



Photo By Gary Stewart

KM DEFENDERS — Two senior defenders who'll be counted on to help turn Kings Mountain High's season around during the final six games are guard Kelly Land, left, and tackle David Gordon. Both were All-Conference performers a year ago.

## Patriots Seek Third In Row At Grandview

Kings Mountain Junior High's Patriots go after their third straight victory today when they travel to Hickory to face Grandview in a 4 p. m. game.

The Patriots opened their season with a 14-0 victory over West McDowell and a tough 14-8 over a good Crest team.

and Crest, should prove a tough test for Coach Joe Speight's club.

"They have a very large ballclub," says Speight, "and we don't look for them to do anything we haven't seen before."

Speight has been exceptionally pleased with his team's performance thus far. He has gotten good offensive blocking, good running and a super defensive effort.

### Volleyball

### Team Wins

### Over Burns

Kings Mountain High's girls split a pair of volleyball matches during the past week, losing to North Gaston Thursday and defeating Burns Monday.

The Mountaintettes, who were scheduled to play at Chase yesterday, host R-S Central today at 4 p. m.

KMHS won 15-13 over North Gaston in the first set Thursday, but then dropped 15-7 and 15-3 decisions to lose the match two game to one.

Monday, the Mountaintettes swept two straight sets from Burns, 15-13 and 15-8.

"Everybody played a real good game," noted Coach Kathy Brooks, who substituted freely throughout the game. "Against North Gaston, we played well both offensively and defensively in the first game but just fell apart after that."

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It'll be a do-or-die situation in each of the next six ballgames for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers if they expect to win the Southwestern 3-A Conference football title.

The Mountaineers, who dropped their first conference game last week to East Rutherford, 14-12, can clinch at least a tie for the title, plus an assurance of a spot in the state 3-A playoffs, if they win their remaining games.

However, one more loss and the Mountaineers can kiss the title goodbye, because it's highly unlikely that the other contenders will lose two ballgames.

Coach Bobby Jones, whose club was picked as one of the top four contenders along with Shelby, Chase and South Point, has not been pleased with his team's play and says if the Mounties are to make a run for the title the seniors will have to start playing football.

"The seniors aren't playing as well as they did last year," noted Jones, who says his club has played only one good game this year, that a recent 13-12 victory over Chase. "If we're going to have a good ballclub, the seniors are going to have to play the best they've ever played."

The Mountaineers face their first do-or-die situation Friday at 8 p. m. at Crest against a club that wasn't regarded as much in pre-season but has developed into a contender. The Chargers are 2-1 in the SWC and 2-2 overall.

"Crest has a good team," noted Jones. "They beat East Rutherford, which defeated us, they played Freedom a three-point ballgame and played Shelby to a 13-7 score." The Chargers have one of the best backfields in the league, as well as a strong group of

receivers. Quarterback Dennis Russ kept the Chargers in the game against Freedom and Shelby with his passing. The Chargers lost to Freedom, a contender in the Western 4-A Conference, 21-18 on a last-second field goal, and they had Shelby tied at 7-all until the last four minutes.

Charles Norris, Warren Banner, Earl Hoey and Ozzie McFarland give Coach Sid Bryson four good running backs, and flanker Larry Fullove and ends John Dover and Cecil Clark give Russ three good pass receivers.

Most of the Chargers' linemen go both ways, but they've been outstanding despite their lack of depth.

"Defensively, they want to play and they're real scrappy," says Jones. "It makes a difference when you put 11 men out there that want to play."

The Mountaineers will try to counter Crest's balanced passing and running attack with a tough ground game, which has only been tough in two of four games.

KM's top rusher to date is fullback David Ray Robinson, who has picked up 340 yards and is averaging 6.8 yards per carry. Kenny Bell has ground out 236 yards in three games for a 6.4 average.

return of quarterback Jimmy Hall, who was injured early in the Chase game and sat out last week's loss to East Rutherford. Hall is KM's number three rusher with 106 yards and a 5-3 average.

The Mountaineers have gone to the air only 14 times in four games and have completed four passes for 92 yards and one TD. Steve Boggan, who started last week in relief of Hall, has completed all four of the passes.

Jones said he may make some changes this week as he feels many of the Mountaineers are not playing up to their capabilities.

"We have a good bunch of boys, but there's something missing," he says. "They're not playing with the intensity and desire they did last year. Their will to win is not as strong."

"But the potential's there," he added. "We can still have a good team but this game Friday is a must."



PP&K Day — Mayor John Moss, left, hands Wade Tyner of Wade Ford a proclamation declaring Saturday Punt, Pass And Kick Day in Kings Mountain. Center is Bob Myers, chairman of the event which will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at Gamble Stadium.

### Hullender's Team Winner

Betty Hullender's team continued to lead the way in Thursday night mixed bowling league action Thursday at the Dilling Heating lanes, sweeping four more games for an early-season mark of 8-0. Harvey Hullender led the way with a 129 game and 344 series as the Hullenders whipped Johnny Dye's team. Dye scored a 115 game and 322 set.

In other action, Lib Gault's bowlers won three of four from John Dilling's team. Gault led the winners with a 121 line and 354 set and Dilling

led the losers with a 119 and 349.

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