

KM Sports

Mounties Hold Off Chargers 25-21

Patriots Lose 20-12 To Crest

Kings Mountain Junior High's football team fell to Crest 20-12 in its season's opener last Wednesday at Crest.

Coach David Heffner was scheduled to take his charges to Lincolnton yesterday and they will travel to Crest next week.

The young Patriots grabbed an early lead last week on the first play of the game when Darrell Wilson went 65 yards for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

Crest fumbled the ball moments later and KM recovered but couldn't take advantage and the hosts then moved 80 yards for a touchdown and two-point conversion to take the lead.

Crest scored again on a 40-yard run to take a 14-6 lead and KM came back to score on a 50-yard See Junior High, 6-A

KM Runners Are Third At Abbey

Kings Mountain finished third behind host South Point and Shelby in a three-team Southwestern 3-A Conference cross country meet Thursday at Belmont Abbey College.

South Point runners took two of the top three places over the 3.1-mile course and finished with 38 points. Shelby had 39 points and KM 45.

Top runner for the Mountaineers was Bill Foard, who finished sixth in 18:30. Aaron Ford of the Mountaineers was eighth in 18:53, Mike Black ninth in 19:07 and Matthew Denton 10th in 19:10.

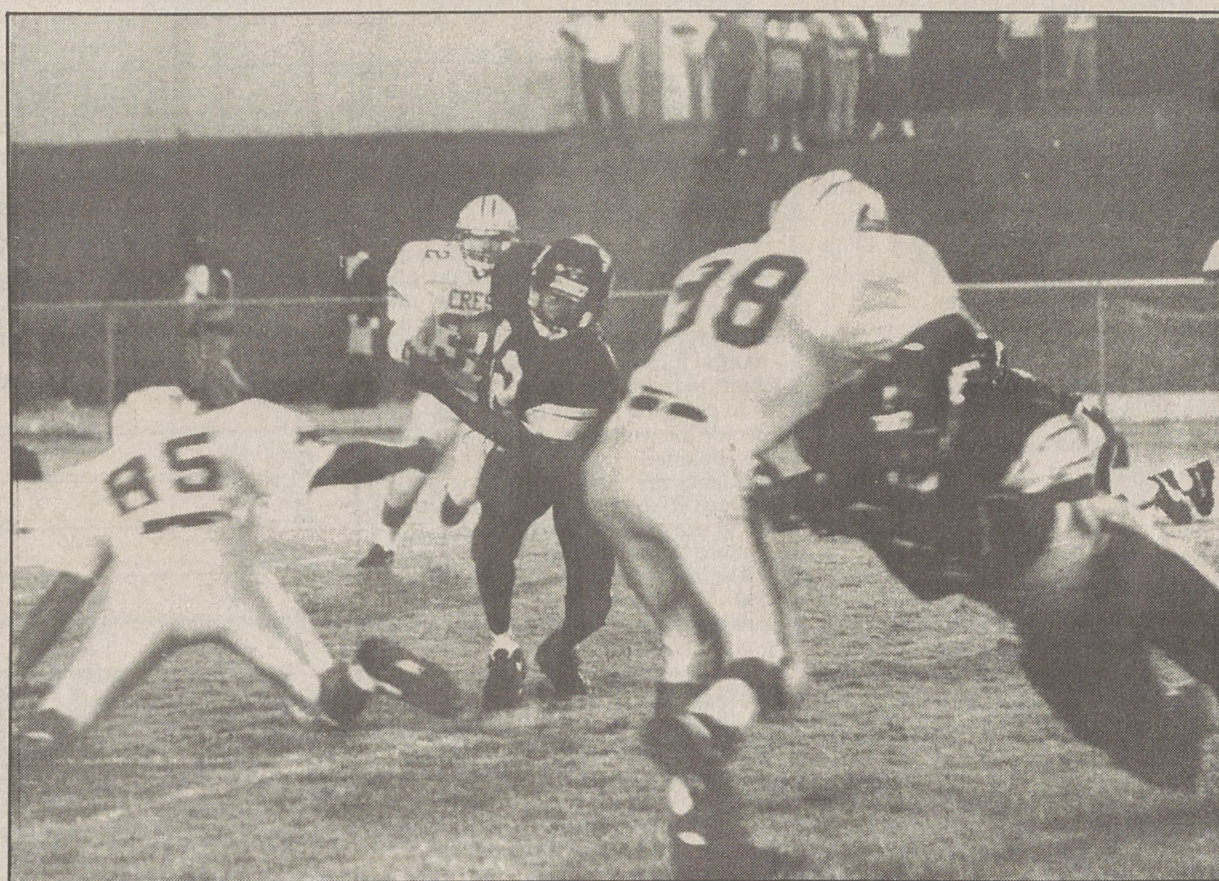
Ronnie Yarbro of the Mounties ran 12th in 19:32, Jon Putnam was 15th in 21:22, Allan Logan 16th in 21:23, Matt Shockley 18th in 22:32, Chucky Dixon 19th in 23:11 and Ken Rochford 20th in 23:45.

Kings Mountain's girls ran but South Point and Shelby did not field girls teams. Dawn Hardin ran first for KM in 26:59, followed by Sarah Dilling (27:00), Brenda Ledford (27:16), Lynn Foster (32:35) and Sybilla Ridenhour (32:35).

"Even though we finished third we did pretty good," Coach Gordon Edwards said. "Our times were as good or better than I expected. We showed a lot of potential."

Edwards had several runners out because of injuries. He said Ronnie Yarbro and Matt Stout will both miss today's meet here against South Point and East Rutherford.

Edwards will take his teams to the Winthrop College Invitational Saturday in Rock Hill, S.C.



THREE IN A ROW - Kings Mountain's Mountaineers won their third straight game Friday night at John Gamble Stadium, outscoring a strong Crest team 25-21. Top photo shows KM's leading rusher, D.J. Williams (42), picking up some good yardage in the middle of the field. In bottom photo, the Crest defense jars the ball loose from KM quarterback Timmy McClain, but the Mountaineers recovered. KM is idle this week and will open Southwestern 3-A Conference play Fri., Sept. 28 at R-S Central.

KM Takes Advantage Of Crest Turnovers

To use an old cliché, defense was the best offense for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in Friday night's 25-21 non-conference victory over Crest at John Gamble Stadium.

All four of the Mountaineer touchdowns were either scored or set up by the defense as Coach Dennis Hicks' team improved its record to 3-1. Kings Mountain is idle this week and returns to action on Fri., Sept. 28 at R-S Central.

The Chargers, who fell to 1-2, must have thought they had stepped into quicksand early in the game. Before the fans got settled into their seats good, the Mountaineers had grabbed a 6-0 lead on a 37-yard pass interception return by Scottie Hopper and the Mountaineers increased the margin to 18-0 early in the second quarter.

But Crest played some of its best football of the season in the second half and could have pulled out the victory had the Mountaineers not played excellent defense on a late fourth quarter Crest drive, and not had enough offense left to run the clock out in the final three minutes.

"It's been a long time (1979) since we were fortunate enough to beat Crest," Coach Hicks said. "We're tickled to death with the victory. I thought our kids played real well, especially early. They did a lot of things you need to do to beat a good team."

"We created a lot of turnovers," he pointed out. "Our defense scored a touchdown, we scored two touchdowns off turnovers which were created by the defense, then our kicking game scored a touchdown off a faked field goal. You need that type of thing against a real good football team."

Hicks was quick to praise his offense, too. Despite a slowdown after the first quarter the Mountaineers rushed for 230 yards and turned the ball over only once. D.J. Williams led the KM attack with 87 yards in 16 carries, Jeff Lockhart added 70 in 14 rushes, and quarterback Timmy McClain gained 38 yards and scored two touchdowns.

YARDSTICK

	C	KM
First downs	12	12
Yds. rushing	181	230
Passes	7-16-2	1-4-0
Yds. Passing	71	8
Fumbles lost	2	1
Yds. Pen.	25	41

By quarters:	T
CR 0 7 6	8--21
KM 12 6 0	7--25

- KM - Hopper, 37-interception return (kick failed)
- KM - McClain, 16-run (run failed)
- KM - McClain, 3-run (pass failed)
- C - Lloyd, 5-pass from Upton (Humphries kick)
- C - Ramseur, 1-run (pass failed)
- KM - Wilson, 8-pass from Hollifield (Hopper kick).
- C - Crocker, 15-pass from Upton (Lloyd run).

RUSHING

- KM - Williams 16-87, Lockhart 14-70, McClain 8-38, Bell 7-36.
- Crest - Ramseur 18-86, Hart 1-62, Ross 11-39.

PASSING

- KM - Hollifield 1-1-8; McClain 0-3-0. Crest - Upton 7-15-1-71.

RECEIVING

- KM - Wilson 1-8. Crest - Lloyd 3-16, Bryson 1-18, Goforth 1-18, Crocker 1-15, Ross 1-5.

"Our offense looked pretty sharp early," Hicks said. "We got some good movement. But we got a little lazy after that and that concerns me. When you are playing a good team that has three or four people that can score on you anytime and have the chance to put the game away you need to go ahead and do it. We sat on an 18-point lead and that's disappointing."

The Mountaineers began playing wide open offense early, faking a See Football, 6-A

JV Team To Host Freedom Tonight

Kings Mountain broke open a close game in the second half to defeat Crest 25-7 in junior varsity football action Thursday night at the Crest Stadium.

The Mountaineers, 3-0, return home tonight at 7 o'clock to host unbeaten Morganton Freedom.

Crest grabbed an early 7-0 lead last week on an 80-yard touchdown run by Darjuan Huskey. Kings Mountain scored in the second period on a three-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jerry Black but the Mounties' PAT attempt failed and

the Chargers led 7-6 at intermission.

But it was too much Kasey Holland and the strong KM defense in the second half. Holland scored three times over the final two periods, including two touchdown runs which broke the game open in the fourth quarter.

Holland scored from 43 yards out in the third to give the Mountaineers a 12-7 lead. Early in the fourth quarter, Holland scored on a 23-yard run and Bo Phongsak kicked the point-after to make it

19-7; and late in the fourth quarter Holland scored on a 40-yard run which was set up by a 40-yard pass from Black to Sherman Witcher.

"The game was a little closer than the score indicated," said KM Coach Johnny Bumgardner. "We didn't do well on defense. We didn't tackle and gave up 282 yards. Crest moved the ball real well but just was not able to score. That's one area where we're going to have to improve. Right now we're beating people with speed and eventually somebody's going to figure out

a way to stop our speed. We have to be able to run the ball well inside, throw it well and stop the other team."

Holland led the KM rushing attack with 91 yards in 10 carries. Black hit 2 of 3 passes for 80 yards as the Mountaineers ran up 362 yards total offense.

Defensively, Bumgardner praised Phillip Caldwell and Robbie Ruff and the entire secondary (Pat Ross, Marcus Bell, Sherman Witcher and Jerry Black) for completely shutting down the

Crest aerial attack.

"We have a real big test this week in Freedom," Bumgardner said. "We'll have to play our best game of the year to beat them. They're a traditional 4-A Western North Carolina powerhouse. We know they'll be running a wishbone and will do a good job with it. They have good, hard running backs who just run over you, and if you don't wrap them up they'll run through you."

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Fearless Finally Got What He Deserved

They pulled one over on Fearless Dwight Frady at Tuesday night's fourth annual Belmont Sports Hall of Fame banquet at Auten-Stowe Post 144.

Frady, who has been writing about Belmont sports for 37 years as sports editor of the Gastonia Gazette and editor of the Belmont Banner and Mount Holly News, was inducted into the Hall of Fame along with former South Point and N.C. State football star Jim Stowe. Frady was one of the organizers of the Belmont Hall of Fame and actually helped choose the person (Stowe) who was to be inducted. He had no idea the other members of the committee had gotten together separately and decided to induct him too.

Frady and Stowe join a star-studded list of Hall of Famers which includes the likes of former major league baseball star Jimmie Hall, former South Point football coach Jim Biggerstaff, boxing great and retired sportscaster Ebb Gant, and others.

But none are more deserving than Dwight. A bachelor, Frady has made sports in general, and Belmont-South Point sports in particular, the love of his life. Each word and each line of his stories is typed with a deep affection for the Belmont community, South Point High School, and the players and coaches who make up the Red Raider teams.



That's the way it should be, especially in the small town weekly newspaper game. A good weekly editor puts himself in the shoes of the people he's writing about and doesn't write anything that he wouldn't want said about himself. He treats his subjects just the way Mother taught: If you can't say something good about someone, don't say anything at all.

Frady was inducted by his long-time friend, and retired South Point football coach Jim Biggerstaff, and even the macho coach had to fight back some tears as he talked about his good friend. Biggerstaff, still the South Point athletic director, said Dwight was his "right arm" during his 21 years as head coach of the Red Raiders.

"I never kept up with statistics," he said. "The only statistics I worried about were the W's and L's. Anytime a newspaper or college coach called me wanting some information about any of our players I told them they'd have to call Dwight Frady."

Much of the success of South Point's enviable ath-

letic program is due to Dwight Frady, Biggerstaff pointed out. He not only does a great job of covering the sporting events but is always "there" when called on for any special requests by the school or community.

Frady, who usually "lives" at the office, left work early Tuesday afternoon to go to the legion building and help other members of the Hall of Fame Committee get ready for the big night. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary until people began arriving for the 7 p.m. banquet.

First, he saw members of his family who don't usually go to sports Hall of Fame banquets. He wondered what they were doing there. Then, co-workers from the Belmont and Mount Holly papers came in. He knew something was up but thought that perhaps he was going to get a special certificate or something.

Then, Darrell Austin, publisher of the Banner and News, as well as other Republic Newspapers in Cleveland and Gaston counties, and yours truly came in and then Dwight was sure something was going on. Those two wouldn't leave work on Tuesday, the hardest day of the week, unless it was something really big!

Frady is typical of most good sports writers. As a youngster, he loved to play all sports, but he wasn't very good at them even though he did develop an awkward behind-the-head two-hand set shot. When they moved the bases from 60 to 90 feet he realized his chance of ever making the major leagues was gone. He

decided if he couldn't play sports, he wanted to do the next best thing and that's write about them.

Even as a high school student, Dwight submitted sports articles to the Belmont Banner. His talent was recognized by Ken Alexander, then sports editor of the Gazette, and as soon as Dwight graduated from high school he was offered a job at the Gazette. He worked there for 26 years, most of them as sports editor, and left in 1979 to become editor of the Banner and News.

It was at the Gazette that I first got to know Dwight Frady. Ken Alexander hired me as a member of the four-man sports department and it was evident from the first day on the job that Dwight was a special person. He not only had a way with words but he loved everybody. We built a friendship that has lasted for well over 20 years.

Frady, who usually talks a lot and can always come up with some unrehearsed remarks, was almost speechless when Biggerstaff and another long-time friend, David Robinson, presented him his plaque. The man who had thrilled thousands over the years with his very humorous "Fearless" football predictions, couldn't come up with one funny line.

But, in typical Frady fashion, he spoke from the heart, just as he writes. He thanked everyone who had a part in selecting him, those who worked so hard in planning the banquet, and all who attended to help honor him.

"This is the highlight of my life," he said. "God bless you and I love every one of you."

That's what makes Dwight special.