



**A 'RUFF' TIME FOR SHELBY** - Kings Mountain's Robbie Ruff (5) turns the corner for a good gain against Shelby in Thursday's junior varsity football game at Shelby. Ruff led the rushing for Kings Mountain in its 19-8 victory. KM is open this week and closes out its season next week at East Rutherford in a battle for the conference title.

## Junior Varsity Whips Shelby

Jerry Black threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Sherman Witcher on the last play of the first half to spark Kings Mountain's JV football team to a 19-8 victory over Shelby Thursday night at Shelby's Blanton Stadium.

The victory gives KM a 3-0 conference and 6-1 overall record heading into a showdown with East Rutherford for the JV championship Thurs., Nov. 1 at East Rutherford. The Mountaineers have an open date this week.

Shelby grabbed an early lead Thursday when the Lions recovered a fumble in the KM end zone. Shelby tacked on a two-point conversion for an 8-0 advantage.

Kings Mountain came right back, though, as Pat Ross returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards to

trim the difference to 8-6. With 30 seconds remaining in the half, Shelby was forced to punt and Black ran it 85 yards for an apparent touchdown. However, a clipping penalty brought the play back to the 48. Black then hung up a long pass down the KM sidelines which Witcher caught in stride and outran the Shelby secondary to paydirt.

The Mountaineers added their final touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 25-yard run by Robbie Ruff. Bo Phongsak kicked the extra point.

The Mountaineers finished with 207 yards rushing, led by Ruff with 82 and Ross with 78. Shelby had only 90 yards total offense.

"Our special teams kind of started it off for us," said Coach John Bumgardner of the Mountaineers.

"It seems like we've been relying on them a lot this year. We were real pleased with the way our offense played in the second half. We moved the ball and the line blocked real well. Our kids have improved each week and it's starting to show."

Bumgardner cited Black and Ruff for their play in the backfield. Linemen Tameron Gaines, Scott Roper and Chris Rider and backs Marcus Bell and Witcher led the KM defensive effort.

Bumgardner's team will battle East Rutherford for the JV crown for the third straight year November 1. KM won in 1988 and East in '89.

"We certainly hope we can go up there and come back with another win," he said. "This would be a big victory for our kids. We're really excited about it."

## Wrestling Returning To Armory

Pro wrestling returns to the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory Thurs., Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

In the main event, Kings Mountain's own Terence Ladd will battle the Russian Assassin for the heavyweight title.

In a grudge match, the Italian Stallion will battle S.S.T. Samoan.

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KM Pee Wee Coach Jimmy Littlejohn directs offense...

## Pop Warner Teams Win Homecoming

Kings Mountain's Pop Warner football teams won two games and tied one in their annual homecoming games Saturday at City Stadium.

The KM junior pee wees blanked the Belmont Braves 21-0, the pee wees shutout the McAdenville Dolphins 6-0 and the junior midgets tied McAdenville 12-12.

Matt Parker threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Joseph Bell and Larry Smith ran the extra point to give KM's junior pee wees an early lead over Belmont. T.J. McClain later scored on a 25-yard run and Lacey Wallace recovered a fumble

and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Smith ran the extra points.

Raphael Williams scored the only touchdown of the game as KM's junior midgets blanked McAdenville.

Robert Love scored on a 40 yard pass from Corey Leach and Jason Wade scored on a six yard run to give the junior midgets their 12-12 tie with McAdenville.

This Saturday, the junior pee wees will battle Stanley and the pee wees and junior midgets will play the Salvation Army Boys Club. All three games will be at the SABC in Gastonia.

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