

**LOOSE ON LONG PASS PLAY** - Kings Mountain's Kendrick Bell(11) is loose on a 54-yard gain after catching a flanker screen pass from Anthony Ash in Friday's Southwestern 3A Conference football game at Burns. This play set up KM's first touchdown, and the Mountaineers rolled to a 28-0 victory.

**BURNS**

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setting up a touchdown by Joseph Bell with 11:29 remaining in the half. A bad snap resulted in a missed extra point, and KM led 6-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Burns fumbled at the 33 yard line, and on the third play from scrimmage Joseph Bell took a pitch from Ash and circled left end for another Mountaineer score. Ash faked a hand-off into the line and rolled around right end for a two-point conversion which gave the Mountaineers a 14-0 lead with 10:23 left.

"Getting that turnover and getting another score and going up 14-0 was big," said Coach Massey. "Then we allowed them to drive a long drive, but we came up with another turnover to keep them out of the end zone."

Massey was referring to a Burns drive which began at their own five yard line and 10 plays later was on the KM 26. But the Bulldogs fumbled again, and KM recovered.

The play of the game came on the second half kick-off, when KM's Joseph Bell took the kick on his own 10 yard line, cut to

the middle of the field, then cut back outside and rambled down the KM sidelines to the Burns four-yard line. Two plays later Ash scored from three yards out and Collin Goforth kicked the point-after to give the Mountaineers a 21-0 advantage.

Burns got into KM territory three times in the third quarter, and each time the Mountaineer defense rose to the occasion.

Following a short Mountaineer punt, the Bulldogs took possession on their own 44 but lost the ball on downs at the KM 22.

The Burns defense held KM to three and out, and Alex Harrill of the Bulldogs broke through to block a KM punt to give the home team possession on the KM 17. But KM's defense was immovable, holding the Bulldogs to minus three yards in four plays.

Burns' last opportunity came when an Ash pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and intercepted and returned to the KM 18. But the KM defense once again rose to the occasion and four plays later the Mountaineers took possession on the 26, and from that point

drove in for the final touchdown.

Anthony Hillman, who led the KM rushing with 94 yards in 14 carries, ripped off a 45-yard run right up the middle of the field to give the Mountaineers a first down at the Burns 34. After a five-yard run by Hillman, Joseph Bell took a pitch from Ash around left end and cut back to the middle of the field for what was an apparent beautiful 29-yard touchdown run, but it was nullified on a holding penalty. Ash hit Kendrick Bell on a 34-yard pass down the left sidelines, setting up a six-yard touchdown run around right end by Ash with 7:45 left in the game.

"This was a good way to start off the conference schedule," said Coach Massey, "especially against one of the top teams in the conference. I think Burns should win some games in our conference this year. To go back to their place and win two years in a row is big for us."

"A lot of the credit goes to our seniors for their leadership in practice during the week, and making us work hard and understand the importance of the game and getting everybody focused on it."

**THE YARDSTICK**

	KM	B
First downs	13	8
Yds. rushing	181	116
Passes	7-11-1	3-13-1
Yds. passing	132	14
Fumbles lost	0	3
Penalties	10-95	3-20

Score by quarters:	T
KM	0 14 7 7 28
B	0 0 0 0 0

KM - Joseph Bell 1-run (kick failed).  
 KM - J. Bell 15 run (Anthony Ash run)  
 KM - Ash 3 run (Collin Goforth kick)  
 KM - Ash 6 run (Goforth kick).

**RUSHING**  
 KM - Hillman 14-94, J. Bell 8-24, Ash 3-9, Williamson 7-46, Kenny Moore 3-8. B - Ramseur 4-35, Logan 13-33, Melker 6-31, Brown 4-25, Elmore 2-12, Geter 2 (-1), Greene 5 (-12).

**PASSING**  
 K - Ash 7-11-1-136. B - Greene 3-14-1-14. Logan 0-1.

**RECEIVING**  
 KM - Kendrick Bell 5-117, Chad Jones 2-19. B - Logan 1-5, Howell 2-7.

**Sports Briefs**

**JV Mountaineers lose to Burns 21-18**

Kings Mountain High's JV football team dropped a heart-breaking 21-18 loss to Burns in Southwestern 3A Conference action Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers, 0-5, travel to R-S Central Thursday for a 7 p.m. contest.

Burns grabbed early leads of 7-0 and 14-10 before the Mountaineers came back to grab an 18-14 lead midway of the third quarter. But the Bulldogs got a deflected touchdown pass late in the third period and made it stand up for the victory.

Burns drove 59 yards late in the first quarter to score on a two-yard run by Randy Brown to take a 7-0 lead. The Bulldogs completed a 25-yard pass to John Brown and got a 33-yard run by Addison to set up the score.

Kings Mountain got a 33-yard field goal from Brad Bridges with 8:55 left in the half to trim the margin to 7-3. The Mountaineers started the scoring drive at their own 40 yard line and drove the ball down field behind the running of Antonio McClain and Dwayne Littlejohn.

Burns drove 66 yards and scored on a 12-yard run by Addison to take a 14-3 lead with 5:16 remaining in the half, but Kings Mountain marched right back downfield with a 69-yard scoring drive to cut the margin to 14-10 at intermission.

Littlejohn got off a 17-yard run, and quarterback Matt Ash threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Jon Houze. Jason Bridges kicked the point-after.

The Mountaineers drove 40 yards after a Burns punt to grab an 18-14 lead early in the third period. Ash completed a 14-yard pass to Houze for a first down at the 26, and Littlejohn scored two plays later on a 21-yard run. Ash ran for the point after to put the Mountaineers on top 18-14.

Burns took advantage of a personal foul penalty against KM on the ensuing kickoff and drove 40 yards for the winning touchdown, with came when Addison caught a deflected pass and turned it into a 16-yard scoring play.

A potential fourth quarter scoring drive by the Mountaineers ended in a pass interception at the Burns 22.



**PLAYER OF YEAR** - Kings Mountain's Shana Sizemore has been named Volleyball Player of the Year in the Southwestern 3A Conference.

**Sizemore volleyball player of year in SWC**

Kings Mountain High senior Shana Sizemore has been named Volleyball Player of the Year in the Southwestern 3A Conference.

Sizemore was joined on the All-Conference team by teammates Christie Brinkley, Sherian Coleman and Amy Pearson.

KM Coach Diana Bridges was voted the SWC Coach of the Year.

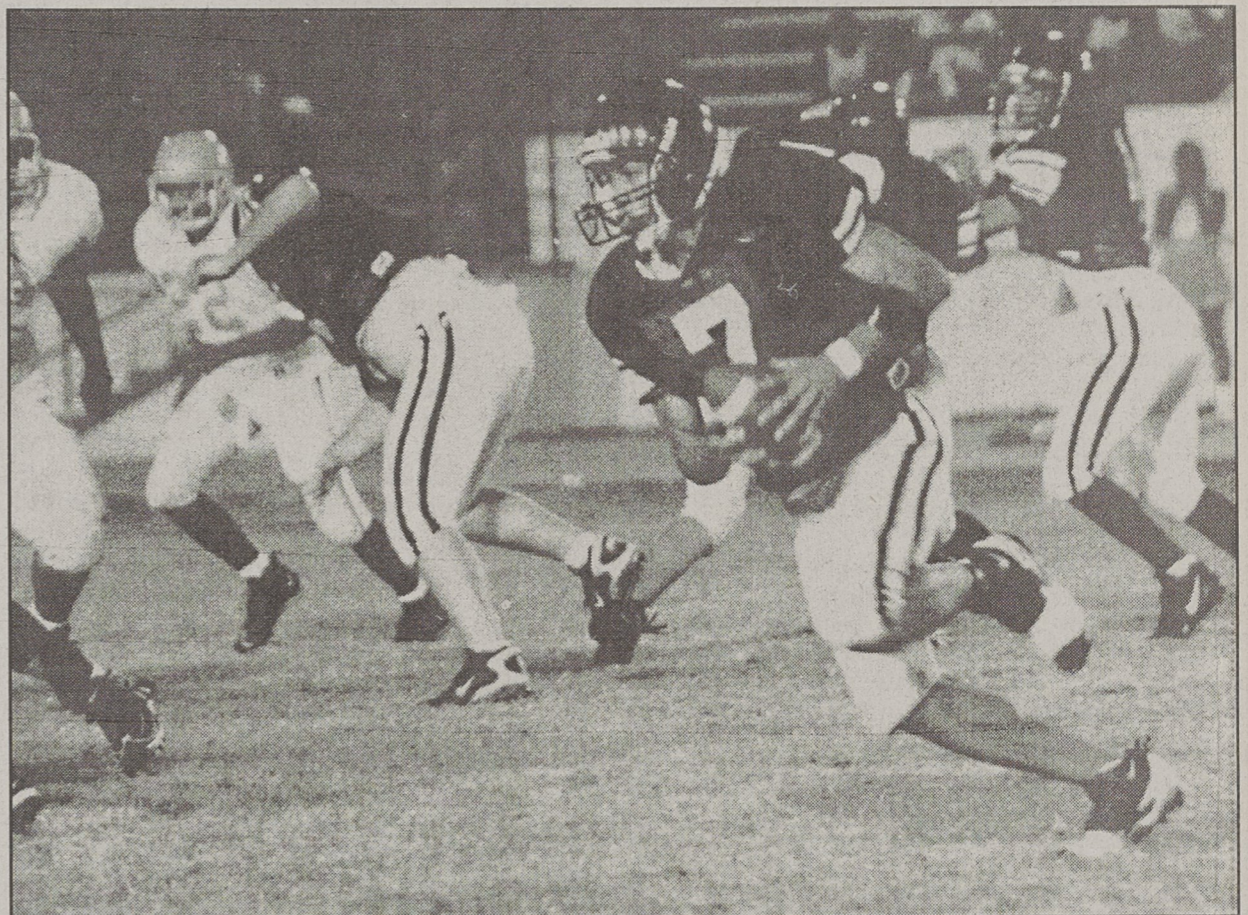
The Lady Mountaineers won the SWC with a 10-0 conference and 16-5 overall record. They wrapped up the conference championship last

Tuesday with a hard-fought 4-15, 9-15, 15-7, 15-12, 15-12 victory over R-S Central. The Lady Hilltoppers could have grabbed a share of the SWC title with a victory.

Sizemore did an excellent job setting for the Mountaineers, and Coleman and Brinkley also played outstanding games.

Kings Mountain closed out conference play Thursday with a 15-2, 15-9, 15-4 victory over Burns, and the Lady Mountaineers concluded their regular season Saturday with an impressive 15-12, 15-12, 7-15, 15-17, 15-5 victory over defending state 3A champion Fred T. Foard.

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**QUARTERBACK KEEPER** - Kings Mountain quarterback Matt Ash (7) rolls around end on a keeper in Thursday's JV football game with Burns at Gamble Stadium. Burns won 21-18.

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