



Kings Mountain's Jason Wade rips off some big yardage up the middle in 27-7 JV victory over R-S Central Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium.

Mountaineers host Red Raiders Friday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will face their toughest test since their opening-season game with unbeaten North Mecklenburg when they host South Point's Red Raiders in homecoming Friday night.

The Red Raiders come to Gamble Stadium hoping to snap back from last week's 18-14 loss to East Rutherford's Cavaliers.

South Point, a pre-season favorite for one of the two SWC playoff berths, needs a victory Friday to keep those hopes alive. The Mountaineers need a win to extend their winning streak to five and to stay in the thick of the battle for a playoff berth.

The Raiders, 3-2-1 overall, are one of the most explosive offenses around. Two weeks ago they pounded North Gaston 56-0. They also defeated Lincolnton and Ashbrook, tied Hunter Huss and lost to arch rival East Gaston.

Leading the offense for the Big Red Machine is senior quarterback Gerard Hardy, whose one-yard quarterback sneak on the final play of the game beat Kings Mountain 14-12 last year in Belmont.

He can run and pass with equal ability, but Hardy is not a one-man show. Rachon Stowe and Derek Bowens are two of the best running backs in the SWC, and if their running attack bogs down they have one of the area's best field goal kickers in Kirk Crawford.

South Point has had tremendous success against Kings Mountain over the years. The Red Raiders hold a 14-9 advantage in their series which dates back to 1969 when Belmont and Cramerton high schools consolidated. During the first 12 years of the rivalry, South Point won 10 games. During the past 11 years, Kings Mountain has won seven times, including one by forfeit.

Prior to becoming South Point,

Belmont played Kings Mountain 17 times with the Mountaineers holding a 15-1-1 advantage. In fact, old Belmont High School had never beaten Kings Mountain until 1966, when the Raiders eked out a 13-7 victory under Coach Ray Shelton, who, incidentally, coached KM mentor Denny Hicks when he played at Wadesboro High School.

Kings Mountain hopes to get its offense in high gear early Friday as the Mountaineers can't afford to play catch-up against the veteran Red Raiders. The Mountaineers have improved tremendously since the first game of the year and are now averaging 198 yards rushing per game despite being held to under 100 by North Mecklenburg and Crest.

Ronnie Yarbrow member of ECU cross country team

Kings Mountain freshman Ronnie Yarbrow is a member of the men's cross country team at East Carolina University.

Yarbrow was the Runner of the Year in the Southwestern 3-A

Conference last year and was fifth in the 800 meter run in the state 3-A track meet.

Yarbrow is one of five freshmen on the ECU roster.

JV's beat R-S

Jarvis Bell scored on a 55-yard run on the second play from scrimmage to spark Kings Mountain's JV football team to a 27-7 victory over R-S Central in its first Southwestern Conference game Thursday night at KM's Gamble Stadium.

The victory gives John Bumgardner's charges a 2-2-1 overall record heading into a 7 p.m. game Thursday at South Point.

The Mountaineers, whose two losses were by 14-12 scores, built a 14-7 halftime lead and then used two big defensive plays to turn the game into a rout in the second half.

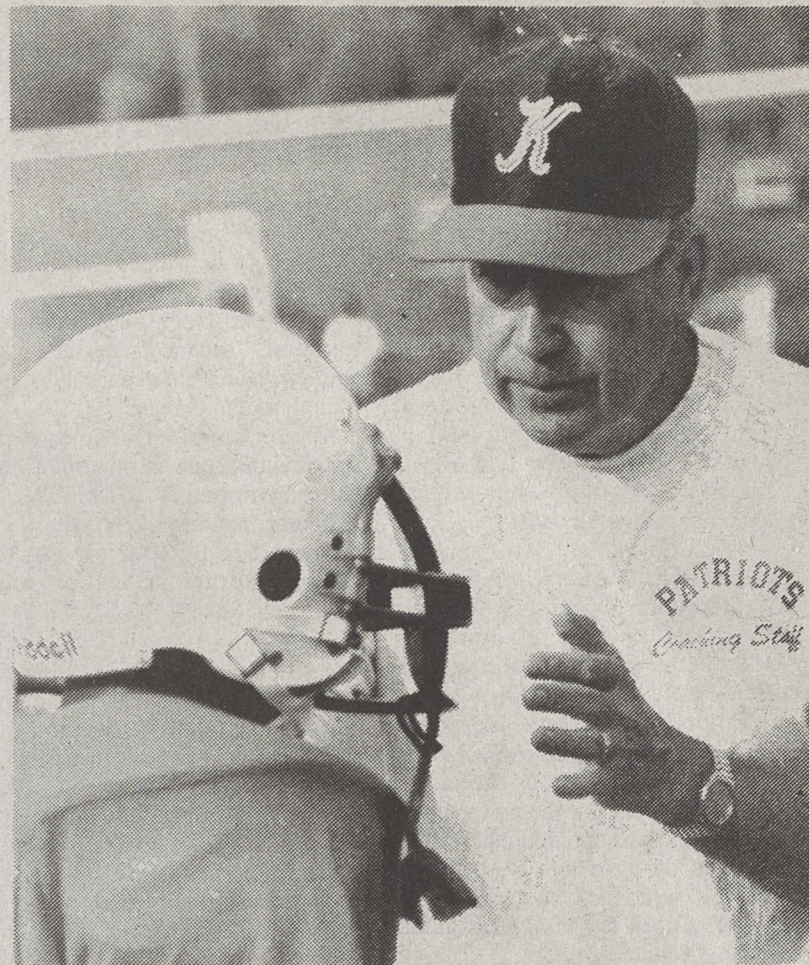
After Bell's opening score with 8:46 remaining in the first period, R-S drove 60 yards for its only touchdown, a 10-yard scoring run by Chad Adams.

The Mountaineers drove 72 yards in the second quarter to score the winning touchdown. Quarterback Lamont Littlejohn scrambled for a pair of big first downs, and fullback Cedric Smith scored on a 15-yard burst up the middle. Rodney Brown kicked his second straight extra point to make it 14-7.

The Hilltoppers' penalties kept them backed up the entire second half and led to two insurance touchdowns for the Mountaineers. With 5:34 left in the third period, Kings Mountain's Maurice Jarrett scooped up an R-S fumble and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown and a 20-7 lead.

On the final play of the third quarter, Kings Mountain's Leonard Roseboro jarred the ball loose from the R-S quarterback and recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown. Brown added the extra point.

Bell, who had 80 yards rushing, Smith and Jason Wade were the workhorses in the backfield for the Mountaineers. Jarrett, Mike Cobb, Kenny Bridges, Roseboro, Cameron Falls, Desmond Holland, Mike Hill and Chris Carrigan had big games on defense.



Assistant coach Bob Jones gives some expert advice to a Kings Mountain Middle School football player.

KMMS loses second straight to Lincolnton 6-0

Kings Mountain Middle School lost its second straight football game Wednesday at Lincolnton, 6-0.

Lincolnton scored with two minutes left in the game on a 15-yard pass.

Kings Mountain's Corey Jones had a 60-yard touchdown run called back because of a clipping penalty.

"Our defense played much better than it did the week before, but we lost six fumbles," said KM Coach David Heffner. "You're not going to win when you turn the ball over that much."

The Patriots, 2-2, were scheduled to host Shelby yesterday. The host Burns in their final home game next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Bubba picks Mountaineers

By LES SEE

The editor felt so good after seeing Mississippi State upset Florida last Thursday night that he skipped out on us and went to the beach.

He figured he'd give the other three a chance to catch up.

But he called today and said while flounder fishing down in Brunswick County he ran into our old friend, Bubba. You know Bubba. He's the alligator who used to live out at Woodbridge but was captured and taken to a swamp in Brunswick County so he could be with his own kind.

He was sorely upset that Stewart picked against the Florida Gators last week. So as not to upset him so much that he'd stir up the water and cause the flounder to quit biting, Stewart invited him to be the guest picker of the week.

Bubba likes any team whose nickname has anything to do with water, so he's picking the Ashbrook Green Wave and the Florida Gators to win this week.

He also likes teams with animal or insect nicknames, such as the Louisville Cardinals, Maryland Terrapins and Bessemer City Yellow Jackets; 'cause he likes to eat all of those.

And, Bubba likes Kings Mountain's Mountaineers. He said he got attached (not literally) to them while he lived here. And he still reads the Kings Mountain Herald!

Wrestling set Friday night

Professional wrestling returns to Kings Mountain Friday night at 8 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Bell time is 8 p.m.

Advance tickets are on sale at \$5 at The Armory and at Allen's Florist. At the door tickets will be \$6.

The Armory opens at 7 p.m. for fans to meet the wrestlers for autograph signing.

The main events will feature the Professional Wrestling Federation heavy weight title match between Italian Stallion and Mean Mark Canterbury and the Junior title match between Gorgeous George South and Star Rider, plus many other favorites.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

GARY STEWART (34-11)	DARRELL AUSTIN (30-15)	BOB HAYES (31-14)	GUEST (29-16)
Ashbrook over Garinger	Ashbrook	Ashbrook	Green Wave
B. City over Cherryville	Bessemer City	Bessemer City	Bessemer City
East Ruth. over Burns	East Ruth.	East Rutherford	East Rutherford
West Meck over Crest	West Meck	West Meck	West Meck
KM over South Point	South Point	Kings Mountain	Mountain Men
Mooreville over Newton	Mooreville	Newton	Red Devils
Virginia over Clemson	Virginia	Virginia	Cavaliers
E. Carolina over Duke	Duke	East Carolina	Blue Devils
Fla. State over UNC	Florida State	Florida State	Seminoles
Ga. Tech over Maryland	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	I like Terrapins
State over Texas Tech	NC State	NC State	NC State
LSU over Florida	LSU	Florida	Gators, of course
Auburn over Miss. St.	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
Ohio St. over Illinois	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Va. Tech over Louisville	VPI	Virginia Tech	Louisville

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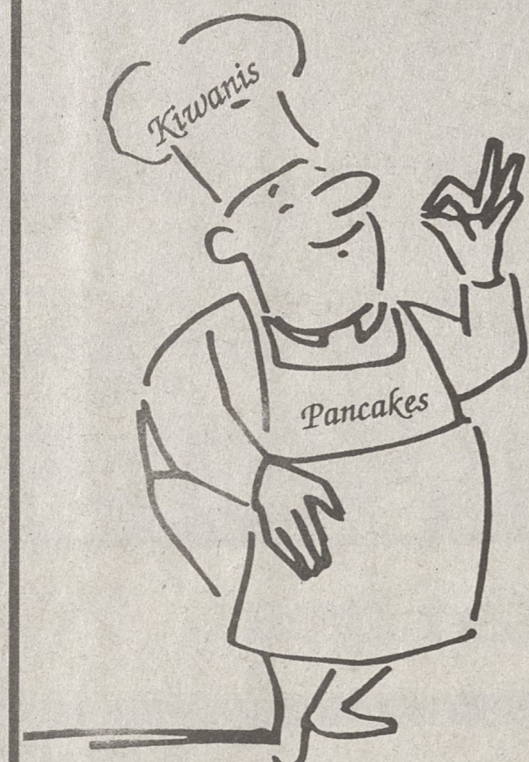
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