

SPORTS



Hope's Arthie Phillips carries for a 12-yard gain in the first quarter of Friday's game at City Stadium.

HOPE

From 1B

"Nobody laid down. Jamion Holland came up with two big time knocks. It's difficult to throw over him and they threw it toward him twice. The guys really needed another win. They've worked hard."

Hope scored on the game's first possession. Phillips and Bostic ran the Thunderbolts to the Pride 10-yard line before a holding call and pressure on quarterback Gilbert put Hope in a fourth and 30 situation. Luckily, Gilbert connected with Ken Gabriel in the end zone and Burgess' kick put Hope up 7-0.

Late in the first quarter, Hope's Tyler Shores forced a Carolina fumble, but the Thunderbolts punted four plays later. Carolina then moved to mid-field on a 17-yard pass from Zummo to Matthew Kern and a 28-yard pass and run by Simms McElfresh. The Pride's Demarcus Glover ran for the 10-yard touchdown three plays later, but the conversion run failed and Hope led 7-6.

The Thunderbolts used much of the second quarter moving from their 35 to the Carolina Pride 31 before the drive stalled. Gilbert, Bostic and Phillips were great for Hope Christian's offense and Gilbert found Gabriel for a 29-yard pass before the Pride defense pressured Gilbert and eventually forced the turnover on downs.

Carolina scored on their next possession as Quinton Scott aided the Pride's running effort. On third and six, Zummo passed to Jonathan Paquette for the touchdown and a Zummo pass to Derrick Newman on the two-point conversion gave the visitors a 14-7 advantage at the break.

Phillips recovered a Carolina fumble on the kickoff to start the second half and Hope tied the game three plays later when Gilbert hit Phillips for a 18-yard touchdown pass. Burgess kicked to tie the game at 14-14. The Pride regained control at the 9:17 mark in the fourth chapter when



Hope quarterback Josh Gilbert on a keeper.

Zummo passed to Sky Lesh for the 23-yard score. The conversion attempt failed as the Pride held the 20-14 lead.

The Thunderbolts responded with Phillips' four-yard touchdown to tie and Burgess booted the extra point to give Hope the 21-20 edge. Then Hope's defense claimed the victory.

Zummo with 291 yards passing was impressive for Carolina Pride, a Charlotte-based team for home-school and private school students. Gilbert was great for the Thunderbolts with a pair of touchdown passes and Bostic finished with 140 yards on 16 carries.

Hope closes out the regular season this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at home against Lockhart, a team the Thunderbolts defeated earlier this season by a 50-8 margin. Lockhart (2-6) lost to Prince Avenue North last week, 38-13.

THE YARDSTICK

	CP	HC
First downs	13	11
Yds. rushing	60	155
Yds. passing	291	71
Passes	19-31-1	4-14-1
Fumbles lost	2	1

Yds. penalized 74 47

Score by quarters:

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CP	0 14 0 6 20
HC	7 0 7 7 21

HC - Ken Gabriel 30 pass from Josh Gilbert (Josh Burgess kick).

CP - Demarcus Glover 10 run (run failed).

CP - Jonathan Paquette 16 pass from Josh Zummo (Derrick Newman pass from Zummo).

HC - Arthie Phillips 18 pass from Gilbert (Burgess kick).

CP - Sky Lesh 23 pass from Zummo (pas failed).

HC - Phillips 4 run (Burgess kick).

RUSHING

CP - Newman 7-52, Glover 3-16, Coon 2-33, Zummo 2-(-12), Colts 3-(-2), Scott 1-(-7). HCA - Evan Bostic 16-140, Phillips 8-30, Gilbert 8-(-15)

PASSING

CP - Zummo 19-31-1-291. Hope - Gilbert 4-14-1-71.

RECEIVING

CP - Lesh 6-94, Paquette 5-70, Newman 1-28, Scott 3-60, Carmen 1-17. Colts 2-19, Covington 1-3. Hope - Gabriel 3-53, Phillips 1-18.

Proctor MVP of Blue Ridge Fall Classic World Series

Kings Mountain's Isaac Proctor was named tournament most valuable player in the Blue Ridge Community College Fall Classic World Series last weekend.

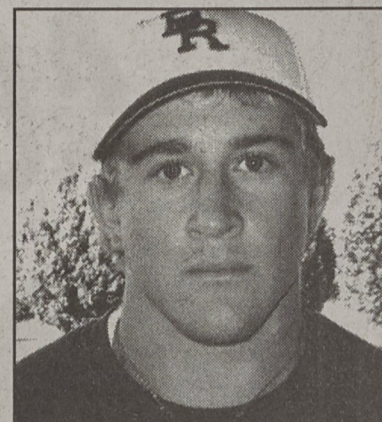
Proctor and his Gold Team defeated the Blue Team 8-3 in the final game of a series that saw nine total errors.

Proctor, a freshman, led all hitters with a .471 average for the series. He was 3-for-5 in the final game with two RBI and two stolen bases. For the four games he had eight hits in 17 at-bats,

nine RBI and six stolen bases.

Proctor also had a successful fall campaign against the likes of Tusculum College, Chattanooga State, Young Harris, Mars Hill and Louisburg Community College. Proctor finished the fall season with a .517 average with 15 hits in 29 at-bats, 10 RBI and eight stolen bases.

Proctor is looking forward to the 58-game schedule in the spring of 2007 when the Blue Ridge Bears will begin their season with a trip to Florida in February.



ISAAC PROCTOR

Hellstrand, Plonk make SWC all-conference cross country

Kings Mountain High's Tyler Hellstrand and Alex Plonk earned All-Southwestern Conference honors in last week's conference meet at Shelby High School.

Hellstrand finished fourth to lead the Mountaineers to a fourth place finish behind R-S Central with 24 pints, Shelby (58), and East Rutherford (88). KM had 96 points, Chase 119, and Burns 138.

R-S Central's Sam Godfrey

earned Runner of the Year honors by winning the event in 16 minutes, 16 seconds. Hellstrand ran the course in 17 minutes, 34 seconds.

KM's Justin Boyd finished 17th, Baxter McGregor 19th, Camden DeVane 28th, Nick Adams 34th, Andrew Gardner 41st and Matt Boheler 43rd.

The Lady Mountaineers did not compete as a team. Shelby won with 25 points, followed by East 62, Burns 74 and R-S 76.

R-S Central's Emily Powell was Runner of the Year by winning in 20 minutes, 6 seconds. Plonk was 10th in 23 minutes, 37 seconds. KM's Ashley Ray was 20th in 26 minutes, 39 seconds.

The Mountaineers will travel to Jackson Park in Hendersonville Saturday for the Western Regional. Runners will be competing for spots in the State 3A championship November 4 at Tanglewood, Winston Salem.

JV Mounties host unbeaten R-S

Kings Mountain High's JV football team lost to East Rutherford 38-21 last week in Forest City and will host the

undefeated R-S Central Hilltoppers Thursday at 7 p.m.

Brandon Ross scored two touchdowns and Terrance Young

one for KM last week.

R-S Central defeated Shelby last week to run its record to 8-0.



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