

# Mountaineers Romp On Bessemer City 59-0 In Opener

## McGinnis Leads Romp With Three Touchdowns

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers got off to a rip-roaring start for the 1955 football season by romping over Bessemer City by a 59-0 score Friday night.

After being held to one touchdown in the first quarter, the Mountaineers broke loose for three more TDs in the second stanza to put the game on ice.

Bessemer City never seriously threatened to score during the game, although penalties hurt them in several instances.

The Mountaineers won the toss and elected to receive, taking a short kick-off on their own 47 yard line. They immediately drove for a first down on runs of 6 and 11 yards over left guard by John McGinnis and Mearl Valentine.

Finding themselves stymied on the ground, the local lads then kicked out of bounds on the Bessemer City 21 yard line with George Harris doing the punting.

Bessemer City picked up five yards on two running plays, and quick-kicked to Kings Mountain's 36 yard line.

Mearl Valentine, husky full-back, promptly picked up 48 yards to the Yellow Jacket 4. On the next play, Valentine plunged over the goal line for the first touchdown. J. L. Stewart split the uprights with a perfect kick for the extra point.

A bad kick-off gave Bessemer City the ball on the Mountaineer 49 yard line, but the Jackets found the rough Kings Mountain line too much to cope with. After a loss of six yards on three plays, they kicked.

McGinnis and Valentine romped for runs of 8 and 12 yards to give the Mountaineers their fifth first down of the game. McGinnis and Harris then reeled off runs of six and five yards for the next

YARDSTICK		KM	BC
FINAL SCORE		59	0
Touchdowns rushing	6	0	0
TD, passing	2	0	0
TD, fumble/ruckback	1	0	0
TOTAL TD'S	9	0	0
POT. placements	4	0	0
PAT. passing	1	0	0
TOTAL PAT.	5	0	0
First Downs rushing	6	6	0
FD, passing	1	0	0
TOTAL 1st DOWNS	7	6	0
Yds. gained rushing	282	132	32
Yds. lost rushing	10	32	32
NET RUSH GAIN	272	100	0
No. rushes attempted	27	33	33
Average per rush	9.4	3.0	0
Passes attempted	6	3	0
Passes completed	4	0	0
YDS. GAINED PASSING	69	0	0
Net Rush & Passing	335	100	0
Number of plays (not counting kicks and penalties where play is nullified)	34	42	42
Avg. Gain Per Play	9.8	2.4	0
Passes intercepted by	1	0	0
YARDS RUNBACK	19	0	0
Number of punts	1	5	5
Yards punts went	22	120	120
Punts had blocked	0	0	0
Yds. punts averaged	22	30	0
YDS. RETURNED	49	0	0
Number of kickoffs	10	1	0
Yds. kickoffs went	353	13	0
Yds. kickoffs averaged	39.3	13	0
YDS. KO RETURNED	0	101	101
Ball lost on downs	1	0	0
Ball lost on fumbles	0	4	4
YDS. FUMBLES RET.	65	0	0
Number of penalties	8	12	12
Times enforced	5	7	7
YDS. PENALIZED	45	49	49
TOTAL YARDS GAINED IN GAME (add yards gained run-back punts, kickoffs, intercept passes, & net covered fumbles to net rushing, passing plus penalty gains)	517	246	246

first down.

Mike Houser, who replaced Jerry McCarter in the Mountaineer line-up, got loose for five yards, as the quarter ended with the ball on the Yellow Jacket's 20 yard line.

Mearl Valentine picked up four yards on the second play of the

second quarter to the one yard line, after George Harris had brought the ball to the Jacket five-yard line on an option play good for 15 yards.

Harris then sneaked over for the second TD. The extra point try by Stewart veered to the left and the Mountaineers led by a score of 13-0 in the early minutes of the second quarter.

Still unable to move on the ground after they had taken the kick-off on their own six-yard line, the Jackets punted to their own 37-yard stripe.

George Harris took the punt and raced for 33 yards to the Jacket 4-yard stripe. Three plays later, Kings Mountain had its third touchdown as Jerry McCarter plunged over from the one-yard line. The kick by Stewart was good and the Mountaineers led 20-0.

The Mountaineers missed a scoring opportunity after the Jackets fumbled on their own 20-yard line following the kick-off.

A series of four plays found the local boys two yards shy of a first down and the Jackets took over on downs on their own 22.

John Wilson then got off on the Jacket's longest run of the game, a 27-yard punt-over-left-tackle. Sid Woody followed this with a 12-yard dash to the Mountaineers 39. The half ended with the Jackets in possession on the Kings Mountain 30.

Wilson took the opening kick-off of the third quarter and raced back 24 yards to his own 35. He reeled off three more runs of 2, 3, and 8 yards to give the Jacket's third first down of the game on the Mountaineer 48.

On the next play, Wilson was hurt and had to be removed from the game, this was quite a blow to the offensive movement of the Jackets.

Bessemer City picked up another first down on a 10-yard run by Strutt, but failed to keep the ball as Strutt fumbled three plays later.

George Harris scooped up the loose ball and raced 65 yards to give the Mountaineers their first tally of the second half. John

HOW THEY DID IT		KINGS MOUNTAIN		BESSEMER CITY	
PLAYER	Pos.	Yds.	TD	Yds.	TD
McGinnis	QB	138	3	138	13.7
Valentine	FB	104	0	104	13.6
Harris	QB	33	1	33	3.3
M. Houser	RB	7	0	7	2.3
McCart	RB	7	0	7	2.3
Harris	QB	6	0	6	2.2
TOTALS		282	10	273	6.7

McGinnis threw a beautiful block that enabled Harris to go all the way.

Harris passed to Charles Bridges for the extra point, and Kings Mountain led 34-0.

Sid Woody took the kick-off and scampered 11 yards to his own 30. After picking up one yard on a line play, Strutt dropped a lateral, and the ball was recovered by Keith Layton for the Mountaineers.

Starting on the Jacket's 21, the local boys got four on a run by McGinnis, and on the next play Valentine raced 17 yards for pay dirt. However, a clipping penalty brought the ball back out to the Jacket 20. Harris then lobbed an easy pass to Bridges in the end zone and the Mountaineers had their seventh TD. Stewart's extra point try was good and the score was 41-0.

Bessemer City was unable to move after the kick-off and punted to the Kings Mountain 41.

Two plays later, McGinnis went around right end on an option play and scampered the 69 yards needed for the TD. The extra point attempt was blocked and the score was 47-0.

Still finding themselves stuck on offense, the Jackets started to punt on first down. J. L. Stewart raced in from his tackle position to block the punt, and the Mountaineers took over on the Jacket's 27-yard line.

McGinnis then promptly took off for 27 yards on an option play for the touchdown. The extra point was no good and the score stood at 53-0.

Bessemer City made two first downs following the kick-off on fine runs of 15 and 6 yards by Connie Clark. Minutes later, after both sides had been penalized, the Jackets lost the ball on a fumble by Sid Woody.

Starting on the Bessemer City 18, John McGinnis swept right end for 18 yards to end the game's scoring. A bad snap from center caused McGinnis to try to run the extra point, but he failed.

Three plays later, the final gun sounded with Bessemer City in possession on their own 44.

Bessemer City found the going rough from the opening kick-off and managed to run only 12 plays in Kings Mountain territory during the game.

On the other hand, the Mountaineers stayed in Jacket territory most of the evening running 25 plays there.

McGinnis was the big gun on the ground for the Mountaineers, gaining 138 yards in seven attempts for a 19.7 average. Valentine had 104 yards gained in eight attempts for an average of 13.0.

A total of 283 yards was racked up on the ground by Kings Mountain. They lost only 10 yards rushing, giving them a gain of 273 yards for 28 tries, an average of 9.7 yards per try.

The local boys scored two of their tallies on passes, with Harris completing four out of six, for a total of 63 yards.

For Bessemer City, Wilson was the biggest ground gainer picking up 49 yards on six tries for an average of 8.1. The Jackets could gain only 132 yards on the ground. They lost 32 yards rushing giving them a total of 100 yards gained in 33 tries. This is an average of 3.0 yards per try.

Nine passes were attempted by the visitors with no completions. One of the passes was intercepted by Kings Mountain.

Penalties were about the same for both teams, with Kings Mountain losing 45 yards on eight penalties, and Bessemer lost 49 yards on 12 infractions.

THE LINE-UP		Kings Mountain		Bessemer City	
Bessemer City	Pos.	Kings Mountain	Pos.	Bessemer City	Pos.
36 Fletcher	LE	Layton	QB	36 Fletcher	LE
64 Herman	LT	Wells	RB	64 Herman	LT
87 J. Wolfe	LG	Wright	TE	87 J. Wolfe	LG
53 Coon	C	Ormand	FB	53 Coon	C
80 Clieg	RT	Smith	QB	80 Clieg	RT
70 Cuthrie	RT	Marlowe	RB	70 Cuthrie	RT
61 Davis	RE	Bridges	TE	61 Davis	RE
66 Woody	QB	Harris	QB	66 Woody	QB
11 Wilson	RB	McCarter	RB	11 Wilson	RB
63 Strutt	LB	McGinnis	QB	63 Strutt	LB
39 Clark	FB	Valentine	FB	39 Clark	FB

Subs. — Kings Mountain: Burton, 75; Dowers, 76; Thomason, 77; Gilbert, 80; Davis, 82; Stewart, 83; Hinson, 89; Cains, 90; Spurling, 41; Ivey, 42; Cleary, 56; George, 59; Jackson, 60; Baily, 61; Houser, 62; Wilson, 68; Chastain, 67; Houser, 68; E. Houser, 70; Bessemer City: Hodges, 62; Harmon, 41; Barnes, 33; Helms, 34; Carver, 36; Wyatt, 32; and Shope, 40.

Scoring: Kings Mountain, Touchdowns — Valentine (four-yard plunge, 1st quarter); Harris (eight yards on sneak, 2nd quarter); McCarter (12-yard run, 2nd quarter); M. Houser (21-yard pass from Harris, 2nd quarter); Harris (68-yard run after recovering fumble, 3rd quarter); Bridges (20-yard pass from Harris, 3rd quarter); McGinnis (69-yard run, 4th quarter); McGinnis (27-yard run, 4th quarter); PAT — Stewart (18-yard run, 4th quarter).

## West Will Host Mountaineers Friday Night

Coach Shu Carlton is working primarily on defense this week in preparation for Friday's game with West Mecklenburg High at Charlotte.

Apparently satisfied for the present with his offense, which rolled up 59 points against Bessemer City in last Friday's opener, Carlton is working his team on a new set of defensive maneuvers for the single wing attack of West Mecklenburg.

West opened its season last week with a 13-0 win over East Mecklenburg at Griffith Park.

Coach Don Parker and Fred Withers scouted the game and both report that West has a large team, and a pretty good

ground attack. Fullback Mearl Valentine received an injured ankle in last week's game, and was working out in light equipment early this week. Valentine is taking heat treatments for the damaged ankle and will probably be back in the starting line-up against West.

Friday night's game will be played at Richardson Field, which is located at Harding High School in Charlotte. Kick-off time is set for 8 o'clock.

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