

Host East Gaston In Homecoming

# Mounties Play Home Finale



Photo By Gary Stewart

OH, NO! — Melany Clark, sophomore cheerleader at Kings Mountain High, realizes the Mountaineers are about to go down to defeat when this photo was made late in last Friday's game with South Point. The Mounties lost 27-14, but maybe this lovely cheerleader's sadness will turn to joy this week when the Mounties host East Gaston in their homecoming game.

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers play their final game in front of the home fans Friday night when they host a tough East Gaston team in their annual homecoming contest.

Both the Mountaineers and East Gaston, which is coached by former KMHS All-Stater Jerry Adams, are 4-3 in Southwestern 3-A Conference play and tied for third place with Chase. KMHS is 4-4 overall and East Gaston 5-3.

The Warriors, who have never beaten the Mountaineers since joining the SWC in 1973, bring the league's top two offensive backs to John Gamble Stadium, meaning the KMHS defense will face its toughest test of the season.

Adams owns the league's top groundgainer in Richard Dill, who has already gained over 1,000 yards rushing, and the loop's top passer in Grant Hoffman, whom many observers feel could be the best passer the SWC has seen since Pat Murphy.

The Mountaineers will counter with a running attack led by senior tailback Kenny Bell, who has come on strong after an early-season injury. He had his best game last week with 133 yards against South Point and for the season now has 635 yards rushing.

Comparing scores, the Mountaineers would appear to be a slight favorite. Both clubs have beaten North Gaston, R-S Central and Crest and both lost to Shelby and South Point. KMHS beat Chase 13-12 while the Warriors lost to the Trojans 21-12.

## SPORTS

Although the Mountaineers defeated the Warriors soundly in their first two meetings (27-7 in '73 and 29-0 in '74) the Warriors have been in the game until the final minute since Adams took over as head coach two years ago.

The Mountaineers won by 18-14 in '75 as Chris Johnson, now with nationally-ranked Gardner-Webb, caught a touchdown pass from Mike Bungarner with less than a minute to play.

In the final game of the season last year, the Mountaineers won 21-14 in a game in which Hoffman filled the air with passes but had several dropped by his receivers. That victory enabled the Mountaineers to post their best record (8-2) since 1964.

The Warriors have already assured themselves of their best record

since joining the SWC, but victories over the Mountaineers Friday and East Rutherford in their finale next week would give them a 7-3 mark and put their football program back on a solid foundation. Many of this year's players, including Dill, return next season.

And, Adams, who was an All-State lineman and helped lead KMHS to a share of the SWC title in '69, would like nothing better than to spoil homecoming for the KM fans. Adams, you'll recall, was the coach of the Bessemer City team which defeated Kings Mountain 2-0 in the first game of the 1973 season before the Yellow Jackets began their famous 40-game losing streak which just ended this year.

The Mountaineers need a victory Friday to assure a winning season, and also to improve their home record. They've lost three of their first four home games, their lone win the impressive 13-12 victory over Chase.

KMHS closes out its season next week at Burns against the winless Bulldogs.

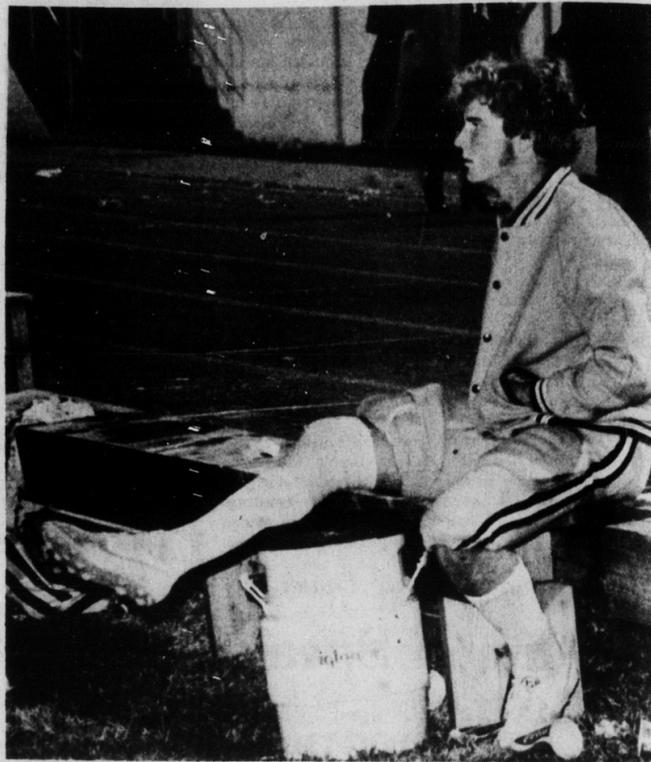


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**BANGED UP** — KMHS senior linebacker Scott Ellis views the action from the bench after suffering a knee injury in last week's 27-14 loss to South Point. Ellis hopes to get back into the lineup this Friday when the seniors play before the home fans for the last time. KM hosts East Gaston in its home finale and homecoming game.

### Ex-KM Star Hall Of Famer

## ASU Inducts Murphy



PAT MURPHY

Former Kings Mountain High athlete Pat Murphy has been inducted into the Appalachian State University Sports Hall of Fame.

Murphy, now a resident of Burlington, was inducted along with four other former Mountaineer greats prior to the Appalachian-UT Chattanooga game on September 17.

Inducted along with the former Kings Mountain football and baseball star were Austin Adams, an ex-ASU golfer, Herman Bryson, a former ASU

baseball and football star, Dr. Lloyd Hobbs, an ex ASU footballer and wrestler, and Dr. Francis Hoover, whose coaching career with the Mountaineers spanned 32 years.

Murphy, who led KMHS to Southwestern 3-A Conference football titles in '63 and '64, and who also played on the '68 KMHS championship baseball team, compiled 22 school records in his four years as Appalachian quarterback in 1965-68.

He owns career records for most yards passing

(5,128), most passes attempted (693), most passes completed (387), most TD passes (46), most consecutive games throwing for a TD (10), most total offense (5,140), most offensive plays (836), and TD responsibility (60).

Singles game records include most TD responsibility (6), most yards total offense (353), most passes attempted (43), most passes completed (21), most yards passing (344), most TD passes thrown (5), and most passes had intercepted (5).

Season records include most touchdowns passing (23), most yards passing (2,330), most yards per game average (233); most passes attempted (275), and most passes completed (145).

Murphy, who was All-Conference two years running at KMHS and All-State his senior year, was named All-Conference, all-state, all district and honorable mention All-American in each of his last two seasons at ASU and was the team's most valuable player his senior year. He also played in the East-West Shrine game his senior year.

### Pats, Shelby Play Saturday

Kings Mountain Junior High's footballers close out their season Saturday night at Shelby. Game time is 7:30.

The Patriots carry a 4-1-1 mark into the game and Shelby is 5-0-1.

KM still has a shot at a tie for first place if the Patriots beat Shelby and Burns (5-0-1) loses to Crest.

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