

PREP STANDINGS

Southwestern Foothills 3A

| | Conf. W-L | All W-L |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Crest | 6-0 | 9-1 |
| Burns | 5-1 | 9-2 |
| Hickory | 4-2 | 8-3 |
| RS Central | 3-3 | 5-6 |
| Kings Mtn. | 2-4 | 4-7 |
| F.T. Foard | 1-5 | 1-10 |
| St. Stephens | 0-6 | 0-11 |

Last Week's Results

Maiden 36, Kings Mountain 7
Burns 40, St. Stephens 7
Crest 35, RS Central 0
Hickory 33, Fred T. Foard 13

Friday's Games

(NCHSAA Playoffs)
Kings Mountain at T.C. Roberson
Trinity at Crest
North Gaston at Burns
RS Central at Winston Salem Carver

Big South 3A

| | Conf. W-L | All W-L |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Ashbrook | 6-1 | 8-3 |
| South Point | 6-1 | 8-2 |
| East Gaston | 5-2 | 7-4 |
| Forestview | 5-2 | 7-4 |
| Hunter Huss | 3-4 | 5-5 |
| North Gaston | 2-5 | 4-7 |
| East Lincoln | 1-6 | 2-9 |
| Berry | 0-7 | 0-11 |

Last Week's Results

North Gaston 52, Berry 0
East Gaston 21, Forestview 19
South Point 47, East Lincoln 14
Ashbrook 43, Hunter Huss 0

This Week's Games

(NCHSAA Playoffs)
Lake Norman at Ashbrook
East Gaston at Hickory
Franklin at South Point
Hunter Huss at Tuscola
North Gaston at Burns

Southern Foothills 1A

| | Conf. W-L | All W-L |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Maiden | 5-0 | 11-0 |
| Polk County | 4-1 | 10-1 |
| Bessemer City | 3-2 | 5-6 |
| Hendersonville | 2-3 | 8-3 |
| North Lincoln | 1-4 | 4-7 |
| Cherryville | 0-5 | 0-10 |

Last Week's Results

Bessemer City 23, Camden, SC Military 21
North Lincoln 22, Cherryville 13
Polk County 25, Hendersonville 14

Friday's Games

(NCHSAA Playoffs)
Bessemer City at Murphy
North Lincoln at Starmount
Hendersonville at W. Davidson
South Stokes at Maiden

Midwest 2A

| | Conf. W-L | All W-L |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Shelby | 7-0 | 10-1 |
| East Ruth. | 6-1 | 9-2 |
| Bandys | 5-2 | 8-3 |
| Lincolnton | 4-3 | 6-5 |
| Bunker Hill | 3-4 | 6-5 |
| Chase | 2-5 | 3-8 |
| Newton | 1-6 | 2-9 |
| W. Lincoln | 0-7 | 4-7 |

Last Week's Results

East Rutherford 35, Lincolnton 6
Shelby 49, Newton-Conover 14
Chase 26, West Lincoln 13
Bandys 35, Bunker Hill 28

Friday's Games

(NCHSAA Playoffs)
Whiteville at East Rutherford
Lincolnton at Red Springs
South Robeson at Shelby
Bunker Hill at Owen
West Stokes at Bandys

NCHSAA 3AA PLAYOFFS

KM at undefeated T.C. Roberson in first round game Friday night

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers got into the State 3AA playoffs as the #16 seed in the west, and will travel to Skyland Friday night to play one of the top-ranked 3A teams in the state in T.C. Roberson.

Roberson earned the top seed in the west by complet-

ing its first-ever undefeated regular season. The Rams won the Mountain Athletic Conference with a 8-0 record and finished 10-0 overall.

The Mountaineers finished fifth in the Southwestern Foothills with a 2-4 mark, and they will carry a 4-7 overall record into the playoffs.

The winner of Friday's game will advance to the

second round against the winner of the East Gaston at Hickory game.

Kings Mountain has its work cut out Friday as T.C. Roberson features an offense which is quick, fast and averaging 36 points per game and a defense which is big and quick and is giving up less than seven points a game.

"They're a very good foot-

ball team," says KM Coach Dave Farquharson. "They've got some speed in the skill positions that they haven't had in the past. They've got good size. They're having a good run this year. This is the first time in school history that they've been undefeated and it's the first time that they've had an outright conference championship.

See TCR, 2B

DIRECTIONS

Take 74 Bypass West and merge onto I-26 to Asheville. Take Exit 6 (Skyland). At end of ramp turn right and go past ball fields on left. Cross bridge and make first left at green road sign that says T.C. Roberson Athletic Fields. Stadium is behind school.



Kings Mountain's Johnny Phillips (3) tries to find some running room outside against Maiden.

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Mounties fall to Maiden 36-7

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Maiden scored two touchdowns in a one minute span of the first quarter to take a 16-0 lead and rolled to a 36-6 victory over Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in the final regular season football game Friday night at Maiden's Thomas Brown Stadium.

The victory closed out a perfect regular season for the 1A Blue Devils, who take an 11-0 record into a home playoff game Friday night against South Stokes.

The Mountaineers, who fell to 4-7 overall after finishing fifth in the Southwestern Foothills Conference with a 2-4 mark, travel to Skyland Friday to battle unbeaten T.C. Roberson (10-0) in the first round of the 3AA playoffs.

Kings Mountain appeared to be driving toward a possible score following the opening kickoff, picking up two of their five first downs on the night to move into Blue Devil territory. But in a shotgun formation on a fourth and four call, KM quarterback Brandon McClain dropped the ball and Maiden linebacker Alex Wilson picked it up and rambled to the KM 12 yard line. Quarterback Brandon Finger immediately hit wide receiver Travis Osbourne for a 12-yard touchdown pass, and hit Osbourne again with a two-point conversion pass to put Maiden on top 8-0 with 7:26 to play in the first quarter.

After the ensuing kickoff, Maiden's Vantrel England intercepted a McClain pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown, and Tommy Henry ran a two-point conversion to make it 16-0 with 6:22 remaining.

From there, the game was all Maiden. The Blue Devils finished with 318 yards of total offense. Henry, a quick-footed sophomore tailback, gained 145 yards in 20 carries to go over 1,600 yards rushing for the year. Finger hit 7-of-18 passes for 106 yards.

The Mountaineers managed only 157 yards against a quick Maiden defense. The Blue Devils held KM's leading rusher John Gwinn to 62 yards in 15 carries as the Mounties

See Maiden, 2B



Kings Mountain quarterback Brandon McClain (11) gets pass off under heavy pressure by Maiden defense.

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