

Finish With 7-3 Mark

Little Mountaineers Close With 21-0 Win



INTERCEPTS — Kings Mountain's Terry Bullock intercepts a Whittenburg pass in second half of Moss Classic game Saturday at Gamble Stadium. Kings Mountain won 21-0.

Kings Mountain's junior midgets blanked previously undefeated and unscored on Whittenburg School of Alexander County 21-0 Saturday afternoon in the John H. Moss Classic to close out their season with a 7-3 record.

Kings Mountain's midgets lost to a strong West Ialip, N. Y. team 13-7 and Hillandale of Durham defeated Elizabeth of Shelby 20-0 in other action.

The Little Mountaineers and Whittenburg battled on even terms until the closing minutes of the first

half when Tommy Welch blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone for a KM touchdown. Boo Robinson's extra point run gave the Little Mountaineers a 7-0 halftime edge.

KM added a third period touchdown on a 30 yard pass from Carl Smith to Tony Rainey and the Little Mountaineers closed out the scoring with nine seconds left on a quarterback sneak by Smith. The score was set up on a long pass from Smith to Dennis Wilson.

Eric Spicer and Rainey added extra points following the second half touchdowns.

Coaches Jim Littlejohn and Danny Bagwell, who led the Little Mountaineers to their most successful season ever, cited David Turner, Terry Bullock and Trent Hullender for their defensive play.

The Whittenburg team came into the contest with a 6-0 record and the Alexander County Pop Warner League title. Kings Mountain had earlier won the Gaston County Division One title, but lost to

nationally top-ranked Mason Athletics in the league championship game.

Kings Mountain's three losses for the year included a pair of setbacks to Mason Athletics, which finished 12-0, and one narrow (12-7) loss to Clewiston, Fla., in a bowl game.

"We're real pleased with the play all of our players gave us this year," noted Coach Bagwell, "and we're already looking forward to next year. And we'd like to thank all the people who supported us this year."

Quarterback Alan Van Dyke scored the only TD for the KM midgets in their loss to New York. He scooped up a fumble and raced 30 yards for the score. Kevin Mack added the point after.

The Blue Devils go to Naples, Fla., this weekend to play Naples in the annual Little Gator Bowl. The Naples team is 11-0 and the top-ranked midget team in the nation. That team bombed North Carolina's top-ranked team, the Salvation Army Boys Club of Gastonia, 40-0 in a bowl game last weekend in Gastonia.



Photos By Gary Stewart

TOUGH YARDAGE — Kings Mountain quarterback Carl Bell (19) finds the going tough near the goal line in first half of Saturday's John Moss Classic at John Gamble Stadium. Bell and the Little Mountaineers were stopped by a strong Whittenburg goal line stand in this series, but on the next series of downs the Little Mountaineers' Terry Welch blocked a Whittenburg punt for a touchdown which gave the Little Mountaineers a 7-

0 lead. They went on to win 21-0, handing the visiting Eagles their first defeat after six straight wins in Alexander County League play. The Eagles were also unscored on coming into the game. Kings Mountain ended its season with a 7-3 record, its only losses coming to nationally top ranked Mason Athletics (twice) and Clewiston, Fla.



Jayvees Still Unbeaten

Junior High Ladies Defeat West Lincoln

Kings Mountain Junior High's girls basketballers swept a Foothills Conference twinbill from West Lincoln last Tuesday, the varsity winning 43-29 to break a four-game losing streak and the jayvees winning their seventh straight, 60-24.

The two KM clubs were scheduled to host two tough Burns teams in a Foothills doubleheader yesterday.

Andrena Goode and Kim Gladden scored 14 points each and Susan Howze added eight for the varsity Lady Patriots as they got back on the winning track. Debbie Appling pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds and Gladden added 13.

Coach Candy Albergine said she wasn't pleased with the way her girls played, even though they broke their losing streak.

"We only shot 21 percent from the floor, our shot selection was poor and we did not have enough patience on offense," she noted. "We also turned the ball over 18 times and there is no way you can do this against good teams and expect to win."

Albergine said she was pleased with the performance of Howze, who played a fine floor game, dished out four assists and stole the ball six times.

KM raced to a 15-6 first quarter lead, but lost its momentum and had to hang on over the final three periods.

"It was good to win," added Albergine, "but we can't be satisfied with the way we played."

Diane Williams scored 14 points and Sheryl Goode 10 to lead the scoring for the jayvees and the pair also combined for 21 rebounds.

Coach Becky Summitt said she was well pleased with the entire team's effort. Twelve other players took part in the scoring.

"West Lincoln came out in a man to man defense, which was a surprise in the beginning," noted Coach Summitt. "But once our girls settled down and

started fast breaking it didn't bother them.

"I was real pleased with the way our girls looked for each other on the break, the good passes they made and the unselfishness they displayed. I was also pleased with the way the substitutes handled themselves on the court. They played almost three-fourths of the game and they kept up the scoring pace and also held their own on defense.

"We have four more games to play," she continued, "and if we play the type of ball we are capable of playing, we could go undefeated. These girls are hard workers, great athletes and good sports, and I would love to see them go undefeated."

Shelby Wins, Blacksburg

Plays Friday For Title

One area high school won a major football championship last Friday night and another could tack on a state championship this Friday.

Shelby's Lions copped their fourth Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association last week with a surprisingly easy 25-0 victory over previously undefeated and top-ranked Lexington, and 1-A Blacksburg High School hosts McCracken High Friday at 8 p. m. in the S.

C. state championship contest.

Blacksburg, now 10-3, edged a strong North High team from Orangeburg County 15-13 last week for the Upper State title. This is the first time the Wildcats have gotten past the first round of the playoffs.

In other playoff action last week, Newberry High School, which is coached by KM native Mike Ware, lost to Byrnes 34-7 in the semi-finals of the South Carolina 3-A playoffs.

Mounties Open Cage

Season Here Wednesday

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rebounder, Judy Henderson, and Sherry Ingram and Phyllis Mack. Ingram was a starter last winter before suffering an injury and Mack helped lead the junior high to a second place finish in the Foothills Conference.

Others who'll see a lot of action for the Mountainettes are Priscilla Rickenbacker, Lisa

Bridges, Roxanne Tate, Felicia Bristol and Angie Hickman.

"So far, we've been looking pretty good," noted Mrs. Brooks. "We have a lot of depth, and, although I don't know that much about the other teams, I feel like we'll have a good year."

Looking to Wednesday's game, she noted, "I hear R-S Central shoots real well from the outside, but that's all I've heard about them."

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TOP RUSHER — Kings Mountain's Boo Robinson is shown getting off a long run in Saturday's Moss Classic at John Gamble Stadium. Robinson was the leading rusher for the Little Mountaineers, who copped a 21-0 victory over Whittenburg to close out their season with a 7-3 record, the best in Little Mountaineer history.

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