

Mountaineers Close Season With Win Over Lincs

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers completed their best season in six years Friday night in Lincolnton, defeating the Wolves 27-18 to nail down a tie for third in the final Southwestern 3-A Conference standings.

Senior quarterback Geeper Howard, playing possibly the best game of his three-year varsity career, hit on 14 of 24 passes for 217 yards and all four Mountaineer touchdowns.

to Ray Hughes as the Mountaineers collected their first victory over Lincolnton in four years. Kings Mountain built up a 27-0 lead before Lincolnton came back in the second half to make a game of it.

Lincolnton finally got its offense going, scoring on a 22-yard pass from John Lawing to Ricky Blackwell to cut the difference to 27-6. Lincolnton then recovered an onside kick and moved in for another score, this one on a 15-yard run by Lawing, to cut it to 27-12.

0, we began substituting, not by teams, but by individuals. They scored, then recovered the onside kick and scored again, and we let down." Bates cited Howard, Gwensby and Hughes for their offensive play and praised John Grier and John Hogue for their defensive efforts.

The victory evened Bates' record against Lincolnton teams at 4-4. The tie was a 0-0 duel last year at John Gamble Stadium. Kings Mountain's 7-3 overall mark and 6-3 conference record represents only the second winning season here since 1964, when the Mountaineers went unbeaten (10-0) en route to the SWC championship.

ford for third place in the final standings, behind Shelby (9-0) and South Point of Belmont (8-1). East Rutherford dropped its last two games, to South Point and Shelby, to finish with a 6-3 league record, same as the Mountaineers. The loss, Lincolnton's second straight, dropped the Wolves to fifth place with a final record of 5-4 in the conference and 5-5 overall.

Passing yardage 217 172
Passes Int. by 1 1
Fumbles lost 0 2
Punts 6-35 5-31
Yards penalized 25 10
By Quarters:
KM 0 21 6 0-27
Linc. 0 0 6 12-18
Scoring, KM: Owensby, 2, passes of 32 and 14 yds. from Howard; Hughes 2, passes of 8 and 11 yds. from Howard. PAT: Bolin, pass; Carpenter, kick.
Scoring, Linc. — Blackwell, 22 yd. pass from Lawing; Lawing, 15 yd. run; Reid, 15 yd. pass from Lawing.

STATISTICS

	KM	LINC.
First Downs	12	10
Yards rushing	94	53
Passes	14-24	16-30

Nine Gridders Join KMHS Basketball Squad

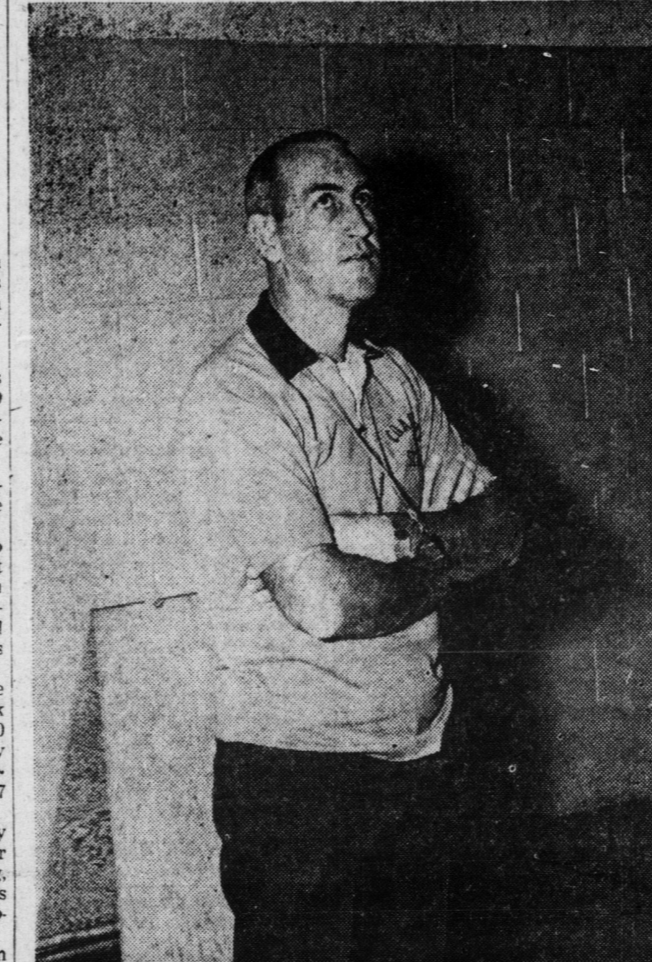
Bolin Led Balanced Attack With Six TDs, 40 Points



LEADS SCORING — Junior fullback David Bolin led Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in scoring this season with 40 points. Bolin tallied six touchdowns and two, two-point conversions. Several other players pushed Bolin for the scoring title.

Junior fullback David Bolin which paced Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 7-3 record in the Southwestern 3-A Conference this fall. Bolin scored six touchdowns and four extra points for 40 points to lead a list of 11 Mountaineers who took part in the scoring act.

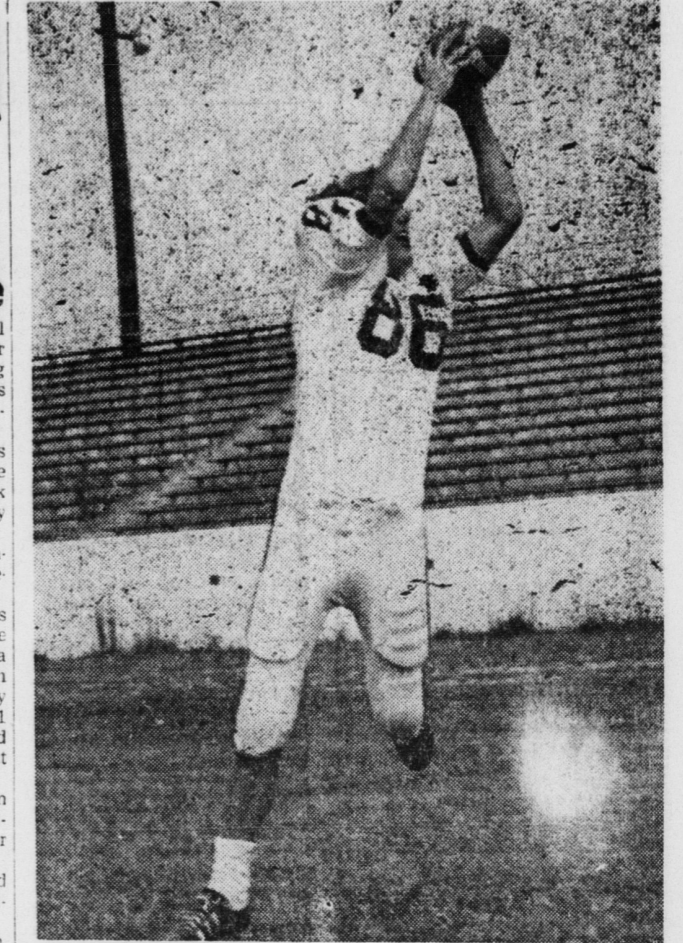
Although Bolin was the leader, several other players were close to the top of the list. Halfback Marshall Logan, who didn't break the starting unit until midway of the season when Chris Blanton was sidelined by an injury, finished second to Bolin with six touchdowns and 36 points.



EYES SEASON — Elaine Froneberger, above, head coach of the girls basketball team at KMHS, is eyeing better times on the court this winter. Her Mountaineers won only three games last year, one of them an upset over county-rival Shelby.

Dixon Says KM Team Has Much Work To Be Done

Nine members of the football team came out for practice for the first time Tuesday, giving Kings Mountain High School's new basketball coach, Alan Dixon, 21 boys to work with. Dixon, who coached the jayvees the past two years, said the Mountaineers have a lot of work to do before opening season play on Dec. 1 at Bessemer City. Coach Dixon said the Mountaineers are working mostly on defense and getting into shape.



SCORES TWICE — Senior end Ray Hughes was on the receiving end of two touchdown passes by Geeper Howard in Kings Mountain's 27-18 win over Lincolnton last Friday. The victory gave KM a final record of 7-3.

Post-Season Football Tournney Set Saturday

Gardner-Webb Plays Gaston Friday At KMCC

The first annual Kings Mountain Post-Season Invitational football tournament will be held Saturday beginning at 10:45 a.m. at John Gamble Stadium. The grid event is being sponsored by the KM Recreation Department with Steve Henderson serving as tournament director.

Kings Mountain will have two teams entered in the event. The 80-pound entry, or mighty mites, is coached by Henderson and sports a 2-4 record. The 100-pound team, which sports a 5-2 record, is coached by Jimmy Littlejohn and Charles Burns.

Coaches Named For Winter

Kings Mountain High athletic director Bill Bates has announced the coaching staff for winter athletic season. It is as follows: Varsity boys basketball, Alan Dixon. Varsity girls basketball, Blaine Froneberger. Jayvee boys basketball, Edgar Guy. Jayvee girls basketball, Bill Bates. Freshmen basketball, Tommy Pruitt. Wrestling, Warren Goforth.

FINAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

NORTH PIEDMONT CONFERENCE				NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE			
DIVISION I				DIVISION I			
North Rowan	6	1	7	2	8	2	
North Davidson	5	1	7	1	2	3	
North Stanly	4	4	6	4			
West Rowan	3	1	4	3	1	6	
Mooresville	2	6	3	7			
DIVISION II				DIVISION II			
East Rowan	7	1	0	8	1		
Davie County	4	4	4	6			
South Iredell	2	6	3	7			
North Iredell	0	7	0	10			

Bates Says Football Is On The Rise Again

At the first of the year, not many grid prophets expected Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to finish near the top of the Southwestern 3-A Conference standings. But Head Coach Bill Bates says his team's 7-3 final record is no surprise to him and his coaching staff. "We sort of felt like we should be about 7-3 or 8-2," said Bates after his Mountaineers defeated Lincolnton 27-18 in the season finale last Friday. "The game that upset us (the coaches more than anything else was East Rutherford KM lost 12-9). We felt like we should have won that one. We knew that Shelby and Belmont both had better personnel than we did. It's just a shame that we didn't have some of the tough games at home."

LOOK AHEAD — Kings Mountain High football coach, Bill Bates, says he was not surprised with his team's showing in the gridiron this fall. He looks to even better records in the future.

The Mountaineers, who enjoyed their best season since 1964, were undefeated in their four games at John Gamble Stadium and finished with three wins and three losses on the road. At home, the Mountaineers defeated Chase, Cherryville, R-S Central and Crest. On the road, they defeated Bessemer City, Burns and Lincolnton while losing to South Point (Belmont), East and Shelby. "It seems that every year we have a good ballclub our schedule goes against us," added Bates. Bates, who has been head coach at KMHS since 1962, said he feels that football is on the rise again in the Mountaineer City after being down, so to speak, since the championship days of '63 and '64. "We lose only five starters and 10 players off this year's team," he said, "so we're going to have some good personnel back next season. The main problem next year will be just getting personnel at the right position. The Mountaineers lose quarterback Geeper Howard, ends Johnnie Hogue, Ray Hughes and Terry Putnam and guard Arthur Carroll off the starting team. Other seniors were Bill Loftin, Chuck Carpenter, Mike Swofford, Carl Fulton and Jack King. "We (the coaching staff) think football is coming back," continued Bates. "Our jayvees were 6-1-1 this year. Our ninth grade team ran into some injury problems and was not real strong but had some good ballplayers. "Just now, our seventh and eighth graders who have played

Central Sets Parent-Teacher Cage Twinbill

There will be a faculty-parent basketball doubleheader at Central Junior High on November 20 at 7 p.m. In the first game, the women teachers will play a team of parents and immediately following, the men teachers will play a game against parents. All proceeds will go to the Central athletic program.

DEFENSIVE STANDOUT — John Hogue, senior defensive end, played a key role in Kings Mountain's season-ending 27-18 victory over Lincolnton Friday night in Lincolnton.

By 1980, the number of women at work, 37 million, will double the 1960 figure, 18 million.



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