

Marion Takes Mountaineers 12 - 6

Rippers Block Punt To Win Game; George Scores For Kings Mountain

Marion high school's "Rippers" edged Kings Mountain 12 to 6 last Friday night at Marion in a Western AA Conference scrap.

The Mountaineers failed to generate any power against a scrappy Ripper defense and the hard-rushing crew effectively bottled up Ollie Harris' passing attack.

Marion opened the scoring after a 0-0 first quarter deadlock, going over shortly after the half-way point in the second period after winning on a fourth down gamble on the Kings Mountain 40-yard line six plays earlier.

Sub Fullback John Lamb made the last 20 yards after a pass from Blocking Back Don Atkins to Tailback J. T. Davis for 17 yards set up the ball on the 20. Lamb cracked for 15 and four yard gains and bulled over from the one to paydirt. His kick for point was blocked and the winners enjoyed a 6-0 half-time lead.

Kings Mountain took the second half kickoff and marched 70 yards to tie the game. Quarterback Ollie Harris "sneaked" through the Ripper defenses and raced 51 yards to set the ball up on the Marion 15-yard line. Fullback Richard George made gains of two and eight yards and Right Halfback Don McCarter made a yard to set up George's four-yard scoring thrust. Harris' kick for point failed and it was a new game.

After an exchange of punts and a 20-yard Davis runback, Marion had the ball on Kings Mountain's 43-yard line. Davis passed to End Chuck Smith, who caught the ball near the right sidelines and went all the way but was ruled out-of-bounds on the Mountaineer 27-yard line.

Center Milton Hope recovered a Marion fumble on the next play but the Mountaineers lost yardage on three downs and Guard Ray Lewis broke through to block Harris' punt and Linebacker Ben Ruffelt picked up the loose ball on the five and hopped into the end zone for the winning touchdown.

It was a tough loss for Kings Mountain, playing without the services of Tackle Ken Cook and Guard Ken Cloninger, defensive linemen. Play-by-Play Marion won the loss and elected to receive Kings Mountain kicking from the North goal. Layton kicked 25 yards to Mask who ran back 11 yards to the M-46 (Layton, Abernathy). Ruffelt made 3 into the line (Arnette-George). Davis made 5 off right tackle and Purvis lost 6 on a reverse to his left (George-

HOW THEY DID IT

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back to the KM-45 where it was downed. KM refused a penalty against M for interference with the fair catch and KM took over on the KM-45.

George was stopped for no gain (Huffman-Miller). Harris shot a lateral pass back to Patterson but he lost a yard on the play (Miller). Harris went back to pass and had to eat the leather (Huffman), losing 14 yards. Harris punted 30 yards to Davis who ran back 11 yards (Hope-Yelton) to the KM-49.

Davis passed to Atkins for 6 yards (G. Harris). Mask lost 8 on an end-around (Layton-McCarter). Davis hit Mask for 40 yards (McCarter). With 4th and 2, Davis hit right tackle for 3 and the important 1st down. Marion's first on the game, Davis' pass to Mask fell incomplete and his next one to Boliek was knocked down (George). Atkins dropped back and hit Davis with a pass for 17 yards (Caveny) to the KM-20. Lamb came in at fullback and went over right guard for 15 yards. Lamb hit the line for 4 and went over for the touchdown on the one. Lamb's placement try for point was blocked. Score—M 6, KM 0.

Miller kicked a short one 15 yards to Hope, who ran back 7 yards to the M-48. George lost 3 (Huffman) and McCarter lost 4 (Mask). George gained 3 on a pitchout (Huffman). Harris punted 34 yards to Davis, who was stopped for no gain on the runback (Arnette-Yelton).

Davis hit the right flank for 10, short of a 1st down (McCarter), and Atkins was injured on the play, leaving the game. Ruffelt lost a yard (Hope) and Davis made the first down with 2 at right tackle (Caveny). Lamb ran around the right side for 9 (Abernathy) as the half ended. Score—M 6, KM 0.

Third Quarter Purvis, kicking from the North goal, booted the ball 42 yards to McCarter who ran back 12 yards (Davis). McCarter hit the line for 4 and Harris went through the center of the line, broke into the clear and raced to the M-15 where he was hauled down from behind (Boliek). It was the Mountaineers' second first down of the game. George made 2 in to the line (Lewis) and cracked the left side for 8, short of a 1st. McCarter made one and a 1st down on a dive. George cracked over the left side from 4 yards out for the touchdown. The point try, Ollie Harris kicking and George Harris holding, was blocked after a bad center. Score—KM 6, M 6.

Layton kicked to the M-38 and the ball was returned 8 yards. Lamb picked up 2 yards and Purvis was stopped for no gain (Layton-Arnette). Ruffelt made 5 yards (George-Hope). From punt formation, Purvis ran to the right flank but lost a yard (Layton). Mask punted short and high but the ball hit a Marion player on the KM-33 and rolled

Harris hit McCarter for 18 and a 1st (Miller). With two minutes and 10 seconds remaining, Harris over-shot Layton in the right corner and missed Abernathy in the left corner with long passes. Harris' pass to McCarter in the flat fell incomplete but M drew 5 for off-sides. Harris went back to pass but had to run out to his left and gained 10 yards for a 1st down on the M-25. KM drew 5 for too many time outs and Harris picked up 3 when he had to run out of a trap while trying to find a receiver. Layton took Harris' short toss for 2 yards (Purvis). Harris' pass attempt was blocked on the line (Huffman) and Harris went back to pass but had to eat it for a 6 yard loss as the game ended.

George powered over the right side for 23 yards and the first 1st down of the game. McCarter made 9 on a dive play (Miller). Patterson was stopped for minus 2 (Huffman). Harris' pass was intercepted by Atkins who ran back 10 yards to the M-40 (Arnette).

Davis was stopped after a yard (Caveny) and Boliek picked up 4 on a reverse (G. Harris-Caveny). Davis ran his play for 3 more (Layton) and Mask kicked dead on the KM-17, good for 35 yards. George picked up 2 (Ruffelt-Lewis) and Patterson lost one (Lytle) as the first period ended, scoreless.

Second Quarter McCarter picked up 3 yards (Ruffelt-Miller) and Harris punted 32 yards to the M-45 to Davis who lost 5 trying to run it back (Layton). Ruffelt fumbled a handoff and recovered for a yard gain (Layton-Arnette). Ruffelt made 5 yards (George-Hope). From punt formation, Purvis ran to the right flank but lost a yard (Layton). Mask punted short and high but the ball hit a Marion player on the KM-33 and rolled

Patterson picked up 5 on a dive (Miller) but George lost 8 on a pitchout (Lytle). Harris went back to pass, was rushed hard by Huffman and laterally to George who was stopped 10 yards short of the line of scrimmage (Purvis-Lytle). Harris punted 33 yards to Mask who raced back 20 yards to the KM-43. Davis' long pass to Mask was broken up (Hope-G. Harris). Davis hit Smith with a pass on the KM-28 and the head linesman ruled the lanky end had stepped on the line at the 27, a gain of 16 yards and a 1st down. No. 5 Purvis ran a reverse to his left, fumbled and Hope recovered for KM on the KM-30.

Harris was trapped for minus 10 (Huffman - Lewis) trying to pass and McCarter picked up 4 on a dive. Harris went back to pass, was almost trapped but ran out to his left for a 3 yard gain. Harris' kick was blocked by Lewis and Ruffelt picked up the ball on the 5 and stepped over for the touchdown. Davis' try at the line for the point was stopped short. Score—M 12, KM 6.

Bradley kicked to the KM-34 and George returned 12 yards (Ruffelt). McCarter was stopped for minus 4 yards as the period ended. Score—M 12, KM 6.

Fourth Quarter Harris tossed a short lateral to McCarter who was stopped for minus 2 (Mask). Harris' punt was blocked but M drew 5 for off-sides and Harris punted 30 yards to Davis who ran back 11 to the M-31.

Ruffelt was stopped in the line for no gain (Arnette-Hope). Boliek made 5 (Hope - Abernathy - G. Harris). Lamb made 4 (Blanton) and with 4th and 1 to go Mask kicked short, 10 yards out on the M-49.

McCarter made 7 and Patterson 6 on dives. Harris, attempting to toss out to McCarter fumbled the ball and M recovered on the M-44, a loss of 8 on the play. Lamb made 6 but M was penalized back to the M-26 for illegal use of the hands. Davis made 4 off tackle and Lamb picked up 3. Purvis punted 50 yards to the KM-16.

George hit the line for 7 (Lamb-Miller) and Patterson made 6 on a dive. Patterson lost a yard into the line and Harris passed to McCarter for 5 (Mask). Harris hit Layton for 11 yards and 1st Down No. 6. Harris lost 7 trying to pass (Huffman) and was dropped for a two-yard loss but M drew 5 for off-sides. Harris' pass to Abernathy was incomplete.

YARDSTICK

Table with columns: FINAL SCORE, Touchdowns running, TD, blocked punt, 1st downs rushing, 1st downs passing, Total first downs, Yds. gained rushing, Yds. lost rushing, Net yds. rushing, Passes attempted, Passes completed, Yds. gained passing, Net rushing & passing, Number of plays (not counting kicks and penalties where play is nullified), Average gain per play, Passes intercepted by, Yards runback, Number of punts, Yards punts, Punt blocked, Yds. punts averaged, Yds. punts returned, Number of kickoffs, Yds. kickoffs, Yds. kickoffs averaged, Yds. kickoffs returned, Ball lost on fumbles, Number of penalties, Times enforced, Yds. lost by penalty, TOTAL YARDS GAINED IN GAME, Yards gained runback punts, kickoffs & intercepted passes to net rushing-passing and penalty gains.

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LINEUPS

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SCORE BY PERIOD: KING MOUNTAIN 0 6 6 0-12; MARION 0 0 6 0-6.

SCORING: KING MOUNTAIN: Touchdown—George 1 (4-yard pass, 3rd quarter); MARION: Touchdown—Lamb 1 (5-yard run with blocked kick); SUBS: KING MOUNTAIN: ends, Platt; tackles, Mays; guards, Blanton; and backs, G. Harris, Marlowe and Smith; MARION: ends, Jack Randolph; guards, Don Moody; tackles, Bob Bentley; and backs, John Lamb and Ray Purvis. OFFICIALS: Harry Berkeley, Black Mountain; referee, Herb Coleman; umpire, Leroy Bronson; head linesman, and Doug Holcomb, field judge.

Leading Alley Cats Continue To "Roll"

The Alley Cats continued to "roll" in Kings Mountain Bowling League action at Shelby Recreation Center Monday night and the Luckies also posted a victory to climb into undisputed ownership of second place. The loop-leading Cats have now won six of seven matches, while the runner-up Luckies have won four of seven.

Ralph Arrowood posted a 302 and Jim Hamrick an even 300 to pace the league leaders over the Mountaineers 1480-1434. The other three Cat bowlers approached the 300-mark, Red Morrison hitting 294, Paul Ware 293 and Boyd Howell 291. Jack Clark had 310 for the losers to take high set honors and John Kezziah took the high line with 115 as the Mountaineers salvaged honors in the match.

The Luckies posted a tight, 13-pin victory over the Independents in the other match. Score was 1393-1380. Furman Wilson was the only player of the two teams to break 300. He hit 301 for high set honors and Clavon Kelly, Albert Brackett and Bill Logan each had 113 lines to tie for high line. The lineups and scores:

Table with columns: LUCKIES (4-3), INDEPENDENTS (4-3), ALLEY CATS (6-1), MOUNTAINEERS (3-2). Rows include player names and scores.

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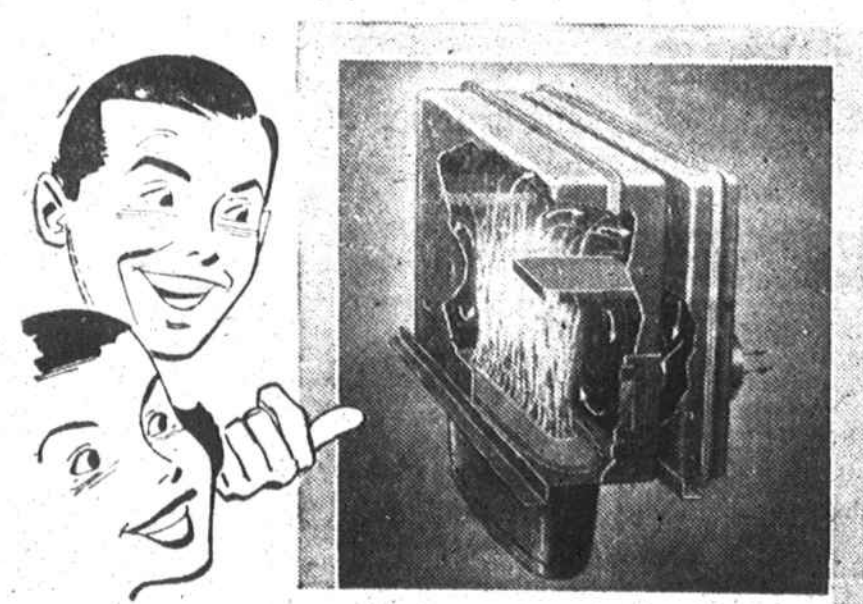
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