

Pat Murphy's Three TD Passes Tame Lions 19-7



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Midgets Shine

Many midget ballplayers in the Kings Mountain League are showing much progress and potentialities of becoming fine high school athletes.

WAYNE MULLINAX, brother of Mountaineer end Bill, has led the scoring and ground gaining for the first-place West team in all their games so far. Coach Bob Hussey looks forward to having him on his ninth grade team next season, I'm sure.

Geeper Howard and Mark Goforth, also of West, have hit the scoring columns very often. Also Ross Springer of Grover, Ted Wright of North, and Steve Phillips of East have shown much progress.

All High School Teams Tame Lions

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers, ninth grade, JV's, and high school, have tamed the Golden Lions of Shelby in '64, the first being the ninth grade Little Mountaineers in their first game of the season.

CHIP CRISP from two yards out scored a touchdown and kicked the conversion as the Little Mounties downed the Shelby ninth graders 7-0. The defense was credited with a big part of the win, not allowing the Shelby boys to cross the Mountaineer 25.

JV's — Last Thursday

The Junior Varsity, led by sophomore halfback Philip Wright, tamed the Shelby JV's, the first time Shelby has been beaten in two years, last Thursday night. Wright scored from one and 23 yards out on power sweeps and kicked one conversion in the JV's 13-7 win. Tommy Burns and Philip Russ were offensive standouts, along with quarterback Tommy Finger.

PHILIP BUNCH saved the game twice for the JV's by stopping long runs by Shelby boys inside the ten-yard line. The defense tightened up and held Shelby, not allowing them to score but once. Other defensive standouts were Chucky Gladden and Gary Devenney.

Big Mounties — Tamed Lions

The high school team, led by the passing of quarterback Pat Murphy, stopped the Golden Lions Friday night, 19-7. Murphy passed complete nine times out of ten attempts, three for touchdowns.

KM Rich!! Has Gold

The Mountaineers are wealthy! They have struck GOLD.

THIS GOLD has been the talk of the town for the past week. Richard Gold, that is. Gold caught six of Murphy's nine passes, carrying two of them into the end zone for touchdowns. He has scored five times this season.

Defense Praised!!

The Mountaineer coaches praised their defense for the work it did against the Lions. Although the Lions out gained the Mountaineers on the ground, the defense receives much credit for the win.

Hubert McGinnis, Gerald Carrigan, and Lyn Cheshire were responsible for throwing the Shelby boys for big losses. George Plonk, Steve Grigg, and Jay Powell were highly praised by the coaching staff for the work they did.

STEVE BAKER and RONNIE RHEA were responsible for the biggest part of the Mountaineer ground gaining. Rhea appeared "headed for pay dirt" several times but Lions managed to block his path. Baker made the only pass interception of the game. An unidentified Kings Mountain lad should be praised for recovering the Shelby fumble that led to the Mounties' first score, but no one, even the coaches, seem to know who the boy is.

MOST PEOPLE around Kings Mountain seem to think that the Mountaineers are on their way to conference CHAMPIONSHIP. BUT the coaches still say, "THE TOUGH GAMES ARE YET TO COME."

Homecoming game this Friday should prove to be one of the most exciting of the season. Rutherfordford, only one-half game behind the Mounties, is naturally going to be fighting hard to beat Kings Mountain.

MAX BEAM, head R.S. mentor, seems to think that if his boys don't beat the Mountaineers, then nobody will. He reports that Lincolnton's line is so big and tough, that Kings Mountain will "have to pass" if they expect to beat them. "BUT, Kings Mountain will beat them. No quarterback in the conference can stand up to Murphy," he says.

MOUNTAINEER COACHES say that Belmont is the "dark horse in the Southwest Conference. Belmont travels to Shelby to take on the Golden Lions this week, before playing host to the Mounties next Friday.

JIMMY WRIGHT, Mountaineer end who was injured in the Mooresville game, might see some action this week. He will definitely be playing against Belmont.

Who will be the winners this week? Let's predict KINGS MOUNTAIN over Rutherfordford, East Rutherford over Chase, Cherryville over Stanley, and BELMONT over SHELBY. Some people would say, "You're sticking your neck WAY out by predicting Belmont over Shelby," but I like to stick my neck out some times.

Tignor Now Fifth In Men's League

Tignor & Russell won four games from Dilling Heating Monday night in the men's Bowling action, pulling them from sixth to fifth place, and dropping Dilling into a tie for third.

Harold Barber capped line and set honors for Tignor, rolling a 130 line and a 351 set. Furman Wilson rolled a 122 high line and a 345 high set for the losers.

Clyde Culbertson won three games from Plonk Oil. Although their total pins were the same, Culbertson defeated Plonk in a "frame overtime" to give him the extra game.

"If We Can't Beat KM, Nobody Can," RS Coach

"We have everything to win and everything to lose," said Coach Max Beam of the R.S. Central Hilltoppers. "If we can't beat Kings Mountain, nobody can."

The Rutherfordford head mentor says that he will be going all out to defeat the Mountaineers because if the Hilltoppers lose, "We'll be out of luck," he stated. "Even a tie wouldn't help us any, because if we don't beat Kings Mountain, nobody will."

There are 27 boys on the Central squad, and all of them, including only four sophomores, are anxious to finish "in front" in the Southwest Conference.

The Rutherfordford defense is well balanced, but as the head man stated, "the defense has to be good, or you won't win any ball games."

Starting at the end posts for the Hilltoppers will be 145-pound senior George Helton and 153-pound senior Wyman Parton. Harvey Moore and Forrest Coone will be the tackles, and Terry Hines and Alan Edwards will be the guards. David Allen, 150-pound senior, will be at the center spot.

Jack Huss, 170-pound senior, will be at the quarterback post, and halfbacks Buddy Green and Mark Gilbert, along with fullback Donald Owens make up the remainder of the backfield.

Halfback Buddy Green is Central's leading scorer and fullback Owens is the leading ground gainer.

Rutherfordford has a record of 5-1-1. They were beaten by Marion in their first game of the season and tied by East Rutherford. They have a 4-0-1 conference record, one-half game behind the Mountaineers.

STARTING LINEUPS

(Rutherfordford)			
Pos.	Player	Class	Wt.
LE	George Helton	4	145
LT	Harvey Moore	4	190
LG	Terry Hines	4	145
C	David Allen	4	150
RG	Allen Edwards	4	170
RT	Forrest Coone	4	190
RE	Wyman Parton	4	150
QB	Jack Huss	4	170
LH	Buddy Green	4	180
RH	Mark Gilbert	3	150
FB	David Owens	4	190
(Kings Mountain)			
LE	Richard White	4	180
LT	Gerald Carrigan	4	175
LG	Steve Grigg	4	155
C	Hubert McGinnis	4	208
RG	George Plonk	4	180
RT	Lyn Cheshire	4	200
RE	Jimmy Cloninger	4	175
QB	Pat Murphy	4	175
LH	Steve Baker	4	158
RH	Ronnie Rhea	4	170
FB	Pat Hord	4	175



RICHARD GOLD, Mountaineer defensive end and offensive standout in seventh game, is shown above putting a stop to Shelby's David DePriest. Jay Powell (left) and Ben Grimes (54) look on. (Photo by Tommy Plonk).

Rance Henderson Coach Of Oregon School For Deaf

Quarterback Bob Olson comes up to the line of scrimmage, looks to either side to make certain everyone is ready and then nudges the center when he wants the snap.

He calls no signals.

He and six of seven starters are deaf. They play for Oregon State School for the Deaf in the Cascade Eight-man high school football league with such schools as Triangle Lake, Westfir and Mohawk. Olson calls his play in sign language.

It would seem that, because the players can't hear the signals to determine when the ball is snapped, that the Panthers would be bothered with offsides penalties. Not so.

"We could take a chance on offsides," said Coach Rance Henderson of Kings Mountain.

Yes, the coach of the team is Rance Henderson, a native of Kings Mountain, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henderson.

His wife, the former Betty Ledford of Kings Mountain, is working on her master's degree at Oregon State.

Besides coaching, Henderson teaches 12th grade English, 10th grade history, and two seventh grade classes.



TOUCHDOWN—Bill Mullinax, Mountaineer end, is shown above catching one of Pat Murphy's three TD passes in Friday's game with Shelby. Two unidentified Lions have Mullinax covered, but he still manages to make the grab. (Photo by Tommy Plonk).

Compact Downs North Wilkesboro 16-0 For Third Season Victory

The Compact Cobras won their third victory of the campaign Monday night by whipping North Wilkesboro 16-0. James Hood, Charlie Crocker, William Kennedy, and Pete Adams accounted for the Cobra markers.

Halfback James Hood scored on a 35-yard run in the second quarter. Pete Adams kicked the extra points giving Compact an 8-0 lead at halftime.

Fullback Tommy Adams passed 30 yards to end Charlie Crocker in the fourth stanza for the other TD. William Kennedy ran for the extra points, giving Compact a 16-0 win.

First-unit quarterback Miles Boyd attempted four passes and completed two for a total of 40 yards. Johnny Thombs attempt-



DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS—Pictured above are (left to right) Lyn Cheshire (tackle), Hubert McGinnis (center), and Steve Grigg (guard), who were defensive stars in the Mountaineers' 19-7 whipping of Shelby Friday night. All three boys are seniors.

George Wilson Home After Two Years Of Japanese Baseball Tour

George Wilson, Kings Mountain native, has retired from professional baseball after 19 outstanding seasons. Wilson has been playing for the Nishiteisu Lions of Fukufka, Japan for the past two seasons.

Wilson left Japan two weeks ago, and has been in Kings Mountain 11 days. He resides on Goforth Street. He stated that he was fortunate to see the opening day of the Olympics in Tokyo.

Wilson began his professional baseball career with the Boston Red Sox organization in 1946. After a stay in the minors, Wilson joined the Chicago White Sox in '52. He played for the White Sox two months before being traded to the New York Giants, where he played the remainder of the '52, '53, and part of the '54 season.

He played for Minnesota, 3-A, in '55 and was brought up to the New York Yankees in '56.

Wilson was born in Cherryville and attended Ashley High school of Gastonia. He didn't play high school ball but played American Legion baseball in Gastonia. His professional career was shortened three years because of military service. He played football in the Army.

After his professional tour ended, Wilson played for almost eight years in South America, before going to Japan in '63.

Japanese baseball is made up of two leagues, the Central and the Pacific, each league including six teams. Wilson played in the Pacific League.

His team, of which he played first base, won the pennant in '63 but finished fifth in '64. The Lions lost the Japanese World Series in seven games in '63.

Wilson's .429 batting average was the highest of any one person in the Series. He hit four home runs in the Series.

This past season, Wilson hit at a clip of 285, socked 27 homers, and had 76 runs batted in. The Pacific League plays a 150-

Murphy To Gold Key Play In Mounties Seventh Win

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Hord gained one yard to the eight and Baker was stopped on the 11. Hord quick-kicked the ball on the third down. It was fumbled by the Shelby receiver and Kings Mountain recovered on the 44 with the last two minutes of the first half rapidly ticking away.

Murphy passed to Richard Gold on the Shelby 49 and another pass to Gold saw the Mountaineers on the 26 with a first down. Two more passes to Gold on the Mountaineers led 6-0. An offsides penalty against the Mountaineers forced the extra point attempt to be attempted from the seven-and-a-half. Gold decided to pass for the extra point, but the attempt failed, and the score stood, Thirty-nine seconds were showing on the clock.

Honnie Ware's kickoff went 59 yards to the Shelby one, but Prueett ran 30 yards before downed on the 31. Vaughn picked up the first down on the 42. Prueett picked up six yards to the 48 and Baker intercepted Self's pass on the 23. The first half ended

with the score 6-0.

Ware's second kickoff was taken on the 20 and he was dropped on the 22. Prueett picked up six yards, and Wright raced to the 28. Self carried nine yards for a first down on the 37.

Halfback Larry Southard picked up three yards to the 40 and Prueett was dropped on the 44. Halfback Lem Lynch broke loose and raced 48 yards before being dropped on the Mountaineer eight. On the next play Self raced into the end zone, tying the score. DePriest kicked the conversion, and Shelby led 7-6.

Richard Gold returned Addis' kickoff to the 38, an 18 yard return. Baker was thrown for a four-yard loss, and Murphy picked up three back to the 37. Murphy passed to Ronnie Rhea on the Shelby 44 for the first down. Hord gained two and Murphy one, putting the ball on the 41. Murphy passed to Gold on the 35, but was short of the first down. Hord plunged through the line, picking up the first down on the 34.

Baker raced to the 30, but a penalty set the Mountaineers back 15 yards, the ball on the 45. Good offensive blocking gave Gold time to race to the end zone, and Murphy hit his target for another touchdown. McGinnis kicked the conversion and the Mountaineers led 13-7.

Prueett took Ware's kickoff on the three and raced 25 yards before being dropped on the 28. Prueett gained two yards and Wright raced to the 33. Lynch was thrown for a one yard loss and Prueett punted once again.

Baker took the punt for the Mountaineers on the 33, and was dropped in his tracks. Baker picked up four yards to the 37 and Rhea broke loose and was stopped on the Shelby 44, a gain of 19 yards.

Baker picked up one and Rhea raced seven more yards to the 36. Baker picked up the first down on the 33. Gold ran to the 29, and the third quarter ended at that point.

Rhea gained five more yards and Gold picked up the first down on the 22. Hord raced to the 15 and Gold dived stopped on the 14. Hord picked up the first down on the ten, with goal to go.

Gold raced to the six, and then picked up two more yards to the four. Gold was thrown for a loss on the five, and Murphy passed to end Bill Mullinax for the third TD. Richard Addis blocked McGinnis' conversion attempt and the Lions trailed 19-7.

Terry Goode took Ware's kickoff on the 15 and raced to the 31 before being downed by the Mountaineers. Offensive holding put the Lions back on their own 16, with a first-and-25 situation.

Prueett picked up one yard to the 17 and Self raced to the 30, but was still nine yards short of the first down. Self passed incomplete to Lynch, and Prueett was forced to punt, his punt downed on the Mountaineer 40.

Hord picked up one yard to the 11 and Baker gained seven more, putting the ball on the 48. Rhea broke loose again, picking up the first down on the Shelby 36.

Pete Putnam replaced Pat Hord at fullback, and Putnam picked up six yards to the 28. Baker picked up the first down on the 25, and it looked like the Mountaineers were on their way again.

Rhea gained two yards to the 23 and Putnam raced three more to the 20. Murphy fumbled and Chip Cloninger recovered for the Lions on the 15.

Lynch picked up the first down on the 27. Self passed incomplete and Wright raced to the 35. Self picked up the first down on the 43, but was thrown for a four yard loss on the next play.

Self passed to DePriest on the Mountaineer 40, and a first down. Self passed incomplete and then was thrown for a loss on the Lion's 47. The game ended at point with the final score 19-7.

Pat Murphy and Richard Gold were offensive stars for the Mountaineers. Murphy, after missing his first passing target, completed nine straight passes, and Gold scored two touchdowns, running his total to 30 points scored in seven games.

Hubert McGinnis, Gerald Carrigan, and Lyn Cheshire were among the defensive standouts for the Mountaineers. Richard Addis, Chip Cloninger, Sam Crawley, Don Turner, and Lem Lynch were standouts for the Golden Lions.

Shelby now has a conference record of two wins and three losses. The Mountaineers, 4-0 in conference play, play host to second-place Rutherfordford Friday in their Homecoming tilt.

SCORE			
First Downs	14	7	
Yards Rushing	163	195	
Yards Passing	129	21	
Passes Attempted	11	6	
Passes Completed	9	2	
Passes Had Int.	0	1	
Fumbles Lost	1	1	
Punts	4	4	
Average	32.3	40.0	

Mountaineer Gridgraph

KINGS MOUNTAIN				
RUSHING:	T	G	L	Net Avg.
Baker	18	63	4	59 3.3
Rhea	6	52	—	52 8.7
Hord	10	25	—	25 2.5
Gold	6	12	—	12 2.0
Putnam	3	11	—	11 3.7
Murphy	3	4	—	4 1.3

SHELBY				
RUSHING:	T	G	L	Net Avg.
Self	8	64	—	64 8.0
Lynch	4	39	1	38 9.5
Wright	8	32	—	32 4.0
Pruett	9	30	—	30 3.3
Vaughn	7	28	—	28 4.0
Southard	1	3	—	3 3.0

RECEIVING:				
Gold	6	83		
Baker	1	21		
Rhea	1	20		
Mullinax	1	5		
SHELBY				
RUSHING:	T	G	L	Net Avg.
Self	8	64	—	64 8.0
Lynch	4	39	1	38 9.5
Wright	8	32	—	32 4.0
Pruett	9	30	—	30 3.3
Vaughn	7	28	—	28 4.0
Southard	1	3	—	3 3.0

KM JV's Hand Shelby First Lost In Two Years

The Kings Mountain JV's hand the Shelby JV's their first loss in two years Thursday night, with sophomore halfback Philip Wright accounting for all the Mountaineer scoring.

Defensive end Philip Bunch was responsible for breaking up two Shelby touchdowns around the five yard line. Both runs were for 25 yards. The Mounties