

# Patriots Host Shelby, Eyeing Share Of Title

Kings Mountain Junior High's Patriots will be trying to move back into a tie for first place in the Foot-hills Conference football race Saturday night when they host county rival Shelby.

The Blue Devils are 4-0 and tied with Crest for the league lead. Kings Mountain, after a tough 7-6 win over East Lincoln last

Thursday night, is 3-1. If the Patriots defeat Shelby Saturday and the Blue Devils whip Crest in their game next week, the three Cleveland County schools will be in a three way tie for the lead. They shared the conference title last fall.

Jeff Cloninger's extra point with 45 seconds remaining in the game was

the difference in KM's win over a strong East Lincoln team last week.

Miron White scored the tying touchdown for KM on a 20 yard run around end. The TD was set up on a fourth down pass from Cloninger to Mark Schuman which carried 20 yards.

East Lincoln, which defeated KM 32-0 last year when the same players were jayvees, scored its touchdown early in the first quarter after a KM fumble at its own 20.

"I was extremely proud of the way our boys played," noted KM coach Joe Speight. "Coming back three days after a tough loss to Lincolnton and playing the way they did says a lot for their desire to win."

Coach Speight cited Maurice Jamerson, Glenn Carroll, Timmy Leach and Danny Williams for their defensive play.

Little Pats

Lose 28-8,

Host East

Kings Mountain Junior High's jayvee footballers host East Lincoln Saturday in their home finale, then hit the road next Wednesday for their season-ending game at Clover.

The Little Patriots lost to a strong Lincolnton team last Wednesday afternoon at John Gamble Stadium, 28-8. KM's lone touchdown came in the second half on a six-yard run by Chris Wright. Trent Thomasson passed to Tim Bell for a two-point conversion.

The loss dropped KM to 1-4. The Little Patriots have lost four in a row since winning their opener over West Lincoln.

KM Midgets

Knock Off

Belmont 12-8

Kings Mountain's midget footballers knocked Belmont's Little Raiders from the ranks of the undefeated Tuesday night in Belmont, 12-8, gaining revenge for their only Gaston League defeat of last season.

KM moved 75 yards in 12 plays on its first possession for a 6-0 lead, Paul Ingram scoring from 15 yards out.

Ricky Proctor recovered a fumble at the 50 on Belmont's first possession and five plays later Ingram scored from 25 yards out to make it 12-0.

Belmont almost ran the ensuing kickoff back, but Gerald Byers saved the TD by tackling the ballcarrier at the 20 yard line. Three encroachment penalties gave Belmont a first and goal at the five and June Jones scored for the Little Raiders on fourth down. Belmont kicked the point after to make it 12-8.

KM's defense limited the Belmont team to four first downs and 31 yards rushing.

Coach Charlie Burns cited Kevin Mack, Proctor, Alan Van Dyke and Ingram for their offensive play. Proctor, who recovered three fumbles, Markus Hager, who intercepted a pass, and Thomas Bess, Mack, Van Dyke and Wade Harrington were cited for their defensive play.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to play at Shelby Tuesday night. The two clubs tied 6-6 in their season's opener. Shelby's only loss was to Mt. Holly, 13-6.

Jr. Midgets

Take First

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Eric Spicer and Shawn Rainey added points after for the Little Mountaineers.

Hullender, Dennis Wilson and the entire defensive line were cited for their defensive play.



Photo By Gary Stewart

**HALTING A WOLF** - Kings Mountain Junior High's Steven Gnanndt (81) halts end Leonard Ross (83) of Lincolnton as Wayne Brown (33) comes in to help out in Wednesday's jayvee game at John

Gamble Stadium. Little Patriots lost their fourth straight game, 28-8. They host Lincoln Saturday in their home finale.

## KM Cross Country

### Team Wins First

Kings Mountain High's cross country runners, fresh from their first victory in history, are preparing for the annual Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association meet which is set for Monday afternoon at South Point.

the Red Raiders are the choice to cop the event.

Coach Joe Rountree's runners defeated Crest and Burns in a three-way meet last Tuesday on the 2.4 KMHS course. KMHS finished with 29 points, Crest had 39 and Burns 56.

Oscar Littlejohn of Burns and Bill West of Crest finished 1-2, Littlejohn crossing the finish line in 12:25. But KMHS had five runners in the top 10 and seven in the top 20 in claiming team honors.

Mike Stowe had the best time for the Mountaineers, 12:50, to finish in third place. Johnny McKinney was fourth, Sammy Bell fifth, Larry Smith eighth, Ed Burns ninth, Kevin Tinsley 12th and Clayton Wright 20th. Charles Jenkins dropped out with a pulled muscle.

The South Point course will measure the maximum three miles for Monday's association meet. Thirty teams will be involved in the running and

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