

PREP RANKINGS

(A ranking by the staff of Republic Newspapers of the teams in the conferences in their coverage area - Big South 3A, Southwestern Foothills 3A, and Southern Foothills 1A).

Team	Record	Last Week
1 - Crest	4-0	1
2 - Maiden	5-0	2
3 - K. Mtn.	4-1	4
4 - Forestview	3-2	5
5 - Burns	3-2	3
6 - St. Stephens	5-1	6
7 - N. Gaston	3-2	7
8 - Ashbrook	2-2	10
9 - S. Point	2-3	11
10 - Hickory	2-3	8
11 - Huss	3-2	9
12 - H'ville	1-3	12
13 - B. City	2-3	14
14 - F.T. Foard	1-4	13
15 - E. Gaston	0-4	15
16 - E. Lincoln	0-5	17
17 - RS Central	0-4	16
18 - Polk Co.	0-6	18
19 - C'ville	0-6	19

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Southwestern Foothills 3A

Teams	Conf.	All
St. Stephens	1-0	5-1
Crest	1-0	4-0
K. Mtn.	1-0	4-1
Burns	0-0	3-2
Hickory	0-1	2-3
F.T. Foard	0-1	1-4
RS Central	0-1	0-4

Last Week's Results

Kings Mtn. 35, F.T. Foard 0
Crest 46, Hickory 3
Forestview 34, Burns 25
St. Stephens 47, RS Central 0

Friday's Games

Burns at Kings Mountain
North Forsyth at Crest
R-S Central at Hickory
F.T. Foard at St. Stephens

Big South 3A

	Conf.	All
North Gaston	1-0	3-2
South Point	1-0	2-3
Forestview	0-0	4-2
Ashbrook	0-0	2-2
East Lincoln	0-0	0-4
East Gaston	0-1	0-4
Hunter Huss	0-0	3-2

Last Week's Results

South Point 42, E. Gaston 0
N. Gaston 41, Huss 7
Ashbrook at E. Lincoln, ppd.

This Week's Games

N. Gaston at Ashbrook
Cherryville at E. Gaston
E. Lincoln at Forestview
S. Point at Hunter Huss

Southern Foothills 1A

	Conf.	All
Maiden	0-0	5-0
Bess. City	0-0	2-3
Hendersonville	0-0	1-3
Cherryville	0-0	0-6
Polk County	0-0	0-6

Last Week's Results

Bessemer City 20, Cherryville 6
Andrews 27, Polk County 6

This Friday's Games

Country Day at B. City
Maiden at Swain County
Hendersonville at McDowell
Cherryville at East Gaston

Midwest 2A

	Conf.	All
Bandys	1-0	3-2
East Rutherford	1-0	3-2
Lincolnton	1-0	3-2
Shelby	1-0	2-3
W. Lincoln	0-1	4-1
Newton	0-1	3-2
Chase	0-1	2-2
Bunker Hill	0-1	1-4

This Friday's Games

Shelby at Bandys
Newton at East Rutherford
Lincolnton at Chase
West Lincoln at Bunker Hill

Playoff possibilities

Burns at KM game Friday could be big in SWFH 3A

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

With just two playoff berths available to the new Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference, every game is important. But, none more important than this Friday's Burns at Kings Mountain battle.

The Bulldogs and the Mountaineers have been mentioned by NC football "guessperts" as the two most likely teams to challenge Crest for the conference championship and for the two playoff berths, so Friday's loser will face an uphill battle.

After three straight road games, the Mountaineers will come back before the home crowd with a 1-0 conference and 4-1 overall record. Burns, which will be playing its first conference game, is 3-2 overall after losing to Forestview 32-25 last week.

Those records are meaningless, though, as this is a county rivalry game in which anything can happen.

"Burns is Burns," says KM Coach Dave Farquharson. Translated, that means the Bulldogs are tough.

Coach Ron Greene's Bulldogs, known for their tough, physical play have made a lot of changes in their offense. Traditionally, they've been a running team. This year, they're taking advantage of the exceptional talents of junior quarterback Troy Goss, who has already passed for over 1,000 yards in just five games.

"They're going to be coming out with a different look offensively than they have in the past," says Farquharson. "They're going to be in the shotgun and spread out in a West Coast style offense. They've got three good receivers and once they catch the ball they can do a lot of things with it."

Not to be disrespectful of the other Burns players - because they do have a lot of talent - but Farquharson calls Goss "about 75 percent" of their offense.

The 6-2, 180-pounder whose offensive coordinator is his father, Tony, not only has a rifle for an arm but he is a dangerous option runner. In many of the Bulldogs' games this year he has led the team in rushing as well as passing.

Goss will attract most of the attention of the KM defense, but the Mountaineers must also beware of the Bulldogs' tailback, Nelson Woods. A junior, Woods is a returning All-Conference star who gained over 1,000 yards rushing last year and he

See Burns, 2B



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
Kings Mountain sophomore running back Montrell Banks (9) gets loose on a run around end in Friday's 35-0 victory over Fred T. Foard

KM blanks Foard 35-0

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Kings Mountain's Mountaineers made a few mistakes that kept them out of the end zone, but when they had their offense in sync there was no question who was the superior team as they rolled to a 35-0 victory over Fred T. Foard in the opening Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference football game Friday night in Newton.

A one-yard touchdown run by Cortney Smith and a 62-yard pass reception by Brandon Houze gave the Mountaineers a 14-0 lead after one quarter, and from there the only question was how many points the Mountaineers would put on the board.

After leading 28-0 at the half, Dave Farquharson and his staff decided not to run up a big score but to give all of their players an opportunity to get into the game.

Prior to the onslaught, the Mountaineers misfired a couple times. On KM's first possession, Cortney Smith caught what appeared to be a touchdown pass from Michael Jolly but he lost the handle on the ball as he approached the goal line and fumbled it out the back of the end zone for a touchback. The



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
Kings Mountain's LaDrecus Gingles (11) scores on a 50-yard punt return in Friday's 35-0 victory at Fred T. Foard.

Mountaineers stopped themselves on three other occasions later in the game, twice on fumbles and again on a pass interception on a play in which Smith was 20 yards behind the

defense.

After the strong KM defense held Foard to its second straight three and out, the Mountaineers drove 46 yards in six plays to take a 7-0 lead on Smith's run.

"Obviously, we're always glad to get that first conference win under our belt," said Coach Farquharson. "I thought our concentration in some areas was

See Foard, 2B



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
Kings Mountain quarterback Isaac Proctor loses the handle on the football in Wednesday's Middle School game with Lincolnton at John Gamble Stadium. The Patriots won 32-14.

KM Patriots defeat Lincolnton to run Tri-County mark to 4-1

Kings Mountain Middle School spotted Lincolnton an early 6-0 lead on a 60-yard touchdown pass, but came storming back to take a 32-14 in Tri-County Conference play Wednesday afternoon at John Gamble Stadium.

The victory improved Kings Mountain's record to 4-1 heading into a game yesterday at Shelby. The Patriots close out their season next Wednesday at Burns in a 5 o'clock game.

After Lincolnton's opening score, Kings Mountain scored three touchdowns to take a 20-6 halftime lead, then scored again in the third quarter for a 32-6 advantage.

Tommy Malaythong intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards to set up a 17-yard touchdown run by Marquiz Norris in the second quarter. Norris also ran the two-point conversion to give the

Patriots a 8-6 lead.

Later in the same quarter, Malaythong intercepted another Lincolnton pass. Jermanuel McClain got loose on a 45-yard run to set up his own 14-yard touchdown pass from Isaac Proctor. The PAT failed and KM led 14-6.

Late in the first half, Mantrice Love scored from four yards out to give the Patriots a 20-6 lead. McClain returned the second half kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown to put the Patriots on top 26-6. Late in the third quarter Love scored on a 35-yard run to make it 32-6.

In the fourth quarter, Demarius Grier recovered a Lincolnton fumble, but the Patriots fumbled the ball right back and Lincolnton scored on a seven-yard run and two-point conversion to close out the scoring.