



Kings Mountain's Neil Scott (11) tries to break away from East Gaston tackler after catching a pass in Friday's game.

Jas, Warriors too much for KM

Jas (pronounced Jazz) Hopkins could not have been more entertaining had he been playing in New Orleans.

The senior East Gaston running back put on a spectacular performance Friday night at Arrowhead Stadium to lead the Warriors to an impressive 41-10 waltz past Kings Mountain's Mountaineers.

Hopkins carried the ball 17 times for 153 yards and three touchdowns, plus turned a short screen pass from quarterback Stephan McQuage into a 64-yard scoring play.

The pass play came on the third play of the game and got the Warriors fired up for their fifth victory in six games. The win broke a two-game losing streak to the Mountaineers, who fell to 1-5.

Kings Mountain appeared ready to compete with the Warriors as Tevoris Crosby bounced off a host of East Gaston tacklers and returned the ensuing kickoff to the Warrior 39. A reception by Crosby gave the Mounties a first down at the East 25, but then the drive bogged down and the Mounties had to settle for a 40-yard field goal by Brian Kies.

After that it was all Warriors. With Hopkins and junior Darius Abernathy (118 yards rushing) doing the running and McQuage connecting on 10-of-15 passes, KM's defense surrendered over 400 yards total offense and over 40 points for the fourth time in six games.

McQuage hit Michael McDowell for a 20-

yard touchdown to put East up 14-3 after the first period, and Abernathy and Hopkins scored on runs of 12 and 11 yards, respectively, to make it 28-3 at the half.

Hopkins scored on runs of 21 and 20 yards in the third quarter to make the score 41-3. Kings Mountain recovered a Warrior fumble inside the 20 in the final two minutes and scored on an 11-yard pass from Michael Roberts to Neil Scott.

Kings Mountain will face yet another spectacular runner Friday night when the Mountaineers travel to Chase for their Southwestern Conference opener. Princeton Davis of the Trojans is the SWC's leading rusher with over 1,000 yards in six games.

MOUNTIE POSTGAME

THE YARDSTICK

	KM	EG
First downs	8	18
Yds. rushing	68	292
Yds. passing	98	171
Passes	17-28-2	10-15-0
Fumbles lost	3	1
Yds. penalized	45	90

Score by quarters:	T
KM	3 0 0 7 -7
EG	14 14 13 0 -41

EG - Jas Hopkins 64 pass from Stephan McQuage (Forrest Alexander kick).

KM - Brian Kies 40FG.

EG - Michael McDowell, 20 pass from McQuage (Alexander kick).

EG - Darius Abernathy 12 run (Alexander kick).

EG - Hopkins 11 run (Alexander kick).

EG - Hopkins 21 run (Alexander kick).

EG - Hopkins 29 run (kick failed).

KM - Neil Scott 11 pass from Michael Roberts (Alex Randall kick).

RUSHING

KM - Roberts 2-5, Jerry Lowery 1-2, Tevoris Crosby 1-0, Antwan Ross 10-61. EG - Abernathy 13-118, Hopkins 17-153, McDowell 1-10, Ashton Wilson 10-22, Cameron Ganous 3-5.

PASSING

KM - Roberts 17-27-2-98. Shariff Burris 0-1. EG - McQuage 10-15-0-171.

RECEIVING

KM - Crosby 4-28, Lowery 1-(5), Scott 4-24, Marable 3-25, Allen 3-19, Ross 2-7. EG - Hopkins 1-64, Sanders 2-37, D. Abernathy 1-(2), McDowell 4-64, Ganous 2-8.

NOTABLE

Even though they lost on the field Friday, the Mountaineers picked up their second win of the season when South Point forfeited all of its victories thus far because of an ineligible player.

THIS WEEK

Kings Mountain at Chase, Friday, 7:30 p.m. KM won last year 21-0 in the rain.



Kings Mountain's Tanner Deaton fights for control of the ball in high school soccer match at John Gamble Stadium. Below, KM's Chris Miller heads the ball.

Mountaineer kickers lose to Shelby and East Rutherford

Kings Mountain High's men's soccer team lost to Shelby and East Rutherford in Southwestern 2A/3A Conference action during the past week.

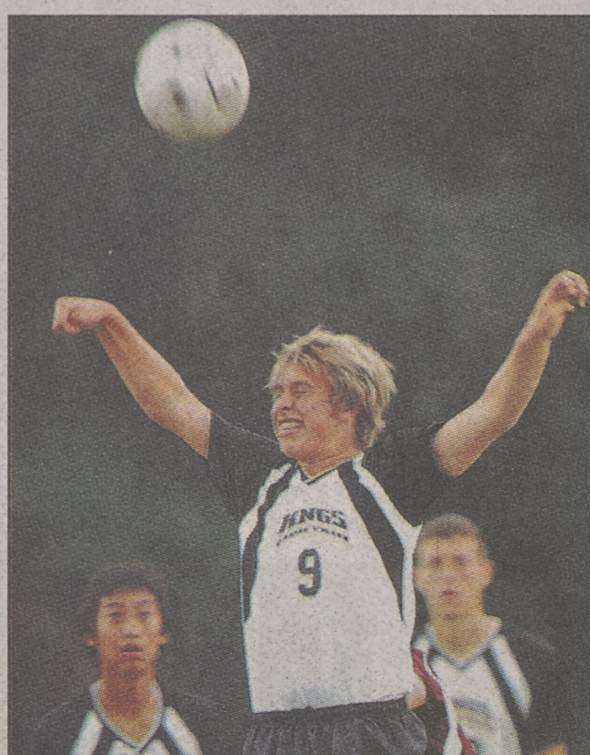
On Wednesday, the Mountaineers fell to Shelby 4-1. Kings Mountain's only goal was a header from Tony Chanthaphaeng that was sent across from Daniel Bearden late in the second half.

Shelby led at halftime 2-0 and scored again midway through the second half to go up 3-0. Kings Mountain scored with 17 minutes left and Shelby slipped another goal in two minutes later to round out the scoring.

"We played a good game against a good team," said KM Coach Erik Price. "Our defense held us close while our offense had some good looks."

Kings Mountain lost to East Rutherford 1-0 Monday night at John Gamble Stadium. East scored the only goal of the game on a break away 20 minutes into the match.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to play at R-S Central Wednesday night. The Mountaineers host Burns Monday and travel to Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy on Wednesday, Oct. 11.



Back to The Hole

Hope falls 22-21 in Asheville, at City Stadium for final four

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HOPE POSTGAME

Hope Christian will be happy to come back home Friday night after a disappointing loss Friday afternoon at Asheville School.

The Thunderbolts host a strong Highland Tech at 7:30 p.m. Friday at City Stadium.

The Bolts scored on their first three possessions last week to take a 21-0 lead but Asheville School came back to take advantage of numerous penalties to edge the Bolts 22-21 for their first win of the year.

Hope Coach Jeff Putnam was too kind to put the blame on the officials, but most if not all of the Hope players and fans felt they were robbed. Three Hope touchdowns were called back and the Bolts were flagged 13 times for 128 yards.

"I guess we just shot ourselves in the foot," said Putnam, whose team fell to 2-4. "We were up 21-0 in the first quarter and had a chance to blow them away and we just didn't get it accomplished."

Arthie Phillips scored on a 31-yard run and Josh Gilbert threw touchdown passes of 15 and 29 yards to Adam Raye and Ken Gabriel, respectively, to give the Bolts the early lead. Josh Burgess kicked the PAT after each touchdown.

But Asheville came back to score a touchdown and field goal in the second quarter to cut the lead to 21-9 at halftime, and Asheville quarterback Danzel Pegrum threw two touchdown passes in the second half to pull out the victory.

"We did a good job in the first quarter," Putnam said, "then we just fell apart. We were penalized to death."

Gilbert had a good game on offense for the Bolts with 42 yards rushing in nine carries and hitting 9-of-19 passes for 149 yards. Evan Bostic led the rushing with 70 yards in nine carries. Arthie Phillips gained 30 yards rushing and caught two passes for 30 yards, Ken Gabriel had two catches for 43 yards and Adam Raye rushed for 23 yards and caught three passes for 39 yards.

Highland Tech, coached by

THE YARDSTICK

	HC	AS
First downs	12	10
Yds. rushing	182	122
Yds. passing	149	138
Passes	9-19-	6-11-
Yds. penalized	128	55
Fumbles lost	1	2
Punts	0	2-27

Score by quarters:	T
HCA	14 7 0 0 -21
AS	0 9 7 6 -22

HCA - Arthie Phillips 31 run (Josh Burgess kick).

HCA - Adam Raye 15 pass from Josh Gilbert (Burgess kick).

HCA - Ken Gabriel 29 pass from Gilbert (Burgess kick).

AS - Hakin Chenault 11 run (run failed).

AS - Blake Perez 25 FG.

AS - Gabe Skwana 12 pass from Danzel Pegrum (Perez kick).

AS - Skwana 49 pass from Pegrum (run failed).

RUSHING

HCA - Gilbert 9-42, Phillips 5-30, Raye 3-23, Evan Bostic 9-70, Chavis Poole 5-17. AS - Chenault 15-81, Emmanuel Chimezie 4-3, Deyquan Nesbit 5-14, Jamir Butler 7-20, Pegrum 3-4.

PASSING

HCA - Gilbert 9-19-1-149. AS - Pegrum 5-10-0-97; Chenault 1-1-0-41.

RECEIVING

HCA - Phillips 2-30, Gabriel 2-43, Raye 3-39, Tevin Friday 1-16, Javon Potts 1-18. AS - Skwana 5-115, Chimezie 1-23.

Jerry Jordan of Kings Mountain, brings a talented 3-3 team to The Hole Friday night. The Rams are led by one of the top rushers in the area in Darby.

"They're going to be a lot more physical," Putnam said. "They've got a great running back in Darby. If we can stop him we've got a shot. If we can't stop him they'll put up a lot of points."

Patriots come back to beat Lincolnton

Shelton Watson scored second half touchdowns on runs of two and five yards to lead Kings Mountain Middle School to a 20-14 win over Lincolnton Wednesday in Lincolnton.

The hosts led 14-6 at halftime as Kings Mountain had trouble early with turnovers and adjusting to their passing attack. Lincolnton had only five running plays in the game.

Trey Funderburke, who gained 100 yards rushing on 14 carries, scored from 20 yards out in the first half for the Patriots.

"We had several opportunities to score in the first half, but had three turnovers," Coach Monty Deaton said. "In the second half we played better defense in our pass coverage and we ended up keeping them out of the end zone."

With KM trailing 14-12, Watson scored with 1:30 left in the game and then added a two-

point conversion to provide the winning margin. Watson ended up with 84 yards in 13 carries.

Quarterback Brian Brown hit 3-of-6 passes for 25 yards and ran the ball six times for 21 yards. Cameron Harris and Cedric Thompson each had an 8-yard reception.

"We saw a lot of improvement in that game," said Deaton, whose team improved to 1-0 in the Tri-County East Division and 1-1 overall. "We finally got the right combination on defense to make some plays for us. We're starting to jell a little. I think we're going to see some better play the next couple of weeks. The offense should be able to continue to move the ball. We just have to come out from the get-go and keep people from having big plays. If we can stop the big play we'll be in all of the games."