

# Mounties Blank North Gaston 34-0

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers jumped on top early and went on their biggest scoring spree of the season Friday night at North Gaston, blanking the Wildcats 34-0 for their fifth straight victory.

The win gives the Mountaineers a 4-1 Southwestern 3-A Conference record and 5-1 overall mark. They host South Point Friday in a game that could determine the SWC champion.

"We did pretty much what we wanted to do," commented KMHS Coach Dan Brooks, who saw his charges equal their victory output of last season, their first under him.

"We got on top of them early," he said, "and got to play all of our players again. We started 21 people. Mark Schuman was our only player that started both ways."

Kings Mountain had its best offensive night of the year, rushing for over 300 yards and hitting three of five passes for 40 yards. One 90-yard touchdown pass from Jeff Cloninger to Schuman was nullified on a holding penalty.

Kevin Mack, KM's highly-touted senior tailback, had the best night of his career, gaining 185 yards in 10 carries, and scoring touchdowns on runs of 66 and 74 yards. Mack and Cloninger both sat out the entire second half.

"Jeff threw the ball real well and did a real good job of running the team," said Brooks. "We also played good defense and our running backs did a good job. We sat them out in the second half to see how we could do with Mike Woodberry running the team, and he did a real



...WAY TO GO, KM!—Kings Mountain High cheerleader Wendy Stringfellow is happy with the Mountaineers' performance in Friday's Southwestern 3-A Conference game at North Gaston. KMHS posted its fifth straight victory 34-0.

good job. Sometime, he could be real valuable to us."

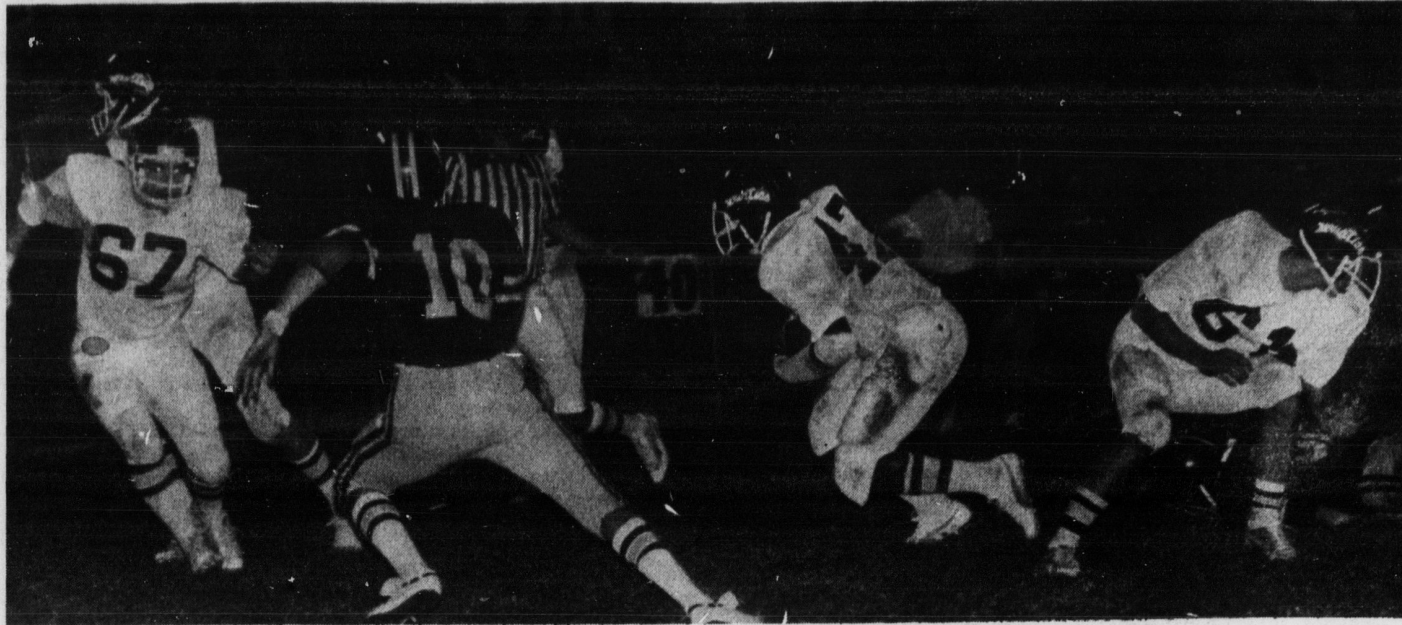
Woodberry ran the first unit offense, except for Mack, during the third period and Brooks went entirely with his second unit in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't play any regulars at all in the fourth quarter," Brooks said. "So everybody got to play a large amount of time. That's the only way to get experience. You can practice and practice but you're not going to get

experience until you get in a ballgame."

Cloninger engineered three touchdown drives in the first half and Woodberry called the signals for the final two KM scores in the third period.

Mack went 66 yards in the second play of the game and Tony Boyce booted the first of four extra points for a 7-0 margin. The next time KM got the ball, Mack covered 74 yards for a 14-0 lead and midway of the second



IN THE CLEAR—Kings Mountain's Avery Smith (47) Gaston. Blockers include Mike Chambers (67) and Mark E. Smith (61). KMHS won 34-0.

quarter, Cloninger hit tight end Tim Leach with a 20 yard touchdown pass for a 21-0 halftime advantage.

Cloninger's 90-yard pass to Schuman came with just 18 seconds left in the half. Backed up to their own 10 following a Wildcat punt, Cloninger threw a perfect 50-yard strike to Schuman along the KM sidelines and the talented senior split end broke away from his defender and outraced the Wildcat secondary to the endzone. The KMHS cheerleaders and fans went wild until the yellow flag was spotted near the far endzone.

Avery Smith, who gained 79 yards in 11 carries while alternating between tailback and fullback, scored on a 38 yard run early in the third period and KMHS closed out the scoring late in the third quarter on a six-yard run by Chris Wright. That TD was set up by a fumble recovery at the six by tackle Darryl Strong.

North Gaston never threatened. The Wildcats had only 70 yards total offense and most of those came in the fourth quarter. North Gaston didn't pick up a first down while the KM first unit defense was on the field.

The loss was the sixth straight for the winless Wildcats.



BIG NIGHT—Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack is shown picking up good yardage in Friday's game at North Gaston. The senior speedster gained 185 yards rushing in only 10 carries and scored two touchdowns to lead the Mounties to their fifth straight win, 34-0.

## Blank North Gaston 21-0

# Jayvees Win First

Kings Mountain High's jayvees put together four quarters of sound football Thursday night at Gamble Stadium to defeat North Gaston 21-0 for their first win in six outings.

The Little Mountaineers built up a 14-0 halftime lead and ate up the clock in the second half. The KM offense held the football

the entire fourth quarter and the defense limited the visiting Wildcats to one first down in the fourth period.

Terry Chapman returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown the first time KM touched the football, but his run down

the home sidelines was nullified by a 15-yard penalty for an illegal block.

Kings Mountain broke the ice in the second period when Carlos Owens went over from one yard out. After penalties of five and 15 yards on the extra point attempt, John Barnette went 23 yards on a flanker

reverse for the two-point conversion and an 8-0 lead.

Late in the half Kings Mountain quarterback Jerry Tatum completed a pass to Richard Ellison at the five. Ellison fumbled the ball into the endzone and Dana Camp of the Mountaineers fell on it for a touchdown and a 14-0 advantage.

Kings Mountain drove the second half kickoff all the way to the one-inch line before losing the ball on downs. On North Gaston's second play from scrimmage, Owens and Eric Borchert made a hard hit on the Wildcat quarterback, causing a fumble. Travis Bell recovered it in the endzone for a TD and Rupert Stevens kicked the extra point for the final 21-0 margin.

Coach Charlie Burns was well pleased with his team's performance.

"That's by far the best game we've played all year," he said. "We've played better before in spurts, but finally put four quarters together."

"Keeping the ball the entire third quarter had a lot to do with it," he went on, "especially when we were already ahead 14-0. Alan Van Dyke did an excellent job on defense, Carlos Owens played real well on offense and Eric Borchert played well even though he was hurt."

"We had 182 yards rushing," Burns continued, "so that's an indication that the offensive line blocked well. We still had some penalties that hurt us, but I was real pleased with the way we played."

The Little Mountaineers host Shelby Thursday in their final home game. They complete their season next week at Crest.

## Still Leading Conference Little Pats Win 8-6

Kings Mountain Junior High's jayvee footballers came from behind in the second half Wednesday at Gamble Stadium to defeat East McDowell 8-6 and remain unbeaten in Western Junior High Athletic Association play.

Arnold Jordan scored on a three-yard run with 39 seconds left in the third quarter to tie the score, then Curt Pressley circled right end with the winning two-point conversion.

East McDowell had taken a 6-0 lead on a 10-yard touchdown pass with 10 seconds remaining in the first half. But the KM defense tightened and

stopped a running play on the two-point conversion attempt.

Both teams played well defensively. KM stopped the visiting Trojans on four straight running tries from the one yard line in the first half and the Little Patriots had a 40-yard touchdown run by Curt Pressley nullified on a clipping penalty in the second half.

"The win was due to a great team effort," noted first-year coach David Heffner. "The defense played a tremendous game and the offensive line did a good job of blocking in the second half."

## KMHS Girls Sweep Burns And R-S Central

Kings Mountain High's girls volleyball team swept Burns and R-S Central Wednesday to run their Southwestern 3-A Conference record to 9-5 and assure themselves of a winning season.

The Mountainettes whipped Burns 15-11 and 17-15 and R-S 15-11 and 15-5.

Coach Kathy Brooks cited Tammy Bolton, Mary

Ann White and Diane Williams for their good all-round play.

"All three of them played real well around the net," Brooks said. "We had several real good spikes."

KMHS was scheduled to close out its season yesterday at South Point against South Point and East Gaston.



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RETURNING PUNT—Terry Chapman (25) of the Kings Mountain High jayvees is shown returning a punt 80 yards for a touchdown in Thursday's game with

North Gaston at Gamble Stadium. The TD was called back on a penalty but KM won anyway, 20-0.



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TOP RUSHER—Curt Pressley (11) is shown picking up some of his 63 yards rushing in Wednesday's KM-East McDowell junior high jayvee game at Gamble

Stadium. KM won 8-6 to hold on to its first place standing.