



Sarimaha Rithiphong helped lead Kings Mountain High's soccer team two rounds into the state 3-A playoffs. The Mountaineers won their first-ever playoff game over Franklin, 4-2, before bowing to tenth-ranked Enka 1-0.

## Mountaineer booters eliminated from playoffs

Kings Mountain High's soccer team accomplished another first last week. The Mountaineers won their first-ever state playoff game with Wednesday's 4-2 win over Franklin at Gamble Stadium.

However, Dan Potter's two-time Southwestern Conference championships went down to defeat in the second round Saturday night at Enka, 1-0.

The results left the Mountaineers with a final record of 15-4-3, with 15 victories representing the most ever in a single season.

The Mountaineer offense played an outstanding game Wednesday at home despite a soaked playing turf. The Mountaineers built a 4-0 lead before turning the game over to the second unit early in the second half.

Clay Corry scored a hat trick, getting two goals in the first half and another in the second half. Sarimaha Rithiphong scored the other KM goal.

"Franklin was not as skilled as we were, but they played with a lot of heart," Coach Potter said. "We were able to put a lot of young players in the game. We were happy to be able to do that in the play-

offs. Our young guys weren't accustomed to playing in that kind of weather and they were a little nervous playing in a state playoff game.

"That was a very monumental win for us," he added. "It was the first time we'd won a state playoff game, so we have accomplished another goal."

Saturday at Enka, the Mountaineers out-played the state's 10th ranked and only unbeaten 3-A team, but fell 1-0 on a second half goal.

The Mountaineers battled well despite almost freezing conditions, but Coach Potter was disappointed in the treatment his team received from its host.

"We wanted to play in the afternoon, but they would not agree to it," Potter said. "They had a heater on their side of the field, but did not provide us one, and at halftime their players went into a locker room and did not provide us one. I thought they were really taking advantage of the situation and I was really upset with the manner in which they treated us."

"But our guys played tremen-

dous," he said. "We had a great game. We out-played them. They hadn't seen a loss this year, and we had been told by the Franklin coach that they were one of the dirtiest teams around. Their fans were very unaccustomed to being out-played."

"After they scored their goal six minutes into the second half, they played a one and out game," he said. "Their technique was much like a four-corners in basketball. They were trying to run the clock out. Our players would pass the ball and move it up and down the field, and when they'd get it they'd kick it all the way down field. We were frustrated. They were content to sit back with a 1-0 lead instead

of playing soccer. We ended up trying to push our players into an offensive attacking mode, which gave them a couple of good scoring opportunities. We had four real good opportunities but none of them fell in."

Brad and Damon Putnam did an excellent job of defending the goal, Potter said.

"I'm real proud of all of our players," he said. "The ones who have been with me four years have done some remarkable things in a short period of time. It's a real tribute to them because they are not year-round soccer players. It's a tribute to their willingness to work hard and follow instructions. They play a real intelligent game."

## PIGSKIN PICKERS

GARY STEWART (77-43)	DARRELL AUSTIN (73-47)	BOB HAYES (81-39)	GUEST (67-53)
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N. Iredell over Lincolnton	North Iredell	North Iredell	North Iredell
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Burlington over W. Char.	West Charlotte	West Charlotte	West Charlotte
Forest Hills over Chase	Forest Hills	Forest Hills	Chase
Ball St. over Bowling Grn.	Ball State	Bowling Green	Bowling Green
Kentucky over Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Kentucky	Kentucky
N. Mexico over Fullerton	New Mexico St.	New Mexico St.	New Mexico St.
Ga. Tech over W. Forest	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Wake Forest
NC State over Duke	State	State	State
Clemson over Maryland	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Fla. St. over Tulane	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State
Miss. St. over Alabama	Miss. State	Alabama	Alabama

## Basketball registration at Boys Club

Registration is under way for the 1992-93 winter basketball season at Kings Mountain Boys Club. Any boy from ages 7-16 may join. There is no fee.

Registration will be held each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through December 3. Team selection will be held on Sat., Dec. 5 at 12 noon at Central School.

Club Director, Danny McDowell, said the purpose of the program is to teach the basic fundamental skills. There is also emphasis on sportsmanship and teamwork.

This year, Kings Mountain will play teams from Concord, Shelby, Charlotte, Clinton, Asheville, Burlington, Monroe, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Statesville, Gaffney, Columbia, Tennessee, Florida and New York. The team will also play in the NC Junior Olympics and Tarheel State Games tournaments.

Club hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information call McDowell at 739-7026, Tom Bennett at 739-3667, Bobby Bell at East School or Jewel Watson at 739-9374.

Upcoming events include ping pong tournaments, one-on-one games, pool tournaments, free throw contests, hot shot contests, skating and attending several college basketball games.

Kings Mountain will host the AAU 13, 14 and 15 and under State Tournament at Kings Mountain High School and Kings Mountain Middle School.

## Bullet Bob in ball control

By LES SEE

The Herald conducted an exit poll following last weekend's high school and college football game and is projecting that Bullet Bob Hayes will be the winner of the pickin' and grinnin' football contest this year.

With only two weeks remaining, the Top Cop has opened a four-game lead over the editor, and is now running out the clock.

Hayes went 10-5 last week to give him a season's mark of 81-39. Stewart slipped to 8-7 and 77-43

while Big D went 8-7 for a season's mark of 73-47. Guest Paul Fulton went 7-8 and the guests have a season's mark of 67-53.

Hayes is going with the sure winners this week while Stewart is frantically calling for a number of major upsets in a last-ditch effort to catch up.

We called upon another member of the KMPD - DARE officer Alan Hardin - to try to knock Bullet Bob down a notch or two. He said he doesn't know all that much about football, but it's obvious Stewart and Austin don't either!

## Fall sports banquet November 23

The Kings Mountain High School fall sports banquet will be held November 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Tickets are available by contact-

ing the main office.

Trophies will be awarded for outstanding efforts in football, volleyball, girls tennis and cross country.

## Girls basketball team to scrimmage

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team will host a pair of scrimmages next week.

Monday at 5 p.m., the KM ladies will host East Gaston at 5 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 20, at 4:30, the KM team will host a multiple scrimmage which includes teams from Hunter Huss, Ashbrook, Cherryville and West Lincoln.

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