QB	Pete Link	Cherry
TB	Steve Brackett	Linc.
TB	Reggie Jamerson	Chase
FB	Danny Kiser	Chase
FB	Mike Gilbert	R-S
FB	Charles Orren	Belmont
WB	Harry Graham	Linc.
WB	Paul Wright	Shelby
WB	Chris Smith	Linc.
E	Reggie Strutt	Linc.
E	Sonny Davis	Shelby
E	Bill Eaker	Cherry
E	Kenny Cadwallader	Cherry
T	Chip Bridges	KM
T	Ted Mullen	Linc.
T	Bill Fisher	Chase
T	John Suttle	Shelby
T	Jim Hamilton	Linc.
T	Barry Farmer	Belmont
G	Roger McKee	Shelby
G	Frank Mosteller	Linc.
G	Hubert Avery	Cherry
G	Al Silvers	Chase
C	Robert Blanton	Shelby
C	Chris Koon	R-S

Bunch, Bolin Gain "Co-Player" Honors

Seniors Philip Bunch and Bobby Bolin gain "co-players" of the week" recognition this week as a result of their outstanding defensive play against Lincolnton in the final game of the season Friday night.

Both boys were in on many tackles, Bunch intercepted the only pass of the night for a Kings Mountain player, and Bolin recovered a Lincolnton fumble and returned it 46 yards before being brought down.

Other Mountaineers playing outstanding defensive games were Charles Carroll, Danny Kiser, and Chip Bridges.

51 KMHS Students Open Cage Drills

Basketball practice began last week for Kings Mountain high school cagers with a total of 51 students showing up for opening day practice.

Coach Don Parker reports 33 boys out for the Mountaineer team and Mountaineer Coach Bob Hussey has 18 girls vying for starting positions. Parker reports no returning lettermen, Hussey reports six.

The six Mountaineer lettermen are Sharon Gold, Angela Ruff, Elaine Russell, Glenda Lynn, and Susan and Hilda Lowery. Gold, Ruff, and Susan Lowery are the only returning starters but the other three were used largely last season.

Coach Parker had only one returning letterman following the 1964-65 season but he moved away and will not be playing this year. That boy, Ben Grimes, was a starter last year and was being counted upon heavily by Coach Parker come this season.

The 33 boys signed up for basketball duties include: Neal Cooper, Nelson Connor, Frankie Little, Gene Putnam, Larry Burton, Nenneth Mitchem, Ray Morgan, Luico Wilson, Danny McDowell, Andy Davis, Steve Wilson, Dennis Bridges, Stanley Yarbro, Tommy Philbeck, Wayne Turner, Roger Ross, Paul Ledford, Bruce Roseboro, Tony Leigh, Brent Goforth, Alfred Stevens, John Van Dyke, Steve Goforth, Tommy Finger, Scott Cloninger, Chip Bridges, Charles Green, Mike Goforth, Richard Shank, Tommy Goforth, Henry Manning, and William McSwain.

The 16 girls seeking starting berths are: Sharon Gold, Susan Lowery, Angela Ruff, Glenda Lynn, Elaine Russell, Ann Patterson, Hilda Lowery, Sandra Roberts, Kathy Plonk, Susan Howell, Libby Tedder, Brenda Blanton, Sherry Bell, Glenda Childers, Debbie Plonk, Francis Dilling, Vickie Turner, and Gloria Mackey.

Rhea Tapped As "Bear Of Week"

Ronnie Rhea, former Kings Mountain high school football star, was named "Bear of the Week" by Lenoir Rhyne football Coach Hanley Painter last week as a result of his outstanding defensive work against East Carolina on November 6.

Coach Painter said this of his freshman standout: "Rhea did an outstanding job at defensive safety for the team. He intercepted three Pirate passes for us and blocked another which gave the Bears their much needed offensive opportunities. With his pass defense and key tackles, Rhea was defensively the outstanding L. R. player on the field."

Ronnie returned two of his interceptions for 50 and 20 yards. As a senior and two-year letterman at Kings Mountain last year, Ronnie carried a 5.7 rushing average on the season with 272 yards gained in 48 carries. He was third in rushing with Steve Baker and Pat Hord the only Mounties to pick up more yardage.

Ronnie is listed on the Lenoir Rhyne roster as a 5-11, 170 pound end, but was switched to his current defensive position after the Bears' second game of the season and has proved to be a big asset from that point on.

Plonk Wins KM Golf Tournament

The 1965 Kings Mountain Country Club Golf Tournament was completed last week with Robert Plonk, Charles Neisler, Jim Gibson, and Dick McGinnis winning in different flight competition.

Plonk, a junior at North Carolina State College, defeated Coman Falls 3-2 in 36 holes to win in the championship flight. Plonk will receive the '65 President's Cup at a presentation banquet in two weeks.

Neisler, defending club champion, defeated Jim Lycoran for the first flight championship. Gibson downed Jay Patterson for second flight, and McGinnis defeated Bob Smith for the third flight championship.

First, second, and third flight rounds were of 18 holes.

Kiser's 73-Yard Kickoff Return KM's Only Score

By GARY STEWART

Kings Mountain and Lincolnton played nose to nose football for three quarters here Friday night before the visiting Wolves broke a 7-7 deadlock late in the fourth quarter and then cruised to a 20-7 Southwest Conference victory.

The win brought Lincolnton's season record to nine wins and one tie and gave the Wolves a share of the conference title with East Rutherford, however, East earned the right to represent the SWC in the post-season playoffs via a 7-0 "sudden death" win over the Lions some weeks ago when the two teams battled to a 6-6 deadlock.

East Rutherford recovered a Shelby fumble late in the final stanza and went on to score and defeat the Lions by a 13-7 count. Shelby had went ahead 7-6 in the third period of play.

Lincolnton seemingly started an early touchdown drive after Kings Mountain failed to gain any yardage after taking the opening kickoff. The visitors took a punt on their own 20 yard line and returned it to the 35, from which point they seemed to be homeward bound but were stalled on the Mountaineer three yard line.

The Wolves started their initial touchdown drive from their own 47 yard line early in the second quarter when the Mounties were forced to punt after picking up minus one yard in three running plays.

It took Lincolnton 10 plays to score with halfback Steve Brackett going over from the one on a fourth - and - goal situation. Frank Mosteller ran the point after to give the Wolves a 7-0 lead with 3:13 remaining in the half.

But the Mounties tied the score just 13 seconds later when fullback Danny Kiser ran the ensuing kickoff back 73 yards for a touchdown and sophomore Chip Crisp kicked the extra point.

Lincolnton then started another drive but time ran out before the Wolves could manage a score. When the half ended, the Lions were on the Kings Mountain 14.

Kings Mountain appeared to be putting the game on ice in the third period when defensive end Bobby Bolin scooped up a Lincolnton fumble on the Kings Mountain 20. Bolin took off down the right sideline and appeared to be on his way to paydirt but was caught on the Lincolnton 34.

The Mountaineers gained only six yards in four plays and Lincolnton took over the pigskin on the 28, from which point the Wolves' game winning touchdown drive began.

Sophomore halfback Lester Rhinehart circled left end on a second-and-goal situation from the 10 to account for the Wolves' score. Quarterback Bo King ran for the point after and the Lions led 14-7 with 6:50 left in the game. The 72 yard Lincolnton drive was highlighted by a 31 yard reverse run by Chris Smith.

Lincolnton's final score came with less than a minute remaining when the Wolves blocked a Mountaineer punt and recovered on the four yard line of Kings Mountain. Two plays later King went over from the two.

Rhinehart and Brackett were Lincolnton's leading ground gainers, gaining 75 and 68 yards respectively. Kings Mountain was held to 20 yards rushing with Jay Powell gaining 13. Dennis Smith, five, and Danny Kiser and Steve Goforth one yard each.

Defensive ends Bobby Bolin and Charles Carroll played an outstanding game for the Mounties, as did defensive back Philip Bunch.

The loss brought the Mountaineers' final record to three wins and seven losses and put them in a sixth place finish in the Southwest Conference standings. The Mounties were 2-5 in conference play, claiming victories over Cherryville (13-6) and Belmont (14-0).

The standings now show Morrison Loan Co. in first place, Plonk Oil in second, City Paint Store third, Clyde Culbertson fourth, Griffin Drug fifth, and Dilling Heating sixth.

Aud Tignor paced the Griffin Drug attack by combining single games of 102, 125, and 117 for a 344 set. Roddy Houser, Bob Herndon, and Steve Rathbone

added respective 335, 317, and 307 sets for the winners and Jack Rhea topped the losers' scoring with a 124 line and a 325 set.

Red Morrison rolled a 138 line and a 359 set to lead Morrison Loan to its three game win over Dilling Heating. Albert Brackett added a 330 set to the winning cause and Bob Ware's 124 line and Ronnie Culbertson's 334 set were high for the losers.

Clarence Plonk gained night scoring honors by rolling a 131 line and a 377 set to lead Plonk Oil Co. to a three game win over the Clyde Culbertson five. All members of the winning team, Plonk, Randy Culbertson, Alle Myers, Sam Hambrick, and Richard Bridges — rolled 300-plus sets. Lee Norville's 141 line and 347 set were high marks for the losers.

Aud Tignor Leads Griffin To 4-0 Win

Griffin Drug Co. defeated City Paint Store four games to none Monday night to move within one game of fourth place in the Men's Duckpin Bowling standings. The action took place at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

In other action, first place Morrison Loan Co. held on to its four game lead by winning a 3-1 decision over Dilling Heating and Plonk Oil Co. stayed in second place with a 3-1 win over Clyde Culbertson.

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