

Patriots win Division title

Kings Mountain Middle School's Patriots won the Tri-County Conference Division I title for the second year in a row Wednesday with a 20-16 victory over Burns.

The win gave David Heffner's eleven a final record of 5-0 in the Division and 5-2 overall. Their losses were to Shelby and Crest.

The Patriots were 6-1 last year, losing only to Crest.

"Our defense had its best game of the season, and our offense continued its good play," Heffner said. "I would like to thank all the players and coaches for their hard work and dedication."

Kings Mountain trailed 16-14 at halftime, but held Burns on a fourth down play to set up the winning touchdown in the third period. Dennis Moore scored on a 25-yard pass from Brandon McClain.

McClain had hit Josh Melton on a 53-yard touchdown pass,

and Wesley Dixon ran the two-point conversion to give the Patriots an 8-0 lead in the first quarter.

But Burns came back to tie the game at 8-8.

In the second quarter, the Burns defense held the Patriots with a goal line stand at the two yard line. Several plays later, Brad Moffitt recovered a Burns fumble and Dennis Moore scored on a 12-yard pass from McClain to put the Patriots on top 14-8.

But Burns came back to score on a 66-yard run late in the second period, and added the two-point conversion for a 16-14 advantage.

Kings Mountain's defense came up with two big stands in the second half to preserve the win. The Patriots held Burns on fourth down to end the third quarter, and after a KM fumble the Patriots held the Bulldogs again and then the offense ran the clock out.



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Josh Melton (23) picks up tough yardage inside in Kings Mountain Middle School football game. The Patriots defeated Burns for the Tri-County Conference Division I title, KM's second straight.

TRI-COUNTY RANKING

Team	Record	Last Week
1 - Crest	7-0	1
2 - S. Point	6-0-1	2
3 - Ashbrook	7-0-1	3
4 - Shelby	6-2	4
5 - Forestview	6-3	8
6 - Burns	3-5	9
7 - N. Gaston	5-2	5
8 - Chase	5-3	6
9 - RS Cent.	4-3	10
10 - Huss	2-6	12
11 - E. Ruth.	2-6	7
12 - K. Mtn.	3-5	11
13 - E. Gaston	1-7	13
14 - C'ville	1-8	15
15 - B. City	0-7	14

Last Week's Results

R-S Central 21, K. Mtn. 7
Ashbrook 21, N. Meck 6
Vance 41, E. Gaston 13
Huss 19, West Meck 14
Burns 10, North Gaston 7
S. Point 50, E. Rutherford 10
Forestview 41, B. City 14
Lincolnton 33, Chase 30
Cherryville 22, W. Lincoln 14
Shelby 63, Maiden 28

This Week's Games

East Rutherford at K. Mtn.
South Point at Burns
Forestview at Hunter Huss
R-S Central at North Gaston
Bess. City at Cherryville
Shelby at Lincolnton
Ashbrook at East Gaston

Hilltoppers crush KM 21-7

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers turned the ball over five times in the first half Friday night at R-S Central, and the Hilltoppers took advantage of two of them to post a 21-7 victory in the Southwestern 3A Conference football game.

The loss left the Mountaineers, R-S Central, North Gaston and East Rutherford tied for last place with 1-2 conference records.

The Hilltoppers drove less than 45 yards for each of their three touchdowns to grab a 21-0 lead.

Even though the Mountaineers didn't turn the

ball over in the second half, they didn't have any success moving it either. David Farquharson's charges didn't register their first first down of the second half until the final two minutes, when they drove 99 yards for their only score of the night.

Kings Mountain had the football for 11 possessions - seven in

the first half and four in the second - and all of those drives began in their own territory.

R-S Central had the ball for 11 possessions - seven in the first half and four in the second - and six of their seven first half possessions began in Mountaineer territory. R-S had the ball for 24 plays in the first half and registered 21 points.

Because of injuries and disciplinary action, the Mountaineers, who fell to 3-5 overall, put an entirely new offensive backfield on the field. Brandon Houze took over the tailback position and gained 91 yards in 20 carries to lead the KM rushing, but his fumble on

See Game, 9A

PREP STANDINGS

Southwestern 3A

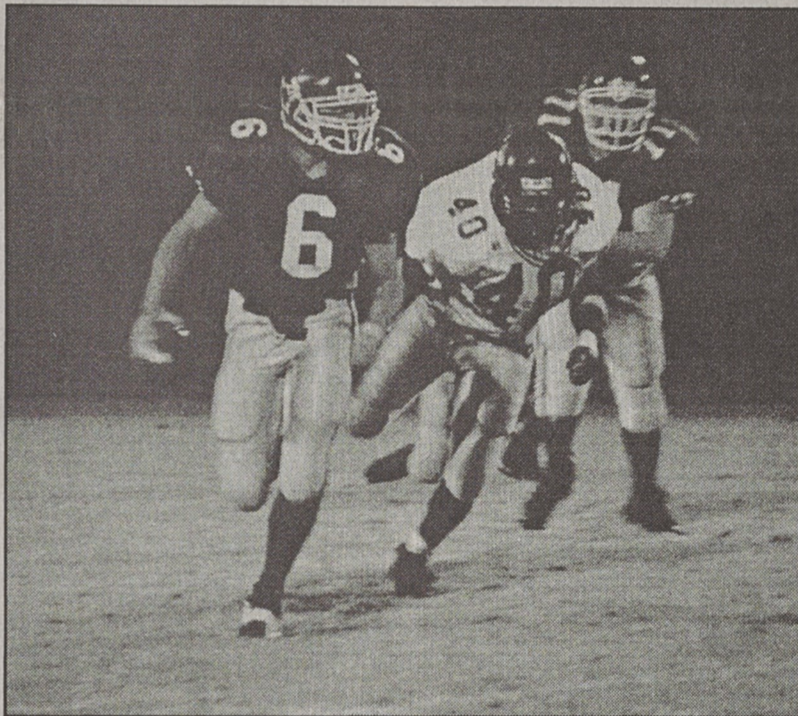
	Conf.	All
South Point	3-0	6-0-1
Burns	2-1	3-5
Forestview	3-3	6-3
North Gaston	1-2	5-2
East Ruth.	1-2	2-6
RS Central	1-2	4-3
Kings Mtn.	1-2	3-5

S. Piedmont 1A/2A

	Conf.	All
Shelby	4-0	6-2
Maiden	2-1	7-1
Lincolnton	2-1	2-6
Chase	2-2	5-3
W. Lincoln	1-2	1-7
Cherryville	1-3	1-8
Bess. City	0-3	0-7

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	Conf.	All
Ashbrook	3-0	7-0-1
North Meck	3-1	7-2
Olympic	2-1	5-3
Huss	2-2	2-5
E. Gaston	1-2	1-7
Vance	1-3	4-4
West Meck	0-3	1-6



R-S Central quarterback Jeff Ogle (6) is on the loose in Friday's Southwestern 3A Conference game with Kings Mountain at R-S. The Hilltoppers won 21-7.



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- ❖ Voted to make it a felony for a student to bring a gun to school or a school sponsored event

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VOTE **Tuesday, November 7 for**

**Elizabeth "Libby" Snuggs McAteer
Gaston County Commissioner
Gastonia Township**

Education

- Ashbrook High School
- A.A. in Liberal Arts- Gaston College
- B.S. in Business Administration - Gardner-Webb University
- Master of Business Administration - Winthrop University

Graduate of the following programs:

- Interaction Management Program
- Performance Excellence Program
- Equal Employment Opportunity Institute
- Leadership Gaston

Professional Experience

- North Carolina Department of Revenue - Employed since 1982. Manager of Gastonia Office since 1991.
- Gaston College - Former Part-time Instructor, Business and Continuing Education Departments

Family Background

- Lifetime Resident of Gastonia • Married to Porter L. McAteer
- Daughter of Bernice C. and N.L. Snuggs, Jr.



Past and Present Community and Civic Involvement

- Leadership Gaston Advisory Board
- State Employees Combined Campaign: 1999-2000 Regional Vice-Chairman
- 1998 Certificate of Achievement Award Winner
- Regional Advisory Committee - 8 years
- Gaston County Chairman - 6 years
- Pioneer Girl Scouts Council - Wider Opportunities
- Steering Committee
- Girl Scout - 1972 Gold Award Recipient
- Gaston Dance, Inc. Board of Directors
- Daughters of American Revolution
- Colonial Dames XVII Century
- Gaston County League of Women Voters - Charter Member, Board of Directors, Past President
- First United Methodist Church, Gastonia - Administrative Board
- Gaston-Lincoln Area Health/Mental Retardation/ Substance Abuse Board of Directors for 8 Years - Chairman, Treasurer

Statement from Libby Snuggs McAteer

If elected, I will work hard to ensure that Gaston County Government provides its citizens the most cost effective and efficient services possible. I will encourage that the county work cooperatively with all cities and towns throughout the county to identify services for possible consolidation which would result in potential savings to the citizens and better delivery of services. I will encourage the exploration and identification of revenue sources other than raising property taxes. Should the Gaston County Schools capital funding needs continue to be unresolved, revenue sources need to be found for new schools and maintenance of existing school properties. I support smart, planned growth throughout the county as opposed to sprawl, unplanned growth. In an effort to ensure future economic development potential, I strongly support the implementation of county-wide water and sewer. I support the protection of our environment and the enhancement of quality of life for all citizens. As your Commissioner, I will be available and eager to listen to your concerns. Thank you for your support.

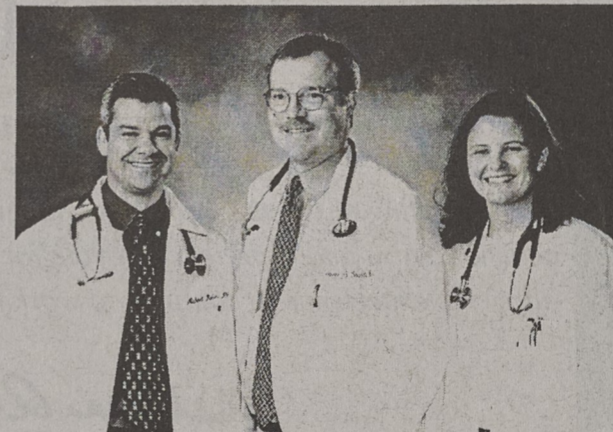
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CaroMont Family Medicine in Kings Mountain announces the addition of

Katherine Morrison, M.D.

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She joins Dr. Jeffrey Smith and Michael Robinson, PA-C in bringing your family quality health care close to home.

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