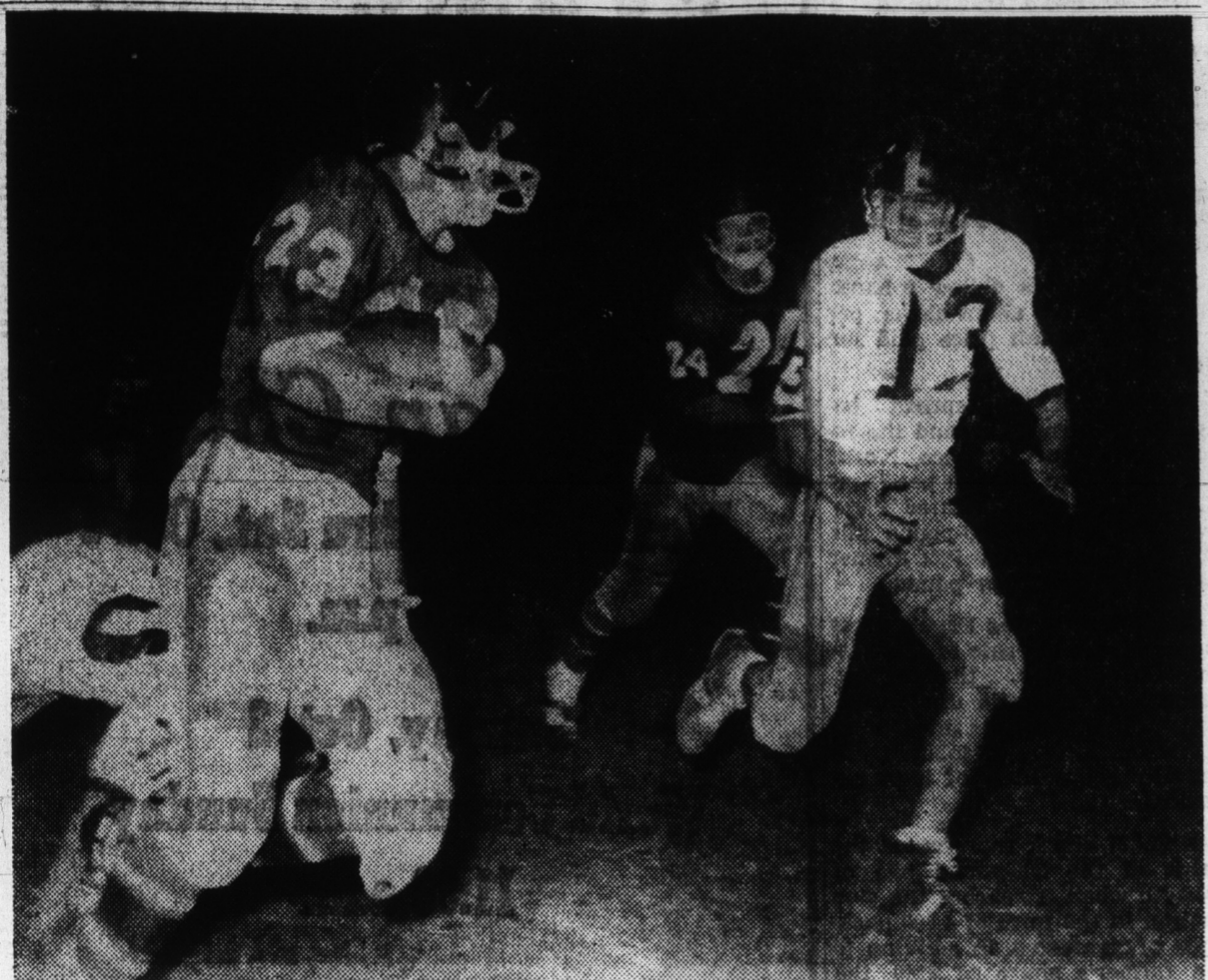


Mounties Fall To Strong Thomasville In Opener



THOMASVILLE'S BUTCH WORKMAN (23) gallops for yardage against Kings Mountain in opening football game Friday night, which Thomasville won, 27-7. Workman carried the ball 14 times against the Mounties and wound up leading the game's rushing column with 108 yards. Workman is being chased by Kings Mountain's Tommy Finger (13) as Thomasville fullback Eric Nicholson (24) looks on. (Photo by Ronnie Dotson.)

Mounties Look OK In Season Opener

By GARY STEWART
A strong Thomasville offense overpowered Kings Mountain's defense here Friday night as the visiting Bulldogs swept to a 27-7

victory over the Mountaineers in a non-conference football battle. It was the season's opener for the Mountaineers and the second straight win for Thomasville of the South Piedmont Conference. Thomasville defeated Reidsville, 35-0, last week.

Mountaineer Gridgraph

	KM	T
First Downs	15	23
Yds. Rushing	149	250
Yds. Passing	68	55
Total Yards	217	305
Passes Att.	8	13
Passes Comp.	5	3
Passes Had Int.	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Penalties	7-51	6-80
Punts	3-33.3	1-32

KINGS MOUNTAIN RUSHING

Player	T	G	L	N	Avg.
Spencer	17	101	1	100	5.9
Mullinax	5	23	—	23	4.6
Finger	5	19	5	14	2.8
Moore	3	10	—	10	3.3
Gaffney	5	7	5	2	4

PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Finger	7	5	0	68
Mullinax	1	0	1	0

RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yards
Mullinax	1	26
Spencer	3	24
Brown	1	18

THOMASVILLE RUSHING

Player	T	G	L	N	Avg.
Workman	14	108	—	108	7.7
Davis	13	76	2	74	5.7
Nicholson	18	73	12	61	3.4
Peacock	5	9	2	7	1.4

PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Peacock	13	0	3	55

RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yards
Turnage	3	55

KM Drug Undefeated In Ladies' League

Kings Mountain Drug Co. won four games off Griffin Drug Co. Tuesday night to remain undefeated after two weeks of bowling in the ladies' duckpin league.

In other action, Plonk Brothers moved into second place after sweeping to a four-game win over Victory Chevrolet and Oates-Henderson Shell won three games off Minute Grill to move into a tie for third place.

Jenny Oates claimed high scoring honors for the night with a 149 line and a 372 set which led the Oates-Henderson Shell team to its three-game win over Minute Grill. Ethel Tignor added a 301 set for the winners and Barbara Miller was high for the losers with a 109 line and a 306 set.

Pat Panther's 121 line and 324 set led the Kings Mountain Drug team's four-game win over Griffin Drug. High scorer for the losers was Pat Herndon with a 101 line and a 275 set.

Team captain Lib Gault rolled a 115 line and a 326 set to lead the Plonk Brothers team to a 4-0 win over Victory Chevrolet. Dessie Loftin added a 295 set for the winners while Janet Parker topped the losers with a 114 line and a 319 set.

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THOMASVILLE END GORDON TURNAGE (83) and Kings Mountain safety Tommy Finger (13) in action Friday night. The referee has caught Finger in the act of pass interference as indicated by flag and football, and ref's signal. (Photo by Ronnie Dotson.)

Cherryville Here Friday Night 8:00

Ironmen Coach Expects QB Beam To Test Mounties

Cherryville high school's new head coach Dennis Bradley has put together the best offensive football team Cherryville's had in a long time and looks to this week's battle with Kings Mountain's Mountaineers with much optimism.

Bradley has nine seniors, a junior and a sophomore in his starting lineup and every boy with the exception of the sophomore saw varsity action last year. Although Cherryville has only 23 players on its varsity squad the Ironmen will offer some tough competition for the much larger SWC teams this season.

The Ironmen, who to date sport a 1-1 overall record and an 0-1 conference mark, will depend largely on quarterback Wade Beam who scored three touchdowns in Cherryville's 39-13 win over Dallas Friday night.

"He (Beam) is the kind of boy that can hurt you in a lot of different ways," says Bradley. "He's real quick, mixes his plays real well, runs well and passes well," Bradley added.

Beam likes to throw the football and targets for most of his passes will be senior ends Richard Hovis (6-4, 210 pounds) and Al Knight (6-0, 160 pounds).

Cherryville will also be depending on fullback Moby Homesley, a 185-pound senior and 165-pound senior, to add much strength to the Cherry running attack. Blackwelder plays at end on defense along with Hovis.

The Ironmen lost their first game of the season September 9, falling to the hands of conference foe Lincolnton by a 15-12 count.

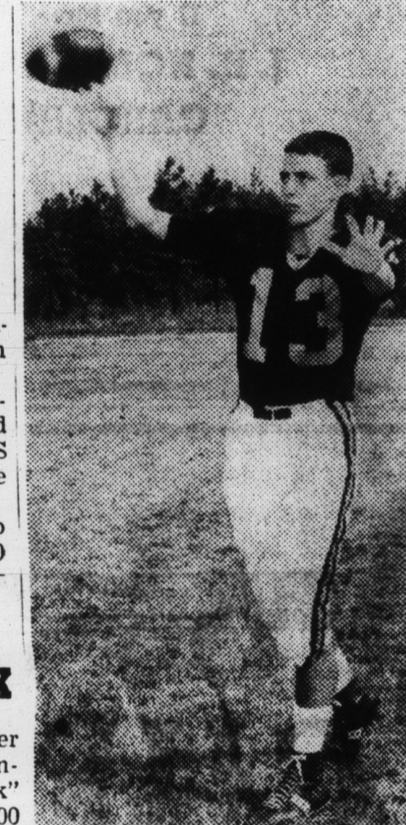
Bates says that his offensive lineup will look just about the same with senior Tommy Finger still running the show from the quarterback slot.

The Mountaineers will be without the assistance of senior end Phillip Putnam as he suffered a foot injury in last week's game with Thomasville. Putnam is scheduled to return to practice next week.

Senior Richard Shank will start in Putnam's place as offensive right end. Coach Bates says he might start Bert Smith at guard in place of Chuck Gladden and Sonny Moore may be called on to start at fullback. Gladden has been bothered this week with a minor foot injury and may see only limited action this week. However, Bates reports, if Gladden's injury is cleared up by Friday, he will definitely play.

All other offensive positions will look the same with Kenny Plonk and Stanley Brown at tackles, Larry Patrick at the other guard, Sandy Mauney at center, Charles Carroll at left end, Steve Spencer at tailback and Wayne Mullinax at wingback.

Kings Mountain's defensive lineup will consist of Carroll and either Moore or Stan Laughter at the ends, Plonk and Carl Wiesener at tackles, Eddie Bridges at guard, Mauney and Bert Smith at the linebacker



LEADS MOUNTIES — Pictured above is Kings Mountain's senior quarterback Tommy Finger who will be calling the plays Friday night when the Mountaineers play host to the Ironmen at City Stadium.

Spencer Named Player Of Week

Junior halfback Steve Spencer was recognized as Fulton's Mountaineer "Player of the Week" Monday after he gained 100 yards rushing Friday night in KM's 27-7 loss to Thomasville.

Spencer carried the football a total of 17 times against Thomasville for a 5.9 rushing average and finished off eight yards behind Thomasville's Butch Workman in a race for the game's leading ground gainer.

Spencer also caught three passes for a total of 24 yards and scored the Mountaineers' only touchdown on a one-yard plunge in the second period.

As a result of being tapped "Player of the Week," Spencer will receive a free gift from Fulton's Department Store. Fulton's will weekly honor a Mountaineer for an outstanding performance on the gridiron.

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Three Teams Tied For Mixed Lead
Three teams are tied for first place in the local mixed bowling league standings after action began last Thursday night.

Tied for the league lead are the Bill Mullinax, Ronnie Culbertson and Bob Herndon teams with identical 3-1 records.

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A Good Showing For Our Mountaineers

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers lost their opening football game Friday night, 27-7, to Thomasville, but the Mounties showed that they are going to be hard to handle in the Southwest Conference this season.

It might not be a title year for KMHS but the Mountaineers will definitely be a title contender.

Friday night's results were not as bad as the score indicated.

The Mountaineers wound up gaining only 79 yards less than the winners. Actually, Kings Mountain should have lost by only one touchdown. The Mounties had a pass intercepted on the Thomasville three yard line and one other time had penetrated to the Thomasville 30 and lost the ball on downs, so the score could have easily been 27-21.

Kings Mountain's running game looked good and if the Mounties can get a good passing attack to go along with their backfield, then they'll cause some trouble.

The Mountaineers were possibly up against the toughest 3-A team in the state this past Friday. Thomasville has a powerful running attack and extra good blocking. The Bulldogs are big, both in the backfield and on the line, and are strong.

Thomasville has been beaten only three times in the last three years. All three losses were to Asheboro, another real tough team in the South Piedmont.

KMHS coaches Bill Cashion and Bob Hussey scouted Thomasville last week when the Bulldogs played host to Reidsville. Cashion and Hussey toured the Thomasville gymnasium and both coaches agree that if Kings Mountain had the facilities that Thomasville has, the Mountaineers could turn out just as tough a team every year.

The Thomasville gym is equipped with weights, arm ropes, etc., for the boys to come in the year round and work out. Thomasville also promotes a wrestling program which is very helpful to boys playing football.

Cherries Not To Be Taken Lightly
Kings Mountain's ballplayers have now learned what competition is. The Mountaineers are really fired up for this week's home game with Cherryville but the Ironmen are not to be taken too lightly.

Cherryville won a 39-13 decision over Little Six opponent Dallas last Friday after losing its first game of the season to Lincolnton by a slim 15-12 count.

The KMHS coaches report that Cherryville is stronger offensively than it has been in quite a while. Led by the running and passing of 160-pound quarterback Wade Beam the Ironmen will be hard to handle.

Beam, a good passer, has two big targets in senior ends Al Knight (6-2) and Richard Hovis (6-4). Cherryville will be considerably smaller than Kings Mountain but in most cases the smaller boys are faster so the Mounties will have to key in on Cherryville's speed.

PULL OUT THE PREDICTION SHEET — Well, last week I hit five out of six but that one I missed was a real boomer. I predicted Chase over R-S Central and the Hill-toppers bombed the Trojans, 25-7.

Only four games are on tap for Southwest Conference schools this week as Shelby has an open date. The big game on tap for this Friday is the R-S Central at East Rutherford contest which many people believe could possibly determine the conference championship.

R-S Central must undoubtedly be tough but I still think that the Hilltoppers are not a conference champion. East Rutherford had an open date last Friday and now have had two full weeks to prepare for the contest so I'll take the Cavaliers.

Then, there's a non-conference game up at Chase pitting the Trojans against Dallas. There's no contest there. Chase will take it without any trouble, although I'd like to see Dallas win.

Belmont's Red Raiders play at Lincolnton and that should be a real good game. Lincolnton is 2-0 so far, winning over Cherryville opening night and beating Independence of Charlotte, a new school, last week by a 13-7 count while Belmont was holding tough Davie County to just a 13-7 score.

Gastonia Textiles Wins City Slow-Pitch Tourney

Gastonia Textiles won the 1966 City Invitational slow-pitch softball tournament Wednesday night by defeating Southwell Ford of Kings Mountain, 13-5. Textiles went through the tourney undefeated.

Southwell Ford defeated American Threads of Clover, S. C., 14-10 to reach the finals against Textiles.

In the opening game Wednesday, American Threads outthrew Southwell, 14-13. Robert Monday led the Clover team in hitting with a 3-for-5 performance while Dean Fleming had the same showing for the winners.

Jack Rasberry was the winning pitcher and R. H. McCarter was charged with the loss.

Textiles lashed out 8 hits in the championship game with every team member collecting at least one safety. Former Gastonia American Legion baseball star Steve Culbertson and Kenny Quinn and Doug Heavner led the Gaston boys with three hits each while Bill Bates had 4-for-4 for the Southwell team.

Lewis Lineberger was the winning pitcher and Rasberry was tagged with the loss.

Dilling Heating Leads Bowling Loop
Dilling Heating took over sole possession of first place in the men's duckpin bowling standings Monday night by winning three games off Richard Culbertson.

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