

KM battles Burns in SWC soccer action...

Mountaineers Boot Burns 6-1

Kings Mountain High's soccer team fell to Shelby 7-1 and defeated Burns 6-1 in Southwestern 3-A Conference action last week.

Bell, Caja Ormond, Steven Fisher, Matt Stout and Ott Phonephet scored a goal each for KM in the victory over Burns. Burns' only score came on a penalty kick by Seth Moore.

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ball game on defense. Young was

making his second start for Bo

Phongsa, who was hurt, and

stepped in and did as good a job as

you could expect at defensive end."

yards rushing with Ruff gaining 81

in seven carries and Holland

adding 44 in seven tries. The KM

defense held South Point to 94

Bumgardner said. "They hit us

harder than any team we've played.

It was just a matter of getting a

couple of breaks and getting the

momentum back, and kids like

Ruff and Holland doing what was

necessary to win. We were real flat

in the first half, and in the second

half Ruff just took it upon himself

Kings Mountain's next three op-

ponents--Burns, Shelby and East

Rutherford--will be its toughest of

the year. All three teams' records

are 5-1, same as the Mountaineers.

to turn the game around for us."

"South Point was a good team,"

yards rushing and 35 passing.

The Mountaineers ran up 200

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Ormond, Phonephet, David Ramsey and Mike Bridges each had an assist for the Mountaineers.

Brent Pasco scored three goals and Bryan West two to lead Shelby Sirimaha Rithiphong, Donald over the Mountaineers. KM's only goal came on a penalty kick by Kevin Blalock. The Mountaineers will travel to North Gaston Monday, host Shelby next Wednesday and close out their season on Wed., Oct. 24 at Burns.

> KM and East are unbeaten against conference opponents.

> "We're tied with East Rutherford for the mythical Southwestern 3-A Conference lead," Bumgardner said. "There's no conference championship in junior varsity sports but we've played them for the mythical championship on the last night of the season for the past two years, and if everything goes well we could do it again.

"But we have to take these games one week at a time," he said. Burns and Shelby are both very good. Burns has been beating people by lop-sided margins and they are fast and big. We're going to have our hands full tonight.

"Our kids are up right now," he continued. "We're mentally excited about playing this game tonight and we'll give it a real good, honest effort.'

could move the ball consistently in the fourth quarter.

Bumgardner also praised Ruff or his stellar play on defense.

"He made some really big tack-Rider also played an outstanding

les and changed the momentum for us several times," Bumgardner said. "Maurice Young and Chris

KM 4, R-S CENTRAL 1

Kings Mountain High's soccer team avenged an early season loss to R-S Central Monday night by defeating the Hilltoppers 4-1 in a Southwestern 3-A Conference match in Spindale.

Donald Bell, Lewis Nance, Ott Phonephet and Caja Ormond scored goals for the Mountaineers. Blake Craft scored the only goal for R-S Central.

The Mountaineers, 2-4 in the SWC, were scheduled to host South Point last night. They travel to North Gaston next Monday and return home on Wed., Oct. 17 for their final home game against

Bryan Jones Second In Tennis Tournament

Kings Mountain's Bryan Jones finished second to North Carolina teammate Woody Webb in the Tar Heel Invitational Region II Men's Tennis Tournament last week.

In a meet boasting 14 teams and 96 players, Webb, who originally signed with LSU but made the decision to transfer to UNC before ever playing a match with the Bayou Tigers, went into the singles draw unseeded but reigned supreme. He polished off William and Mary's Mike Scherer, Virginia Commonwealth's Frederik Cosmo, Duke's Jason Rubell, Wake Forest's Jorge Sedno and VCU's Lucianado D'Andrea to earn a championship match with Jones, the top-seed in the tournament and 36th ranked singles player in the nation.

Webb defeated Jones 6-2, 6-3 in a victory which was the most impressive performance by a Tar Heel amongst many good outings in the 21st ranked Tar Heels fall competi-

It was the first loss for Jones, who is Webb's doubles teammate.

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can't boast of a high ranking this year, the Bulldogs' only losses have been to two outstanding teams, 4-A Crest and 3-A power East Rutherford.

"Offensively, they're still running a lot of formations but in the past we've charted something like 23 formations and 17 or 18 different running plays," he said. "They're down to about 17 formations now and they've cut their running plays almost in half. I think they are more proficient. They're not trying to run too much and the things they do they do real well. It's going to really take one of our best defensive efforts to keep them from outscoring us."

The Bulldogs have excellent size

the 230 to 250-pound range and most of the running backs weighing in at over 200.

Tailback Melvin Montgomery and fullback Mark Hush give the Bulldogs one of the best 1-2 running combinations in the conference and their junior quarterback, Dixon Putnam, is improving with every game.

"They're probably not throwing as much as they have in the past," said Hicks. "Their basic offense is the wishbone with two tight ends and they are committed to run the football with those big backs. They're just going to run it up inside with those big folks leading and pretty much look to see that you're going to commit some extra people to stop it and then throw the ball on you.'

Burns carries a 2-1 conference and 5-2 overall mark into the contest while KM puts a 1-1 conference and 4-2 overall record on the

on offense, with several linemen in

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his offense, Hicks admitted he was quite concerned about the Mountaineers' chances of winning.

"The first half we seemed to be in the same rhythm as the week before," he said. "We moved the ball better but still weren't able to put it in the end zone. We went down 7-0 and I was really concerned about the attitude of the team and how we were going to respond in the second half.

"Quite obviously, in the second half we were a totally different football team," he said. "Our players took the challenge and played the kind of football they're capable of playing. We took the opening drive and came out with a lot of spunk and moved the ball down field, but fumbled. Having played six quarters of not-intense football we weren't sure if we would be able to come back. Sometimes that will break your back. But we even played better after the turnover and that speaks real well of our football team and the character our kids can

have when they put their minds to

Hicks praised the first half performance of tailback D.J. Williams, who finished with 52 yards rushing, and said the offensive line also

did a good job. "But even though we had some people playing well, we still weren't up to the level we're capable of playing," he said. "Victor Bell, being a senior and one of our co-captains, just made the decision that it was going to be all or nothing and went out and made some great runs for us. He sparked our team and the linemen picked up the tempo and turned the whole game around for us.

"Jeff Lockhart had one of his best games running and blocking in the second half," Hicks added. "Victor received a lot of the recognition, and he deserves it, but the real key was that when Victor Bell, Jeff Lockhart and Timmy McClain play well we can pretty much count on the fact that the entire team will play well. They're the leaders and when they go that inspires the rest of the team. When they give the kind of leadership they did in the second half last week we're going to be successful."

