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Kings Mountain quarterback Ryan Burton (11) keeps the ball on an option play around right end in Thursday's JV game with Forestview at John Gamble Stadium. Kings Mountain won 21-14. The Mountaineers host Shelby tonight at 7 o'clock.

## JV Mounties post third straight win

Kings Mountain High's JV football team scored all of its touchdowns on long plays to defeat Forestview 21-14 in its home opener Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers, 3-0, host Shelby tonight at 7 o'clock.

After Forestview punted on its first series, Kings Mountain's Johnny Phillips took a pitch-out from quarterback Ryan Burton and rambled down the Forestview sidelines 89 yards to the field house end zone. Derrick Marable's point-after gave the Mountaineers a 7-0 lead.

The lead was short-lived as Forestview recovered a Mountaineer fumble and drove 68 yards to take the lead. Running back Floyd of the Jaguars rambled 35 yards on counter play for the TD, and quarterback Justin White added a two-point conversion run to put the visitors on top 8-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Kings Mountain struck like lightning again, though. On the first play from scrimmage following the Forestview kickoff, Antwan Ross went 58 yards on a power sweep around left end to the scoreboard endzone, and Marable kicked the point-after to put KM on top 14-8 with 9:50 left in the half.

Forestview tied the score with 5:03 left in

the half on a three-yard touchdown run by Shoemaker.

Neither team could find much success in the second half, due mainly to fumbles.

Kings Mountain scored the winning touchdown with 4:39 to play in the third quarter when linebacker Marquize Norris delivered a stunning blow to the Forestview quarterback, forcing him to cough up the football, and Norris scooped it up and rambled 40 yards for the touchdown. Marable again kicked the point-after.

Kings Mountain's Ryan Skibo recovered a fumble to stop a potential-tying touchdown by the Jaguars late in the third quarter. Forestview got in position to score when Kings Mountain fumbled a punt at its own 24 yard line.

Forestview recovered another fumble at the KM 28 late in the fourth quarter but the Mountaineers held them on downs at the 17 yard line.

The Mountaineers got outstanding running efforts by Phillips and Ross, and a good running and passing effort from quarterback Ryan Burton.

Defensive standouts for the Mounties included Skibo, Norris, C.J. Cooke, Drew Loftin, Josh Williams, Demarius Grier and Chase Gibson.

## Patriots lose 16-6 to Lincolnton MS

Kings Mountain Middle School's football team fell to Lincolnton 16-6 in a Tri-County Conference game Wednesday afternoon at John Gamble Stadium.

The Patriots were scheduled to host Crest yesterday. They travel to Shelby next Wednesday for a 5 o'clock kickoff.

Lincolnton picked up a first quarter touchdown on a 7-yard quarterback sneak by Mayfield. The Lincolnton defense had sacked the Kings Mountain quarterback inside the five when the Patriots went for it on a fourth down and 21 situation.

C.J. Wilson ran the two-point conversion to give Lincolnton an 8-0 lead.

Mayfield scored again on an 18-yard option keeper at the 7:03 mark of the third quarter. Wilson again ran the two-point conversion.

Kings Mountain's only score came in the final minute of the game when Tyvegas Goode scored from five yards out. The conversion attempt failed.

Patriot Coach Monty Deaton was pleased with his team's effort but said the loss was a matter of missed opportunities.

"I felt like it was a game we should have won," he said. "We had an opportunity to win the game but just didn't win it."

The Patriots had more total yardage than the Lincolnton eleven but failed to score on two trips inside the 10 yard line.

"We had some big plays," Deaton said. "Michael Roberts did a good job throwing passes to our receivers but some were called back because of



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Lincolnton quarterback looks for receiver in Wednesday's game with KM Middle School.

penalties. We made some mistakes that cost us.

"Lincolnton did a good job of tightening up their defense when they had to keep us out of the end zone."

Kings Mountain got a 50-yard pass play from Michael Roberts to Cedric Roberts for a first down at the four in the first half. But the Lincolnton defense tightened up and held the Patriots in four plays.

Another big pass play in the second half gave the Patriots a first and goal just inside the 10, but again they failed to reach the end zone.

"Lincolnton did a good job of stopping us," Deaton said. "We did control the ball. We just have to get the ball in the end zone and take advantage of opportunities when they're given to us."

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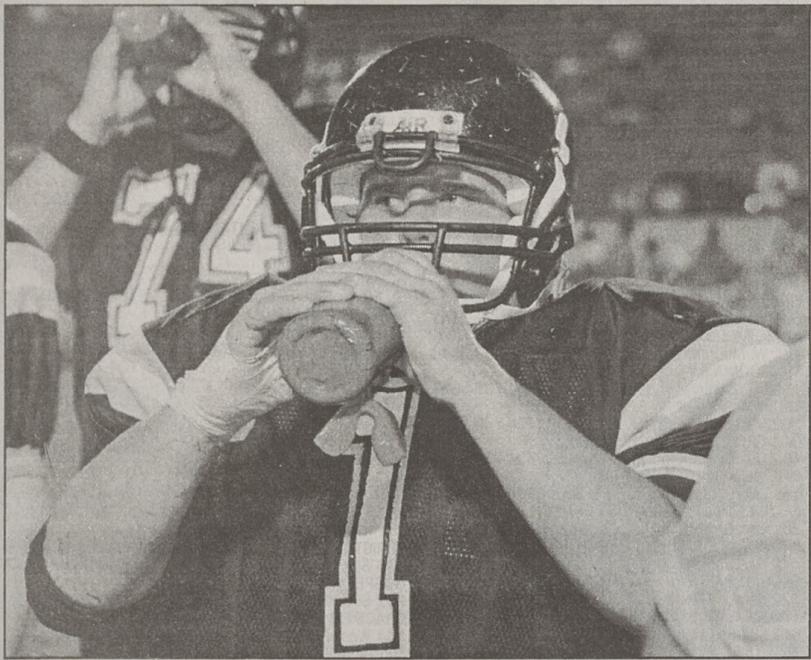
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Kings Mountain defensive back Ryan Skibo (1) takes a water break in Thursday's JV game with Forestview at Gamble Stadium.

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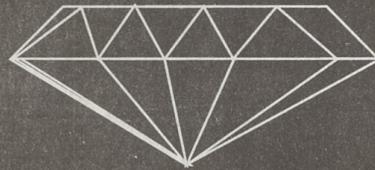
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