

KM's Kevin Mack Helps Clemson Tigers Hold Off Western 17-10

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CLEMSON, S.C. - Clemson's Tigers, possibly drained emotionally after a near upset of ninth-ranked Georgia a week earlier, held off an upset bid by Western Carolina Saturday at Death Valley and registered a 17-10 victory before 59,000 fans.

The Tigers built up a 10-0 halftime lead on a 24-yard Obid Ariri field goal and a one-yard run off tackle by freshman fullback Edgar Pickett.

But the Catamounts, who fell to 1-3, played as if they had nothing to lose in the second half and used a razzle-dazzle offense to keep the Clemson following in suspense until the final minute.

Coach Danny Ford, whose club improved its record to 2-1, said it was good to get in the win column but the Tigers would have to improve before clashing with unbeaten Virginia Tech in their homecoming game Saturday at 1 p.m.

"I saw some good things," said Ford.

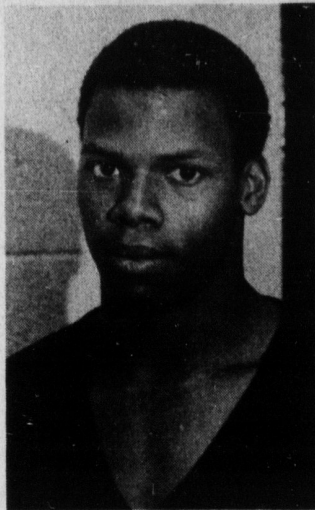
One of the good things he saw was the running of freshman tailback Kevin Mack of Kings Mountain, who gained 49 yards rushing in 10 carries and came within one block of breaking two long touchdown runs.

"Kevin is quick and a good runner," said Ford. "He's going to be playing more and more each week."

Mack entered the game in the second period following a blocked Western Carolina punt at the 29 yard line, and was the key figure in the Tigers' first TD drive.

The 185-pounder was stopped for a loss of two yards on his first try off tackle, and on second and 12, he took an option pitch from quarterback Mike Gasque, circled right end and streaked 16 yards for a first down at the 15.

Following a five-yard illegal procedure penalty, Gasque hit Perry Tuttle with a 17 yard pass



KEVIN MACK

and a first down at the one. After Mack was stopped for no gain, Gasque handed off to Pickett with 1:17 left on the clock and the 220-pound Lexington freshman pranced un-

touched off right tackle into the endzone for a 10-0 lead at intermission.

Western went to the air in the second half and used the razzle-dazzle passing of quarterback David Mashburn to stay in the ballgame.

Midway of the third period, the Catamounts ran a double reverse, with the second ballcarrier pitching the ball back to quarterback Mashburn, who heaved a 55-yard pass to wide receiver Gerald Harp at the Clemson 18. Two plays later, Mashburn and Harp connected on a 14-yard touchdown pass to cut the Clemson lead to 10-7.

The Tigers drove 99 yards early in the fourth quarter to score the clinching touchdown. Pickett and Brendon Crite of Brevard ate up most of the yardage and Chase High's Chuck McSwain got the TD on a one-yard run with 11:03 remaining. Clemson, with Mack the

workhorse, ate up some valuable time off the clock later in the quarter and Western didn't get the ball back until the final four minutes.

The Catamounts drove from its own 33 following a missed 51-yard field goal attempt by Ariri and settled for a 41-yard field goal by Dean Biasucci with 1:01 remaining. An onside kick attempt was recovered by the Tigers and they ran the clock out in two plays.

Clemson chalked up 278 yards rushing, Crite leading the way with 88 yards in 11 carries. Pickett added 81 in 17 tries, Mack 49 in 10 and McSwain 46 in 13.

Western Carolina managed only 125 yards on the ground, but hit on 19 of 34 passes for 196 yards. Harp caught six for 124 yards.

Mack, who missed last week's game with Georgia because of an ankle injury, had long runs of 16, 11 and 14 yards.

Jr. High Jayvees Tie 20-20

Kings Mountain Junior High's jayvee footballers tied Crest 20-20 in a Western Junior High Association contest Wednesday at John Gamble Stadium.

The Little Patriots, 0-1-1, are idle this week. They return to action on Wednesday of next week against Burns at Gamble Stadium.

Kings Mountain led most of the ballgame but Crest scored late in the fourth period to tie the game. The KM defense stopped a two-point conversion try.

The Little Patriots took the ensuing kickoff and had a good drive going, but time expired.

The Little Patriots grabbed the lead in the first period when David Parker passed 35 yards to Lavar Curry, and that 6-0 edge held up until intermission.

Kings Mountain moved ahead 14-0 early in the third quarter when Eric Odoms scored on a 40 yard run and Ben Lockhart ran a two-point conversion.

Crest scored late in the third quarter on a 35 yard run and a two-point conversion, then tied the score at 14-all on a 20 yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain moved ahead 20-14 midway of the final chapter when Curry caught a 20 yard touchdown pass from Parker.

"We showed a lot of improvement over our game with West McDowell two weeks ago," said KM Coach David Greene. "We were proud of the way our defensive line performed, and the offense did a real good job."

Odoms led the KM rushing with 80 yards, Curry gained 72 and Mike Grier 70. Parker hit eight of 17 passes for 113 yards.

Coaches Greene and Greg Paysour cited Steve Falls, Odoms, Lockhart, Robert Applying and Thurndon Brown for their defensive play.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

Central Methodist Church women will conduct a workshop in preparation for the upcoming bazaar on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the church educational building.

CENSUS SURVEY

Mrs. Doris Brooks and Mrs. Janice Teeter will conduct a census survey to seek data on home improvements and upkeep costs during the period Oct. 1 and Oct. 15.

Thursday Activities Rained Out

Rain was the big winner in Kings Mountain High minor sports activities Thursday as the jayvee football, tennis match and cross country events were all washed out.

The events were re-scheduled for yesterday, with the cross country and tennis events set for the afternoon and the football game last night.

The jayvee footballers will play twice this week while the netters will have three matches.

The tennis team was dealt a double blow Thursday. Coach Ed Guy learned that his number four singles player, Karen Ledford, will be out for at least two weeks with a severe ankle sprain.

"It seems like we're having more than our share of misfortunes this season," said Guy. "First, Ronda Guy moved away, and now this. But hopefully, Karen's injury will not be as bad as we first thought and she'll be back in time for the Shelby match."

The jayvee football team, 2-2, faces Crest on the road Thursday night.

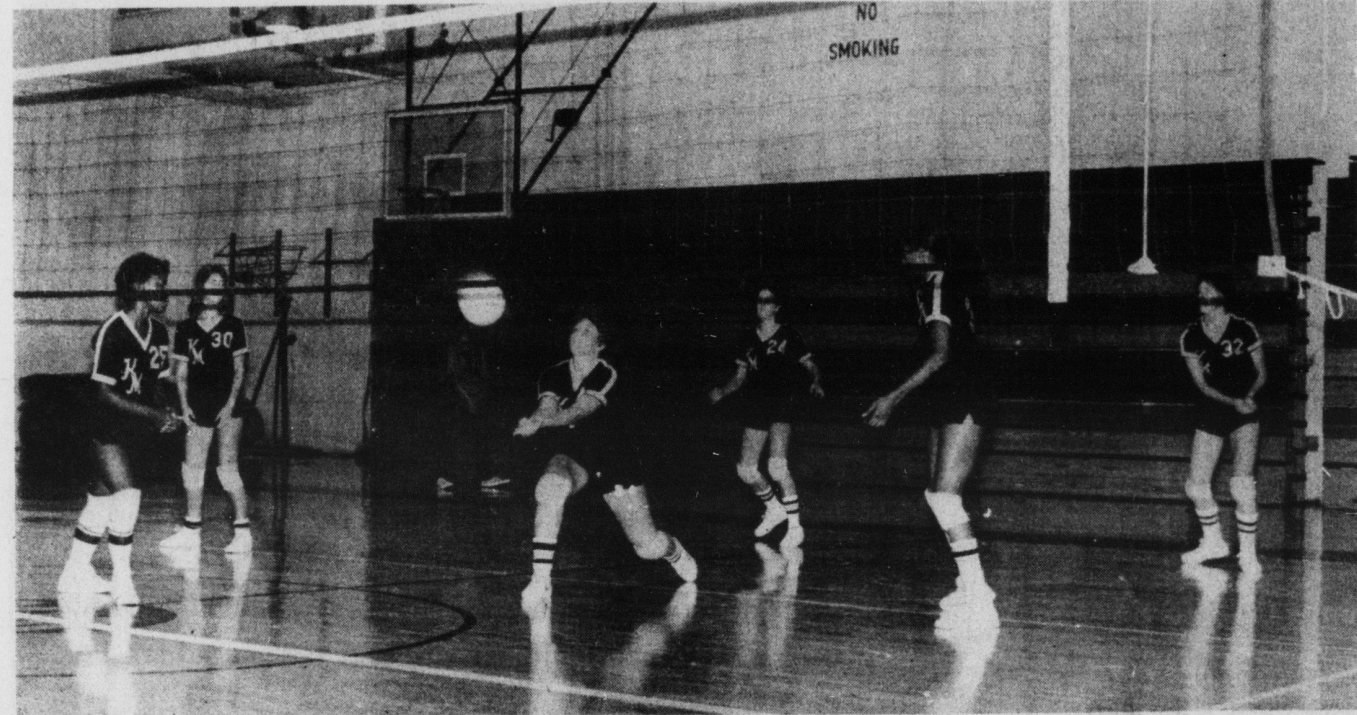


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VOLLEYBALL ACTION - Kings Mountain's Mary Ann White returns a serve to Burns in a Southwestern 3-A Conference volleyball match Wednesday at the KMHS gym. Other KM

players, left to right, are Bam McClain, Leslie Sherrer, Tammy Bolton, Sheryl Goode and Diane Williams.

KMHS Volleyball Team Splits

Kings Mountain High's girls volleyball team split a pair of close Southwestern 3-A Conference matches Wednesday at the KMHS gym, defeating Burns and losing to R-S Central.

The Mountaintettes came from an 11-4 deficit in the third and deciding game to defeat Burns, 15-7, 11-15 and 16-14, and saw R-S Central come from a 14-9 deficit in the third game to win, 15-10, 12-15 and 14-16.

Kings Mountain had three

chances to score the winning point against R-S Central but couldn't control its serves.

"We played real good control ball against R-S, but didn't play that well against Burns," said KMHS Coach Kathy Brooks. "Our serving hurt us against R-S Central, but we had some real good serving out of Leslie Sherrer. She scored several points on her serves."

In action Monday afternoon at Shelby, the Mountaintettes

lost to Chase 15-1, 15-17 and 13-15, and defeated Shelby 15-4 and 15-4.

Coach Brooks cited Leslie Hamrick and Bam McClain for their serving and Williams and Mary Ann White for their all-around play.

The Mountaintettes, 2-4 in the SWC, were scheduled to host East Gaston and South Point yesterday. They travel to North Gaston Wednesday to face the Lady Wildcats and East Rutherford.

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If you are concerned about high taxes and would like to meet Duran Johnson, Bobby Crawford and John Caveny Jr., please attend an open ACT Meeting October 13, 1980 at Shelby City Park, 850 W. Sumter St. at 7:30 p.m.

Please attend the night meeting of the County Commissioners on October 20, 1980 at the Law Enforcement Center at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will give you, the taxpayers, the opportunity to ask questions concerning your county taxes and also hear the answers to questions proposed by ACT.

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