

SPORTS

KM Middle looks for improvement in '06

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With a big roster and some talented players, Kings Mountain Middle School football coach Monty Deaton hopes to see his Patriots contend for the Tri-County Conference championship this fall.

The Patriots open their season with non-division games against Shelby and Crest. The veteran coach hopes to use those games to evaluate talent so he can get the right combination on the field for the Eastern Division schedule which begins September 27.

Deaton and his assistants greeted over 90 players on the first day of practice. They had to trim the roster down to "a reasonable number," Deaton said. He is carrying 57 players.

Practice has gone well, but he admits the defense appears to be ahead of the offense.

"We're looking good at times, but we still are not where we need to be," he said. "Hopefully, things will get better."

The Patriots will operate out of a Pro I on offense and a 4-3 on defense.

Deaton plans to alternate Cameron Harris and Brian Brown at quarterback until one emerges as the leader.

The running game will be "by committee," he says. He has a number of talented players that will share time.

"It will depend on what we want to do," he said, "but we have five tailbacks that can do different things for us. We'll rotate them in."

Trey Edgerton, a returnee, and Jeff Douglas are hard runners so they will be running between the tackles. Douglas weighs 198 pounds.

When speed is needed around the perimeter, Deaton will look to Cedric Thompson and Shelton Watson to carry the ball. Trey Funderburke will start at fullback.

Receivers Tim Hines and Schiron Burris also have speed will be counted on to catch a lot of passes and turn them into big gains.

Defensively, Deaton says several players have looked good in practice.

Collins Pressley, a 7th grader, should be strong at linebacker along with rover Trey Edgerton. Safety Jack Hopper will also be a key on defense.

"He's a big kid with good speed," says Deaton. "He can run things down and he keeps everything in front of him. That's what hurt us last year - letting people make big plays."

Matt Young and Shelton Watson have looked good at the corners. Linemen competing for starting roles include Michael Homesley, John Robbs, Antarius Byers, Dustin Stone, and Jesse Davis.

Deaton is being assisted by defensive coordinator Tim Gunn, line coach Tim Whitaker, special teams coach Rick Greene, and fifth quarter coach Shane Cole.

Fifth quarter games begin at 4:30 and varsity action starts at 5 p.m.

Deaton feels as long as his players improve

KMMS FOOTBALL ROSTER

Number	Player	Position
1	Edward Blackburn	DB
2	Johnathon Borchert	DB
3	Schiron Burris	WR
4	Steven Byrd	DB
5	Mitchell Cloninger	DB
6	Garett Frederick	LB
7	Henry Curry	DB
8	Tyrece Crawford	RB
9	Brian Brown	RB/QB
10	Kanaan Greene	RB/DB
11	Tim Hines	WR
12	Lamont Jefferies	WR
15	Jacob Lineberger	LB
17	Samuel Jenkins	DB
18	Cameron Pittman	QB/LB
19	Collins Pressley	LB
20	Cameron Harris	QB
22	Justus Watkins	DL
23	Shelton Watson	RB
25	Devan Ruff	WR
30	Trey Edgerton	RB/LB
33	Cedric Thompson	RB/DB
35	Jeff Douglas	RB/DL
40	Colton Wade	LB
44	Trey Funderburke	RB/LB
45	Antarius Byers	LB
50	Michael Homesley	RB/LB
51	Cory Fredell	OL
52	Brandon Gantt	OL/DL
53	Joseph Zeuner	DL
54	John Robbs	DL/LB
55	Brandon Weigel	OL
60	Robert Walker	LB
61	Michael Killian	DL
62	Jack Luangsay	OL/DL
63	Marcus Boyce	OL
64	Tyler Bess	OL
65	Brandon Floyd	OL
66	Josh Negus	LB
67	Yul Black	DL
68	Ricky Bates	OL
70	Tyus Gibbs	OL
71	Houston Phillips	DL
72	Marquise Nance	OL/DL
73	Zach Smith	OL
74	Rodney Thurman	DL
75	Matthew Turner	DL
76	Kaven Swann	OL/DL
77	Edward Hopper	OL
79	Tony Walker	OL
80	Luigi Massanga	WR
81	Jordan Smith	WR
82	Zach West	DB
83	Eddie White	DB
84	Jesse Davis	WR
85	Dustin Stone	TE
86	Matt Young	DB
87	Jordan Huskey	WR
95	Jeremiah Gamble	OL
99	Zach Hopper	LB/TE

every day, they'll be okay.
 "We have to get a quarterback that can be consistent," he said. "Once we get some rhythm on offense we could surprise some teams. You never know about how middle school players will respond. The defense is coming along pretty good, they just have to wrap up more. It's a matter of getting consistent and limiting mistakes, and if we do that we have a good chance of winning our division."

THE SCHEDULE

Sept. 13 - Shelby; Sept. 20 - at Crest; Sept. 27 - at Lincolnton; Oct. 4 - E. Lincoln; Oct. 18 - at W. Lincoln; Oct. 25 - Pumpkin Center; Nov. 1 - Burns.

PREP STANDINGS

Southwestern 2A/3A		
	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Shelby	0-0	3-0
RS Central	0-0	3-1
Chase	0-0	2-1
Burns	0-0	1-2
East Rutherford	0-0	1-2
Kings Mountain	0-0	0-3

Last Week's Results
 Forestview 48, Kings Mountain 21
 Burns 46, Ashbrook 41
 RS Central 35, McDowell 27
 Shelby 21, Crest 7
 Cherryville 35, Chase 28

Friday's Games
 Crest at Kings Mountain
 South Point at Burns
 Chase at Polk County
 Ashbrook at East Rutherford
 RS Central at Hunter Huss
 Shelby at Lincolnton

Big South 3A/4A		
North Gaston	0-0	4-0
Hunter Huss	0-0	3-0
Crest	0-0	2-1
East Gaston	0-0	2-1
South Point	0-0	2-1
Ashbrook	0-0	1-3
Forestview	0-0	1-3

Last Week's Results
 Hunter Huss 35, Bessemer City 0
 North Gaston 42, Lincolnton 14
 South Point 21, West Meck 7
 East Gaston 53, Carson 15
 Forestview 48, Kings Mountain 21

Friday's Games
 North Gaston at Murphy
 East Gaston at Bessemer City
 Ashbrook at East Rutherford
 Crest at Kings Mountain
 RS Central at Hunter Huss

Mitch Howze records 5th career hole-in-one

Mitch Howze scored his 5th hole-in-one Friday, at Kings Mountain Country Club. Mitch used a pitching wedge on hole #14. Playing partners were Pat Phifer, Tony Cooke, Hunter Cooke and Walt Brysiak.

The team of Larry Dunn, Bruce McMillion and Jim Hanford were the winners in the weekly Tuesday Night Dogfight held at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Tied for second place were the team of Stoney Jackson, Drew Dahl and Rick Moore and the team of Pat Phifer, Kenny Walker and Mike Denninger.

The winners of the Friday night 9-Hole Captains Choice held at Kings Mountain Country Club were Stoney Jackson, Scott Summitt, Kenny Walker and Ken Cloninger.

Second place were Mitch Howze, Pat Phifer, Tony Cooke, Hunter Cooke and Walt Brysiak.

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Thursday, Sept. 14
 4:30 p.m. - High school volleyball, Chase at Kings Mountain.
 4:30 p.m. - Middle school softball, Burns at Kings Mountain.
 6 p.m. - High school soccer, Ashbrook at Kings Mountain.
 7 p.m. - High school JV football, Kings Mountain at Crest.

Friday, Sept. 15
 7:30 p.m. - High school football, Crest at Kings Mountain.
 7:30 p.m. - High school football, Hope Christian at North Wilkes.

Saturday, Sept. 16
 TBA - High school volleyball, Kings Mountain in Serve for a Cure Tournament at Charlotte Latin.

Monday, Sept. 18
 4 p.m. - High school women's tennis, Kings Mountain at Burns.
 4 p.m. - Middle school cross country, Kings Mountain at East Rutherford.
 6 p.m. - High school soccer, Kings Mountain at Crest.

Tuesday, Sept. 19
 2 p.m. - Middle school golf, West Lincoln, Crest and Pumpkin Center at Kings Mountain.

4:30 p.m. - High school volleyball, Kings Mountain at Shelby.
 4:30 p.m. - High school cross country, Pre-SWC meet at Shelby.
 4:30 p.m. - Middle school softball, Kings Mountain at West Lincoln.

Wednesday, Sept. 20
 5 p.m. - Middle school football, Kings Mountain at Crest.
 6 p.m. - High school soccer, West Lincoln at Kings Mountain.

KMHS tennis team beats East Rutherford

Kings Mountain High's women's tennis team won its first match Monday, defeating East Rutherford 7-2.

Hannah McGill, Nikita Scotland, Ariel Martin and Dominique Jager won their singles matches. McGill/Martin, Scotland/Diana Phanthalack, and Jager/Kristen Tate won in doubles.

Kings Mountain plays Forestview today.

Singles
 Hannah McGill (KM) d. Chelsey Gettys 6-2, 6-0; Lacey Beane (ER) d. Diana Phanthalack 6-1, 6-3; Nikita Scotland (KM) d. Jenny Brookes 6-2, 6-2; Ariel Martin (KM) d. Kelsey Moeslinger 6-3, 6-1; Dominique Jager (KM) d. Brooke Robertson 6-2, 6-1; Catherine Alexander (ER) d. Kristen Tate 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles
 McGill/Martin (KM) d. Gettys Owens 10-1; Phanthalack/Scotland (KM) d. Beane/Brookes 8-3; Jager/Tate (KM) d. Robertson/Alexander 9-8.

KM spikers sweep Burns, Chase here on Thursday

Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team completed the first round of Southwestern 2A/3A play Tuesday with a 25-19, 25-14, 25-3 victory over Burns.

The Lady Mountaineers are 5-0 in the conference and 7-1 overall heading into a game this afternoon at home against Chase. JV action begins at 4:30.

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 is hosting
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