

SPORTS



GARY STEWART / HERALD
Kings Mountain defense tries to run down Forestview's Jarkeevus Alexander (24) in JV game Thursday night at Gamble Stadium.

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From 1B and, forced with a third and ten, handed the ball to Goode on a delayed draw right up the gut of the Forestview defense and he went untouched into the end zone and Will Franks added the PAT to make the score 44-37.

Forestview started its four-play series with an inside counter to Floyd, who gained five yards. Kings Mountain sent Goode in to play defense. After C.J. Cooke pressured Barnett on second down and forced an incomplete pass, Forestview tried the counter again but this time Goode slammed Floyd to the ground for a five-yard loss. On fourth and ten, Barnett overthrew Rod Mack in the right corner of the end zone.

"It was a hard fought football game," Coach Farquharson said. "I thought the kids did a good job. They pulled together and they didn't quit, and that's important."

On the downside, Kings Mountain penalties helped Forestview tremendously. For the game, the Mountaineers were flagged 13 times for 97 yards, including one penalty that erased almost half of a 95-yard kickoff return by Javon Potts, and two others that led directly to Forestview touchdowns. Prior to Forestview's final score in the first half - a five-yard run by Terrell Harris - KM's defense had stopped the Jaguars at the ten yard line and forced a 24-yard field goal by Lyon. However, the Mounties roughed the kicker and gave the Jaguars new life.

Kings Mountain returned the kickoff to midfield, and Antwan Ross gained 20 yards around end and McClain hit Marable with an 8-yard pass to set up a 40-yard field goal by Franks.

Leading 27-24, the Jaguars drew the Mountaineer defense offside on a fourth and four at the KM 35, giving them a first down. Barnett got loose on a 20-yard keeper and then threw a 9-yard TD pass to Floyd for a 34-24 lead.

Kings Mountain missed two other good scoring opportunities, one when Franks' 40-yard field goal attempt barely missed left, and again when Forestview's Justin Fletcher

Mountie Quick Facts

Head Coach - David Farquharson (22-36, 6th year).

Last year - 2-4 SWFH, 4-8 overall.

This year - 2-1, defeated Hunter Huss 23-21, lost to South Point 41-14, defeated Forestview 44-37.

Offense - 1, shotgun.

Defense - 3-5.

Players to watch - Sidney Goode, Sr. RB, has 518 yards rushing in three games. Brandon McClain, Sr. QB, has hit 29-of-62 passes for 404 yards in three games. Nate Marable, Jr. WR, has caught 12 passes for 158 yards in three games.

Key to victory - Must play ball control offense and great defense.

Crest Quick Facts

Head Coach - Roy Kirby. Last year - 6-0 SWFH 3A, 15-1 overall, won State 3AA championship for second straight year.

This year - 1-2, defeated Burns 27-7, lost to Freedom 13-7 (ot), lost to Shelby 21-17.

Offense - Shotgun, one back.

Players to watch - Senior LB Brandon Spikes is one of the most highly recruited players in the nation; RB Brandon Carter has 99 yards rushing in three games; RB Tosh Toms has 82 yards rushing in one game. RB Donald Clark has 70 yards rushing in three games; Junior QB Jordan Robinson has hit 19 of 37 passes for 260 yards in three games; WR Bruce Smith has three receptions for 74 yards and WR Mario Washington has eight catches for 95 yards in two games.

Key to victory - Stop Sidney Goode.

intercepted a McClain pass at the three yard line.

Cutting down on penalties and turnovers will be huge for the Mountaineers this week as they travel to Crest to play a Charger team that is hungry for victory after consecutive losses to Freedom (13-7 in overtime), and Shelby (21-17).

Despite a 1-2 overall record, the Chargers are still being considered the team to beat in the split Big South 3A/4A, and their defense, led by All-American line-

backer Brandon Spikes, is regarded as one of the best around.

"Crest is a good football team," Coach Farquharson said. "I imagine they're going to be more than ready for us. They're going to be at home and are going to be excited. They're going to look to break into the win column. I expect them to come out and play as hard as they can play."

Kings Mountain will be looking for consistency on offense and a much improved defensive effort.

"I think the key is the same for us every week," Farquharson said. "We're going to have to play good defense and we're going to have to be able to move the football. We have to move the ball and take advantage of some field position if we get it."

Pop Warner teams win opening games

Kings Mountain Optimist Club Pop Warner football teams opened their season Saturday at City Stadium with four wins and a tie.

The Tiny Mites tied McAdenville 0-0 in a defensive battle.

The Junior Mighty Mites outscored Mt. Holly 28-19. Omar Petty scored on a 60-yard kickoff return. J'Mani Moore, Cameron Bullock and Dalton Cash scored a touchdown each and Zachary Melton, Petty, Moore and Cash ran extra points. Jordan Littlejohn, Marquise Camp, Dalton Cash, Cameron Bullock and Zachary Melton were outstanding on defense.

Kings Mountain's Mighty Mites blanked Mt. Holly 32-0. Chad Sanders scored two touchdowns and Donterius Adams, DeShan Guest and Malik Osborne added one each. Alex Reynolds scored two extra points. Defensive standouts were Elijah Whitaker, Travis Oates, Zack Wilson and Chris Montgomery.

Kings Mountain's Junior Pee Wees blanked Mt. Holly 33-0. Demery Moody scored twice and recovered a fumble. Darius Ramsey scored two touchdowns, including one on a 60-yard kickoff return. Stephen Clark also scored a touchdown. Alex Castellano, Malik Mathis

and Jonathan Clark ran extra points. Defensive standouts were Zackery Bradley, Douglas Edgerton, Steve Smarr, Kanann Green, Mike Douglas, Shawn Woods and Jordan Frazier.

Kings Mountain's Pee Wees edged Mt. Holly 12-6. Jerick Dabbs scored both touchdowns. Robert Walker, Jacob Lineberger, Jose Sappia, Dontae Elliot, Christopher Reynolds and Cameron Pitman led the defense.

The Kings Mountain teams travel to Forestview High School in Gastonia Saturday to play Union Road.

Mountaineer kickers lose to Huskies 3-2

Hunter Huss scored with three minutes left in the game to edge Kings Mountain 3-2 in a non-conference soccer match Wednesday at John Gamble Stadium.

The score was tied at 1-1 and 2-2 in the first half. Kings Mountain's goals were by Daniel Beardon and Luth Gragliano. Andrew Turner had an assist.

Miles Galloway, John Witherspoon and Chris Greene had shots at goal for the Mountaineers.

Coach Erik Price cited goalkeeper Townsend Haynes, offensive players Daniel Beardon and Chris Miller, and defensive players Tyler Hellstrand, Ben Galloway and Paul Mansfield for outstanding play.

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Karla Robinson, M.D. has joined South Point Family Practice. She will see patients in the Belmont office.

Dr. Robinson graduated magna cum laude from Xavier University in 1997 and earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Rush University Medical College in Chicago in 2002. She completed her family medicine residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Illinois Masonic Hospital. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Robinson has recently moved to the area. She enjoys family and church activities, reading, music and sports.

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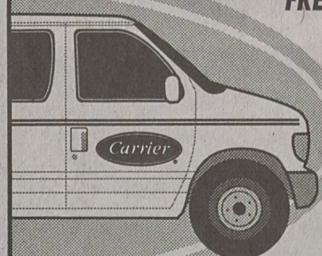


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