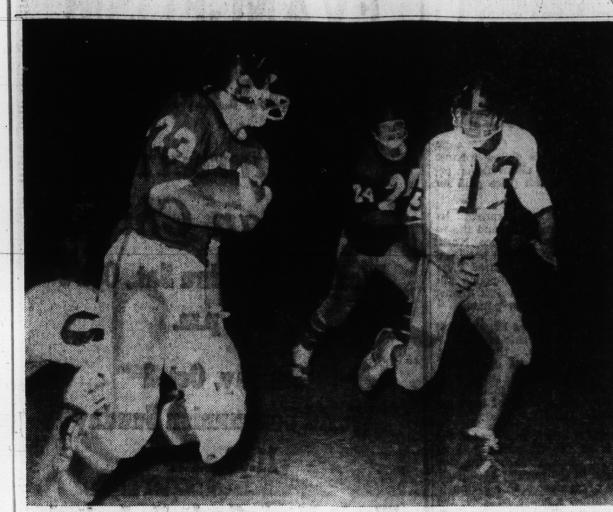
Mounties Fall To Strong Thomasville In Opener



THAMASVILLE'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.)

Gaston Textiles

Wins City Slow-

Team captain Bob Herndon

STANDINGS

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137 line and a 325 set.

Pitch Tourney



By GARY STEWART

A Good Showing For Our Mountaineers

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers lost their opening Textiles. 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 Moun-led the Clover team in hitting taineers will definitely be a title contender.

Friday night's results were not as bad as the scor

The Mountaineers wound up gaining only 79 yards less than the winners. Actually, Kings Mountain should pitcher and R. H. McCarter was ing in the ladies' duckpin league. to reach paydirt with a 22-yard nore saw varsity action last have lost by only one touchdown, The Mounties had a charged with the loss. pass intercepted on the Thomasville three yard line and one other time had penetrated to the Thomasville 30 and the championship game with win over Victory Chevrolet and against the Mounties setting up some tough competition for the lost the ball on downs, so the score could have easily been every team member collecting at lost the ball on downs, so the score could have easily been every team member collecting at lost the TD.

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Kings Mountain's running game looked good and if American Legion baseball star into a tie for third place. the Mounties can get a good passing attack to go along Steve Culbertson and Kenny 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 the Southwell team has a powerful running attack and extra good blocking. The Bulldogs are big. both in the backfield and on the

Thomasville has been beaten only three times in the tagged with the loss. 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 Dilling Heating Thomasville last week when the Bulldogs played host to Reidsville. Cashion and Hussey toured the Thomasville gymnasium and both coaches agree that if Kings Moun- Dilling Heating took over sole fin Drug. High scorer for the cock to Turnage pass enabled tain had the facilities that Thomasville has, the Moun-possession of first place in the losers was Pat Herndon with a the Bulldogs to push the ball and targets for mest of his taineers could turn out just as tough a team every year. men's duckpin bowling standings 101 line and a 275 set.

The Thomasville gym is equipped with weights, arm monday night by winning three ropes, etc., for the boys to come in the year round and games off Richard Culbertson. work out. Thomasville also promotes a wrestling program The Ranny Blanton team mov- the Plonk Brothers team to a which is very helpful to boys playing football.

Cherries Not To Be Taken Lightly

Kings Mountain's ballplayers have now learned what fourth place with a three-game Parker topped the losers with a competition is. The Mountaineers are really fired up for win over Plonk Oil Co. 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 op
combined lines of 128, 128 and 119 for a 375 set to lead the Dill-

ponent Dallas last Friday after losing its first game of the ing Heating charge. Bill Mullinax season to Lincolnton by a slim 15-12 count.

The KMHS coaches report that Cherryville is stronger set for the winners and John offensively than its been in quite a while. Led by the run-ning 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 Randy Blanton's 143 line and 270 at led his team to a 21 win

will be considerably smaller than Kings Mountain but in 370 set led his team to a 3-1 win most cases the smaller boys are faster so the Mounties over Clyde Culbertson.. Furman Wilson added a 320 set for the will have to key in on Cherryville's speed. PULL OUT THE PREDICTION SHEET — Well, last team's scoring with a 119-317 All

week I hit five out of six but that one I missed was a real five members of the winning boomer. I predicted Chase over R-S Central and the Hill- team posted 300-plus sets. 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 and a 355 set by Paul Ware pactors on tap for this Friday is the P.S. Control at East game on tap for this Friday is the R-S Central at East win over Plonk Oil Co. as the Rutherford contest which many people believe could pos- winners moved even at 8-8 after sibly determine the conference championship. falling into the losing column

R-S Central must undoubtedly be tough but I still during the first two weeks of the think that the Hilltoppers are not a conference champion. season.

East Rutherford had an open date last Friday and now Richard Bridges was high have had two full weeks to prepare for the contest so I'll scorer for the losers with a 121 LE—Charles Carroll, Sr. ... line and a 354 set. The loss drop

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 Chase will take it without any trouble, although I'd like

Belmont's Red Raiders play at Lincolnton and that Dilling Heating should be a real good game. Lincolnton is 2-0 so far, win-Ranny Blanton ning 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 Richard Culbertson Richard Culbertson

The Raiders are said to be much improved over last year and Lincolnton is definitely much weaker but we'll brought some stir of dislike from the players but I turned star, defensive backs Wayne out to be right. This week I'm saying Kings Mountain will bridges at guard, Mauney and Prince of Star, defensive backs Wayne out to be right. This week I'm saying Kings Mountain will bridges at guard, Mauney and Prince on offense. While Spender or Star Laughter or Star L

And now we get to the one you've all been waiting win. Let's hope I'm right again.

Mounties Look OK In Season Opener

A strong Thomasville offense a non-conference football battle. overpowered Kings Mountain's It was the season's opener for

Mountaineer

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t Downs Rushing Passing Il Yards ses Att. ses Comp. ses Had Int. ables Lost atties	15 149 68 217 8 5 1 1 7-51 3-33.3	23 250 55 305 13 3 0 1 6-80 1-32	lost the game, they still p good showing. Thomasvil gained the Mounties offe by only 88 yards. The leading rusher was Thoma Butch Workman with 106 in 14 carries while t Steve Spencer led the M with an even 100 yards tries.	
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KINGS MOUNTAIN

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.
Gaffney	5	7	5	2	
	PAS	SING	1		

Mullinax RECEIVING Player Caught Mullinax THOMASVILLE

RUSHING Gastonia Textiles won the 1966 City Invitational slow-pitch soft- Player T G L N Avg. ball tournament Wednesday night Workman by defeating Southwell Ford of Davis Kings Mountain, 13-5 Textiles Nicholson went through the tourney unde Peacock PASSING

Southwell Ford defeated A- Peacock merican Threads of Clover, S. C., RECEIVING 14-10 to reach the finals against player

Southwell, 14-13. Robert Munday In Ladies' League

with a 3-for-5 performance while Dean Fleming had the same Tuesday night to remain unde- for a two-yard loss. Jack Rasberry was the winning feated after two weeks of bowl-

leastone saftey. Former Gastonia games off Minute Grill to move

Shell team to its three-game win Lewis Lineberger was the win- over Minute Grill. Ethel Tignor ning pitcher and Rasberry was added a 301 set for the winners and Barbara Miller was high for the losers with a 109 line and

> Pat Panther's 121 line and 324 punt on the 33. set led the Kings Mountain Drug team's four-game win over Grif-

Team captain Lib Gault rolled 115 line and a 326 set to lead ed into second place after win- 4-0 win over Victory Chevrolet, ning three off Clyde Culbertson Dessie Loftin added a 295 set for and Albert Bracket hung on to for the winners while Janet 114 line and a 319 set.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pc
Kings Mtn. Drug	8	0	1.00
Plonk Bros.	7	1	.87
O-H Shell	4	4	50
Victory Chevrolet	4	4	.50
Minute Grill	1	7	.12
Griffin Drug	0	8	.00

PROBABLE STARTERS

	Pos. Name, Class
	LE-Richard Hovis, Sr
100	LT-Hank Stroup. Jr
	LG-Terry Black, Soph
	C—Charles Schmidt, Sr
	RG—Andy West, Sr RT—Darrell Pope, Sr
	RT-Darrell Pope, Sr
	RE-Al Knight, Sr
	QB-Wade Beam, Sr
	LH-Charles Jackson, Sr
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	FB-Moby Homesley, Sr

Kings Mountain

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1	LT-Kenny Plonk, Sr
	LG-Chucky Gladden, Sr
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	C-Sandy Mauney, Sr
	RG-Larry Patrick, Sr
	RT-Stanley Brown, Soph
	RE-Richard Shank, Sr
	PB-Tommy Finger, Sr
	LH-Steve Spencer, Jr
	RH-Wayne Mullinax, Soph.
	FB-Paul Gaffney, Jr
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2	or Sonny Moore, Sr

defense here Friday night as the the Mountaineers and the second visiting Bulldogs swept to a 27-7 straight win for Thomasville of the South Piedmont Conference. Thomasville defeated Reidsville, taineers out up a

> ille outensively game's asville's 8 yards tailback Mounties s in 17

3-0 lead on the Mounties but KM came back strong during the closing minutes of the first half to narrow the lead to 13.7 at intermis-

Fullback Eric Nicholson plunged over from the two yard line for the first score of the game with 1:19 left in the opening period. The Bulldogs drove 87 yards for the score after KM was

Kings Mountain got a good drive going from opening kick-

N Avg. Dennis Smith took the kickoff Ironmen Coach 74 5.7 29 from which point it took the 55 and a five-yard loss by Finger threw the Mounties into a punt

from the 13 as the Mountie line optimism Kings Mountain Drug Co. won came down field quickly and Bradley has nine seniors, a bur games of Grillin Drug Co. threw the 160-pound halfback junior and a sophomore in

In other action, Plonk Bro- pass from quarterback Pat Pea- year. Although Cherryville has thers moved into second place cock to right end Gordon Turn- only 23 players on its varsity Textiles lashed out 8 hits in after sweeping to a four-game age and a five-yard penalty squad the Ironmen will offer The penalty gave the Bulldogs season.

a first-and-goal from the five Quinn and Doug Heavner led the Jenny Oates claimed high from which point it took Nicholson only two attempts to push the pigskin across. Workman attempted to run the extra point but was stopped a yard short of the goal line.

Thomasville's second touchdown drive began on the Bull-

A 30 yard run by halfback well," Bradley added. Johnny Davis and another Peaacross in only eight tries with passes will be senior ends Rich Peacock carrying over on a ard Hovis (6-4, 210 pounds) and quarterback sneak from two Al Knight (6-0, 160 pounds). yards out with 7:35 left in the

to give the visitors a 13-0 lead. 165-pound senior, to add much Kings Mountain's touchdown drive began on the Thomasville attack. Blackwelder plays at end 44 after a personal foul was com- on defense along with Hovis. mitted by Thomasville on Jimmy Hall's kickoff.

It took the Mounties 11 plays to score with Spencer plunging 12 count. over from the one-yard line. A pass from Finger to Spencer was the leading gains in the Mountaineer drive.

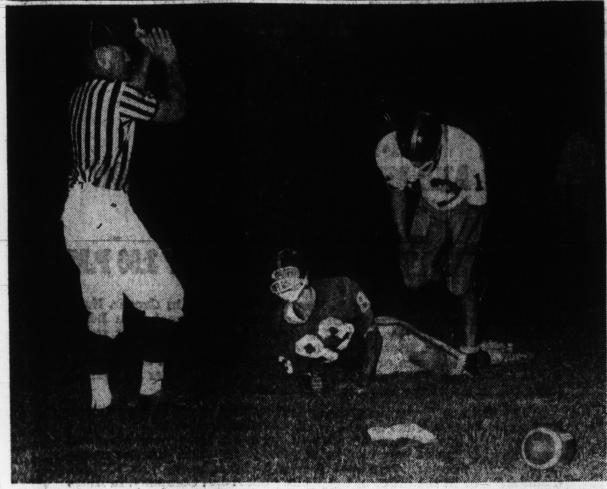
Thomasville's third score came practice next week.
with 4:50 left in the third quarwith 4:50 left in the third quarSenior Richard Shank will end zone.

back to the 24 from which point it took the Bulldogs five plays to get across the goal line. Workman set up the TD with a 15- ports, if Gladden's injury is 180 yard run to the nine. Davis ran the point after this definitely play.

time to make the score 20-7. Thomasville pushed 46 yards for its final score with Peacock going over from the one with 8:38 left in the game. Davis again ran the point after.

Mountaineer Coach Bill Bates end, Steve Spencer at tailback 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 Stanley Brown at tackles, Larry Patrick at the other guard, Sandy Mauney at center, Charles Carroll at left-end, Steve Spencer at tailback 172 again ran the point after. 150 stated following the game that and Wayne Mullinax at wing-155 he was well pleased with his back.

180 team's showing and praised Kings Mountain's defensive
197 Spencer for an outstanding perlineup will consist of Carroll and Finger also deserved praise, Bert Smith at the linebacker



THOMASVILLE END GORDON TURNAGE (83) and Kings Mountain safety Tommy Finger (13) in acton 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).

forced to punt after taking the opening kickoff to the Thomas-ville 40. Kings Mountain got a good off but was forced to punt when a Thomasville blitz held KM to minus four yards rushing on the Mountaineers' fourth series of downs. Friday Night 8:00

18 73 12 61 3.4 Mounties only seven running Expects QB Beam The Mountaineers are expected to use Spencer strongly and plays to set up a first-and-ten yds. on the Thomasville 36. But two carries of no gain by Spencer To Test Mounties

Cherryville high school's new head coach Dennis Bradley has get underway promptly at 8:00 Paul Gaffney's punt was taken put together the best offensive In the opening game Wednesday, American Threads outhit KM Drug Undefeated Williamson but a good coverage in a long time and looks to this Spencer Named by the Mountaineer defense set week's battle with Kings Mounup Thomasville's first series tain's Mountaineers with much

starting lineup and every boy taineer "Player - of - the - Week" It took Thomasville 13 plays with the exception of the sopho-Monday after he gained 100 much larger SWC teams this asville for a 5.9 rushing average

> 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. touchdown on a one-yard plunge

"He (Beam) is the kind of dogs' own 18 yard line after a boy that can hurt you in a lot of clipping penalty set them back different ways," says Bradley. 15 yards after taking Gaffney's "He's real quick, mixes his plays real well, runs well and passes

Beam likes to throw the foot-Cherryville will also be depending of fullback Moby Hom-Workman ran the extra point esley, a 185-pound senior and

> The Ironmen lost their first game of the season September 9, falling to the hands of conference fee Lincolnton by a 15-

Bates says that his offensive nine-yard run by Spencer, a seven-yard jaunt by Wayne Mullinax and an eight-yard screen still running the show from the same with senior Tommy Finger

The Mountaineers will be Jerry Mitchem kicked the extra point for the Mounties to nerrow the score to 13-7 with 2:48 game with Thomasville. Put-

ter with Nicholson going over start in Putnam's place as of-from the two to cap a 24-yard tensive right end. Coach Bates drive. The drive began after KM says he might start Bert Smith was forced to punt from its own at guard in place of Chucky Gladden and Sonny Moore may Freddie Johnson took Gaffney's be called on to start at fullback. punt on the 42 and carried it Gladden has been bothered this

All other offensive positions

nis Smith and Tommy Goforth in the defensive secondary. there's a big chance that KMHS will go to the air against the Friday's game is scheduled to Player Of Week Junior halfback Steve Spencer

LEADS MOUNTIES - Pictured is Kings Mountain's senior quarterback Tommy Finger who will be calling the plays Friday night when the Mountaineers play host to conference foe Cherryville in an 8

leading ground gainer. Spencer also caught three passes for a total of 24 yards and For Mixed Lead scored the Mountaineers' only

As a result of being tapped gan last Thursday night. 'Player of the Week", Spencer Tied for the league lead are will receive a free gift from Ful- the Bill Mullinax, Ronnie Culton's Department Store. Fulton's bertson and Bob Herndon teams will weekly honor a Mountain- with identical 3-1 records. eer for an outstanding perform. With a 134 line and a 343 set ance on the gridiron.

was recognized as Fulton's Moun-

yards rushing Friday night in

Spencer carried the football a

total of 17 times against Thom-

and finished only eight yards be-

hind Thomasville's Butch Work-

man in a race for the game's

in the second period.

KM's 27-7 loss to Thomasville.

o'clock contest at City Stadium.

Three Teams Tied

Three teams are tied for first place in the local mixed bowling league standings after action be-

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