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Kings Mountain Middle School assistant football coach Matt Stroup works with linemen in recent practice session. The Patriots host Crest next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

KMMS Patriots defeat East Lincoln in opener

The only thing hotter than the weather Wednesday at East Lincoln Middle School was the Kings Mountain Middle School football team.

Monty Deaton's Patriots overcame an early 8-0 deficit to defeat East Lincoln 42-20 in the Tri-County Conference opener for both teams. The Patriots were scheduled to host Lincoln in their first home game yesterday at John Gamble Stadium. They host Crest next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

"It was extremely hot," said the Patriot mentor. "So hot, that the officials gave us extra time outs for water breaks."

After an early exchange of fumbles, East Lincoln grabbed an 8-0 lead but it was very short-lived.

The Patriots took the ensuing kickoff and Cedric Roberts rambled 70 yards for a touchdown. He caught a 2-point conversion pass from Michael Roberts to tie the score.

East Lincoln had to drive only 50 yards for its second score after Kings Mountain inadvertently squib-kicked the ensuing kickoff. Their conversion attempt failed leaving them with a 14-8 lead.

The Patriots answered with a 50-yard drive of their own. Tyvegas Goode scored from 17 yards out and Michael Roberts again hit

Cedric Roberts for the 2-point conversion to put the Patriots on top 16-14.

Goode scored again from 12 yards out late in the second quarter to give Kings Mountain a 22-14 halftime lead.

Kenneth Staton scored from seven yards out early in the third quarter as the Patriots increased their lead to 28-14.

Cedric Roberts sacked the East Lincoln quarterback, causing him to fumble, and Roberts scooped up the football and rambled 65 yards to give the Patriots a 34-14 lead.

The Patriots started making substitutions and East Lincoln cut the margin to 34-20. Kings Mountain's second unit offense then took over and C.J. Belcher swept left end for a 60-yard touch-

down and Dontarious Lockhart added the 2-point conversion to close out the scoring.

Despite three turnovers (two fumbles and a pass interception), Coach Deaton said he was pleased with his team's overall play.

"Our corners did an excellent job," he noted. "Shariff Burris strung out a lot of plays and made some good tackles for us. Kenneth Staton on the other side did a good job containing."

"On the defensive line, Lamar Womick, a transfer from Burns Middle School, made some good plays for us. And Jerry Lowery came in off the bench and made some good hits for us in the secondary at safety."

"It was a good win for us - a good start. We saw a lot of good things."

SPORTS BRIEFS

JV Mountaineers edge South Point

Kings Mountain High's JV football team posted its second straight victory Thursday night at South Point, 28-20.

John Phillips, Speedy Ross and Rex Burton scored the touchdowns for the Mountaineers.

Kings Mountain plays its first home game Thursday at 7 p.m. against Forestview.

Ashton Teague was perfect on 15 serves and had seven kills, two blocks and 10 digs.

LaRonda McClain had three kills and two blocks and Kala Buchanan had two kills and a block.

Hoyle sworn in as commissioner

David W. Hoyle Jr. of Dallas was recently sworn in as a wildlife commissioner. He will serve a six-year term.

Hoyle, 37, was sworn in by his father, Senator David Hoyle (D-Gaston).

Hoyle will work to represent the fisheries and wildlife-related interests of outdoors enthusiasts in an 11-county area including Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell and Rutherford.

Hoyle is a real estate developer and owner of Hoyle Appraisal Services.

Since its inception in 1947, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has been dedicated to the wise use, conservation, and management of the state's fish and wildlife resources. Nineteen commissioners create and

maintain laws and regulations governing hunting, fishing and boating activities based on input from the commission's wildlife and fisheries biologists, wildlife enforcement officers, educators, engineers and administration staff.

Labor Day golf at Country Club

Jerry Broadwell, John McGinnis, Andy Westmoreland and Harriet Broadwell shot a 61 Monday to win the Labor Day Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

They won on the second hole of a sudden death playoff over Dave Robinson, Shane Adams, Sylvia Neisler and Andy Neisler.

Four teams tied for third place with 63s and competed in a playoff. Billy Hill, Lou Sabetti, Ken Cloninger and Sue Hartwyk took third. Other teams in the tie were Gary Howze, Jack Acheson, Drew Dahl and Cathy Acheson; Stonewall Jackson, Richard Van Dyke, Pete Lovell and Pam Howze; and William Mabry, Daniel Honeycutt, Debbie Van Dyke and Doris Cloninger.

Volleyball team loses to Freedom

Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team dropped its first match of the season Thursday at Freedom 20-25, 25-21, 16-25, 28-20, 14-1.

Several players had outstanding efforts for the Lady Mountaineers.

Junior setter Blair Heffner handed out 36 assists and was 15-for-16 serving with four aces. She also had four kills, two blocks and seven digs.

Alex Dawson had 19 kills, 19 digs, and three blocks and was 9-for-12 serving with two aces.

Jackie Jarvis was perfect on 12 serves and came up with seven digs.

Ashley McDaniel was 20-for-22 serving with four aces, and had 10 digs.

Lauren Horne was 21-for-22 serving with three aces, and had seven digs.



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Eric Spicer wins club championship

Eric Spicer shot a 71-68--139 Saturday and Monday to win the annual Club Championship at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Spicer won the championship gross division by five shots over Mitch Howze and Stonewall Jackson. Howze shot a 68-76--144 and Jackson had a 71-73--144.

First place in the net division was Shane Adams with a 65-74--139. Jackson was second.

Gerald Putnam won first flight low gross with a 76-69--145. William Mabry was second with a 77-74--151.

Larry Dunn won first flight low net with a 71-75--146. John Gamble shot a 75-75--150 to tie Curt Collins for second. Collins shot 72-78--150.

Russ Putnam won second flight low gross with an 81-73--154. Dave Robinson was second with an 81-80--161.

Second flight low net was won by Scott Summitt in a playoff over Kenny Walker. Summitt shot 75-72--147 and Walker shot 73-74--147.

Third flight gross winner was Robert Scism with an 86-85--171. Gary Smart Jr. was second with an 89-86--17.

First place low net in the third flight was Jack Acheson Jr. with a 71-76--147. Pete Lovell was second with a 77-79--156.

Richard Van Dyke took fourth flight gross honors with a 95-88--183. Jim Champion was second with a 93-97--190.

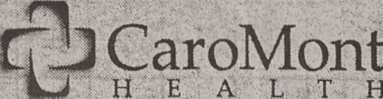
Andy Neisler won fourth flight low net with a 74-80--154. Jack Acheson was second with an 81-82--163.

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