

Mounties Lose Second, Host Cherryville Friday

Crawford Leads Raiders To 24-7 Victory Friday

South Point's undefeated Red Raiders scored in every period Friday night in Belmont and handed Kings Mountain's Mountaineers their second straight Southwestern Conference loss, 24-7.

Junior halfback Scott Crawford, a 180-pounder, sparked the Belmont victory by scoring two touchdowns and also playing a bang-up defensive game. Crawford got the hosts started with 3:30 left in the first quarter when he scooped up a Geeper Howard fumble and rambled 50 yards for a touchdown. Accurate Joey Metz booted the extra point to put KM behind 7-0.

From that point on, the Mountaineers suffered a letdown and the offense never could get going again.

Actually, the Mountaineers got off to a fine start but fumbles killed two Mountaineer drives. Kings Mountain took the opening kickoff and drove to midfield before Mike Kelly of South Point recovered Howard's fumble on the Raider 41. South Point ran only three plays and punted and KM drove again to the 50 where Howard fumbled again, and Crawford took it in for the score.

The Mountaineers couldn't move the ball following the ensuing kickoff and had to punt. Crawford returned it to the KM 15 and the Raiders moved to the four before losing the ball on downs.

The period ended 7-0 but Crawford was back at it again in the second stanza, going 69 yards off tackle to give the Raiders a 14-0 edge at intermission.

South Point drove 49 yards for its third period touchdown, scored on a 27 yard pass from sophomore quarterback Bill Hamon to halfback Mike McWhirter. Howard, playing his first game at safety, had the play broken up but when he batted the pass, it fell into McWhirter's hands and he scampered into the end zone. Metz booted his third straight extra point to give the Raiders a 21-0 lead heading into the final chapter.

South Point's final score came with 6:42 left in the game when Metz booted a 32 yard field goal. Kings Mountain's lone tally came with 4:06 remaining when Belmont's second unit quarterback, Don Davis, fumbled and KM defensive end Terry Putnam caught it in mid-air and romped 55 yards for the TD. Chuck Carpenter kicked the extra point.

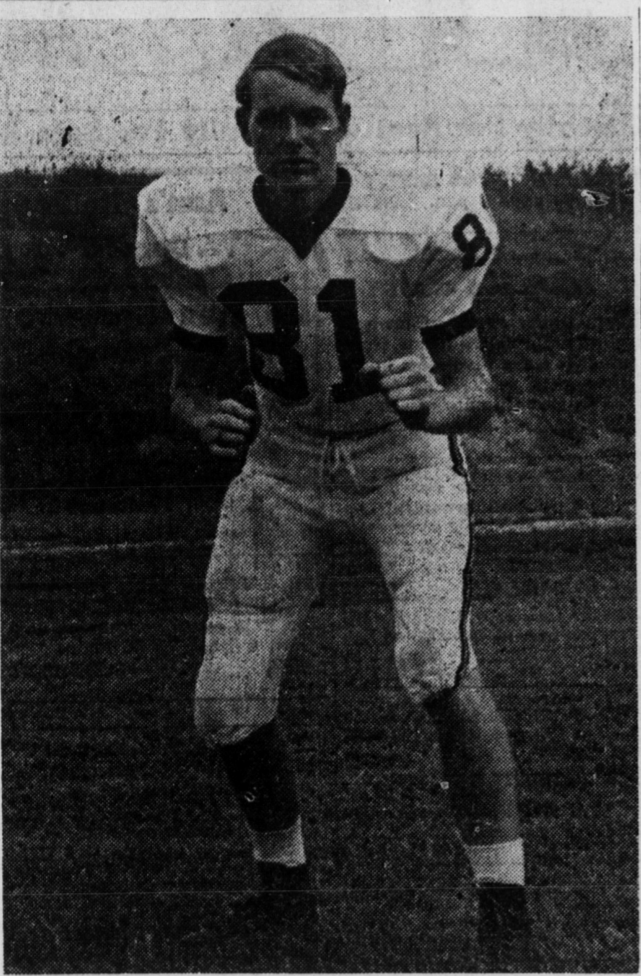
Neither team looked good on offense but South Point played a tremendous defensive contest. The Raiders limited the Mountaineers to only 18 yards rushing and one first down in the second half. The first down came on a penalty.

South Point made shambles out of KM's passing game. Howard hit on only two of 12 passes for 10 yards and fullback David Bolin hit one of three tosses for four yards.

Kings Mountain gained only 102 yards rushing with Bolin carrying a dozen times for 43 yards and a 3.6 average. Howard picked up 29 yards in 12 carries and sophomore halfback Frankie Stokes added 23 yards in 10 attempts.

Crawford was the game's top rusher, picking up 82 yards in eight carries. However, most of his yardage came on the 69-yard touchdown run in the second period.

Crawford, a sure bet for post-season honors, had a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown but it was nullified on a clipping penalty.



SCORES ONLY TD — Defensive end Terry Putnam, above, intercepted a fumble and romped 55 yards for Kings Mountain's only touchdown in Friday's 24-7 SWC loss to South Point. It was the second straight loss for KM.

Ramsey Bows 397 Set, Oates Leads In Ladies

At the season continues to roll along, scores get higher in bowling league action at Mountain Lanes.

Mull Ramsey, a Gastonia, had the high set in men's action Monday night, combining single games of 153, 116 and 128 for a 397 series which led Vincent's Union 76 to three wins over Rany Blanton.

All five of the Union 76 bowlers topped the 300 set figure while only two of the Blanton bowlers were able to reach that mark. Blanton was high man for his team with a 123 line and 343 set. Richard Culbertson scored a 123 line and 368 set to lead Quality Sandwich to a 2-2 split with Dilling Heating. Ronnie Culbertson topped the Dilling team with a 133 line and 362 set.

WNCSSAA GRID STANDINGS. Table with columns for Conference, Division, and Games Played. Includes sub-sections for North Piedmont, Northwestern, and South Piedmont conferences.

STATISTICS. Table comparing Kings Mountain (KM) and South Point (SP) in various categories like First Downs, Yards Rushing, Passes, etc.

Bears Try To Rebound In Game At Newberry

NEWBERRY, S. C. — The Powerful single wing will descend on Setzer Field at Newberry College next Saturday night in the form of the Bears from Lenoir Rhyne College.

Patriots Bomb Marion In Opener 38-0

Host Gastonia Next Week At Gamble Stadium

Central Junior High opened its 1970 football season last Wednesday on the road with a 38-0 victory over Marion.

Coach Porter Griggs' club was outstanding on both offense and defense, rolling up 316 yards total offense to minus 12 yards for Marion.

The Patriots had 177 yards rushing and seventh grade quarterback Steve Southwell connected on six of eight passes for 139 yards and no interceptions.

Marion had minus 12 yards rushing and failed on its only two pass attempts.

Halfback Kenny McCoy led the Patriot running attack, gaining 102 yards rushing and scoring a pair of touchdowns. Included in Central's 38-point production was a pair of safeties.

Central jumped to a 8-0 lead early in the first quarter, driving 82 yards for a score. McCoy took it over from the seven and fullback Carl Roseboro passed to Chuck Austin for a two-point conversion.

Later in the first chapter, Mike Paysour tackled the Marion quarterback in the end zone to push the margin to 16-0.

Central scored twice more in the third quarter to lead 35-0 going into the final period. The Patriots drove 45 yards in five plays with McCoy scoring from five yards out.

That made it 22-0 and the Patriots later picked up six more points when Southwell hit John Byers on a 35-yard scoring pass. A 34-yard pass from Southwell to Byers helped set up McCoy's earlier TD.

Southwell and Byers hooked up again on a 36-yard scoring play in the fourth quarter and Roseboro passed to Tony Falls for the two-point conversion, making it 36-0.

Falls closed out the scoring for Central late in the game when he tackled the Marion quarterback for a second safety.

Coach Griggs cited Falls, Paysour, Mike Whitaker, Roseboro and David Wayne Bell for their defensive play. The Central defense held Marion to only one first down while the Patriot offense rambled for 13.

The Patriots were scheduled to go against county-rival Shelby Wednesday at John Gamble Stadium. Next Wednesday, the Patriots play host to Gastonia Ashley.

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PLAYER OF WEEK — Guard Dale Russell is Fulton's player of the week following his outstanding line play in Friday's game with South Point. Russell is just now rounding into top shape following an early season injury.

Dale Russell Named Fulton's Player Of Week

Junior guard Dale Russell, playing his first game at full strength Friday night against South Point of Belmont, is Fulton's fourth Mountaineer player of the week.

Russell, who played the entire game on offense and also filled in some on defense, graded out 3.2 out of a possible five, which was much better than any other member of the team, according to head coach Bill Bates.

"Dale had been bothered most of the year with injuries," said Bates, "and to add to matters, last week he came down with a virus. But he came back to play a real fine game for us and was actually our only bright spot in defeat."

Russell joins two other linemen, John Grier and Mike Moss, and quarterback Geeper Howard as players of the week.

As a result of the honor, Russell will receive a gift from the men's department of Fulton's Department Store.

Adams Returns, G-W Eyes Another Big Year

Gardner-Webb Cage Schedule

BOILING SPRINGS — Three tournaments and a trip to the Virgin Islands will highlight the 1970-71 Gardner-Webb basketball season for the Bulldogs who are now a full fledged member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and are now eligible to play in post season games.

Coach Eddie Holbrook will have a strong contingent of his 1969-70 team back including the leading scorer George Adams. Adams at one time led the NAIA in scoring and closed the season with a 32 point average.

G-W opens the season November 24 with Barber Scotia of Concord, N. C., at home. Next comes a trip to Asheville for the Asheville Tip Off Tournament November 27-28.

Other tournaments include the High Point Tournament December 4-5 at High Point, N. C., and the Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament at Bost Gym December 27-28.

The trip to the Virgin Islands will be January 28-30. Another big game for the Bulldogs will be February 6 when Oral Roberts University of Tulsa, Okla., comes to Boiling Springs. Last year Oral Roberts finished with a 27-4 record and fifth in the nation.

Last season the Bulldogs were 18-7. With several outstanding freshmen and some junior college transfers the Bulldogs are expected to be much stronger.

The Bulldogs were weak at guard last season. The total output of the guards was 10 points per game. Coach Holbrook hopes to correct this weakness this season.

Ninth Graders Win But Jayvees Lose To Shelby

Kings Mountain's ninth grade football team captured its first win of the season last week but the Jayvees suffered their first defeat.

Coach Blaine Froeberg's ninth graders, competing in the Bi-County (Gastonia and Cleveland) Conference, defeated Crest 18-6 to give them a 1-1 record. They earlier lost to Shelby.

Coach Tommy Pruitt's Jayvees (tenth graders) lost to county rival Shelby, 20-6, giving them an overall 1-1-1 record heading into Thursday night's home game against East Rutherford. Game time is 7:30.

Shelby broke up a close game with a touchdown in the final minute. Fraver White went eight yards for KM's only score.

KM Pee Wee Team Blanks Stanley, 14-0

Kings Mountain's pee wee football team, after losing its first game of the season last week to Groves Thread of Gastonia, 14-6, bounced back Tuesday night at City Stadium with a 14-0 win over Stanley.

Thomas McNeil scored both touchdowns for Coach Jimmy Littlejohn's team on runs of 35 and 40 yards. Billy Cashion scored on a 45-yard run for KM but the score was called back on a penalty.

Coach Littlejohn cited Scott Rhea and Eddie Anderson for their defensive play and said Bubba Robinson, Joe Ormand, Kevin Kinsley and Tommy Bridges played well defensively.

The pee wees are at City Stadium next Tuesday, playing host to Mt. Holly. Game time is 7 p.m.

Ironmen Winless But Will E Up For Mountaineers

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers hope the friendly confines of John Gamble Stadium will bring them some luck Friday night.

Following two straight losses on the road, the Mountaineers return home Friday to host winless Cherryville and they remain at home next week for a contest with lovely R-S Central.

Cherryville brings an 0-4 record into the game and the Ironmen have scored only once this year, that being in a narrow 7-6 loss to Burns. The Ironmen have also lost to South Point 39-0, Dallas 31-0 Shelby 48-0.

"Cherryville has had their ups and downs," says Coach Bill Bates of the Mountaineers. "But they have Lynn Chesire, one of our old boys, on their coaching staff, and Ben Goforth, a former teacher here, is their principal, so they don't have any trouble getting fired up for us."

Coach Bates said he wasn't at all pleased with his team's performance in last week's 24-7 loss to South Point and added that he plans several lineup changes for this week's game.

"We're going to make quite a few changes," he said. "We caught a few boys standing around after we got behind and we're going to move a few of them."

Coach Bates said it's doubtful whether halfback Chris Blanton, who injured his knee, and end Gerald Owensby, who suffered an ankle injury, will play this week.

Tackle Steve Ingle, who suffered an ankle injury in the season opener against Bessemer City, is still on the injured list. He worked out in heavy equipment once last week and re-injured the ankle.

Chuck Carpenter is also nursing minor injuries and saw only action as a kicker in last week's game. Quarterback Geeper Howard has taken over Carpenter's defensive safety post.

Center-linebacker Mark George also missed last week's game with an infected ear and might not be at full strength this week.

Guard Dale Russell was at full strength for the first time last week and played well against South Point.

"He was actually the only bright spot," said Coach Bates. "He graded out 3.2 out of a possible five. He was a doubtful starter after coming down with a virus last week but he came out and did a great job. Alfred Ashe did a fair job on defense, along with Howard."

Bates said his club suffered a big letdown after South Point halfback Scott Crawford rambled 50 yards with a fumble to put the Raiders ahead 7-0 with 3:00 left in the first quarter.

Sanders, Hunt Players Of Week

BOILING SPRINGS — Bernie Sanders of Roanoke, Va. and Coleman Hunt of Shelby captured the offensive and defensive spotlight for their top performance in the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs' first senior college football victory, a 3-0 win over Newberry.

Sanders, a kicking artist with a strong leg and Hunt, one of the top defensive men of the Bulldogs, won the offensive and defensive player awards for the week.

During the final three seconds of play in the first half, Sanders split the uprights with a 31-yard field goal which turned out to be the winning margin.

Sanders has kicked his only two extra point tries.

Hunt made himself known to the offensive unit of the Newberry Indians by making ten solo tackles. This brought his total to 16 in two games.

Marty Robbins Will Drive In National 500

CHARLOTTE — He'll be coming from Nashville instead of "El Paso." He will be attired in a flameproof driving uniform rather than a "White Sports Coat and a Pink Carnation." But Marty Robbins will be at Charlotte Motor Speedway to drive in the October 11 NASCAR 500 miler.

Robbins, one of the country music world's biggest talents, drove his last race in the 1968 National 500 but heart trouble took him out of the drivers seat shortly thereafter. Medical examinations revealed that the trouble was clogged coronary arteries so Robbins underwent a four hour vein transplant in January in order to continue his racing activities.

Robbins, along with more than 60 other entries in the eleventh annual edition of the fall classic at Charlotte, will begin arriving at the speedway on Oct. 6 when inspection, registration and practice will begin. Qualifying trials to narrow the entries down to the 40 fastest will commence on Wed., Oct. 7, and continue through Oct. 10.

Starting time for the National 500 race on Oct. 11 is set for 12:30 p.m.



GARDNER-WEBB ACE — Kings Mountain's George Adams, above, returns for his junior year in basketball at Gardner-Webb. Three tournaments and a trip to the Virgin Islands highlight the schedule announced today by Coach Eddie Holbrook.