

St. Stephens is looking to future

By GARY STEWART

St Stephens probably won't be a contender for the championship in the new Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference just yet, but second-year coach John Jarman is building a program that he hopes to someday see on the same level with the perennial powers like Crest, Hickory, Kings Mountain and Burns.

The Indians went 3-7 last year, and even though they're an improved ball club it will be tough improving on that record because of the stiff competition they'll face.

"Going into this new conference is going to be tougher than heck," says Jarman. "You're going to have to be ready to play every week. But we feel pretty good that we'll be able to compete."

St. Stephens lost some good seniors off last year's team, but the Indians also return some good ones, including All-Conference offensive and defensive tackle Matt White, and All-Conference defensive back Ian Justice. Both are ranked among the top prospects in the State at their position.

In all, Jarman has 12 returning seniors, including six that have been starting since their sophomore year.

"We're looking for them - most of them offensive linemen - to be the strength of our team," says Jarman.

That veteran line will have a talented running back to block for. Thomas Gordon, a 180-pound senior, was the team's leading rusher last year and made All-Conference.

St. Stephens operates from a spread bone offense, similar to the one The Air Force Academy runs, and they'll be in a 4-3 on defense.

Southwestern Foothills 2001 football schedules

KINGS MOUNTAIN AUGUST

31 - East Gaston
SEPTEMBER

7 - South Point
14 - at Forestview

21 - at Shelby

28 - at F.T. Foard
OCTOBER

5 - Burns

12 - at Crest

19 - R-S Central

26 - at St. Stephens
NOVEMBER

2 - Hickory

CREST SEPTEMBER

7 - at Anson Co.

14 - Shelby

21 - at South Point

28 - Hickory
OCTOBER

5 - North Forsyth

12 - Kings Mountain

19 - at St. Stephens

26 - Fred T. Foard
NOVEMBER

2 - at Burns

9 - R-S Central

BURNS AUGUST

31 - at McDowell
SEPTEMBER

7 - Shelby

21 - East Rutherford

28 - Forestview
OCTOBER

5 - at Kings Mountain

12 - at R-S Central

19 - Fred T. Foard

26 - at Hickory
NOVEMBER

2 - Crest

9 - St. Stephens

HICKORY AUGUST

31 - at East Burke
SEPTEMBER

7 - Statesville

14 - South Caldwell

21 - at Newton-Conover

28 - at Crest
OCTOBER

5 - R-S Central

12 - St. Stephens

19 - at Alexander Central
26 - Burns
NOVEMBER

2 - at Kings Mountain

9 - at Fred T. Foard

FRED T. FOARD AUGUST

24 - West Lincoln

31 - at Bunker Hill
SEPTEMBER

14 - Maiden

21 - Bandys

28 - Kings Mountain
OCTOBER

5 - at St. Stephens

12 - at South Caldwell

19 - at Burns

26 - at Crest
NOVEMBER

2 - R-S Central

9 - Hickory

R-S CENTRAL AUGUST

31 - East Rutherford
SEPTEMBER

7 - at Chase

14 - McDowell

28 - St. Stephens
OCTOBER

5 - at Hickory

12 - Burns

19 - at Kings Mountain

26 - at Mitchell Co.
NOVEMBER

2 - at Fred T. Foard

9 - Crest

ST. STEPHENS AUGUST

24 - Newton-Conover

31 - at Bandys
SEPTEMBER

7 - Bunker Hill

14 - at East Lincoln

21 - South Caldwell

28 - at R-S Central
OCTOBER

5 - Fred T. Foard

12 - at Hickory

19 - Crest

26 - Kings Mountain
NOVEMBER

9 - at Burns

Directions to schools in Southwestern Foothills

ST. STEPHENS HIGH
3205 34th St. Dr. NE
Hickory
Phone 828-256-9841

From Kings Mountain, take I-85 North to Highway 321. Take Bypass 321 North to I-40 in Hickory. Take the I-40 exit and go to Exit #130, which is the old 70 exit. Come off ramp. At stop sign take a right and follow that road to the third traffic light, which is at Section House Road. Take a right on Section House Road and then follow Section House for about 4 1/2 miles to the traffic light at Springs Road. Take a right at Springs Road, go to the second light, which is 34th St. Dr. NE. Take a left to the school and football stadium.

FRED T. FOARD HIGH
3407 Plateau Road
Newton, NC 28658
Phone 704-462-1496

From East Kings Mountain, take I-85 North to Highway 321. Take Highway 321 North to Highway 10. Turn left on Highway 10 and go approximately five miles to the stop light at Propst Crossroads. There will be a M&K Market at the intersection. Turn left on Plateau Road. School is about one mile on the right.

From West Kings Mountain, take Highway 74 to Shelby. After you cross Buffalo Creek turn right on Business 74 and go to the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. As you pass the Fairgrounds, turn right on Highway 180 North and go to Highway 18 North. Turn right. When Highway 18 intersects with Highway 10, follow Highway 10 to the traffic light at Propst Crossroads. Turn right and the school is on the right.

HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL
1234 3rd Street Northeast
Hickory, NC 28601
Phon e828-322-5860

From Kings Mountain, take I-85 North to Highway 321 exit. Take 321 North Bypass to Highway 70 in Hickory. Go east on Highway 70 to the Howard Johnson Motel. Take a left on Fourth Street Southwest. Follow Fourth St. SW for approximately two miles and it turns into Fourth St. Northwest. Take a right on 13th Avenue NE, then follow it. It will cross over Highway 127 and run right in front of Hickory High School.

CREST HIGH SCHOOL
800 Old Boiling Spring Rd.
Shelby, NC 28152
Phone 704-482-5354

From Kings Mountain take Highway 74 Bypass through Shelby. Turn left on Old Boiling Springs Road. The school will be on your right.

R-S CENTRAL HIGH
Highway 221 North
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
Phone 828-287-3304

From Kings Mountain take Highway 74 Bypass to Rutherfordton and get on Highway 221 North. The school will be on your left.

BURNS HIGH SCHOOL
307 East Stagecoach Trail
Lawndale, NC 28090
Phone 704-538-7403

From Kings Mountain, take Highway 74 to Shelby. After you cross Buffalo Creek, turn right on Business 74 and go to the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. As you pass the Fairgrounds turn right on Highway 180 North. Go to the end of Highway 180 and turn right on Highway 18 North and go to Lawndale. At the traffic light in Lawndale, turn left on Stagecoach Road. The school will be approximately two miles on the right.

KINGS MOUNTAIN HIGH
500 Phifer Road
Kings Mountain, NC
Phone 704-734-KMHS

From East of Kings Mountain, take Business 74 all the way through the town of Kings Mountain. Turn left at Phifer Road. The school is on the right.

From West of Kings Mountain, take Business 74 into Kings Mountain and turn right on Phifer Road. The school is on the right.

Good Luck Mounties!!

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