

Patriots lose to Shelby, at East Lincoln next week

Kings Mountain Middle School's Patriots fell to Shelby 34-0 in Tri-County Conference football action Wednesday in Shelby.

David Heffner's Patriots, 1-1, were scheduled to host Lincolnton yesterday. They play at East Lincoln next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

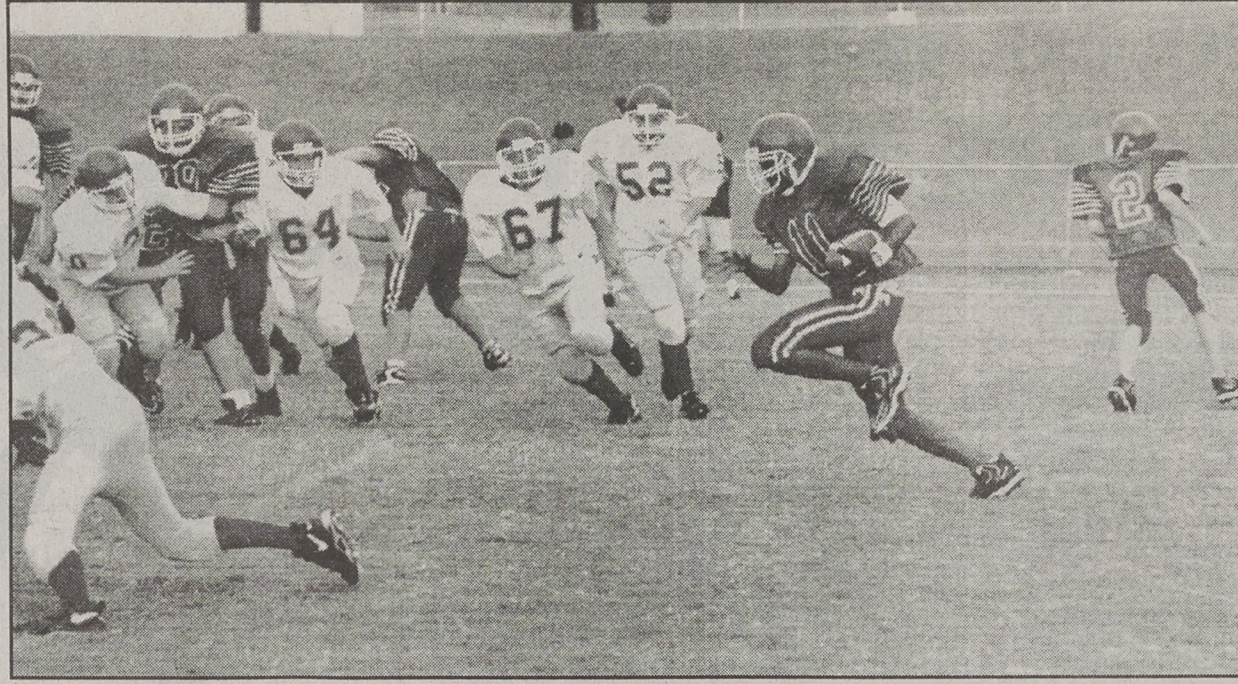
Shelby broke open a close game after leading by just 6-0 at halftime. Kings Mountain fumbled on its first possession of the second half and Shelby scored to go up by 14-0. On their next possession, the Patriots fumbled again and Shelby scored on a 71-yard run to break the game open.

"But our guys played better than they did in our opening game (a 16-8 win over West Lincoln)," said Coach Heffner. "We just have to get better at blocking and tackling. We didn't make a lot of mistakes like we did the week before."

Kings Mountain's defense forced a number of Shelby turnovers, but the offense was unable to take advantage of them.

"Our offensive line did a better job of blocking, and Julius Matthews ran the ball good," Heffner said.

Defensive back Aquino Reynolds led the KM defensive effort.



PATRIOT ON THE MOVE - LaDrigus Gingles (11) finds some running room for Kings Mountain Middle School's football team.

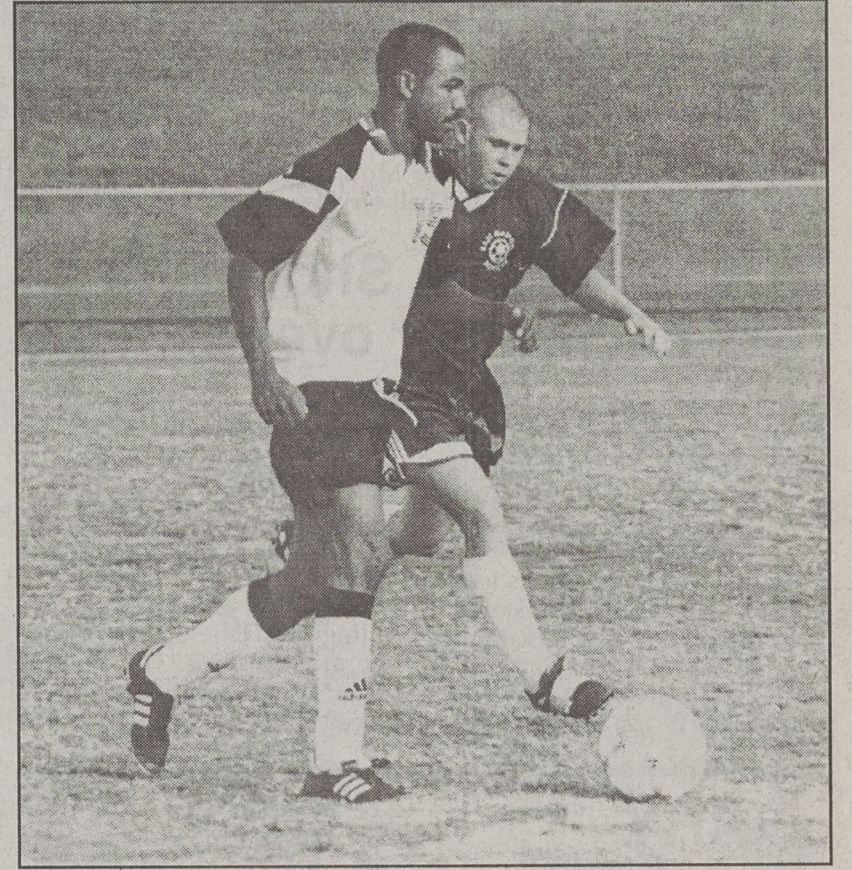
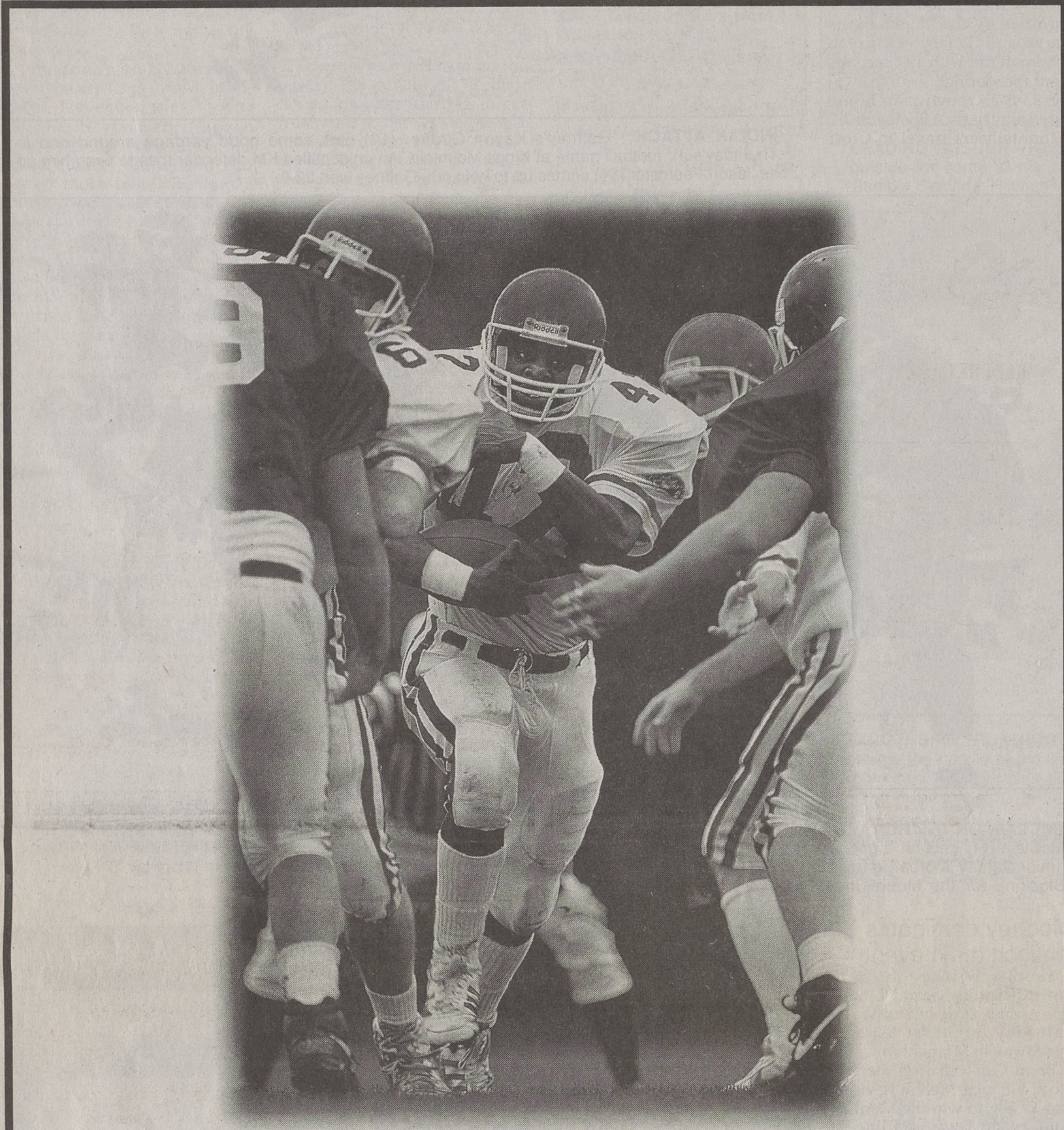
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"And I think special teams is going to be a big part of it. Field position is going to be a big key to our game."

Even though it appears that Shelby has put one of its best teams on the field and Kings Mountain will go into the game as the underdog, Massey said he looks forward to the challenge.

"I think it will be good for our kids to play somebody that they're not supposed to beat," he said. "Hopefully it will be a good test to see what kind of strides we've made in the last three weeks. The good thing is it doesn't count in the conference standings. I hope the kids don't feel a lot of pressure and will just go out there and enjoy the atmosphere and enjoy the game."



SCORES FOR MOUNTAINEERS - Robin Perkins scored a goal to help lead Kings Mountain High's soccer team to victory over Hunter Huss Wednesday night at Gamble Stadium.

Mountaineer kickers beat Huss and Crest

Kings Mountain High's soccer team defeated Hunter Huss 3-1 Wednesday night and Crest 2-0 Thursday to run its record to 5-2-1.

Coach Kevin Moss's Mountaineers are scheduled to open Southwestern 3-A Conference action next Monday at 6 p.m. at North Gaston. They return home on Wednesday, Sept. 24 to face Shelby.

Tim Schwantes, Matt Ellzey and Robin Perkins each scored a goal, and Collin Goforth registered 28 saves in the win over Hunter Huss.

"That was a good win for us," said Moss. "Huss was very competitive."

Thursday night, Ellzey and Perkins each scored a goal and Goforth added 15 more saves in an impressive win over Crest.

"We played a tremendous game," Moss said. "I was really proud of our players for keeping their composure with some of the flagrant fouls that Crest was putting on us. I was really pleased with them keeping their mind in the game instead of being too physical and getting into a shoving match."

"These were two great wins," he added. "We had been on a downfall, tying a game and losing a game, but came back with a big win against Huss and another one against Crest."

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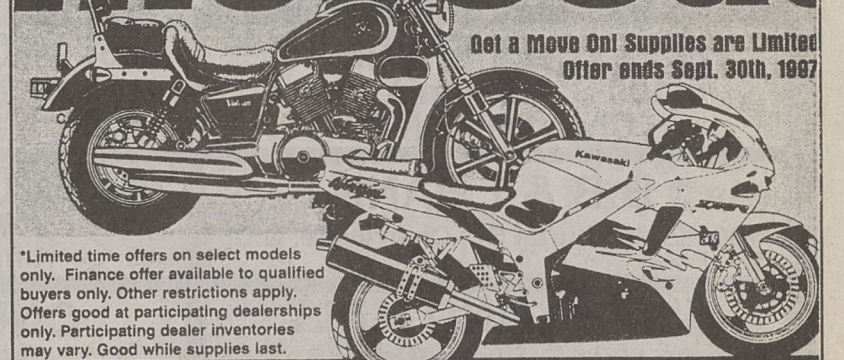
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