

Lions give Taylor 174th win

Mounties fall to Shelby 19-0

One winning streak continued and another came to an end during a driving rainstorm Friday night at Shelby's George Blanton Memorial Stadium.

The Golden Lions posted their seventh straight win and all but wrapped up the Southwestern 3-A Conference football title by defeating Kings Mountain's Mountaineers 19-0. It was KM's first loss since a 28-0 defeat at the hands of defending 4-A state champion Crest in the second game of the season.

Shelby, which clinched a state playoff berth while running its record to 4-0 in the conference and 8-1 overall, travels to R-S Central Friday night. The Mountaineers, who hold sole possession of second place with a 3-1 SWC and 6-2 overall mark, host North Gaston Friday but must defeat the Wildcats and also defeat East Rutherford on the road next week to clinch a playoff berth unless South Point knocks off Burns Friday.

The Golden Lions played a near-perfect game in handing head coach Jim Taylor his 174th win at Shelby which broke Gerald Allen's mark of 173 victories. Shelby did not have a penalty and the Lions recovered themselves on their only fumble of the night.

Kings Mountain, however, was not as effective on the wet field and against a powerful Shelby defense. The Mountaineers fumbled the ball four times and lost two of them, threw two pass interceptions and had three penalties for 35 yards.

Because of the heavy downpour,



Shane Logan gained 83 yards rushing and hit the 900-yard mark for the season but the Mountaineers fell to Shelby 19-0 in Southwestern 3-A Conference action Friday at Shelby. KM hosts North Gaston Friday.

both teams stayed with an up-the-middle running attack and that worked well for the Lions, who are a strong running team. Fullback

Marlin Archie gained 113 yards in 13 carries and scored all three Shelby touchdowns.

The Mountaineers, who like to

run the perimeter as well as throw the ball, were forced to go mostly with an inside ground game. Fullback Shane Logan had a good night, gaining 83 yards in 19 carries to top the 900-yard rushing mark for the season, but the rest of the KM backs were not as effective.

Kings Mountain drove into Shelby territory only twice, once on the opening kickoff and another time after faking a punt in the fourth quarter.

Behind the strong inside running of Logan and a 23-yard burst around end by Corey Jones, the Mountaineers drove the opening kickoff to the Shelby 30 but fumbled. The Lions recovered and returned it to the 40, and after a 15-yard face mask penalty against the Mounties drove in for their opening score, a 20-yard run by Archie which put Shelby on top 6-0.

The Lions, who kept the Mountaineers backed up into their own territory much of the night, took advantage of a short KM punt to drive 38 yards for a 13-0 lead midway of the third quarter. Archie scored from 35 yards out and Tyler Ashe kicked the point-after to make it 13-0.

Kings Mountain faked a punt early in the fourth quarter and quarterback Lance McClain, who was one of the up backs, took the snap from center and threw a pass over the middle to Cedric Smith who rambled 36 yards before being caught from behind at the Shelby 35. But, again, KM fumbled and Shelby recovered.

See Shelby, 7-A

Mounties hope to go 5-0 at home

North Gaston here Friday

With their winning streak broken and a possible conference championship almost an impossibility, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will re-focus their attention on their #1 goal for their first season under Coach Ron Massey - advancing to the state 3-A playoffs.

The Mountaineers, 3-1 in the Southwestern Conference and 6-2 overall, can accomplish that feat by winning their final two regular season games against North Gaston and East Rutherford.

The Wildcats come to KM's John Gamble Stadium Friday at 8 p.m. for the Mountaineers' final regular season home game, and the Mountaineers travel to East Rutherford next Friday for the regular season finale.

Victories over their final two opponents will assure the Mountaineers of not only a playoff berth but also second place in the SWC standings, and that would be a feat the Mountaineers haven't accomplished since 1986 when they shared the SWC crown with Shelby and East Rutherford.

A victory over North Gaston and a loss to East Rutherford would assure the Mountaineers of at least a tie for third place, but it would not assure them of a spot in the state playoffs.

That's why Coach Massey knows his charges must focus their attention on North Gaston only, because the 1-7 Wildcats are much better than their record indicates. After a slow start, new Coach Mike Briggs' Wildcats have played close games against some good SWC opponents, including South Point (21-19 loss) and East Rutherford (12-7 loss).

"North Gaston is a scary team," says Massey. "They've improved tremendously from the beginning of the season. They're adapting to Coach Briggs' system, and since they've gotten their quarterback (Justin Cloninger) back they've moved the ball against everybody."

Briggs, who served nine years as an assistant coach at Shelby and five years at Lincolnton where he helped coach both teams to state championships, has installed a wide-open passing game at North Gaston and it's beginning to click. Cloninger missed the first four games of the season with an injury but recently has been throwing for well over 100 yards a game.

"The thing that scares me is that we've got to play a team that spreads the field and throws the ball, and for the last three weeks we have played teams that line up and come straight at you," Massey

said. "We've gotten pretty good at playing those team and now we have to adapt to a new environment. It's a big challenge for a defense to do that."

Offensively, Massey said the Mountaineers' main concern will be improving its own game. The Mountaineers have scored only five touchdowns in the last three weeks but still won two of their three games with impressive showings against South Point and Burns.

"We need to get back and establish some things we were doing well a couple of weeks ago," said Massey. "We're not going to put anything new in - just go out there

and try to fundamentally do things right."

Massey said he's anxious to see how his Mountaineers respond after a tough loss to Shelby last week.

"Obviously, it's important that we win to maintain a shot at the playoffs," he said. "I hope that our kids can respond positively from last Friday night. We'll find out how far we've come as far as our character."

A victory over the Wildcats would give the Mountaineers their first seven-victory regular season since 1986 and will also give them an unbeaten record at Gamble Stadium this year.

N To Re-Establish Credit?
E Reliable Transportation?
E Low Weekly Payments?
D You Need...

DONALD FORD

We Also Service Your New Vehicle
and Add it to your Account at
NO INTEREST!

Call Jenifer at **435-6892**

"Booiful" Clothes
For Your Little "Ghouls" & Boys!



Jenny - Lain's
CHILDREN'S SHOPPE
105 W. Warren St.
On The Square-Uptown Shelby
482-1254

INTRODUCING EDUCATION WITH A TWIST

STUDY CLUB

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

HELP YOUR CHILD

Study Club means free child care for preschool children and help with homework for school age children. Your child can be involved in educational activities that make learning fun! At the same time...

HELP YOURSELF

Study Club means a chance for you to complete your adult grades 1-12 while your child goes to Study Club. Plus, you can learn more about parenting skills, job skills and life skills. As an added bonus...

HELP YOUR FAMILY

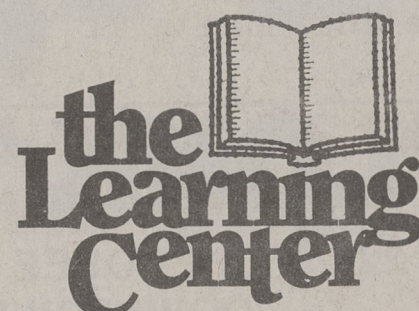
Study Club means special activities for your child, the Adult High School Diploma Program for you and better opportunities for your entire family.

Enroll in the Study Club at:

EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MONDAY & TUESDAY / 5:00PM- 9:00PM

For more information call:

484-4056



Located On The Campus Of
Cleveland Community College

PIEDMONT POWER STATIONS

★ WANTED ★

STREET FIGHTERS, BOXERS, BULLIES, WRESTLERS
MARTIAL ARTS, BAR BRAWLERS, AND ANY ONE ELSE
MEAN, TOUGH, OR BAD TO STEP IN THE RING
& FIGHT IT OUT IN THIS BRAWL FOR IT ALL!

REWARD
\$1,000.00

THE FISTS WILL FLY AS THEY BATTLE FOR
THE 1ST PLACE MONEY, TROPHY, BRAGGING RIGHTS, & TITLE:
PIEDMONT KING OF THE BRAWLERS
IF YOU ARE MAN ENOUGH, & HAVE THE GUTS
YOU'RE INVITED TO ENTER TO WIN!!!

3-1 MIN. ROUNDS ★ ★ ★ NO ENTRY FEE
TO ENTER --- SIGN UP NOW
IN SHELBY AT IRONBAR GYM -- 484-3436
IN KINGS MT. AT MOUNTAINEER FITNESS -- 734-1179
NO PROFESSIONALS - (AGES 18-40) - BRAWLERS ONLY!
MIDDLE WEIGHT 175 AND UNDER ★ HEAVY WEIGHT OVER 175

PIEDMONT BRAWL FOR IT ALL CONTEST
SHELBY
FAIRGROUNDS - SHOW ARENA
FRI. NOV. 10 & SAT. NOV. 11
DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM - ACTION BEGINS 8 PM
ADVANCE TICKETS \$8.00 - AT THE DOOR: \$10.00 - CHILD (12 & UNDER) \$6.00
IN SHELBY IN KINGS MT.
4 STAR SPORTS TICKET LOCATIONS: **FLOATING AFFECTIONS**
MALL - 481-1769 739-8564
DOWNTOWN-482-4031

RE ELECT
SCOTT
NEISLER
MAYOR
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
THANK YOU!
PAID POL. ADV.