

# Mountaineers Battle From Behind To Tie Belmont 7-7

## Kings Mountain Closing Assault Nine Yards Short

Kings Mountain and Belmont fought to a thrilling 7-7 tie at Belmont last Friday night before some 4,000 fans, with the Mountaineers falling by nine yards to push over the winning marker late in the contest.

With many of the large crowd pushing onto the edge of the field and the remainder hanging onto their seats, Kings Mountain drove to the Belmont 11-yard line with about three minutes left.

But the Mountaineers, without the services of their hammering fullback, Mearl Valentine, failed to reach paydirt. Four plays netted two yards, with Belmont recovering a fumble on the fourth down play on their 9-yard line.

Belmont marched smartly out of the hole on three line smashes by Fullback J. C. O'Daniel good for 13, 6 and 6 yards but on the final series of the game missed the services of their ace tailback, Doug Mauldin, in a bid to pull the game out of the fire. The Raiders lost three yards on two running plays and failed to connect on two passes as the game ended.

Valentine and Mauldin were ejected from the game after the Belmont tailback had tackled the big Kings Mountain fullback at the Raiders' 11-yard line in the final Mountaineer stab.

Kings Mountain marched 56 yards to score its touchdown on the third play of the final chapter after Belmont had taken a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter.

Taking over on their 44 after Belmont punt, the Mountaineers vent the distance in nine plays. Fullback Charles Smith covered

### HOW THEY DID IT

#### RUSHING:

PLAYER	Kings Mountain	Belmont	Net	Avg.
E. Marlowe	11	32	1	51
Valentine	14	77	2	75
C. Smith	9	33	0	33
Harris	8	11	13	-2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>187</b>

#### PASSING:

PLAYER	Kings Mountain	Belmont	Net	Avg.
O'Daniel	12	63	0	63
Mauldin	15	63	25	68
Kale	3	16	12	4
Maynard	1	0	0	0
Knio	1	0	3	-3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>132</b>

#### RECEIVING:

PLAYER	Kings Mountain	Belmont	Yds.
Goforth	2	1	14
O'Daniel	1	1	5
Kale	1	1	10

off and marched to its touchdown without giving up the ball. With Mauldin running for 22 yards on sweeps and Fullback O'Daniel going for 20 more on line plays, the Raiders marched to the Kings Mountain 22 after returning the kickoff 21 yards. Mauldin made four yards but the Raiders drew a 15-yard penalty for holding, setting the stage for a 37-yard scoring dash by the speedy tailback. Mauldin ran over the extra point to give the Raiders a 7-point lead.

Kings Mountain drew three penalties on the next six plays and was unable to get an attack going (one penalty cost the Mountaineers a first-and-ten on the second offensive effort) and Mauldin kept the visitors in a hole with punts downed on the four and five-yard lines during the next several series of downs.

Belmont began applying offensive pressure after the second punt exchange gave the Raiders the ball on the Kings Mountain 40. The Raiders marched to the 14-yard line in four plays but the Mountaineer defenses stiffened and threw the attack back to the 26 where Co-Captain Ken Cloninger and Tackle Cook recovered a fourth-down fumble to halt the threat.

Marlowe broke through on a 27-yard dash on the next play but two plays later Blocking Back Gary Cannon intercepted a Harris pass and ran 46 yards to the Kings Mountain 22 to put the Raiders in threatening position again. The Mountaineers threw back the threat and contained the Raiders the rest of the game, Belmont only penetrating two yards into Kings Mountain territory during the remainder of the evening.

Kings Mountain dominated the statistics, holding the vaunted Mauldin to 68 yards net gain rushing. It was the only game of the season that the tailback terror had been held under 100 yards rushing. He netted 80 yards in

### YARDSTICK

FINAL SCORE	KM	B
Touchdowns rushing	7	1
PAT. rushing	0	1
PAT. placemat	1	0
1st Downs rushing	9	8
1st Downs passing	2	1
Total First Downs	11	9
Yds. gained rushing	203	172
Yds. lost rushing	16	40
Net Rushing Gain	187	132
No. rushes attempted	42	32
Average per rush	4.5	4.1
Passes attempted	5	10
Passes completed	2	17
Yds. Gained Passing	24	172
Net Rush-Passing	211	149
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Yards Runback	9	46
Number of plays (not counting kicks and penalties where play is nullified)	47	42
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.5	3.6
Number of punts	4	4
Yards punts went	26	137
Punts had blocked	0	0
Yds. punts averaged	31.5	34.5
Yds. Punts Returned	4	2
Number of kickoffs	2	2
Yds. kickoffs went	66	90
Yds. kickoffs averaged	33	45
Yds. KO Returned	43	21
Ball lost on downs	1	2
Ball lost on fumbles	1	1
Number of penalties	8	8
Times enforced	5	5
Yds. Penalized	51	55
<b>TOTAL YARDS GAINED IN GAME (odd yards gained run-back punts, kickoffs, intercepted passes, &amp; recovered fumbles to net rushing and passing yardage plus penalty gains)</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>269</b>

the first half but the Mountaineers stopped him for minus 12 in the last two periods as Belmont had the ball for only 10 scrimmage plays in the last half prior to the final Kings Mountain drive.

Marlowe and Valentine paced the Kings Mountain ground attack which rolled up a net of 187 yards. The senior halfback got 81 yards on 11 efforts for an average of 7.4 and the big junior fullback rolled up 75 on 14 smashes for a 5.4 average.

After the heated battle, players from the two teams "huddled" on the field as one of the Belmont players led the group in a prayer and all joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer in closing.

### LINEUPS

POS.	KINGS MTN.	BELMONT
LE	Eddie Goforth	Carroll Trull
LT	Buddy Mayes	Tony Smith
LC	Ken Cloninger	Ken Auten
C	Palmer Huffstetler	Ronnie Helton
RC	Charles Velton	Eugene Byers
RT	Ken Cook	Eddie Thrower
RE	Dewitt Blanton	Denny Williams
QB	George Harris	Gary Cannon
RH	Charles Smith	Hail Kain
LH	Earl Marlowe	Doug Mauldin
FB	Mearl Valentine	J. C. O'Daniel

### SCORE BY QUARTERS:

QUARTER	KINGS MTN.	BELMONT
1st	0	0
2nd	0	0
3rd	7	0
4th	0	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

### SCORING:

KINGS MTN. Touchdowns — Valentine 1 (13-yd. smash, 4th quarter); PAT — Cook 1 (placement). BELMONT Touchdowns — Mauldin 1 (37-yd. run, 1st quarter); PAT — Mauldin 1 (line plunge). SUBS: KINGS MTN. — ends, Charles Bridges; guards, Leonard Wright; centers, Joe Ormand; backs, Mike Houser. BELMONT — ends, Kelly Kee; tackles, Joe Lewis; guards, Jimmy Ditz, Truett Lineberger; backs, Buddy Eller, Dusty Maynard, Tommy McIntyre, Charles Enloe, Don Thomas.

OFFICIALS: Nick Ognovich, Charlotte. Referee: Frank Shaver, Salisbury. Umpire: Albert Saleeby, Salisbury. Linesman: and Charles Vaughn, Charlotte, Judge.



IN BOWL GAME — Mountain-ears Ken Cloninger, top, and Dewitt Blanton, bottom, have been selected on the East team for the annual Asheville Optimist Bowl game to be played Thanksgiving Day. The two seniors will man guard positions on the all-star club, which will be tutored by Coach Shu Carlton, also of Kings Mountain high. Cloninger is being sponsored by the Jaycees and Blanton by the Lions club.

### Narrow Victories Feature Bowling

Close matches featured action in Kings Mountain Bowling League play at Shelby Recreation Center Monday night.

The leading Alley Cats edged the Lucky Five by 16 pins and the Keglers defeated the Independents by 26.

### MATCHES OF NOV. 15

Alley Cats (11-2)	Lucky Five (5-7)	Keglers (5-7)	Independents (4-9)
Carpenter 294	Herndon 291	Jones 272	Rhee 305
Kendrid 307	Arrowood 324	Falls 283	Barber 259
Siler 276	Howell 270	Wright 270	Morrison 259
Gamble 312	Houser 294	Everhart 306	Hanrick 286
Ware 299	Clark 283	Wilson 331	Brackett 327
<b>TOTAL</b> 1488	<b>TOTAL</b> 1472	<b>TOTAL</b> 1478	<b>TOTAL</b> 1446
High Line — Gamble, 116.	High Set — Arrowood, 524.	High Line — Brackett, 125.	High Set — Wilson, 331.

## Belmont Player Ruled Ineligible; Hilltoppers Awarded Loop Bunting

### MOUNTAINEERS FINISH IN TIE FOR 3RD PLACE

The executive committee of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association, in special meeting at Mooresville Monday afternoon, ruled that Belmont high had used an ineligible player in five loop games and handed the Red Raiders' crown to Rutherfordford-Spindale high's Hilltoppers.

The action left Kings Mountain high's Mountaineers in a tie for third place in the final standings of the South Group, Western AA Conference WNCESAA.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	PT.
Ruth. Spindale	5	1	0	833
Shelby	4	2	0	667
<b>KINGS MTN.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>583</b>
Forest City	3	2	1	583
Lincolnton	2	3	1	416
Cherryville	2	4	0	333
Belmont	0	5	1	083

(\*—includes Belmont wins forfeited to Ruth-Spindale, Forest City, and Lincolnton and Belmont tie forfeited to Cherryville by action of WNCESAA Executive Committee on Nov. 15.)

for third place in the final standings of the South Group, Western AA Conference, a unit of the WNCESAA, and earned the Hilltoppers the right to meet the winner of a North Group playoff game between Valdese and Wilkes Central for the conference crown.

The North Group playoff game is scheduled at Hickory Friday night, with the conference championship to be decided on November 26. Valdese and Wilkes Central deadlocked with 6-1 loop records for first place in the "Yankee" group.

Tip-off to Monday's action

wins over Rutherfordford-Spindale (13-0), Forest City (34-6) and Lincolnton (27-4) to losses and moved an opening game tie with Cherryville (13-13) into the leaders' loss column. Belmont lost to Shelby (6-25) and the 7-7 tie with Kings Mountain was not changed because Wentz did not play in the game.

Belmont was the defending Western Conference champion, winning the loop crown last season prior to division of the loop into North and South groups. The Raiders lost to Albermarle of the South Piedmont conference for the WNCESAA crown last season. No WNCESAA championship game is scheduled this season under the new group setup.

### CARDS OF THANKS

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