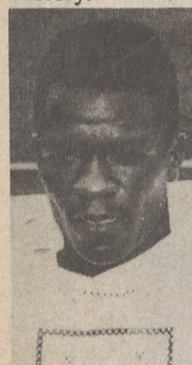


KM Streaks Past Mustangs

Ross Scores Three

If Kings Mountain football fans thought they were seeing streaks before their eyes at Friday's non-conference game at East Lincoln, it's because they were.

The streak was junior wideout Darius "NuNu" Ross, who electrified the crowd with two touchdown catches and a pass interception which he returned for a touchdown to lead the Mountaineers to a 30-6 victory.



ROSS who is quicker than a hiccup, has had similar games in the past. In one game last year, he touched the football three times and scored three touchdowns. With his good hands, quick feet and outstanding moves, it's almost impossible for any defender to stay with him one-on-one.

"He had an outstanding ball-game," said KMHS Coach Denny Hicks. "Our fullbacks did a great job of running the ball inside and our linemen blocked well on the inside and that enabled us to get the ball to the guys on the perimeter, which is what we do best."

The Mountaineers were sluggish in the early moments, allowing the host Mustangs to gallop straight downfield following the opening kickoff for a 6-0 lead.

East Lincoln, which fell to 1-2, surprised KM by going to the air right off the bat. The Mustangs drove 70 yards for the go-ahead TD in just six plays. Sophomore quarterback Scott Garrett, making his first start, connected with Doran Johnson for a 41-yard TD pass with nine minutes remaining in the first quarter.

"We expected them to pass but not in the first part of the game," said Coach Hicks. "They had brought up the sophomore quarterback just this week and we knew passing was his strong point. But we felt like they'd let him get his feet wet first. They kind of outfoxed us with that strategy."

The Mountaineers were able to get their defense settled down and began getting great pursuit from the front four and linebackers.

See Ross, 2-B

THE YARDSTICK

	KM	EL
First Downs	11	7
Yds. Rushing	189	15
Passes	4-7-1	6-27-4
Yds. Passing	86	103
Punts	3-35	6-22
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Yds. Penalized	115	45

Score by quarters: T

KM	0	18	12	0	--30
EL	6	0	0	0	---6

Scoring:
 EL - Johnson, 40-yd. pass from Garrett (Kick failed)
 KM - Williams, 8-yd. run (Kick failed)
 KM - Ross, 15-yd. pass from Hollifield (Kick failed)
 KM - Ross, 37-interception return (pass failed)
 KM - Gash, 1-run (pass failed)
 KM - Ross, 30-yd. pass from McClain (kick failed)

RUSHING - KM - Gash 10-61, Ross 4-48, Lockhart 7-43, Williams 7-45, Moore 2-6, Hopper 4-5, Bell 1-1, McNeal 1(-5), McClain 4(-5), Hollifield 2(-7). EL - Johnson 6-11.
PASSING - KM - Hollifield 3-5-1-56; McClain 1-2-0-30. EL - Garrett 6-27-4-103.
RECEIVING - KM - Ross 2-45; Wilson 1-18; Honeycutt 1-23. EL - Johnson 2-40, Thomas 2-28.



GOOD CATCH - East Lincoln receiver Brian Hopkins (2) makes an outstanding over the shoulder catch of a pass as he is hit by Kings Mountain defensive back Petie McNeal (10) in Friday's non-conference football action at the East Lincoln stadium. The

Mustangs of the Big Six 3-A Conference drove the opening kickoff in for a 6-0 lead but Kings Mountain came back to win 30-6. The Mountaineers travel to Crest this week.

Photo by Gary Stewart

Mounties At Crest This Week

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will renew their rivalry with the Crest Chargers Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Crest Stadium.

The two teams haven't faced each other since the Chargers left the Southwestern 3-A Conference for the 4-A ranks. Kings Mountain dominated the series in its early years but Crest won the last five meetings between the two schools. Overall, KM leads the series 7-6-1.

"Crest will be one of the two best teams we've played so far," says KMHS Coach Denny Hicks. "They have good size and speed and show you a lot of different looks on defense. Their defense creates a lot of problems for their opponents."

The Chargers are 0-2 but both losses were to powerful 3-A clubs Burns and Shelby. Both of those teams are regarded as contenders in the SWC and Shelby has won the state championship two of the past three seasons.

Tailback Ronnie Ross heads the Charger rushing attack but they also have a potent passing game. Junior quarterback Kelly Upton gives the Chargers a wide-open offensive attack.

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SOCCER COMES TO KMHS



KM's Stephen Fisher (L) Battles For Control Of Ball



John Forrest Passes With His Head

Mounties Shut Out Crest 2-0

Kings Mountain High's soccer team won its first-ever home match Wednesday night at John Gamble Stadium, blanking Crest 2-0.

It was the first shutout for Coach Dan Potter's team, which had earlier beaten Crest 5-2 and tied Ashbrook's jayvees 2-2.

"It was a big win for us," said Potter. "We were a little disappointed that we didn't score more than we did but we were under all kinds of pressure. We had a lot of good shots but just didn't get them in."

Stephen Fisher scored both KM goals with assists by Keo Chanthphang, Kevin Blalock and Lenny Wright split time at the goal for KM and did a good job of keeping the Crest shots out of the net.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to host R-S Central's Hilltoppers last night. The Mountaineers go to Shelby next Monday and host South Point next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

KMHS Netters Lose Opener 5-4

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team opened its season Thursday at Hibriten with a 5-4 loss.

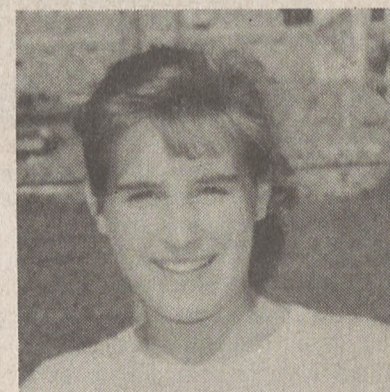
The KM ladies were scheduled to go to Crest Tuesday and they host East Lincoln Thursday at 3:30 p.m. They travel to Myers Park on September 18 and host Crest on September 19.

Singles winners for KM last week were Susan Hendricks, Lee Ann Masters and Betsy McIntyre. Doubles winners were Hendricks and Christy Dixon.

In a practice doubles match, Jennifer Gibson and Becky Bridges of KM won 8-0.

THE RESULTS (Singles)

Katie Griffin (H) def. Paula Morris 6-0, 6-3; Lorene Lampreia (H) def. Ashley Champion 6-1, 6-4; Susan Hendricks (KM) def. Carrie Austin 6-3, 6-3; Lee Ann Masters (KM) def. Stephanie Grier



SUSAN HENDRICKS
Double Winner For KM

7-6, 6-1; Betsy McIntyre (KM) def. Jean Faber 6-3, 6-3; Andrea Dockery (H) def. Laura Moss 7-5, 6-5.

(Doubles)

Griffin-Lampreia (H) def. Masters-Champion 8-4; Hendricks-Dixon (KM) def. Austin-Grier 8-3; Faber-Dockery (H) def. McIntyre-Morris 8-2.

KMSHS Spikers Win SWC Openers

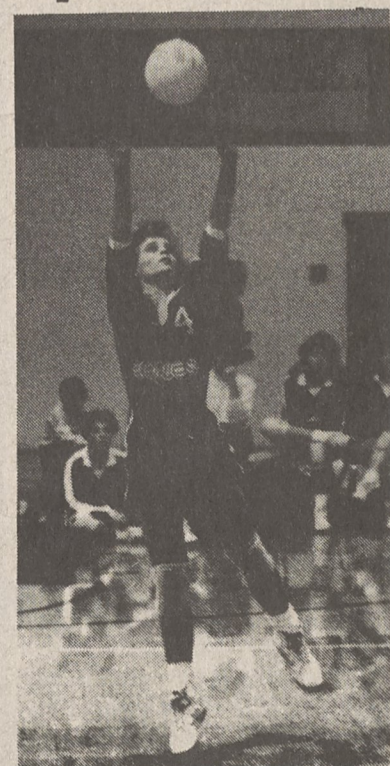
Kings Mountain's girls volleyball team opened defense of its Southwestern 3-A Conference championship with victories Wednesday over North Gaston and South Point and Monday over Shelby and Burns.

Coach Diana Bridges' ladies were scheduled to host East Rutherford and R-S Central yesterday. They play South Caldwell's junior varsity and varsity next Tuesday and host North Gaston and South Point next Wednesday. At North Gaston last Wednesday, Kings Mountain defeated South Point 15-6 and 15-6, and North Gaston 15-8, 15-1.

At Burns Monday, KM defeated Shelby 15-3 and 15-1 and Burns 15-1 and 16-14. The KM jayvees lost to Burns 17-15, 10-15 and 15-2 and defeated Crest 15-8 and 15-13.

Last week, the KM ladies whipped R-S Central 15-11, 15-10 and 15-7.

In a three-team match at Crest, the KM ladies defeated Crest 15-11 and 16-14 but lost to Providence of Charlotte 15-5 and 15-8.



CARMEN SMITH
Helps Lead KM Win