

SPORTS

# Mounties face A.C. Reynolds in Jamboree on Friday

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With good showings against Ashbrook and North Gaston behind them, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers face A.C. Reynolds in their final pre-season test Friday at 8 p.m. in the annual Cleveland County Jamboree at Crest High School.

Greg Lloyd's Mounties tied Ashbrook with two scores apiece in their scrimmage Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium and then demolished North Gaston 56-7 in the opening game of the annual Gastonia Forestview. Against Ashbrook, Michael Roberts threw a long touchdown pass to Terrance Young and scored on a one-yard sneak. Against North Gaston, the Mounties scored on all of their offensive possessions, including six touchdowns from the first team and three from the second and third units.

Lloyd was happy with those performances; however, he has a couple observations he hopes his players will keep in mind this week as they prepare for A.C. Reynolds: It's not likely the Mountaineers will have another waltz like they did Saturday, because North Gaston's team was almost completely wiped out by graduation after last year's best-ever season for the Wildcats; and A.C. Reynolds is always one of the best football teams in North Carolina.

"We'll get back to reality this week," Lloyd said. "If we can play A.C. Reynolds tough we're going to

be alright."

Although there's still a lot of work to do to get ready for the regular season, Lloyd is very pleased with the progress his team is making.

"I thought we made some progress in both scrimmages last week," he said. "We played decent defense but we need to improve our tackling"

Matt Young, a sophomore cornerback, did an impressive job against Ashbrook's talented wide receiver Jheranie Boyd. Even though Boyd caught two touchdown passes later in the game, Young kept him out of the end zone while the two teams' first unit was on the field. "Young did a good job on him (Boyd) and I was really happy with that," Lloyd said.

"The guys we've been counting on played well," he said. "We had a really good effort Saturday and everybody got to play."

A.C. Reynolds, which has won state championships in both 3A and 4A in recent years, will bring a wealth of talent to the Cleveland County Jamboree. They have 16 starters back, including 10 on defense, and have a returning All-State linebacker who is a pre-season All-American.

"They run a two-back and spread," Lloyd noted. "They'll probably be real strong because they have an established program."

Some of Lloyd's goals for this week are to eliminate penalties, see the offensive line improve on its execution, and do a better job of tackling. "If we get those three done I think we'll be ready to play," he said.

Except for safety Anthony Dalton, who is out for about two to three more weeks with an elbow injury, the Mountaineers are in good shape, physically.

"Dalton has his elbow out of the sling and has it wrapped," he said. "He's getting ready to do rehab on it. When he can get full movement without pain he can come back. That could be about three weeks, and maybe a little quicker."

Dalton's injury has left the secondary without any varsity experience. Sophomore Shelton Watson has moved from corner to free safety and will probably start there, at least until Dalton returns. Dalton can play either free safety or corner.

"The young secondary is doing a pretty good job," Lloyd said. "I will say it's going to be very exciting for the future. They're doing well covering and lining up right. I wish their tackling was better."

KM's offensive line is also young but is progressing as well, he said. "It's going to take some game situations," Lloyd said. "So far they've basically been blocking our own guys. They have to adjust to hitting the other team's best players."

As soon as the Jamboree is over, the Mounties will focus all of their attention on the regular season opener on August 29 at Hunter Huss. Huss was also in the Gaston County Jamboree and will be battling Burns in the Cleveland County Jamboree, so coaches from both schools will have ample opportunity to evaluate their opponents. Also, Huss and KM will exchange game films on Saturday morning.

"Then we'll get our game plan organized and spend all of our time

next week working on Hunter Huss," Lloyd said. "Their quarterback (Marshall Williams) is super quick. He's a guy that scares you. And they hit hard."

Schedule for Saturday night's Cleveland County Jamboree at

Crest:  
 ■ 6 p.m. - Burns vs. Hunter Huss  
 ■ 7 p.m. - Shelby vs. Lexington  
 ■ 8 p.m. - Kings Mountain vs. A.C. Reynolds  
 ■ 9 p.m. - Crest vs. Hickory

## Clyde Adams shoots 67 in Senior Golf outing

Clyde Adams' 67 at Woodbridge Golf Links on July 31 was the lowest net score for the month of July in Cleveland County Senior Men's Golf Association outings. Adams also turned in the low score of 71 on July 17 at Deer Brook.

Other winners for the month were Gene Funderburke (77), Roger Thompson (76), Roy Whitaker (two events, 76 and 71), Lawrence Bolin (71), Larry Jackson (70) and Robert Scism (74).

Low net winners were H.D. Blanton (63), Wade Carpenter (62), Dick Hammitt (66), Eddie Clayton (69), Lawrence Bolin (63), Clyde Adams (66), Ken Cash (62), Albert Reed (63), Tim Leu (65) and Charles Drewery (60).

Closest to the pin winners were Harold Hord, Joe Borders, Charles Propst (two events), Dwight Shuford, Dean Bowen, Steve Humphries, Toby Thrift, Tony Bumgardner and Hubert Clark.

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