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Mounties Enter Season's Second Half

Kings Mountain's football Mountaineers enter the second half of season play this Friday night, battling non-conference foe Mooresville at Mooresville before returning home to host Shelby next week.

The Mountaineers have won only two of their first five contests, and their first half record is not so impressive. The Mountaineers have not scored in their last two outings.

Kings Mountain began the season here on September 10 by racking non-conference Salem 19-0. The following week the Mounties won their first and only conference game at Cherryville 13-6, and then suffered losses to Chase (38-12), East Rutherford (20-0), and Bessemer City (7-0).

EXCEPT FOR THE SCORING, last week's game with Bessemer City belonged to Kings Mountain, KM, playing before a huge homecoming crowd at City Stadium, controlled the game in all departments except passing. While Bessemer gained 43 yards passing, four completions out of nine attempts, the Mounties failed to gain a yard with its aerial attack.

In fact, all four passes attempted by the Mountaineers were intercepted by the Yellow Jacket defense. The Mounties knocked at BC's goal-line door about every time they got the ball, but mistakes continued to dominate the scene.

A total of 71 points has been scored against the Mountaineers and KM has scored a total of 44 points on the season.

Tommy and Steve Goforth lead the Mountaineers in scoring with 12 points each, Steve's two touchdowns coming in the season opener against Salem. His TDs came on 19 and 50 yard touchdown tosses from Tommy.

Tommy scored a touchdown against Cherryville and one against Chase to account for his points. Third on the scoring list is Philip Wright, who has scored one TD and booted one conversion for seven points. Jay Powell and Charles Carroll have scored once each and Jerry Mitchell has one extra point to his credit.

Mounties Compared To Last Year's Team

Looking back to a year ago, we find that this year's team is no comparison to the 1964 Southwestern Conference champion Kings Mountain Mountaineers.

LAST YEAR'S area scoring king and leading Mountaineer rusher Steve Baker had already scored more points than this year's team. Baker had tallied six touchdowns for 48 points. He was being followed closely by fullback Pat Hord who had 30 points with five touchdowns.

Baker had carried the ball 73 times through the first five games and had gained a net total of 349 yards for a 4.8 average. This year's leading rusher, Philip Wright, has carried the ball 85 times for 329 yards and a 3.9 average.

Pat Hord had the best average per carry this time last year. He had gained 277 yards with 34 carries, an 8.1 average. This year's best average rusher is sophomore Dennis Smith, who has carried the pigskin eight times for 34 yards and a 4.2 average.

Teamwise in '64, the Mountaineers had carried the ball 219 times from scrimmage and had gained a net total of 1094 yards, a 4.9 average.

Jay Powell, at this time last year, was number four in rushing with 92 yards in 23 carries. This season he has carried the ball 50 times for 206 yards. Danny Kiser had carried the ball 12 times at this point of the season last year and had gained 41 yards. This season he has traveled with the ball 31 times and has picked up 122 yards.

Getting to the passing department, last year Pat Murphy (who is now playing at Appalachian) had already completed 18 of 31 passes for 292 yards and three touchdowns. That is equal to 58 percent completed. Before the season was over, Murphy had topped that percentage to 63.

Richard Gold, the team's Most Valuable Player last season, had tossed the ball 15 times and had completed six passes for 71 yards. Tommy Goforth had attempted two passes but had failed to connect.

This year, Goforth has passed 35 times and has completed 13 for 37 per cent. He has had three passes intercepted and the team has gained 158 yards by his right arm. Philip Wright has attempted five passes, completed two for 11 yards. He has had two intercepted.

Steve Goforth and Tommy Finger have attempted a pass each but neither one was completed.

TOTAL: In '64 the three quarterbacks had attempted 48 passes, completed 24 for 363 yards and three touchdowns. This year the four boys have completed 15 out of 42 for 169 yards and two TDs, plus have had five tosses intercepted.

JIMMY CLONINGER, Kings Mountain's all conference and all-state end, had stolen more of the show at this stage than '64 fans had thought.

Cloninger had punted eight times for 402 yards, an average of 50.3 yards per kick, an average that is very good in any man's league. That's one big reason why he is at Appalachian this year on a football scholarship.

This year, Paul Gaffney, a sophomore, has punted 13 times for a total of 470 yards and a 36.1 average. Scott Cloninger has a 37.3 punting average with 112 yards for three kicks.

'64 First Half Record					'65 First Half Record				
RUSHING					RUSHING				
Player	T	Net Yds.	Avg.		Player	T	Net Yds.	Avg.	
S. Baker	73	349	4.8		P. Wright	85	329	3.9	
P. Hord	34	277	8.1		J. Powell	50	206	4.1	
R. Gold	16	98	5.1		D. Kiser	31	122	3.4	
J. Powell	23	92	4.0		D. Smith	8	34	4.2	
R. Rhea	10	79	7.9		S. Goforth	8	22	2.3	
P. Wright	10	71	7.1		P. Bunch	6	12	2.0	
D. Kiser	12	41	3.4		T. Goforth	22	8	4.0	
S. Goforth	6	34	5.7		M. Goforth	1	2	2.0	
T. Burns	7	29	4.1						
P. Putnam	6	22	3.7						
T. Black	2	3	1.5						
P. Murphy	18	2	.1						
P. Russ	2	-3	-1.5						
PUNTING					PUNTING				
Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
J. Cloninger	8	402	50.3		P. Gaffney	13	470	36.1	
P. Hord	2	75	37.5		S. Cloninger	3	112	37.3	
P. Wright	1	33	33.0		P. Wright	3	77	25.7	
PASSING					PASSING				
Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Murphy	31	18	0	292	T. Goforth	35	13	3	158
Gold	15	6	0	71	P. Wright	5	2	2	11
T. Goforth	2	0	0	0	S. Goforth	1	0	0	0
					T. Finger	1	0	0	0

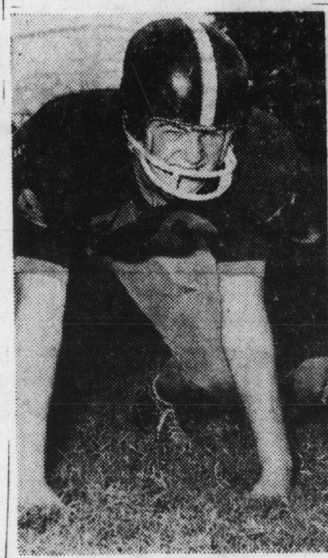
Little Six Conference foe Bessemer City came to town Friday night and blanked Kings Mountain for its third straight defeat of the season, winning on a fourth quarter touchdown pass, 7-0.

The Yellow Jackets' score came with seven minutes remaining in the game when, on a fourth-and-ten situation, quarterback Richard Kincaid passed 30 yards to end Jody Long, who was waiting in the end zone for the toss. Sonny Jones scampered around left end for the point after.

Bessemer City had taken over on its own 42 yard line when Ronnie Kincaid intercepted a pass from Phillip Wright intended for Steve Goforth. Bessemer carried the ball to the 23 in six plays, but on a third-and-three situation, KM's Steve Goforth tossed Bessemer quarterback Kincaid for a seven yard loss.

Kincaid then bootlegged, and Long got behind Mountie defensive back Mike Goforth and was waiting for the TD pass in the KM endzone. Jones ran the point after to make the score 7-0.

Kings Mountain threatened about every time it had possession of the ball, but the Bessemer defense always managed to come up with a pass interception, or



STANDOUTS — Mountaineer tackle Chip Bridges gains "Player of the Week" honors this week as a result of his outstanding defensive work and blocking against Bessemer City Friday night. Bridges, who lettered as a sophomore, stands 6-2 and weighs 210 pounds.

Bridges Mountie "Player Of Week"

Chip Bridges, 210-pound senior tackle, gains "Player of the Week" recognition this week as a result of his defensive work against Bessemer City Friday night.

Although Kings Mountain lost the game 7-0, Bridges led the KM defense to holding Bessemer to only 87 yards rushing and his blocking enabled Mountaineer backs to gain 147 yards rushing.

Bridges recovered a Bessemer City fumble early in the first period which led to a KM rally but it was stopped when BC intercepted a pass.

Bridges lettered his sophomore year, but had to sit out last season because of a knee injury.

Cats Take Over Top Spot In Mixed Loop

The Alley Cats defeated the Clyde Culbertson team four games to none to move into first place in the Mixed Bowling League standings, and Alexander's Used Auto Parts won its first match of the season in action Thursday night at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

Jenny Oates and John Dilling teamed up to roll the Alley Cats into their first place position. Oates rolling a 144 line and a 345 set to cop scoring honors for the winners. Dilling added a 333 set for the winners and Charity Goforth copped scoring honors for the losers with a 109 line and a 308 set.

Boyer Murray rolled a 118 line and Richard Culbertson added a 334 set to lead Alexander's Auto Parts to its first win of the year, a 3-1 victory over Clarence Plonk. Lib Gault copped scoring honors for the losers with a 139 line and a 338 set.

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Bates' starting lineup will consist of Richard Shank and Pat Cheshire at the ends, Charles Green and Mike Sanders or Ronnie Burton at tackles, Bob Moss and Chris Roseboro at the guards, and Bill Herndon at center.

In the offensive backfield will be Doug Mercer at quarterback, Henderson and Wayne Wright at halfbacks, and Mike Hoyle at fullback. Bates said that he is counting on Stanley Laughter, Clark Mauney, and Dennis Goforth to be of big help on defense.

Little Mounties Win Again, 20-0

Coach Bob Hussey's ninth grade Little Mountaineers won their third football game in four outings Thursday at Rutherfordton, defeating R-S Central by a 20-0 score.

The Little Mounties have won three straight after losing to Lincolnton in the season opener.

The Mounties didn't get on the scoreboard until the third quarter as the first half ended 0-0. A second quarter touchdown was called back because KM end Clarence Ashe caught a pass out of the end zone.

KM broke the ice in the third period when tailback Wayne Mullinax scored his first of two touchdowns on a 12-yard run around right end. Kenneth Mitchell's extra point attempt failed and the Mounties led 6-0.

The touchdown drive began when Rocky Goforth recovered a Central fumble, after the Mountaineers had kicked-off to begin the second half.

Mullinax scored again in the early minutes of the fourth period on a two-yard plunge. Mitchell kicked the extra point, giving the Little Mounties a 13-0 lead.

Rocky Goforth romped 32 yards for the Little Mounties' final score and Mitchell again booted the extra point to make the final count 20-0.

Coach Hussey reports that Mullinax and Mark Goforth led the Mountaineer offensive charge and that Mullinax, Joe Cornwell, Joe Dover, and Ross Springer were the defensive standouts.

The ninth graders, whose conference record now stands at 2-1, will play host to Chase at 5:30 Thursday afternoon.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
KM 0 0 6 14-20
R-S 0 0 0 0-0

SCORING TDs — Mullinax, 12-yd. run; Mullinax, 2-yd. run; R. Goforth, 32-yd. run. PAT — Mitchell, 2 (placements).

Jayvees Play Here Thursday

Another doubleheader of football is in store for area fans Thursday night when the Kings Mountain high school junior varsity teams get into action.

Coach Bob Hussey's ninth graders, who to date sport a 3-1 record, will play host to conference foe Chase at 5:30 and at 7:30, the tenth and eleventh graders, who sport a 1-1 mark, will host Gaffney.

The Little Mountaineers lost their first game of the season, 19-12 to Lincolnton, but since have won three straight, and have shut-out all three opponents. The ninth graders defeated Bessemer City 21-0 in a non-conference battle, racked conference foe Cherryville, 31-0, and beat Rutherfordton 20-0 last week.

Wayne Mullinax is the leading ground gainer and scorer on the ninth grade team. He has netted seven touchdowns through the first four games for a total of 42 points.

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MOUNTAINEER GRIDGRAPH

	KM	BC
SCORE	0	7
First Downs	10	8
Yards Rushing	147	87
Yards Passing	0	43
Total Yards	147	130
Passes Att.	4	9
Passes Comp.	0	4
Passes Had Int.	4	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Penalties	1-15	1-15
Punts	1-45	2-15

KINGS MOUNTAIN RUSHING				
Player	T	G	L	N
Wright	26	81	6	75
Kiser	10	48	—	48
T. Goforth	3	9	—	9
Powell	2	6	—	6
Bunch	2	5	—	5
S. Goforth	1	4	—	4
PASSING				
Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
T. Goforth	2	0	2	0
P. Wright	2	0	2	0

BESSEMER CITY RUSHING				
Player	T	G	L	N
Steele	7	32	—	32
Kincaid	7	27	5	22
Wilson	8	22	—	22
Dameron	2	12	6	20
Owensby	5	8	3	10
PASSING				
Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Kincaid	7	0	0	40
Wilson	2	1	1	3
RECEIVING				
Player	Caught	Yards	TD	
Long	2	33	1	
Kincaid	1	3	0	
Wilson	1	1	0	

Gabriel Wrestling Coach At ASTC

BOONE — Steve Gabriel, a former football and wrestling star at Appalachian State Teachers College, has been named head coach of the college's wrestling team, according to an announcement by Dr. W. H. Plemons, President.

Gabriel, who also serves the college as Director of Financial Aid, assumes the position immediately, succeeding Doug Crater, who coached the team as a graduate assistant a year ago in an interim capacity.

Gabriel joins the staff at Appalachian this year after having served as a coach and teacher at Appalachian High School.

He was coach of the Appalachian High wrestling team which compiled a streak of 140 consecutive mat victories, taking over after his return from service to guide the team during the last 110 of those wins.

Gabriel is a native of Lincolnton and was graduated from Lincolnton High School in 1948. He was a member of the Appalachian football team for four seasons, 1948-51, serving as the regular quarterback during his last two years. He took up wrestling as a sophomore and was a member of the team for three seasons. He won two North Carolina AAU championships in the 147-pound class.

Gabriel is married to the former Donnie Smith of Lincolnton, who was a member of the fabulous Lincolnton High School girls basketball team which compiled a winning streak of approximately 150 consecutive conference victories. She received all-state recognition.

The Gabriels have four children, Rebecca, 7; Karen, 5; Richard, 4; and Tommy, 2. As an Appalachian student, Gabriel was listed in the collegiate Who's Who, was chosen "Mr. Appalachian," and was named Most Popular.

ROTARY PROGRAM
Mrs. Ylia Puig Walsh, originally of Havana, Cuba, now professor of foreign languages at Gaston College, will address the Rotary club at its Thursday luncheon at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Mounties Play At Mooresville Friday At 8 p.m.

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers travel to Mooresville, N. C., this week to take on Coach Perry Pearson's Blue Devils, who are currently running strong in the North Piedmont Conference with a 4-1 record.

Kings Mountain defeated Mooresville here last year by a 12-7 count but had to come from behind to do it. The Blue Devils finished atop their league standings last season but lost out to Thomasville in the semi-finals of the state 3-A playoffs.

The game will get underway at 8 p.m. Coach Bill Bates of Kings Mountain has come up with a couple of changes in his backfield for this week's game, which marks the beginning of the second half of play for the Mountaineers.

Bates reports that Steve Goforth will be back in the offensive line, up after seeing only limited action on offense for the last three weeks. Goforth played some on offense against Bessemer City last week and, although his shoulder is still bothering him some, he is expected to be at full speed for this week's clash.

At fullback this week will be senior Danny Kiser, who ran extra well against Bessemer last week. Kiser carried the pigskin 10 times against the Yellow Jackets and picked up 48 yards, raising his season's total to 122. Both Goforth and Kiser are lettermen and will be playing on defense, also.

Bates reports that Jay Powell, also a letterman fullback, is still nursing an injury and will probably not see too much action this week. Ricky Grah, a sophomore who injured his knee some weeks ago, is the only other player on Bates' injured list.

The only change in the offensive line will be at the left end slot. Junior Charles Carroll will be back in the offensive lineup this week, with senior Scott Cloninger seeing action at right end.

At the tackles will be Chip Bridges and Roy Medlin, at guards Paul Gaffney and Chucky Gladden, and at center will be Sandy Mauney. Completing the starting lineup will be quarterback Tommy Goforth and tailback Philip Wright.

Bates said that his defense will be primarily the same except that senior Phillip Bunch will be playing in the place of Powell at one defensive back.

The Mountaineers will return home next week to play host to county rival and always "tough" Shelby. That game is scheduled to get underway at 7:30.

KM will then travel to Rutherfordton on October 29, before finishing up the season at home against Belmont on November 5, and Lincolnton on November 12.

KMHS SECOND HALF FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
DATE	TEAM	PLACE
Oct. 15	*Mooresville	Away
22	Shelby	Home
29	*Rutherfordton	Away
Nov. 5	Belmont	Home
12	Lincolnton	Home
*8:00 game.		

Finger, Phifer Friday Co-Captains

Guard Danny Finger and end Robert Phifer have been named by KMHS head football coach Bill Bates as senior co-captains for this week's non-conference battle at Mooresville.

Finger stands five feet, eight inches tall and weighs 170 pounds, and Phifer stands 6'1", and weighs 150. Neither boy is scheduled to start but both may be used largely as reserves.

the like, to stop the drive. Four times during the game, in fact, every time Kings Mountain passed, Bessemer intercepted. KM defensive tackle Chip Bridges recovered a fumble on the KM 45 yard line early in the first period, but three plays later Kincaid intercepted a Tommy Goforth pass on the Yellow Jacket 30.

Richard Kincaid galloped around left end for a first down on the 42, but after gaining only six yards in three carries, Norris Thornburg was sent back to punt. Philip Bunch blocked the punt and recovered for KM on the Bessemer 25 yard line.

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Bessemer City was forced to punt from its own 13, with Dennis Smith calling for a fair catch on the 39. Kings Mountain worked to the 12 in six carries, and on third down, Goforth again went to the air, and Long intercepted on the 11.

On third down, seven, Besse-

mer halfback Bill Wilson attempted a pass but it was pulled down by KM's Mike Goforth on the 42. Wright moved to the 38, and Kiser picked up a first down for the Mounties to the 30 yard line.

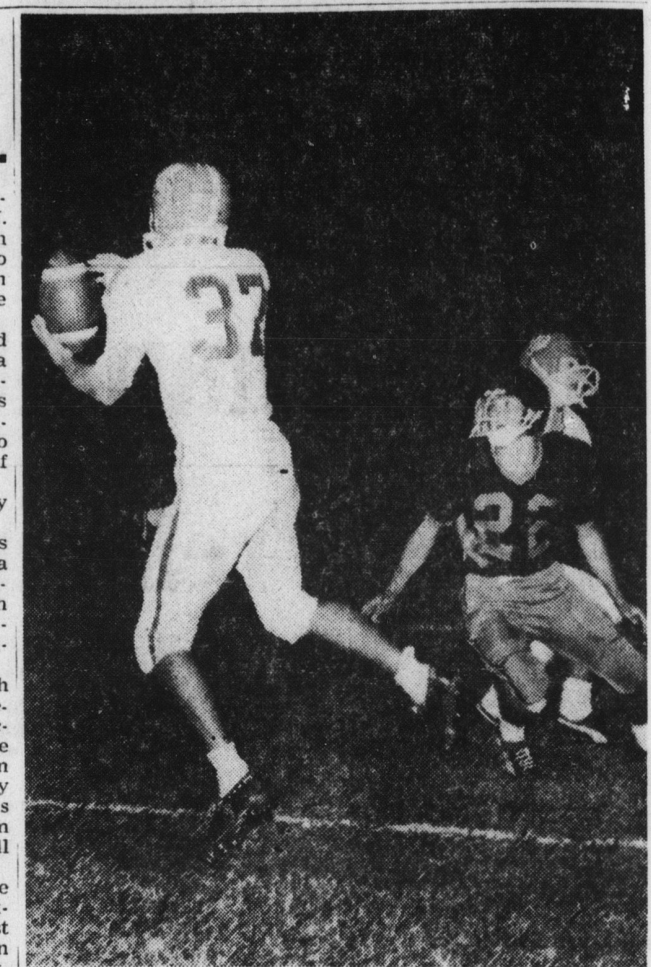
Three plays later, Kiser had another first down on the 20, and three plays later, another on the five.

But after three more running plays, the Mountaineers still found themselves on the five with only a half minute remaining to be played in the first half. Coach Bill Bates then called upon Jerry Mitchell to kick a field goal, but it fell short.

Bessemer City's only big drive began on second half kickoff when Sonny Jones carried Wright's boot from the 20 to the 23. Bill Owensby, Bill Wilson, and Chucky Steele carried once each to pick up a first down on the 35, and two plays later Kincaid had the ball at midfield.

Steele picked up another first down on a fourth-and-two situation, moving to the Mountie 37. On a third down, 13 situation, Bessemer attempted a reverse, but Frank Dameron fumbled at midfield and Bessemer's hopes seemed to be gone. But Dameron

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BILLY KINCAID, Bessemer City end intercepts a Kings Mountain pass during the first quarter of Homecoming game at City Stadium Friday night. The pass was thrown by KM's Tommy Goforth and it was the first of four KM passes intercepted by the Yellow Jacket defense. Kincaid pulled down two for the night as Bessemer defeated Kings Mountain for the first time since 1961, 7-0.