

Mountaineer special teams, defense shine in 58-11 victory over Bessemer City Friday

Kings Mountain's explosive offense has gotten a lot of rave reviews this football season, and deservedly so, but the special teams and defense were just as explosive in Friday's 58-11 nonconference victory at Bessemer City.

The kicking team and defense either scored or set up six of KM's eight touchdowns, and the defense tacked on a safety as the Mountaineers ran their record to 2-0-1 and handed the Yellow Jackets their third straight loss.

The Mountaineers are idle this week and will use their extra week of practice to heal some wounds and begin

preparing for their September 27 homecoming game with Mooresville. Bessemer City stays at home Friday to play a strong Maiden team.

Kings Mountain coach Ron Massey said he talked to his players all week about getting on top of Bessemer City early. He said he didn't want the game to be close in the third and fourth quarters and see BC's home field advantage kick in.

The game was close only about as long as it took the opening kickoff to be fielded by the Yellow Jackets. Kings Mountain's kick coverage team rushed down field hard and

knocked the ball from the grasp of return man Jerry Hatten. Without breaking stride, KM's Joseph Bell caught the ball on a bounce and ran 18 yards into the end zone. Rusty Putnam's PAT made the score 7-0 just 10 seconds into the contest.

Bessemer City's only good drive of the night came after the ensuing kickoff as the Jackets marched down field to score on a 44-yard field goal by quarterback James Bane. Bane connected on both of his pass completions during that drive - 11 yards to Hatten and seven to Ron Thompson - and Bane and big fullback Bryan Sanders took turns running the ball.

Kings Mountain then reeled off two more first quarter touchdowns and four in the second quarter to turn the game into a rout. BC's only other first half points came on a safety when KM's center snapped the ball out of the end zone on a punting attempt.

KM scored quickly in almost every way imaginable, including:

■ An 18-yard run by fullback Corey Jones which capped a three-play, 70-yard drive.

■ A 14-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Lance McClain to sophomore wide

out Kendrick Bell, capping a 39-yard drive following a short BC punt.

■ A one-yard plunge by reserve fullback J.W. Garner - set up by a 50-yard punt return by David Turner.

■ A 76-yard punt return by Joseph Bell, sparked by a crush-

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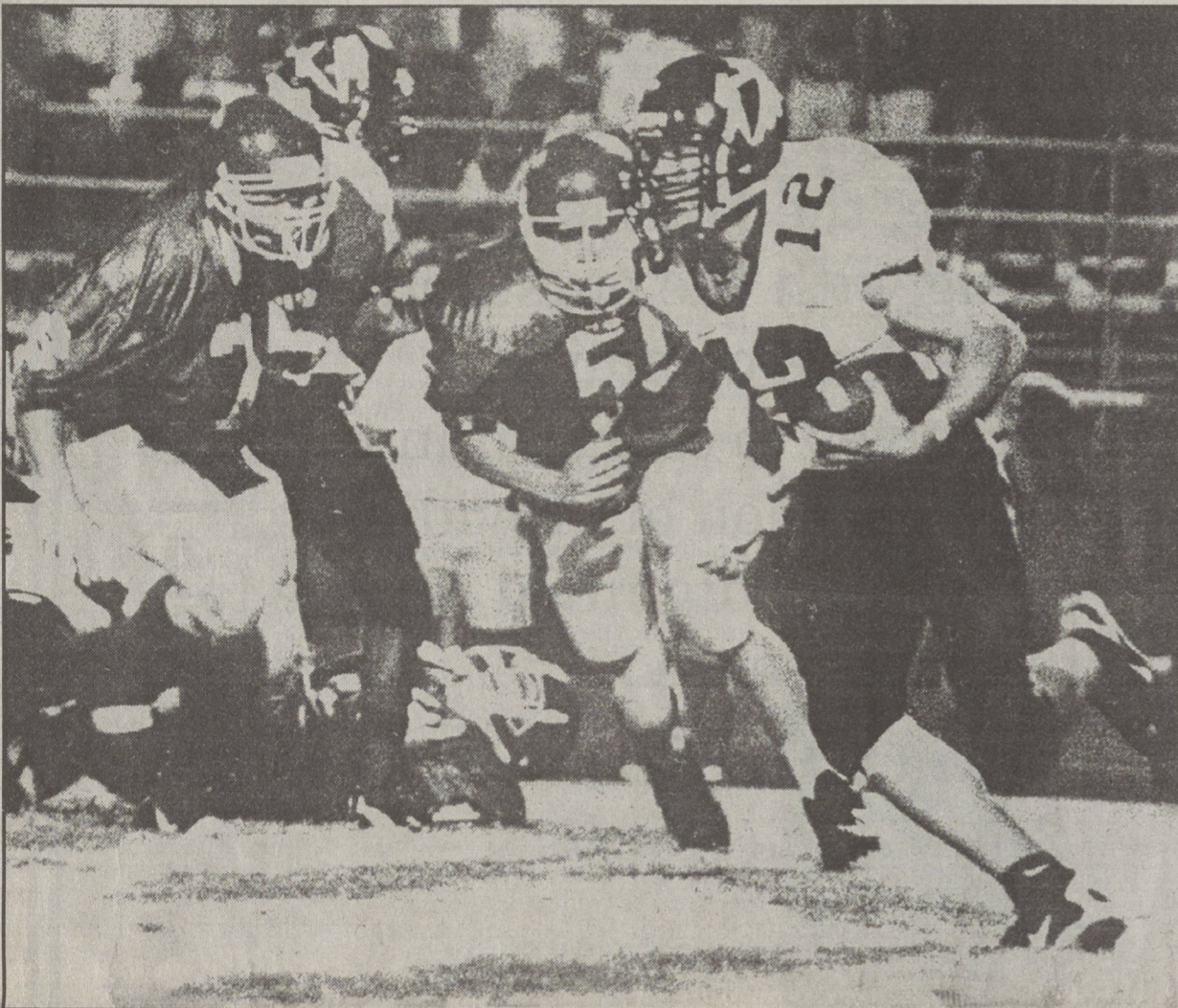
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MOUNTIE ON A ROLL - Kings Mountain reserve quarterback Anthony Ash (12) rolls around end on an option keeper for a big gain in Friday's 58-11 win over Bessemer City at the BCHS field. Ash carried the ball six times for 77 yards and scored a touchdown. The Mountaineers are idle this week and return to action next Friday night at home against Mooresville in their homecoming game.

	KM	BC
First downs	10	8
Yds. rushing	276	80
Yds. Passing	14	18
Passes	1-3-0	2-11-0
Fumbles lost	2	2
Penalties	6-60	5-25

Score by quarters:	T
KM 21 28 7 2	-58
BC 3 2 6 0	-11

KM - Joseph Bell 18 fumble return (Rusty Putnam kick)

BC - James Bane 44-FG.

KM - Corey Jones 18 run (Putnam kick)

KM - Kendrick Bell 14 pass from Lance McClain (Putnam kick)

KM - J.W. Garner 1-run (Putnam kick)

KM - J. Bell 76 punt return (Putnam kick)

BC - Safety, ball snapped out of end zone.

KM - McClain 4 run (Putnam kick).

KM - Anthony Ash 6 run (Putnam kick).

KM - Jones 1 run (Putnam kick).

BC - Nick Ledford 50 fumble return (Run failed).

KM - Safety, Jerry Hatten tackled in end zone).

RUSHING

KM - Marcus Smith 6-79, Anthony Ash 6-77, Corey Jones 6-52, Lance McClain 3-46, J.W. Garner 2-0, Joseph Bell 5-2, Toby Sims 7-20. BC - Bryan Sanders 13-051, Aaron Carton 9-21, Jerry Hatten 7-20, James Bane 8-(-12).

PASSING

KM - McClain 1-2-0-14; Ash 0-1. BC - Bane 2-11-0-18.

RECEIVING

KM - Kendrick Bell 1-14. BC - Hatten 1-11, Ron Thompson 1-7.

Dixie Youth team beats Mauldin

Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth baseball fall team ran its record to 2-0 Saturday with a 9-3 victory over Mauldin, SC.

Alan Gibson picked up his second win of the season by pitching four innings of three-hit ball with five strikeouts. Evan Ellis got the save by pitch-

ing the last three innings.

Leading hitters were Clint Falls and Brad Goforth with two hits each. Josh Patterson and Mike Rote both had RBI doubles.

Kings Mountain will play Simpsonville, SC Saturday and East Lincoln Sunday.

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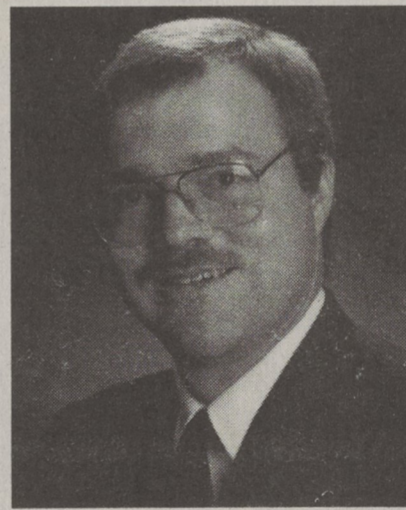
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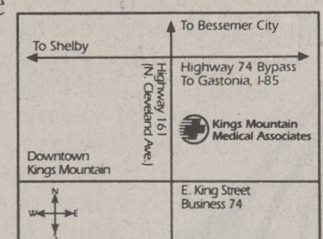
Our New Doctor Is A Family Man.

We'd like to introduce your family to our new family doctor, Jeffrey Smith, M.D., who joined Kings Mountain Medical Associates on August 19, 1996. He and his wife Lisa recently moved here with their children Sarah and Anne.

Dr. Smith joins us from the Benton Family Health Care Center in Benton, Tennessee. He attended Meharry Medical College and Trevecca Nazarene College, both in Nashville. Dr. Smith did his internship and residency at East Tennessee State University in the Kingsport Family Practice Residency Program. He is board certified with the American Board of Family Practice and is a member of both the American Academy of Family

Physicians and the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Smith's extensive experience seeing patients from infants to geriatrics and his training as a family physician will be a great asset to Kings Mountain and Gaston County. Please join us in welcoming him to our family of health care providers and our community. His office will be located at 214 North Cleveland Avenue in Kings Mountain. You can set up an appointment with him by calling 730-1228.



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