

Mounties Seek Fourth In A Row Friday At Crest

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers go after their fourth straight victory Friday night against a much-improved Crest High team. Kickoff is 8 p.m. in the Crest Stadium. The Mountaineers won their third straight shutout last Saturday night at home against previously-unbeaten East Rutherford, 13-0. The victory moved KM into a tie for second place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference with a 2-1 mark.

Crest is 1-2 in the SWC and 2-2 overall. The Chargers have defeated West Caldwell and Chase while losing to Shelby and East Rutherford.

"They're going to be sky high Friday night," says KMHS Coach Dan Brooks. "They're coming off a real big win against Chase. And they'll be remembering last year when we beat them 8-6 in the last minute of play."

The Chargers are running a wishbone on offense and have one of the best defensive teams in the SWC. They held both East and Chase to one touchdown.

"We'll have to play consistent on offense," says Brooks. "They play sound defense and aren't going to let you score too much. They have a lot of young players who are

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getting better every week."

The same could be said of Kings Mountain on defense. After losing to Burns 16-6 in their opener, the Mounties have blanked Ashbrook 23-0, East Gaston 7-0 and East Rutherford 13-0. But Brooks is still concerned about the lack of consistency on offense.

"We've got to improve our passing game and get more consistent," he said. "We've got to be able to put together some drives and keep the football when we're ahead."

The Mountaineers gained only 140 yards total offense against East, 75 of them coming on a first period touchdown run by Kevin Mack. Two of KM's three touchdowns in the last two games were scored by the defense on pass interception returns.

"I don't think we've played as well as we can," said Brooks. "There's still a lot of room for improvement."

Brooks praised the defense for playing its best game last week, and also said he was pleased with the blocking.

"We played the best we've played on defense," said Brooks. "That's one thing we knew we'd have to do to beat East Rutherford. Their offensive line was the best we've played against. But our defensive line did a real good job, and so did the secondary."

Brooks cited Mark Hager, Keith Blanton and Glenn Carroll for playing their best games.

"We carried out our game plan," said Brooks. "We knew we had to stop their fullback (Dennis Wesley) and we did a good job of that. He had been getting over 100 yards a game. We did a good job of stopping him and so they had to throw the ball and our secondary played well and helped out a lot."

"Offensively, our big key was that we had three real good blocks at the point of attack on Kevin's 75-yard touchdown run. When you get that kind of blocking and you've got a back with

good speed, you're supposed to get something out of it." Brooks cited Lynn Thompson, Danny Williams and Avery Smith for their blocking on that play.

Brooks also said the KM kicking game was the best it's been and singled out punter Jeff Cloninger and Wally Davis, who snaps for punts.

"Jeff did an excellent job punting and that helped us keep good field position," Brooks said. "He punted

six times for a 37-yard average, which was his best average of the year."

The next two games, both on the road, will be big ones for the Mounties, who need victories to stay within a game of unbeaten South Point.

"I feel like we'll be alright if we play football and don't have a letdown," Brooks said. "That was a big win for us last week but we can't afford to have a letdown now. We need to play well on the road for the next two weeks."

The Mounties play at North Gaston next week before coming back home on October 19 to host South Point in KM's annual Homecoming game.



Big spike for Diane Williams. . .



THE FEARLESS TWINS

Fearless Twins Pick Raiders, Mountaineers

By FEARLESS

As you can tell by the above darlin' picture, ol' Fearless ain't ol' after all.

We're doin' pretty well this year in this prep pigskin predicting, but we win't doin' no braggin' yet neither.

I'm the Fearless Twins this week. As you can also tell, they have entirely different moods, although they're identical.

The one on the left is actually being happy about all the local and area prep teams who will win the big games Friday night. The one on the right is weeping wildly because some of his favorites will be rudely beaten.

But they're cute little tykes, aren't they? Or are they?

Actually, when I was a baby, they kidnapped me. I was such an ugly little fellow when I was about six years old, that when the kidnappers sent my mother a ransom note, it read: "Send \$5,000 or you WILL see your son again."

I WAS TOLD never to accept candy from strangers when I was small, but I was also told if they invited me to get into the car to go ahead and get in. So I was loser from the outset as far as looks went.

One of my sisters, Blanche, has twin daughters. One of my first cousins in Kings Mountain, Johnny Conner, has twin sons. If I ever get married, it would be my luck to have triplets, all as ugly as me.

Johnny's sister, Betty, has a daughter, Lee Ann Payne, who attends Lincoln Junior High in Bessemer City. She's smarter than I am. I'm going to let Lee Ann, who is a brainy beauty, pick the prep winners one of these weeks. Her older brother, Robbie, played for the Bessemer City grid team last year.

I always wanted to play football, but was too "light," as all sportswriters and newspapermen tell people.

But my first cousin, Ken Baity, made All-State while playing football for Shu Carlton at Kings Mountain High School and played in the Shrine Bowl game.

At least I've got relatives who are talented, even if I am in dire straits.

WELL, I guess we'd better get down to picking this week's prep winners, or at least the teams we think will win.

South Point plays a big game at home against Burns Friday.

Burns has a good football team this year. However, South Point has a better one, and barring a letdown after the Shelby game, we're going to pick the Red Raiders, 20-6.

East Gaston's Warriors take on an R-S Central team which was picked before the season to be in the title running.

The Hilltoppers have a little too much experience for the Warriors. We'll call it 20-8, R-Central.

Kings Mountain travels to Crest Friday to take on the chargers. The Mountaineers will come on strong in the second half and defeat the home team, 20-12.

CHERRYVILLE'S Ironmen have another tough Southern District 7 2-A Conference battle at home Friday against East Lincoln.

Cherryville could spring a win in this one, but we'll pick the Mustangs in a close one, 14-13.

Bessemer City's Yellow Jackets host West Lincoln Friday. I'm picking the Yellow Jackets. They'll play one of their better games and eke out a 13-12 win.

In the 4-A ranks, Ashbrook goes to Asheville and Hunter Huss is at McDowell County. Asheville will take a 20-19 win, while Hunter Huss will prevail, 20-8.

In the other games, I see Clover edging Andrew Jackson, 20-13, and Asheville Christ School squeezing past Gaston Day, 14-13, and Shelby downing North Gaston, 27-6.

"We" (us twins) will see you next week. Have a nice weekend.

KM Girls Netters Lose To Shelby

Kings Mountain High's girls netters dropped their first Southwestern 3-A Conference match of the year Tuesday to unbeaten Shelby 6-3.

The Mountainettes are now 3-1 in the SWC and 5-2 overall. They play at Burns Thursday and Chase Tuesday.

The victory ran Shelby's SWC mark to 4-0. The Lady Lions have gone several years without losing a conference match.

Kim Moss won the only singles match for KM Tuesday, and teamed with Wanda Witherspoon for a

doubles victory. Kim Gladden and Jamie Humphries also won in doubles.

"Moss had a real good singles match," noted Coach Ed Guy. "Kim Gladden played well, also, against Bonnie Wilkison. About every game went to deuce but Wilkison got the two points when she needed them."

"Some of our girls may have had that fright you have when you're playing Shelby," he added. "We weren't mentally ready. If we had had a real good outlook we would have had a good chance of winning."

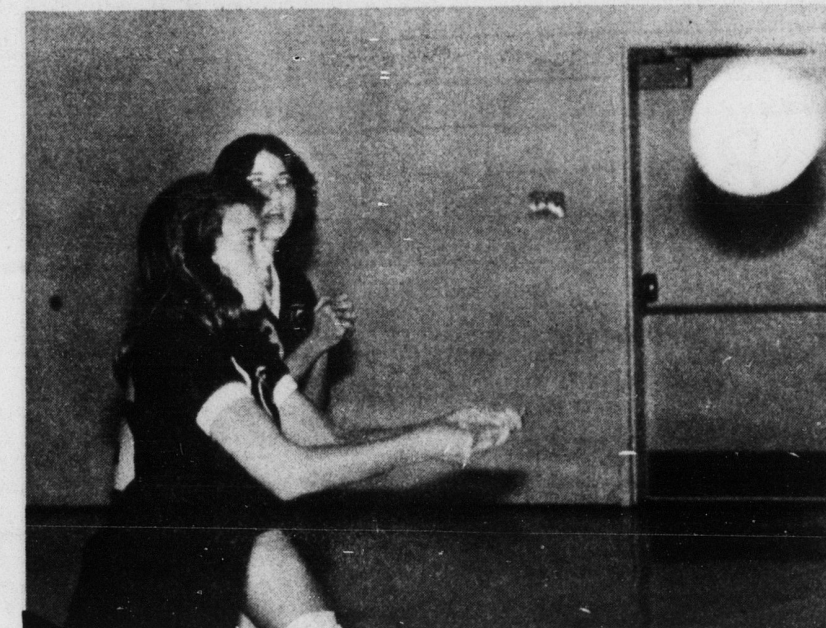
THE RESULTS

(Singles)

- Bonnie Wilkison (S) def. Kim Gladden 6-0, 6-1.
- Jackie Powell (S) def. Bridget Glass 6-2, 6-2.
- Adeline Lutz (S) def. Jamie Humphries 6-1, 6-0.
- Kelly Harrill (S) def. Ronda Guy 6-3, 6-3.
- Michelle Smith (S) def. Wanda Witherspoon 6-4, 6-4.
- Kim Moss (KM) def. Tammy Taylor 6-4, 6-3.

(Doubles)

- Powell-Lutz (S) def. Glass-Guy 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.
- Gladden-Humphries (KM) def. Smith-Keiger 6-2, 4-6, 5-1.
- Witherspoon-Moss (KM) def. Edwards-McCraw 6-3, 6-4.



Leslie Sherrer aids KM victory. . .

KM Volleyball Team

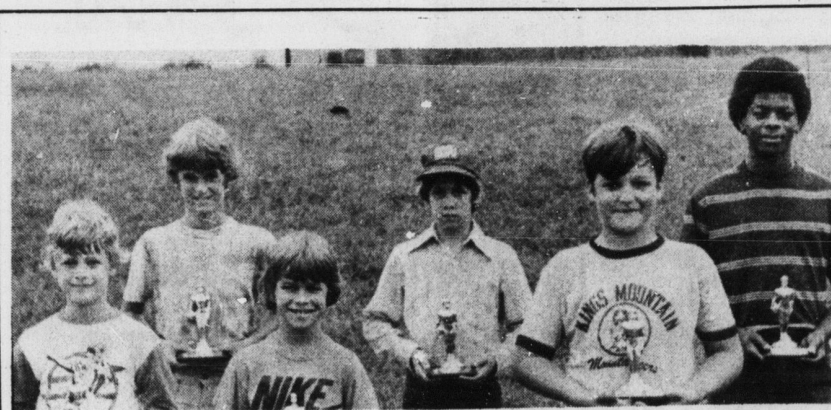
Divides Pair On Monday

Kings Mountain High's volleyball team split a pair of Southwestern Conference matches Monday afternoon, defeating South Point 15-13 and 15-6 and losing to East Gaston 15-2 and 15-9.

The Mountainettes had a 4-4 record going into matches yesterday against North Gaston and East Rutherford. Coach Kathy Brooks' ladies host Burns and R-S Central in their final home match next

Wednesday.

Coach Brooks cited Mary Ann White for her serving and Debbie Apple for her all-round play in Monday's victory over South Point.



Photos by Bob Myers

FIRST PLACE—First place winners in Saturday's punt, pass and kick were, left to right, Todd McDaniel, Mike Patterson, Brian Jones, David Gibson, Rusty Bumgardner and Curt Pressley.



SECOND PLACE—Second place winners in Saturday's punt, pass and kick were, left to right, Billy King, Dock Boheler, Stuart Spres, Brad Jones, Brent Bagwell and Rodney Ballew.



THIRD PLACE—Third place winners in Saturday's punt, pass and kick were, left to right, Gene Mills, Mark Deese, Bo Ballard, Tim Sanders, Eric Peeler and Kale Bagwell.

PP&K Winners Named

Six winners in last week's local punt, pass and kick competition will go to Statesville Saturday for zone competition.

Fifty youngsters participated in the KM event at John Gamble Stadium. Saturday's 9:30 competition at Statesville will be at McClure Field, which is one mile west of I-40 on ext 21.

Representing KM will be Todd McDaniel, Bryan Jones, Rusty Bumgardner, Mike Patterson, David Gibson and Curt Pressley. McDaniel won last

week's eight-year-old competition with 146½ points. Billy King was second with 77½ and Marty Mills third with 77.

Jones won the nine-year-old division with a score of 143½. Stuart Spres was second with 116 and Bo Ballard third with 112½.

Bumgardner scored 231 points to win the 11-year-old competition. Brent Bagwell was second with 163 and Eric Peeler third with 160.

Patterson took 11-year-old honors with 183 points, followed by Dock Boheler

178½ and Tim Sanders 150½.

Gibson won the 12-year-old division with 184 points, Brad Jones was second with 176 and Mark Deese third with 170½.

Pressley scored 265½ to win the 13-year-old division. Rodney Ballew was second with 209 and Kale Bagwell third with 184.

Youngsters from Kings Mountain, Grover, Shelby and Bolli Springs competed.