

# Sports

## Mountaineers blank North Gaston Young sets school receiving record

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Kings Mountain became playoff eligible and several players hit some milestones for the season and their career in Friday's 26-0 homecoming victory over North Gaston at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers' second straight and fourth overall win made them eligible to be selected for the upcoming state 3AA playoffs. They improved to 4-5 overall to set up some big games with Crest and Forestview over the next two Fridays to end the regular season.

Senior wide receiver Terrance Young broke the school career yards receiving record with a 9-yard catch on the Mountaineers' first touchdown drive in the first quarter. After Young's reception, junior tight end Zach Hopper hauled in a 34-yard pass from Cameron Harris to give the Mountaineers a 6-0 lead.

Harris, a junior who has played in only eight of the Mountaineers' nine games because of a concussion, hit 8 of 16 passes for 122 yards to top the 1,000 mark for the season. His two touchdown passes (the other coming on a 9-yard reception by Cameron Roseboro late in the second quarter to put the Mountaineers up 19-0 at the half) gave him 12 for the season and brought him to within four of tying Pat Murphy's all-time season record.

Junior running back Shelton Watson became the first Mountaineer back this season to rush for 100 yards. He accumulated 115 yards on 21 carries with 47 of them coming on 10 attempts in the Mountaineers' 75-yard drive early in the fourth quarter that completed the scoring. KM kept the ball on the ground for all 15 plays of that drive, with Watson taking a pitch around left end for the score.

KM's other touchdown came in the second quarter on a one-yard run up the gut by Carlos Bell, who finished with 76 yards on 14 carries. Watson had runs of 11 and 12 yards during the march, and Young caught a 15 yard pass.

Young also added catches of 22 and 17 yards on the 76-yard drive that resulted in Roseboro's second quarter touchdown. The four catches totaling 58 yards have Young at 1,412 yards for his varsity career. The previous school record was 1,361 set by Kendrick Bell in 1996-98.

Kings Mountain's defense continued its outstanding play of late, holding the Wildcats (1-9) to just five yards rushing and 37 passing. The Wildcats had minus 7 yards rushing and 36 of their 41 yards passing in the first half. The Mountaineers had them at minus rushing until the next to last play of the game when quarterback Cameron Russell gained 13 yards against the KM reserves.

The out-manned Wildcats did an admirable job on defense and Kings Mountain also hurt itself with 16 penalties totaling 145 yards. North Gaston was flagged six times for 55 yards.

"It was a pretty well-played game by us. There were too many penalties," KM Coach Greg Lloyd said. "Penalties killed our drives and kept their offense on the field."

"But we played a good game, especially on defense. We've gone eight straight quarters and our defense hasn't been scored on, and that's a good thing."

Lloyd was pleased to see his offense run the ball better than it has all year. "Maybe that's partially because of who we were playing but North Gaston's defense is not terrible by any means. We were able to move them some. We're steadily improving and are playing as good as we have all year."



GARY STEWART/HERALD  
Terrance Young keeps his feet inbounds on sidelines after catching pass in Friday's game with North Gaston.

### THE YARDSTICK

	NG	KM
First downs	7	20
Rushing	22-5	46-219
Yds. Passing	37	122
Passes	7-32-1	8-16-2
Fumbles /lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties	6-55	16-145
Punts	6-31.5	2-39.5

Score by quarters: T

NG	0	0	0	0
KM	12	7	0	7

KM - Zach Hopper 34 pass from Cameron Harris (kick failed).  
KM - Carlos Bell 1 run (pass failed)

KM - Cameron Roseboro 9 pass from Harris (Edward Blackburn kick)  
KM RUSHING - Watson 21-115, Bell 14-76, John Robbs 4-45, Harris 4-minus 15.  
KM PASSING - Harris 8-16-2-122.  
KM RECEIVING - Terrance Young 4-58, Zach Hopper 2-51, Cameron Roseboro 1-9, John Robbs 1-4.  
KM INTERCEPTIONS - Matt Young 1.  
KM TACKLES - Torrey Belcher 8, Trey Funderburke 9, Edward Hopper 7, Xavier Jeffries 5, Josh Haraszkiwicz 3, Jaris Williams 4, John Robbs 2, Jeff Douglas 2, Austin Black 2, Trey Edgerton 2, Zach Hopper 2, Matt Young 1, Shelton Watson 1, Dustin Stone 1.



GARY STEWART/HERALD  
Zach Hopper catches touchdown pass for Kings Mountain in last week's homecoming win over North Gaston.

### Homecoming game was big!

- Young sets school record
- Move into contention for state playoffs
- Harris tops 1,000 yards this season
- Watson first 100 yard rusher this season

## Kings Mountain edges St. Stephens 3-2 in first round of state 3A volleyball playoffs

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Kings Mountain stepped its game up a notch in the fifth and deciding game to defeat St. Stephens 25-15, 20-25, 25-21, 17-25, 15-9 in the opening round of the state 3A volleyball playoffs Saturday afternoon at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The Lady Mountaineers, #2 seed from the Big South Conference, were scheduled to face the Enka Sugar Jets, the #1 seed from the Mountain Athletic Conference, last night in Enka. The winner will advance to a third round game, probably either Thursday or Saturday, against the winner of the West Henderson-Fred T. Foard match. West Henderson is the #1 seed from the Appalachian Athletic Conference and a first round winner over Forestview, and Foard is the #3 seed from the Northwestern Conference.

The Lady Mountaineers started out as if they'd make short order of the visiting Saints, building a quick 11-4 lead en route to a 25-15 win. But Saint Stephens grabbed an early lead in game two and held it the rest of the way to square the match and make it close the rest of the way.

"They are a very good team," noted KM coach Brian Grant. "We didn't know a lot about them. They hit the ball very well and are an excellent defensive team. They were passing very well, had some big hitters and played a much quicker tempo than we've been used to."

But Grant also had some high praise for his own players.

"We've had some problems with consistency but we learned a lesson from North Gaston (which defeated the Lady Mountaineers in a recent five-game match to decide first place in the BSC) on how to step it up and not wait for the other team to beat themselves."

Several ladies stepped it up for the Lady Mountaineers in all five games, but especially in the fifth. The Mountaineers came out fired up and grabbed a quick 3-0 lead when Saint Stephens couldn't defend Sarah Fedyschyn's block over the net. Fedyschyn added a kill for a 5-2 lead and the Mountaineers added four more points in a row to go up 9-2. St. Stephens rallied to cut the deficit to 11-8 before the Mountaineers pulled away to win.

Hayley Hoyle, Morgan



GARY STEWART/HERALD  
Kings Mountain players get fired up for fifth and deciding game in Saturday's 3-2 win over St. Stephens in opening round of state 3A volleyball playoffs.

Robinson, Nicole Ford, Fedyschyn and Tiara McClain were outstanding along the net and Cailyn Hughes had a hand in almost every point with 30 assists and two aces. Fedyschyn had 10 kills and

Ford eight blocks. Emily Gates and Tori Glass were outstanding in the backcourt with Gates recording 26 digs.

Kings Mountain, which improved to 16-6 on the season, got the #2 seed and

home court advantage by defeating Forestview 25-13, 25-15, 25-27, 25-17 Thursday at Hunter Huss in a tiebreaker for second place in the BSC.

Fedyschyn recorded 12 kills. Emily Yarbrow had an

outstanding game with 27 assists but had to sit out Saturday's playoff game due to illness. Hughes had five aces, Ford five blocks and Gates 12 digs.