

Mountaineers dominate Warriors 33-6

It probably wasn't the dominating performance many people expected, but after a sluggish start Kings Mountain's Mountaineers outmanned East Gaston's Warriors 33-6 in their opening season football game Friday night, August 28 at East Gaston.

Three touchdowns in a nine minute span of the second quarter gave the Mountaineers a 19-6 halftime lead, and another touchdown in the first minute of the second half turned the game into a rout.

Kings Mountain's experienced offense - despite losing two fumbles on its first three possessions - rolled up 246 yards rushing and 92 passing while the younger but very impressive defense held the Warriors to just eight yards of offense in the first half and 70 in the game.

Kings Mountain scored on five of its 11 offensive possessions, and probably could have scored again but elected to run out the clock in East Gaston territory in the fourth quarter. East Gaston's offense had very little success moving the ball on the big and quick KM defense. The Warriors' only touchdown came on a 90 yard kickoff return by Jamoral McCorkle.

The Mountaineers took advantage of their mammoth offensive line. With big seniors like Julius Curry, Mariko Feemster, Kareem Marshall and Andy Leigh leading the charge, junior fullback Anthony Hillman churned out 185 yards rushing in 19 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 1, 3 and 1 yards.

Most of Kings Mountain's



Kings Mountain defensive tackle Frank Hopper (78) got an outstanding senior season under way with a sack of East Gaston's quarterback in the first game of the season.

scoring drives were set up in good field position - either by good plays by the defense or special teams. Only one drive - a 73-yard march in the fourth quarter - started on the Kings

Mountain side of the field. The Mountaineers had impressive drives going on their first two possessions, but coughed up the football. Finally, late in the first period, they took

possession at the East Gaston 36 following a Warrior punt and Hillman covered the distance in three carries, scoring from a yard out for a 6-0 lead with 11:564 left in the half.

HOW THEY DID IT

	KM	EG
First downs	18	7
Yds. rushing	246	47
Yds. passing	92	22
Passes	3-7	3-9
Fumbles lost	2	2
Penalties	7-72	4-20

KM Scoring

Hillman, 1 run
 Hillman 3 run
 Williamson 10 run (Howell kick)
 Hillman 1 run (Howell kick)
 Williamson recovered fumble in end zone (Howell kick)

Rushing

Player	Carries	Yds
Hillman	19	185
A. Ash	4	-10
Williamson	5	20
Ingram	5	42
Goodlet	2	10
Littlejohn	3	3

Passing

Player	Comp.	Att.	Yds
A. Ash	3	7	92

Receiving

Player	Catches	Yds
Jones	1	52
Williamson	2	40

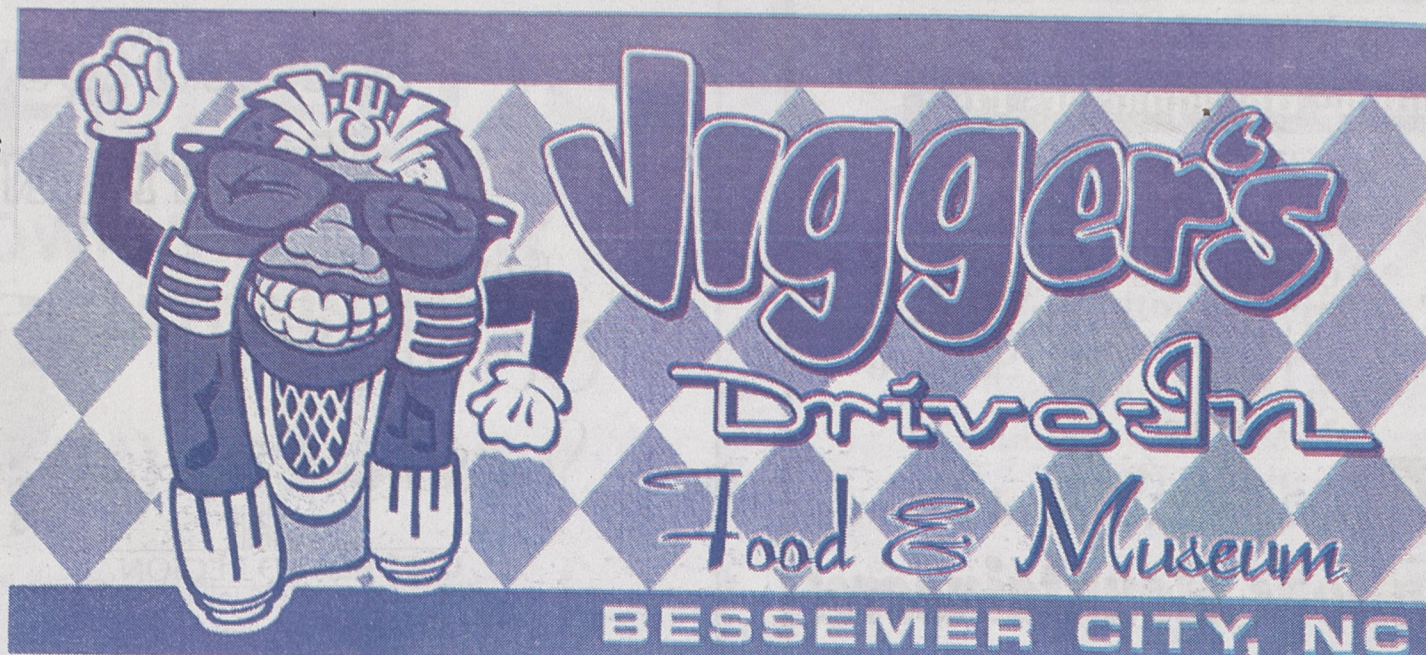
Tackle Leaders

Player	Tackles
K. Thompson	12
Benton	9
Hopper	7
Cureton	7
Rhodes	5
Young	3

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