

Shelby quarterback Shawn Haynes (14) looks for someone to pitch ball to on option play in Friday's game at Kings Mountain. Lions won 35-34 in triple overtime.



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BYERS

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many of the heavyweights, including Gardner, have not gotten down to that weight.

Dropping over 20 pounds came easier for Byers and it has improved his quickness and helped him overcome an injury which cost him a chance at qualifying for the 2000 Olympics.

Last April he won his second U.S National Championship in four years, and he followed that with the championship in the World Team Trials.

Byers, the grandson of Theodore Byers of Kings Mountain, began his wrestling career under Steve Moffitt at Kings Mountain High School. He was the 1993 State 3A champion and earned a football scholarship to North Carolina A&T.

A year later he joined the U.S. Army and was recommended to the Army's wrestling coach after he was seen competing in some Club tournaments on base.

Since 1996 he has competed in tournaments all over the world and has won

championships in the U.S., Pan Am, World Team Trials, and now the World Championship. He was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler in the 1999 U.S. Greco-Roman Nationals.

Byers was in-flight from Russian to the United States and could not be reached for comment. But in an interview with The Herald following his U.S. National championship in April, he said is focused more than ever on representing the U.S. - and winning - in the Olympics.

"It's like working a puzzle," he said. "I'm still polishing all the tools I've got in my arsenal and making sure it works."

Byers called his high school coach, Moffitt, early Sunday morning following his semi-finals victory.

"He was in tears he was so happy," Moffitt said. "This is great for Shon and for Kings Mountain. North Carolina has never had a wrestler to win the World Championship. And, in two years Kings Mountain could have an Olympic champion!"

for a first down at the Shelby 44. The Lions appeared to ice the game on fourth and 20 when they intercepted a KM pass, but a defensive holding penalty gave the Mounties a fourth and nine at the 43.

Quarterback Derek Smith rambed 15 yards around right end on a keeper, full-back Aquino Simmons ripped off a 14-yard run up the middle, and quarterback Chris Jolly scored on a four-yard sneak to cut the margin to 14-12. Simmons dove over for a two-point conversion to tie the score and force the overtime.

With both defenses exhausted and unable to stop the other's offense, it was obvious the victory would go to the team that could convert its extra points.

KM got the ball first in overtime and Simmons followed a block by guard Drew Gibson right up the gut for a 10-yard touchdown run. Pablo Peralta's extra point put KM on top 21-14.

Shelby's Sanchez Farmer scored on a one-yard plunge on third down, and Michael Ingle added the PAT to force

a second overtime.

This time, Shelby got the ball first and Tavoris Jolley scored from seven yards out and Ingle added the PAT to put Shelby on top 28-21.

Kings Mountain took over on offense, and following a seven-yard keeper by Derek Smith, Holland scored from three yards out and Peralta again kicked the point-after to make it 28-28.

KM got a big break at the start of the third overtime when Shelby was flagged for offside, giving KM a first and goal from the five. Smith faked the ball to Simmons and rolled off the left side to the one-inch line. Shelby threw Simmons for a one-yard loss on second down, but on third down Smith faked to Simmons again and followed his block into the end zone to put the Mounties up 34-28.

This time, however, Peralta's extra point attempt was wide left, leaving KM with a 34-28 lead and Shelby with the opening it needed to win the game.

The Lions were immediately flagged for illegal procedure, causing them to start their series from the 15 yard line. On first down, quarterback Shawn Haynes rolled to his left and was hit by four KM defenders. However, they didn't wrap him up and he bounced off of them, reversed his field and raced around right end untouched for the score. Ingle's PAT split the uprights to hand the Lions their third straight victory over the Mountaineers.

The two teams hadn't tied since the 1999 season when Ron Massey's Mountaineers came from behind on a late touchdown pass and two-point conversion to tie the Lions 20-20 in Shelby. That year, the coaches elected not to play overtime. State rules state that all conference ties must be played off, but non-conference ties do not have to be.

Prior to that, the last KM-Shelby tie was in 1982 when both teams were members of the Southwestern 3A Conference. In a game in Shelby, the teams fought to a scoreless deadlock in regulation. KM won 8-0 in overtime on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Chris Chronce.

The same two hooked up for a two-point conversion.



MOUNTIE POSTGAME

PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Shelby - Shawn Haynes, QB, 8-55 rushing, including winning TD in third overtime. KM - Aquino Simmons, FB, 18-92 rushing, 2 TD. Adrian Parker, DB, and Aaron Bolton, DB, numerous tackles. Drew Gibson, OL, good blocking on inside running plays.

PLAY OF THE GAME

In third overtime, Shelby faced a first and 15 following an illegal procedure penalty. QB Shawn Haynes rolled to his left on a keeper and was apparently stopped by numerous KM defenders, but bounced off them and reversed his field and ran untouched into the end zone for the tying touchdown. Michael Ingle's PAT provided the winning point.

THE YARDSTICK

	S	KM
1st downs	13	13
Yds. rushing	306	129
Passing yds.	15	58
Passes	1-7	7-15
Fumbles lost	0	2
Yds. penalizes	112	45

RUSHING

Shelby - Corry Parks 8-80, Tavarus Hill 13-65, Tavoris Jolley 7-57, Shawn Haynes 8-55, Tony Byers 5-21, Sanchez Farmer 5-12, Zakee Briscoe 6-8, Marquitt Jones 2-8. KM - Aquino Simmons 18-92, Deon Holland 3-22, Derek Smith 13-15, Chris Jolly 1-5, Cortney Smith 4-5).

PASSING

Shelby - Haynes 1-7-0-15. KM - Derek Smith 2-7-0-11; Chris Jolly 5-8-0-47.

RECEIVING

Shelby - Van Eskridge 1-15. KM - Derek Smith 3-29, Jamarl Borrino 2-18, Cortney Smith 1-10, Deon Holland 1-1.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sh.	0	7	7	0	7	7	7	-35
KM	0	6	0	14	7	6	-34	

SECOND QUARTER

KM - Aquino Simmons 4 run (kick failed). 80 yard drive, 14 plays. Simmons carried 9 times for 51 yards. Shelby had 3 offside penalties.

Shelby - Tavarus Hill 3 run (Ingle kick). 80 yard drive in 7 plays following KM kickoff. Parks got loose on 35 yard run and was chased down from behind by Brandon Houze at KM

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THIRD QUARTER

S - Marquitt Jones 5 run (Ingle kick). 55 yard drive in 8 plays following KM punt. Set up on fourth and 8 pass from Haynes to Van Eskridge.

FOURTH QUARTER

KM - Chris Jolly 5 run (Simmons run). 65-yard drive following Shelby punt with four minutes left in game. Included 23-yard run around right end by Deon Holland to get into Shelby territory, and 15-yard QB keeper around right end by Derek Smith on fourth and 9 play to keep the drive alive.

FIRST OVERTIME

KM - Simmons 10-run (Pablo Peralta kick)
S - Sanchez Farmer 1 run (Ingle kick)

SECOND OVERTIME

S - Tavoris Jolley 7 run (Ingle kick)
KM - Deon Holland 3 run (Peralta kick).

THIRD OVERTIME

KM - Derek Smith 1 run (kick failed)
S - Haynes 15 run (Ingle kick).

THIS WEEK

Fred T. Foard at Kings Mountain, Friday, 7:30 p.m., John Gamble Stadium. (Homecoming).

THE SERIES

Kings Mountain leads 1-0.

LAST YEAR

Aquino Simmons gained 235 yards rushing to lead the Mountaineers to a 35-0 victory at Foard.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

KM - Aquino Simmons, FB, who gained over 1,300 yards last year, has been held to less than 100 yards rushing in each of the first four games. Derek Smith, QB-WR. Wherever he lines up on offense, this talented junior has the ability to go all the way on every play. Foard - Van Proctor, QB, very talented runner and passer. T.J. Safrit, WR, very talented pass receiver and defensive player. Wesley Gaitner, RB. Talented sophomore who is a good runner and receiver.

Big South 3A

Teams	Conf.	All
Forestview	0-0	4-0
S. Point	0-0	3-1
E. Lincoln	0-0	3-2
E. Gaston	0-0	2-2
H. Huss	0-0	2-2
Ashbrook	0-0	1-3
N. Gaston	0-0	1-3

Last Week's Games

Huss 12, B. City 6
Forestview 23, Chase 6
Freedom 35, Ashbrook 13
Lincolnton 35, E. Lincoln 14
N. Gaston 22, Cherryville 19

This Week's Games

S. Point at E. Gaston
E. Lincoln at Ashbrook
N. Gaston at Huss

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