

# KMHS Blanks East Rutherford 12-0 Friday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers drove 40 yards for a touchdown on their first possession of the night and went on to blank East Rutherford 12-0 for their first Southwestern 3-A Conference win Friday night at East.

The win evened the Mountaineers' overall record at 2-2. The Cavaliers fell to 0-3 in the SWC and 0-4 overall.

The winning touchdown was set up when the Cavalier punter couldn't handle a low snap from center, and the Mountaineer defense swarmed him at the 40.

Led by the running of tailback Tony Boyce, the Mounties ground out the yardage three and four yards at a time, and Boyce went over from a yard out on a fourth down play to give KMHS a 6-0 edge.

It stayed that way until late in the third period when defensive end Chris Wright scooped up a Cavalier fumble and rambled 65 yards for a TD.

The Mountaineers had a balanced offensive attack, gaining 128 yards rushing and 70 passing. The defense held the Cavaliers to under 100 yards. In their two wins this fall (the other one was over Ashbrook 19-0), the Mounties have held their opponent under 100 yards total offense.

The rushing yardage was well-distributed among several backs. Jeff Lineberger led the way with 47 yards in 11 carries, Boyce added 41 in 15 totes, Dougy Wright gained 28 in seven tries and Chris Wright 27 in five carries.

East Rutherford's only offensive punch came from tailback Chuck Surratt, who was the game's leading rusher with 70 yards, and came within one block of breaking several long runs.

The Cavaliers drove deep into KM territory only once, that coming in the fourth period. The march was halted by a pass interception by safety Markus Hager at the 10.

Kings Mountain had three other scoring chances, two drives being stopped inside the 20 by loss of downs and the other halted at the one on a pass interception.

KMHS Coach Dan Brooks praised his Mounties for "play-

ing harder", but said he didn't know "that we played well enough to win against a good ballteam."

"I'm not taking anything away from East Rutherford by saying that," he said. "They played hard and have the best back we've seen except for Timmy Kee of Burns. But we didn't play real good. It wasn't a pretty game but it counts in the win column."

Brooks said he felt the Mounties should have scored at least two more times. "But," he said, "our mistakes hurt us. We've got to concentrate on getting the job done and quit stopping ourselves."

"But I felt good about winning," he went on. "We hung good. We played more people and some of them did a real good job. Dexter Tate did a good job at split end for us and John Barnette played well at cornerback. We started John and his playing well allowed us to play Boyce only on offense."

Tate, a senior out for football for the first time, hauled in three Mike Woodberry passes for 28 yards, and Mark F. Smith caught two for 31. Woodberry connected on 7 of 14 in all.

"I thought Woodberry played one of his better games," said Brooks. "He planted his foot and threw the ball well. Darryl Strong and Markus Hager played well on defense for us and Strong took more leadership."

Brooks praised the offense for moving the ball and the defense for getting it in good field position.

"We didn't punt all night," he said, "so that speaks well of the offense. And the defense got the ball for us in good field position and kept East backed up all night."

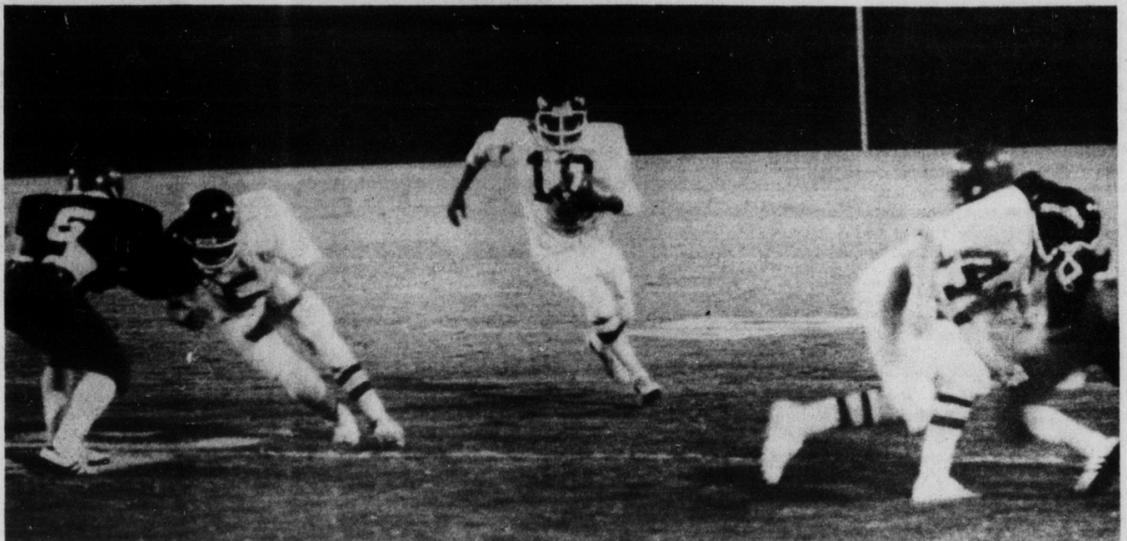
The Mountaineers return home Friday to host unbeaten Crest, which is 4-0 and has a defense that hasn't been scored on.

"We've got to get in a good week of practice and play with a lot of emotion," Brooks said. "I hope all the people will get with us and help us out Friday night."

The Mountaineers remain at home next week to host North Gaston in their annual homecoming contest.



Markus Hager returns pass interception...



Big hole opens for Mounties' Dougy Wright...

## How They Did It

**KM RUSHING**  
Lineberger 11-47; Boyce 15-41; D. Wright 7-28; C. Wright 5-27; Woodberry 4-minus 24.

**KM PASSING**  
Woodberry 7-14-1-70.  
**KM RECEIVING**  
Tate 3-28; M.F. Smith 2-31; C. Wright 1-6; Davis 1-5.

**KM DEFENSE**  
Fumble Recoveries: Hager, Strong, C. Wright.  
Pass Interceptions: Hager.

## Mrs. McCree Wins Contest

Ruth McCree of Kings Mountain has been an avid participant in the Herald's Pick the Winner football contest since it began several years ago.

But, the Route 2, resident hadn't gotten around to entering this year...that is, until last week when she entered and hit 18 of 20 games to win the \$75 prize. "I entered it every week last year," she said, "but this is the first time this year. I try to keep up with the teams pretty good."

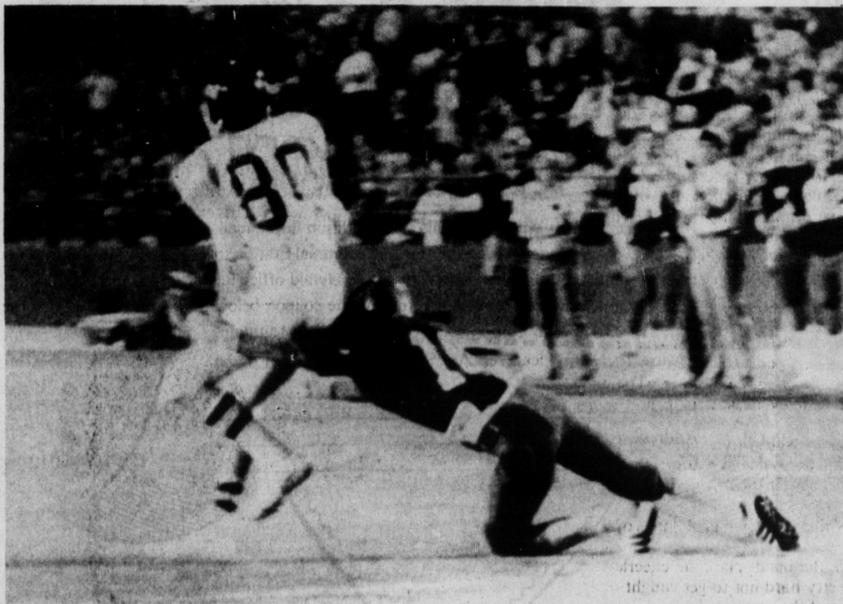
Mrs. McCree outclassed the field in winning the fourth weekly contest. Her only misses were

Bunker Hill's 40-13 win over East Lincoln and N.C. State's 27-7 loss to Wake Forest.

The fifth contest is inside today's Herald. Entries must be received by Friday. To enter, predict the teams you think will win and mail the contest blank to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086; or bring it by our office at the intersection of East King and Canterbury Road.

Scores of last week's games: Kings Mountain 12, East Rutherford 0; Ashbrook 6, South Caldwell 3; Hickory 23,

Huss 0; Bessemer City 13, Foard 12; Maiden 20, Cherryville 13; East Gaston 26, North Gaston 7; Shelby 3, South Point 0; Gaston Day 13, Providence Day 6; Lincolnton 55, West Iredell 0; Bunker Hill 40, East Lincoln 13; Lancaster 29, Clover 0; Burns 23, R-S Central 22 in overtime; Crest 26, Chase 0; UNC 17, Maryland 3; Clemson 17, Western Carolina 10; Wake 27, State 7; Virginia 20, Duke 17; South Carolina 17, Michigan 14; Nebraska 21, Penn State 7; and Georgia Tech 17, Memphis State 8.



Dexter Tate hauls in pass for Mounties...

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