



KM's John Gwinn (23) fights for yardage in Friday's game at St. Stephens

ST. STEPHENS
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Coach David Farquharson commended his team for playing hard, but added that they made some mistakes at crucial moments.

"We just found ourselves in a situation where we once again made some errors that changed the tempo of the game," he said. "The pass interference hurt us, we fumbled the ball once on the exchange, and we dropped a pass interception in the end zone."

For the most part, both teams stuck with their traditional running game, with the Mountaineers using a balanced running attack featuring several backs and the Indians going with their bread-and-butter man, Young, who is the SWFH's leading rusher. Kings Mountain attempted only three passes and didn't connect on any, and St. Stephens hit 6 of 16 for 99 yards.

"They were a lot like us in that they are a run-oriented team first," Farquharson said. "I think they came in

and tried to throw the ball more than they have against anybody else to give us something else to worry about.

"But Young was their premier back last year as a junior, so I think with us being both in the same situation their game plan was to come in there and give it to their senior and do what they do best, which is run the ball. And they did a good job of it."

Kings Mountain went mostly with its 1-2 running punch of sophomore tailback Sidney Goode and soph fullback J.J. McClain. McClain, though, injured his ankle in the first half and missed the entire second half. Aaron Bolton and John Gwinn did a good job filling in.

The Mountaineers drove the opening kickoff 60 yards in seven plays to take a 6-0 lead on a six-yard run by Goode.

The KM defense held on downs at the 21 yard line to stop the Indians' first scoring attempt, but early in the second quarter Scott Stillwell made a leaping 33-yard reception of a De Miller pass to give the

Indians a first down at the KM 12. Again, the KM defense held but Scott Clark's 31-yard field goal narrowed the KM lead to 6-3.

Young got loose on a 46-yard touchdown run with 2:37 left in the half to put the Indians on top 9-6, but the Mountaineers answered with a quick 64-yard march in just five plays to take a 13-9 halftime lead. Goode got the touchdown on a 12-yard run but the big play in the drive was a 44-yard run by McClain.

The KM defense came up with two big stops in the second half to keep the Indians out of the end zone. First, a Clark 43-yard field goal attempt hit the left upright and later the Indians, aided by a pass interference against the Mounties, drove for a first and goal at the four. But the Mounties stopped the Indians dead in their tracks on three straight running plays, and a fourth down pass in the end zone intended for Val Vasquez was tipped away by the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers were immediately penalized half the distance for a false start and couldn't work out of the hole. They were forced to punt from their own end zone, and even after a penalty for a block in the back the Indians took possession at the KM 35.

Young scored from inside the one yard line and Clark added the PAT to give the Indians a 16-13 lead. It took the Mountaineers only six plays to drive 87 yards following the kickoff, with Bolton's run putting KM back on top 19-16.

► **AT A GLANCE**

Thursday, October 23

7 p.m. - JV football, Kings Mountain at Hickory.

TBA - High school volleyball, District playoffs

Friday, October 24

7:30 p.m. - Varsity football, Hickory at Kings Mountain

Saturday, October 25

TBA - High school volleyball, Sectional playoffs

Monday, October 27

5 p.m. - High school soccer, Crest at Kings Mountain (JV/varsity).

Tuesday, October 28

TBA - High school volleyball, Western Regional playoffs

Wednesday, October 29

5 p.m. - High school soccer, Kings Mountain at Fred T. Foard (JV/varsity)

TBA - Middle school volleyball, East Rutherford and East Lincoln at Kings Mountain

R-S Central 0-4 1-8

Last Week's Results

St. Stephens 23, Kings Mtn. 19
Crest 71, Fred T. Foard 0
Hickory 31, Burns 24 (3OT)
R-S Central 70, First Assembly 7

Friday's Games

Hickory at Kings Mountain
Crest at Burns
R-S Central at Fred T. Foard

Big South 3A

South Point	5-0	8-1
Ashbrook	4-1	8-1
Hunter Huss	4-1	7-2
Forestview	3-2	6-3
East Gaston	2-3	6-3
East Lincoln	1-4	3-6
North Gaston	1-4	2-6
Berry Academy	0-5	0-8

Last Week's Results

East Gaston 35, North Gaston 0
South Point 76, Berry 6
Huss 24, East Lincoln 19
Ashbrook 34, Forestview 14

Friday's Games

East Gaston at East Lincoln
Huss at Forestview
South Point at North Gaston
Berry at Ashbrook

Southern Foothills 1A

Hendersonville	4-0	9-0
Polk County	4-0	9-0
Bessemer City	4-1	5-4
Maiden	2-2	6-3
North Lincoln	1-4	1-8
Cherryville	0-4	1-8
Highland	0-4	0-9

Last Week's Results

Bessemer City 44, Maiden 39
Hendersonville 53, Cherryville 20
Polk County 75, North Lincoln 7
Westminster-Catawba 33, Highland 26

Friday's Games

Bessemer City at Hendersonville
Cherryville at Highland
Polk County at Maiden
Cedar Ridge vs. North Lincoln at West Lincoln

Midwest 2A

Lincolnton	5-0	8-1
Bandys	4-1	7-2
Shelby	4-1	6-3
East Ruth.	3-2	5-4
Chase	1-4	4-4
Bunker Hill	1-4	3-6
Newton	1-4	2-7
West Lincoln	1-4	1-8

Last Week's Results

Lincolnton 20, Shelby 14
East Rutherford 34, Chase 20
Newton 31, Bunker Hill 28
Bandys 42, West Lincoln 6

Friday's Games

Bunker Hill at Shelby
East Rutherford at West Lincoln
Bandys at Lincolnton
Newton-Conover at Chase

► **MOUNTIE GRIDGRAPH**

	KM	SS
First downs	10	14
Yds. rushing	260	225
Yds. passing	0	99
Passes	0-3-1	6-16-0
Fumbles lost	1	0
Yds. penalized	80	30

Score by quarters:	T
KM 6 7 0 6	--19
SS 0 9 0 14	--23

KM - Sidney Goode 6-run (kick failed)
SS - FG Scott Clark 31.
SS - Adrian Young 46 run (kick blocked)
KM - Goode 12 run (Will Franks kick)
SS - Young 1 run (Clark kick)
KM - Aaron Bolton 38 run (kick failed)
SS - Young 2 run (Clark kick).

RUSHING

KM - J.J. McClain 7-80, Bolton 2-63, Goode 13-57, John Gwinn 7-50, Montrell Banks 4-10. SS - A. Young 41-179, Stephen Esposito 7-24, Justin Young 6-22, Jon Michael Cadle 1-0, Jonathan Brooks 1-0.

PASSING

KM - Banks 1-3-1-0. SS - De Miller 6-16-0-99.

RECEIVING

SS - Scott Stillwell 2-54, Cadle 3-39, J. Young 1-6.

► **PREP STANDINGS**

Southwestern Foothills 3A

	Conf.	All
	W-L	W-L
Crest	4-0	5-3
Burns	3-1	7-2
Hickory	3-1	7-2
St. Stephens	3-2	4-6
Kings Mtn.	2-3	2-7
Fred T. Foard	0-4	1-8

HICKORY

From 1B

contest in which the two teams just line up and run right at each other.

"Hickory's big and fast," says KM Coach David Farquharson. "They're a good football team and they do a lot of things well."

"They're going to come in and test us on the run. They're a little Wing T type team so there will be a lot of misdirection and counters and traps and we're going to have to come in and play good assignment football. We need to keep the game plan simple and try to do things that will put us in a position to be successful. We're going to have to have a little character check this week and come out and do a good job."

Kings Mountain will be at less than full strength physically.

Linebacker Josh Etters, who injured his shoulder in the R-S Central game, had to sit out last week's game and is scheduled to undergo surgery today.

Quarterback Montrell Banks and fullback J.J. McClain got banged up last week at St. Stephens and probably won't be at full strength this week, but they are expected to play.

The Mountaineers got senior defensive back Aaron Bolton more involved in the offense last week, and Farquharson said they expect to do the same this week.

With their playoff possibilities gone down the drain, the Mountaineers will be playing on pride this week.

"We talked about it Friday at the end of the game," Farquharson said. "This will be senior night. It's the last home ball game and I challenged them to come out and dictate how they're going to end their season."

"The possibility of not being able to

go to the playoffs was out there for us (at St. Stephens). We knew we had to win out, and that's a game I felt like we shouldn't have lost. We're going to have to come back out and play hard. We're going to work real hard on getting them ready."

Kings Mountain hasn't beaten Hickory since the two teams became a member of the same conference three years ago. But, both losses were by a touchdown or less. Two years ago, the Red Tornadoes beat the Mountaineers on a safety at Gamble Stadium, and last year in Hickory they broke up a potential game-winning pass in the end zone in the final seconds.

Prior to both joining the SWFH, their last meeting was in the Western N.C. High Schools Activities Association playoffs in 1964. Hickory won 6-0. KM's last win was a 7-6 decision in the final game of the 1944 season.

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