



HERALD SPORTS

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Richard White

WHERE ARE THEY NOW DEPARTMENT: Richard White, standout athlete at Kings Mountain High School in the fifties, recently completed his second straight unbeaten football season at Taylorsville Junior High School.

Rumors are going around again that the Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association, of which KMHS and the Southwestern Conference are members, will be forced to join the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Southwestern Conference may be split up again for baseball next spring. Coaches are trying to decide how to name the conference champion should the schools break into two divisions.

Barry Gibson, successful young baseball mentor at KMHS, says his Mountaineers will be in good shape next spring if he can come up with one more good pitcher.

WNCHSAA Playoffs

Don't look for a repeat performance Friday night in Lincolnton when the Wolves host South Point in the opening round of the WNCHSAA playoffs.

Former Kings Mountain High grid mentor Shu Carlton has tacked on another conference championship to his long list which began here in 1955.

Here's the schedule for Friday night's WNCHSAA conference playoffs:

Southwestern Conference: Belmont South Point (10-0) at Lincolnton (7-3).

Northwestern Conference: Alexander Central (7-2-1) at Newton-Conover (9-1).

North Piedmont Conference: East Rowan (5-2-1) at North Davidson (6-1-1).

South Piedmont Conference: Salisbury Boyden (6-2) at Kannapolis (6-2).

Next Friday night, the Lincolnton-South Point winner plays the Alexander Central-Newton-Conover winner on the NWC team's home field.

Fred Dalrymple, Lincolnton High's outstanding junior running back, went over the 1,000 yard mark in rushing for the year Friday when he gained 124 yards rushing in the Wolves' 43-18 romp over the KM Mountaineers.

Duke football coach Mike McGee is calling his two-way players the Iron Dukes. It was the 1938 Blue Devils who went through the season unbeaten and unscored on to earn that nickname.

The Blue Devils' Rich Searl needs only one more interception to tie the ACC career record which is held by Tom Brown of Maryland.

It's getting closer and closer to the Thanksgiving Day battle between Nebraska and Oklahoma, the two top-ranked college teams in the nation.

The Tigers of Georgetown will bring a team which has also had trouble winning this season.

Lenoir Rhyne in Hickory and a 42-14 win over Guilford in Greensboro.



DEFENSIVE STANDOUT — Senior guard Dale Russell, playing his last game as a Mountaineer, was about KM's only bright spot on defense Friday night in the Mountaineers' 43-18 loss to Lincolnton.

Grier Leading Scorer For 1971 Mountaineers

Senior fullback John Grier was Kings Mountain High School's leading scorer for the 1971 football season.

The 195-pounder, playing his first year in the backfield, scored eight touchdowns for 48 points.

Chris Blanton and Gerald Owensby, two more seniors, trailed Grier and Logan in the point column.

Bolin, last year's leading scorer, scored eight points this year, getting one touchdown and one two-point conversion.

The Mountaineers hit their high game two weeks ago against Burns, scoring a 27-0 victory.

Kings Mountain scored at least two touchdowns in all but three

Final 1971 Grid Standings

Table showing final 1971 grid standings for North Piedmont, Northwestern, and South Piedmont conferences.

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Wolves Rout Mountaineers 43-18, Earn Playoff Spot With Belmont

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers saved their worst for last, losing a lopsided 43-18 game to Lincolnton's Wolves here Friday in their 1971 football finale.

The Wolves, thanks to East Rutherford's 13-12 victory over Shelby, now host South Point's unbeaten Red Raiders Friday night in the opening round of the Western N. C. Activities Association playoffs.

In claiming their fifth straight victory Friday, the Wolves ran up 478 total yards on offense, far more than any team has registered against the usually-sturdy KM defense all year.

Kings Mountain managed just 133 yards on the ground, one more yard than Murphy, who scored three times, gained by himself. David Bolin hit on three of 12 passes for 120 yards, one of his tosses going 70 yards for a touchdown.

The Wolves had a 13-0 margin at halftime, were on top 20-6 at the end of three periods, then blew the Mountaineers completely out of John Gamble Stadium with 23 points in the final chapter.

Murphy scored from two yards out and Don Rudisill booted the extra point to give the Wolves a 7-0 first quarter lead.

Kings Mountain had only one sustained drive in the first half and that was early in the first period.

Murphy and the Wolves were back at it again in the early moments of the second half.

Kings Mountain finally got its offense cranked up late in the third period and got on the scoreboard.

The start of the fourth quarter was wild, to say the least.

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Bob Dilling had single games of 136, 139 and 112 for his 381 Thursday.

Lincolnton scored two more quickies for a 43-12 lead before Grier scored KM's final touchdown of 1971 with 2:31 remaining.

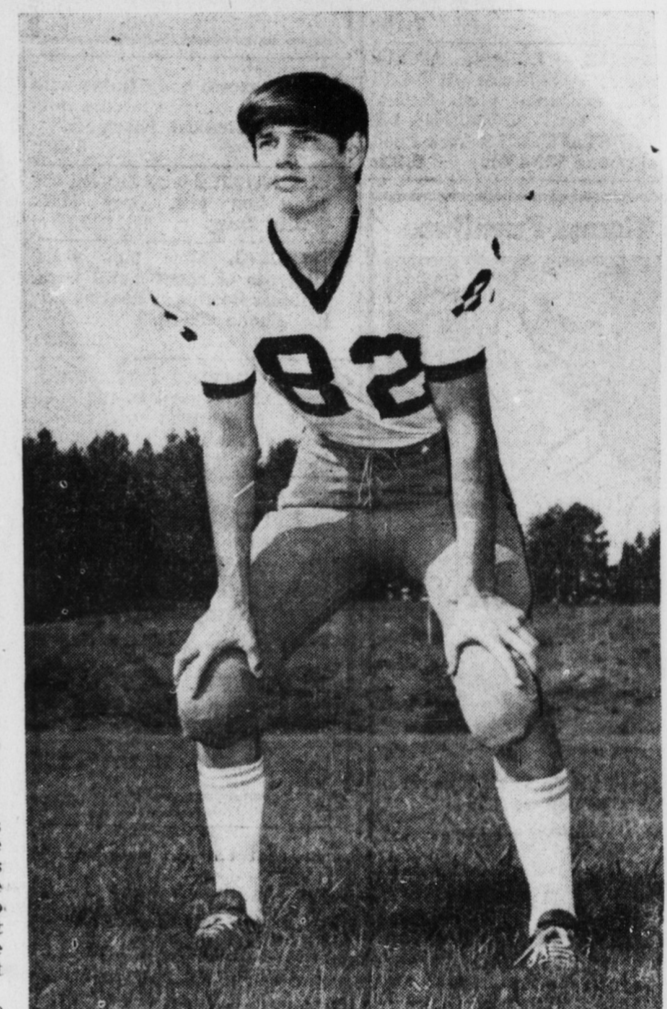
Lincolnton's scores came on a two-yard run by Dalrymple and a 50-yard jaunt by Randy High.

High's came when Dalrymple fumbled after a 15-yard gain and the alert High scooped it up and went all the way.

Grier led Kings Mountain's rushing attack, gaining 62 yards in 13 carries.

Logan and Chris Blanton added 35 and 32 yards, respectively.

THE STATISTICS table showing game statistics for Kings Mountain vs Lincolnton.



CATCHES TD PASS — Senior end Gerald Owensby hauled in a 70-yard touchdown pass from David Bolin for one of KM's three scores in Friday night's loss to Lincolnton.

Jackson, McDevitt Top Rushers, Southwell Top Passer At Central

Fullback Wendell Jackson and quarterback Steve Southwell were the statistical leaders for Central Junior High's football team this fall.

Jackson was the team's leading ground gainer with 383 yards, McDevitt was the top scorer with nine touchdowns.

Coach Porter Griggs' Patriots posted a 5-2 record, their only losses coming on successive Wednesdays to Shelby and Gastonia.

Jackson rushed for 383 yards in 49 attempts, an average of 7.8 yards per carry.

Southwell's favorite target was Tommy Manning, who hauled in 11 aeriels for 185 yards and three touchdowns.

The Patriots racked up 198 points in seven games, an average of 28.3 points per game.

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Football Games Set Saturday At Two Parks

The second annual Mountaineer Bowl football event will be staged Saturday at City Stadium and John Gamble Stadium.

Teams from Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Morganton, Salem, Lowell and Glen Alpine are entered in the event.

Two Kings Mountain teams will be in action. The mighty Mites, 85-pound team coached by Joe Cornwell, will carry a 3-3 record into their game against Glen Alpine.

Kings Mountain's pee wee team, a 100-pound outfit, carries a 4-4-1 record into its 5:45 p. m. contest with Glen Alpine.

The full slate of games follows: 10:00 a. m., City Stadium, 85-lb., Gastonia vs. Morganton.

2:30 p. m., Gamble Stadium, 100-lb., Gastonia vs. Morganton.

4:00 p. m., Gamble Stadium, 85-lb., KM vs. Glen Alpine.

5:45 p. m., Gamble Stadium, 100-lb., KM vs. Glen Alpine.

Gerald Owensby Player Of Week

Senior end Gerald Owensby has been selected by the Kings Mountain High coaching staff as player of the week for last Friday's 43-18 loss to Lincolnton.

Owensby caught a 70-yard touchdown pass from quarterback David Bolin for one of three KM scores.

A two-year starter, Owensby played offensive end and defensive halfback for the 1971 Mountaineers, who finished their season with a 4-4-2 record.

As a result of being chosen player of the week, Owensby will receive a free gift from the men's department of Fulton's Department Store.

Sportsman Race Set At Hickory

HICKORY. — A 99-lap Sportsman race has been set for Sunday, Nov. 14, at Hickory Speedway.

Points awarded will count toward the 1972 championship, a 50-lap feature for Limited Sportsman, and a 15-lap Rookie race.

BOWLING ...right down your alley...

John Dilling had the ping flying in bowling action this week at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

Dilling, captain of the Dilling Heating team, scored a 381 set Thursday night as his team dropped three of four games to Bob Herndon's crew in a mixed league match.



CENTRAL GRIDDERS — The Central Junior High Patriots, pictured above, ran their two year football record to 10-2 this year by sporting a 5-2 record.