

# Gridders Trip Hilltoppers 13-12, Hit Rippers At Marion Friday Night

## Mountaineers Post 4th Win

Kings Mountain scored two touchdowns on pass plays in the second period last Friday night at Rutherfordton-Spindale high's field and held on during an exciting second half to edge the Hilltoppers 13 to 12. The winning score came on the last play of the first half.

After a scoreless first quarter, Quarterback Ollie Harris passed to Right Halfback Don McCarter early in the second canto for a 35-yard scoring play. Tackle Ken Cook added the extra point, clinching a 78-yard Mountaineer drive.

The Hilltoppers struck back quickly, taking the kickoff and marching 66-yards to paydirt. Max Byrd set up the score with a 40-yard scamper and then carried over from five yards out. Byrd missed the extra point attempt and Kings Mountain led 7-6.

After the following kickoff, Kings Mountain failed to gain and Harris' punt was blocked, placing the Mountaineers in a bad spot.

Two plays later, however, Fullback Richard George intercepted a pass by Hilltopper Quarterback E. J. Huffstickler and raced 50 yards to the losers 26-yard line.

After ramming a first down to the 15, Harris connected with Layton in the end zone for the tally after failing to connect with his receivers on the three previous downs.

The final Hilltopper tally was set up by Huffstickler's fine punting. The big Topper put one out on the Mountaineer 8-yard line. Kings Mountain lost yardage on a pitchout play and Harris punted short, out-of-bounds on the 22-yard line.

Another run by Byrd, for 16 yards, set up the touchdown on the one-yard line, with the little speedster again scoring the six-pointer. Huffstickler failed on a sneak for the point, the margin of victory.

The scrappy, fighting Mountaineers still had their work cut

YARDSTICK		KM	RS
FINAL SCORE		13	12
Touchdowns running		0	2
Touchdowns passing		2	0
1st downs rushing		9	7
Total first downs		13	9
Yds. gained rushing		128	149
Yds. lost rushing		11	24
Net yds. rushing		117	125
Passes attempted		13	11
Passes completed		6	5
Yds. gained passing		84	52
Net rushing & passing		201	177
Number of plays (not counting kicks and penalties where play is nullified)		49	37
Passes intercepted by		2	1
Yards runback		50	3
Number of punts		3	2
Yards punts		42	88
Punts blocked		1	0
Yds. punts averaged		14	44
Yds. punts returned		0	0
Number of kickoffs		2	3
Yards kickoffs		90	130
Yds. kickoffs averaged		45	43.3
Yds. kickoffs returned		28	42
Ball lost on fumbles		0	0
Number of penalties		2	4
Times enforced		1	3
Yds. lost by penalty		5	28
TOTAL YARDS GAINED IN GAME (add yards gained runback punts, kickoffs & intercepted passes to net rushing-passing and penalty gains)		307	227

out for them, however. Kings Mountain began the final period with a battering-ram attack against the huge Hilltopper line. But the drive fizzled after three first downs and 35 yards and Harris kicked out on the 22. The losers then began a march that threatened to go all the way. After driving 53 yards and notching four first downs, the losers had the ball on the Mountaineer 29-yard line. But End Ronnie Layton and Tackle Rennie Arnette teamed to throw Huffstickler for two big losses, totaling 18 yards. Center Milton Hope knocked down a long pass and another pass failed and Kings Mountain took over to ride the clock out.

**Play-by-Play**  
R-S won the toss and elected to

receive, KM kicking from the North goal. Cook kicked to the RS-16 to Henson who ran back 23 yards (Hope). Womack was stopped for no gain (Hope). A charging lineman batted Huffstickler's pass attempt up in the air and Cloninger intercepted for KM, being downed on the RS-40. George lost 3 (Padgett) but O. Harris flipped to McCarter for 12 yards. McCarter made a yard and the 1st down. George was stopped again (Carpenter) but McCarter made 3 and George 5. McCarter was stopped short of a 1st down and the ball went over on the RS-21.

Max Byrd ran a pitchout for 8 yards (G. Harris). Womack made 2 and a 1st (Yelton). Cloninger being injured and leaving the game, Byrd fumbled a hand-off and recovered for a loss of 6 yards. Huffstickler's pass to Padgett was no good, but the big QB hit Hyder for 13 yards to the RS-37. Huffstickler kicked 40 yards, dead on the KM-22. Patterson hit the right side for 5 yards (Padgett) and McCarter hit the left side for 5 (Carpenter), short of a 1st down. Harris sneaked for 2 and the 1st & 10. George made a yard and Layton took Harris' pass for 9 yards and 1st & 10 on the KM-44 as the period ended. Score — KM 0, RS 0.

**Second Quarter**  
Harris, back to his 25 trying to pass, ran to the right for a gain of 7 yards, with Hope being shaken up and leaving the game in favor of Ormand, Patterson added 4 and the 1st. McCarter made 7 and 4 in two tries. McCarter took Harris' pass on the RS-30, ran towards a defender on the 10 and cut back to his left for the touchdown, a 35-yard play. Cook added the point from placement. Score — KM 7, RS 0.

Cook kicked 45 yards, Byrd running back 19 to the RS-34. (Goforth - Abernathy - Arnette - G. Harris). Womack made 3 (Caveny-Hope) and a short gain on the next rush that was nullified when RS drew 5 for illegal motion. Byrd made 4 on a dive (stopped by the right side). Hope hit Huffstickler's pass up in the air and Henson caught it for a gain of 7 (McCarter-G. Harris), short of a 1st. On 4th down, Huffstickler sneaked for a yard and

## HOW THEY DID IT

RUSHING:		KINGS MOUNTAIN		Net	Avg.
PLAYER					
Patterson	8	47	8	39	4.9
McCarter	12	45	0	45	3.8
George	11	26	3	23	2.1
O. Harris	5	10	0	10	2.0
TOTALS	36	128	11	117	3.3

PASSING:		KINGS MOUNTAIN		Yds.
PLAYER				
O. Harris	13	5	1	84
Huffstickler	10	3	2	52
Yelton	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	8	3	136

RECEIVING:		KINGS MOUNTAIN		Yds.
PLAYER				
McCarter	3	12	35	47
Layton	2	1	9	10
Abernathy	1	1	1	2
Padgett	1	7	12	19
Henson	1	1	1	2
Hyder	1	1	1	13

kept possession. Hyder made 9 and Henson let Huffstickler's pass slide out of his arms at the west sidelines. Byrd took a pitchout to his left and ran 40 yards to the KM-5. Byrd took a pitch out to the other side for 5 and the TD. Byrd's kick for point was no good. Score — KM 7, RS 6.

Wade Byrd kicked 42 yards to Marlowe, who ran back 10 yards to the KM-27. With 4 minutes left, George made 4 and Patterson 2. Harris' toss slipped off Layton's fingertips. Harris' punt was blocked by Padgett and C. Byrd and RS took over on the KM-31. Byrd made 4 yards (Hope-Patterson), George intercepted Huffstickler's pass on the 25 and raced 50 yards to the RS-26. McCarter took Harris' toss for 5 yards. Harris' pass to Abernathy in the end zone fell incomplete. Harris was trapped back to pass and tried to run the center for no gain, a penalty against KM for use of the hands being refused, McCarter made 6 yards and a 1st & 10 at the RS-15. Harris passed — to McCarter in the flat incomplete; to McCarter in the right flat, incomplete. With seconds remaining, Harris hit Layton with a strike in the end zone for a touchdown, a penalty for holding against RS being refused. Cook's kick was inches wide to the left of the cross bars. Score at the half — KM 13, RS 6.

**Third Quarter**  
KM received in the South end. Wayne Byrd kicking 40 yards to Patterson who ran back 5 to the KM-25. McCarter made 6, George was stopped and Patterson ran for 17 and 1st Down No. 9. McCarter made 2 and Abernathy caught Harris' pass as he was falling for 8 yards, short of a 1st. Harris sneaked but was stopped inches short, George bulled for a yard and the 1st & 10. George made 6 and was stopped for no gain. Patterson made 6 and a 1st but KM drew 5 for offside, nullifying the play. Padgett intercepted Harris' toss to McCarter on the 35 and ran back 3 yards.

Byrd ran the right flank for 16 (G. Harris) and was stopped after a yard into the line (Caveny). Huffstickler ran the option to his left for a gain, cancelled when RS was called for clipping on the KM-42 and penalized 15 to the RS-43. Womack made a yard (Hope) and Huffstickler 6 (Yelton) to the 50. Huffstickler's kick went out on the KM-8, a 42 yard boot. Patterson failed to hold on to a pitch, fumbled and recovered on the KM-3. Harris punted short, out on the KM-22. Byrd made 2 (Yelton) and Huffstickler 3 (Caveny-Yelton). Byrd slipped through his left side for 16 (G. Harris) to the KM-1. Byrd went over on the next play for the TD as the period ended. Huffstickler failed on a sneak for the point. Score — KM 13, RS 12.

**Fourth Quarter**  
W. Byrd kicked 48 yards to McCarter who ran back 13 yards to the KM-25. Patterson made 4, running with a distinct limp. McCarter made 7 and 1st Down No. 11. Patterson pulled a surprise with 15 at the left side as KM continued to roll. George made 6 and 3 in two plays. McCarter made a yard and 1st & 10 on a dive. Patterson recovered a fumble for minus 3. McCarter made 2 and Harris' pass to McCarter fell incomplete. Harris punted out on the RS-18.

Huffstickler ran a bootleg play to his right for 12 yards (G. Harris-George) and 1st Down No. 6. Byrd made 3 to his left (George-Hope) and 8 to his right (Layton). Byrd hit into the left side again for 4 (Patterson). Byrd failed to gain to his right (Layton). Huffstickler passed to Padgett for 7 and a 1st down. Byrd's gain was cancelled when RS drew 5 for illegal motion. Huffstickler hit Padgett with a spot pass for 12 yards, short of a 1st. Padgett went up in the air to snatch Huffstickler's pass with one hand for 13 yards to keep the drive rolling on the KM-29. Huffstickler went back to his right on the bootleg but was nailed for a loss of 7 yards (Layton). With 40 seconds left, Huffstickler's pass to Byrd fell incomplete. Wyman Yelton came into the backfield for RS and threw long and high to Byrd but the ball was batted down (Hope). Huffstickler could find no receivers and was nailed for a loss of 11 (Arnette-Layton) and KM took over on the KM-47.

## Kickoff Slated For 8 O'clock

After dropping heart-breaking one-touchdown decisions to Marion high's Rippers the past two seasons, Kings Mountain high school's Mountaineers are determined to ride out a victory over Coach Art Ditt's tough mountain boys at Marion Friday night. Kickoff is slated for 8 p. m. and a large Kings Mountain following is expected to be on hand.

The Rippers downed Kings Mountain here last season 7-0 on a 36-yard fourth period pass play. In 1950, a last minute desperation Kings Mountain pass was intercepted by a Marion end and a long run-back set up the game's only score a play later. That final tally was also 7-0.

With a much better scoring punch this season, one that has clicked at a two-touchdown-per-game pace against some tough Western AA opposition, the Mountaineers seem destined to erase the 0-mark this season at least.

Comparison of scores against a common opponent, Forest City—Kings Mountain edged the Rutherford County lads 14-12 here on October 2nd, the Forest City lads defeated Marion on September 18 by 13-6.

Last week, Coach Ditt's eleven rose up and downed tough Hickory. But they also did that in 1952, when Hickory was stronger. The Mountaineers will not be at top strength for the tilt, it appears. Ken Cloninger, injured in the Rutherfordton-Spindale game last week, is probably out for another week. Ken Cook, husky tackle and extra point specialist, appears out for the season, also a casualty (clipped in the open near mid-field on a punt play) of the rough thriller last week.

Coach Shu Carlton has been

## LINEUPS

POS.	KINGS MTN.	R-SPINDALE
LE	Abernathy	Doug Padgett
LT	Arnette	Steve Martin
LG	Caveny	Charles Byrd
RG	Yelton	Wade Byrd
RT	Goforth	Al Thompson
RE	Layton	Jim Ellis
QB	O. Harris	Bill Carpenter
RB	McCarter	E. J. Huffstickler
LB	Patterson	Max Byrd
FB	George	Johnny Womack
		James Hyder

SCORE BY PERIODS:  
KINGS MOUNTAIN 0 13 0 0-13  
RUTH-SPINDALE 0 6 6 0-12

SCORING: KINGS MTN. Touchdowns — McCarter 1 (35-yard pass, 2nd quarter); PAT—Cook 1 (placement). RUTH-SPINDALE Touchdowns — M. Byrd 2 (5-yard run, 2nd quarter; and 1-yard plunge, 3rd quarter).

SUBS: KINGS MTN. ends, Platt; tackles, Cook; guards, Cloninger; centers, Ormand; backs, Marlowe, G. Harris, RUTH-SPINDALE ends, Eugene Hanson; tackles, Roy Dixon; Frank Geer; guards, Jim Moorman, Bobby Tomlin; centers, Van Hardin; backs, Wyman Yelton, Bill Miller.

OFFICIALS: Harry Barkley, Block Mountain; referee; Joe Crowder, Shelby; umpire; Everett Genitt, Belmont; head linesman; and Everette Media, Kings Mountain, field judge.

shifting some of his players around this week and may have found some defensive help for the over-worked forwards, according to reports from the Mountain camp. Coach Carl- ton gave the players the day off Monday, deserved after the past two tough contests.

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