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Mike Huffstickler Scores Two In '63 Opening Game

By Dick Woodward
Mike Huffstickler carried the ball 19 times for 125 yards Friday night as the Mountaineers shut out the Cherryville Ironmen 18-0 before an estimated 4,100 fans in Cherryville's never-before-played-in Rudisill stadium.

It was Kings Mountain all the way as the Mountaineers took the opening kickoff and raced 63 yards to score in nine plays. The drive was aided by a 15 yard penalty.

Larry Helms kicked off to the Mountaineer 20 to Steve Baker who returned 17 yards to the Mountaineer 37. On first down, Huffstickler cracked over his right tackle for five yards, Putnam lost one through the middle, and Huffstickler picked up Kings Mountain's first first down with a six yard off tackle

plunge. From the 48, Pete Putnam was stopped for no gain. An illegal use of the hands penalty set the Mountaineers back to their 33. It was second down, 25. Goforth picked up eight on an end sweep, and on third down the Mountaineers crossed midfield with a Pat Murphy to Bo Goforth pass good for 19 yards to the Cherryville 43. Pat Murphy sneaked one yard gain and a first down on the 42. On the next play an illegal use of the hands penalty against Cherryville gave the Mountaineers a first and ten on the Cherryville 27. Murphy went to the airways and found Goforth open near the sidelines. The pass netted 19 yards.

From the eight Murphy pitched out to Huffstickler who skirted his own left end for the score. Hubert McGinnis' kick was wide to the left and Kings Mountain led 6-0 with 7:16 remaining in the first quarter.

Tonnie Ware boomed the kick-off fifty yards to the Cherryville 10, and Jerry Randall returned to the 21. Kings Mountain was charged with clipping and the 15 yard penalty gave the

Ironmen a first down on their 36. On Cherryville's first play from scrimmage Harold Davis found an opening in the center of the Mountaineer line and bulldozed his way for 14 yards and a first down at midfield. Quarterback Randall picked up Cherryville's second first down with a right end sweep which netted 14 yards to the Kings Mountain 36. Bill Eaker cracked off tackle for 3, Davis hit off right tackle for 4, and Upton and Eaker added two each to the 25. It looked as though the Ironmen were headed for paydirt but a backfield in motion penalty cost Cherryville a down as Randall tried left end for no gain and Kings Mountain declined the penalty. On second down Randall passed incomplete to Blackwelder at the 10. A clipping penalty was declined by the Mountaineers and it was third and 10, still from the 25. Randall passed incomplete twice to Blackwelder and the Mountaineers took over on downs.

Kings Mountain was unable to move the football and Jimmy Cloninger kicked for 29 yards to the Cherryville 14 as the first quarter ended.

Cherryville picked up a first down to their own 38 with a Randall to Davis pass which netted 13, but one running play and two incomplete passes forced the Ironmen to punt from their 37. Randall punted to the Kings



TACKLES — Front Row (l to r): Glen Bolin, Dale Putnam, Presley Anderson, Chip Bridges, Charles Ramsey, Jimmy Owens, Lyn Cheshire, Syd Carpenter, Steve Marlowe. Hubert McGinnis. Back Row: Gerald Carrigan.

Mountain 37 where Baker received the ball and returned 17 yards to the Mountaineer 48. Two running plays later Kings Mountain was again knocking on the door with a first down on the Cherryville 39, but an illegal motion penalty cost the Mountaineers five yards. Huffstickler swept left end for 3 yards and Goforth caught a Murphy pass, good for 6 more. At third and six Murphy threw incomplete to Richard White at the 20. Another pass attempt by Murphy fell incomplete to Richard White at the 20. Another pass

attempt by Murphy fell incomplete and Cherryville took over on downs at their own 37.

Three running plays and a pass gave Cherryville a first down on the Mountaineer 41 but a 15 yard clipping penalty set the Ironmen back to their own 41, first and 25. Cherryville's longest gain of the night came on the next play as Eddie Upton took a double re- his own right end for twenty verse handoff and raced around yards, fumbled on the Mountaineer 35, but Larry Helms, Cherryville center, picked up the loose ball for the

Ironmen and added six more yards to the 29. From the 29 Randall attempted to sweep his own left end and fumbled, but recovered for a six yard loss. Three incomplete passes halted the Cherryville drive and the Mountaineers took over on downs at their own 35.

Tony Ware kicked off for the Mountaineers to start the second half and Cherryville was unable to move the ball. On fourth down Randall kicked to the Mountaineer 25. Kings Mountain picked up two first downs to

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