

## SPORTS

### KMHS SPORTS SCHEDULES

#### BASKETBALL

##### DECEMBER

1 - Shelby  
7 - Charlotte Christian  
10 - Foard  
13 - at Freedom  
15 - at Huss  
17 - at Burns  
27-28 - at Big I Classic in Charlotte (boys only).

##### JANUARY

4 - at Crest  
7 - R-S Central  
11 - St. Stephens  
14 - at Hickory  
19 - Country Day  
21 - at Foard  
25 - Burns  
28 - Crest

##### FEBRUARY

1 - at R-S Central  
4 - at St. Stephens  
8 - Hickory  
14-19 - SWFH Tourn.

#### WRESTLING

##### DECEMBER

3-4 - at West Henderson  
11 - at Freedom Tourn.  
14 - West Lincoln, 7 p.m.  
18 - at West Lincoln  
Duals, 10 a.m.  
21 - at S. Point 7 p.m.

##### JANUARY

4 - Crest, 6:30  
7 - at R-S Central, 6:30  
11 - at St. Stephens 6:30  
14 - Hickory 6:30  
21 - Foard 6:30  
24 - at Burns 6:30  
29 - SWFH Tournament at KMHS, 9 a.m.

##### FEBRUARY

5 - at Cleveland County Quad

#### SWIMMING

##### DECEMBER

1 - St. Stephens, Chase, North Lincoln at KM, 5 p.m.  
8 - Hickory and Shelby at KM, 5 p.m.

##### JANUARY

5 - Asheville, 5 p.m.  
8 - at Asheville, 7 p.m.  
12 - East Rutherford and Fred T. Foard at KM, 5 p.m.  
18 - South Point 5 p.m.  
19 - Crest, Hunter Huss and R-S Central at KM, 5 p.m.  
26 - Big South Conference meet, 5 p.m.  
29 - Southwestern Foothills Conference meet, TBA

### MONDAY BOXES

#### BOYS GAME

KM (56) - McClish 17, Gary 15, Feaster 10, Byrd 7, B. Smith 5, McClain 2.  
Clover (54) - McNeil 16, Pressley 13, Miller 10, Littlejohn 4, McGinnis 4, Mitchem 4, Hall 2, Dover 1.

#### GIRLS GAME

KM (12) - Meeks 1, McClain 1, Cannedy 2, Vinson 2, Sims 6.  
Clover (59) - Tidwell 3, Hinton 14, Feemster 14, Chandler 6, Van Tassel 2, Robbins 5, Hall 4, Lawrence 4, Wood 4, Jimson 3.



Kings Mountain's David McClish (33) ventures into the land of the Clover giants to attempt a basket in Monday's game at KMHS.

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## KM girls fall to Huskies

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team fell to Hunter Huss 56-41 in a non-conference game last week at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

Huss jumped out to a 20-7 first quarter lead but the Lady Mountaineers battled back to trim the difference to 24-17 at halftime and 39-32 going into the fourth quarter.

Georgia Tech-bound Tiffany Blackmon led the Lady Huskies with 19 points. Angel Smith and Natasha Cannedy scored 15 each and Marsha Meeks added 10 for Kings Mountain.

Huss (56) - Roseboro 12, Austin 11, Wingate 8, Lockhart 2, Blackmon 19, Reid 2, Butler 2.

KM (41) - Smith 15, Meeks 10, Cannedy 15, Adams 1.

## Mounties upset Clover

After narrow losses to Shelby and Hunter Huss to open the season, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers stunned one of the top ranked South Carolina teams 56-54 Monday night at the KM gym.

The Clover Blue Eagles came to town with a 3-0 record and ranked #3 in the South Carolina 3A poll and #7 in the Charlotte Observer Sweet 16 poll.

Featuring 6-10 center Tyrone McNeil, the Blue Eagles used their height and inside strength to build a 10-point lead in the first half but the Mountaineers used their full-court press to register two quick steals that resulted in baskets which trimmed the difference to 29-24 at halftime.

The Mountaineers then came out and played what Coach Danny McDowell termed "our best second half all year."

David McClish led the KM offense with a game-high 17 points. Point guard Darik Gary added 15 points and Antonio Feaster 10.

McClish also gathered a team-high seven rebounds and D.J. Byrd added five. Gary had five assists and six steals, including the two at the close of the first half.

"You're only as good as your seniors," remarked McDowell, "and Darik Gary played another outstanding floor game. He ran the offense, made several steals, ignited us on the fast break and on two of those fast breaks the kid goes down

and jams it. You don't expect a point guard to do that, but it gets the house in an uproar and makes it tough (on Clover) the rest of the way."

Kings Mountain shot 44 percent from the field and 69 percent from the foul line. McNeil led Clover with 16 points.

"They came in highly touted," McDowell said. "It's always a plus to beat a ranked team early in the season. That's why I like to play a tough non-conference schedule."

McDowell said he was pleased with the play of his reserves. Feaster and Byrd both came off the bench to play good all-around games, as did freshman point guard Xavier Whitenburg.

"Our little freshman came in and ignited us a couple of times," McDowell noted.

"He sees the floor real well as a freshman. He got a couple nice assists. He didn't score any points but he does a heck of a job with those kind of things that go unnoticed. Sometimes I'll bring him in at the point and send Darik Gary over to the two guard. That's a potent combination."

Kings Mountain's girls lost their third straight game in the opener, 59-12. The talented Clover ladies built a 17-3 first quarter lead and 25-7 halftime advantage.

Kristen Feemster and Natiera Hinton scored 14 points each for Clover. Chaquita Sims scored six for Kings Mountain.



Kings Mountain's Darik Gary, left, does such an excellent job with the full-court press that a Mountaineer fan is calling for a five-second violation against Clover in Monday's game at KMHS.

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