

Ashbrook shocker over Forestview gives 5 teams shot at first place

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Ashbrook's 21-0 upset of first place Forestview Friday night has made things very interesting in the Big South 3A Conference.

As teams prepare for the final two regular season games, five of them have a shot at first place and six of the seven teams could have the opportunity to go to the state playoffs.

As it stands now, North Gaston, which has not won a conference game, is destined to finish in last place even if the Wildcats upset South Point in their season finale Friday.

With three wins, Ashbrook can become playoff eligible if the Green Wave upsets arch rival Hunter Huss in their regular sea-

son finale next week. Ashbrook is open this week and will have two weeks to prepare for the Huskies.

With Forestview losing to Ashbrook, the Jaguars, South Point and Hunter Huss are tied for first place with 3-1 records and sitting in a good position to move up if one of those teams falter are Crest and Kings Mountain. Mathematically, it is possible for any of those five teams to win or share the conference championship.

Kings Mountain could make a big move up Friday night when the Mountaineers travel to Crest and on the final night of the regular season (Nov. 6) when Forestview comes to John Gamble Stadium. Wins in those two games could move the Mountaineers high enough in the standings to either share the conference crown or

gain a first round home playoff game.

It won't be easy, but despite its 4-5 overall record Greg Lloyd's team has been competitive and in position in the fourth quarter to win eight of those nine games. Two of the losses (Hickory and Huss) came in overtime and two others (South Point and Shelby) on fourth quarter scores by the opposition.

Friday's game at Crest will be a big one for Lloyd and the Mountaineers. Lloyd is a former player at Crest and was the offensive coordinator for two Crest teams that won state championships. Plus, Crest is the only Cleveland County rival the Mountaineers have not beaten during Lloyd's three years in Kings Mountain.

It will be a monumental task.

The Chargers have exceptional skill players and a quick defense that doesn't give up yards easily but if the Mountaineers play at the top of their game a win is certainly possible.

"The thing that jumps out at you about Crest is how fast they are and how many fast players they have," Lloyd said. "They can move the ball, they have a good defense and their kicking game is solid. It will be a difficult task, especially up there. They are very tough at home."

The Mountaineers' defense, which has improved tremendously since earlier in the year, will have to be at the top of its game, the offense will have to control the ball and special teams will have to play well. Crest has several quick backs and return men who can go

the distance from anywhere on the field.

The Chargers' key weapon is senior quarterback Reggie Wilkins, who has already committed to UNC. He is similar to Hunter Huss' Marshall Williams and last year's KM quarterback, Michael Roberts, with a talent to turn busted plays into touchdowns.

"The key for us is to keep building on what we're doing," Coach Lloyd said. "We can't give them a lot of points. Hopefully we can win the second half and the game."

"We have to hold onto the ball and eliminate big plays," he added. "We can't give them any run-backs and let their quarterback loose."

On the scenario Ashbrook's

Sports briefs...

Bravo scores four in win over Crest

Fabio Bravo scored four goals and Tony Chanthaphaeng one to lead Kings Mountain to a 5-1 win over Crest in a Big South 3A soccer match Monday night.

The Mountaineers end their regular season Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Forestview.

Baker makes All-BSC cross country

Kings Mountain's Caroline Baker finished eighth in last week's Big South Conference Cross Country Championship at Ashbrook High School.

Baker ran the 5k course in 24:00 to make the 2009 All-Conference team.

Anesiy Cardo finished 17th with a time of 25:05. Kings Mountain's men finished sixth overall. Seth Ferrell finished 26th with a time of 20:44 and Taylor Gettys was 38th in 22:07.

KM kickers beat North Gaston 2-0

Fabio Bravo and Jordan Stowe scored a goal apiece to lead Kings Mountain High's soccer team to a 2-0 win over North Gaston in a Big South Match Tuesday.



OPTIMIST JUNIOR PEE WEES - Pictured in the winning Junior Pee Wee Team are seated, from left, Luke Rikard, Houston Carringer, Landry Crawford, Bryant Mills, Austin McKee, Tommy Smith, Isiaha Whitener; second row, from left, Raun Smith, Jerdon Pressley, AJ Austin, Demetrius Hill, Reggie Wells, Matthew Scoggins, and Calvin Crawford; third row, from left, Keyondre Currence, Carl Balberan, Cedrick Wilson, Rico Matthews, Zeldon Roberts, Brian Lysek, Canaan Sullens, Tomaris Smith; and back row, from left, Dylan Sims, Chris Robbins, Will Wilson, Marquise Camp, Darren Burns, Madisyn Bolin and Austin Mosley.

Optimist Jr. Pee Wees win invitational


The Junior Pee Wees of Kings Mountain Optimist Club recently played in the Ray Bowl in Charlotte by

invitation only among four teams from the region and won. The winners faced each other at an exhibition game during half time of a Carolina Panthers game at Bank of America Stadium.

The Kings Mountain Junior Pee Wee team and faced the Winston-Salem Greyhounds Oct. 11 during the Panthers vs. Washington




game. The team is coached by Scott Wells, Jeff Bolin, Mark Crawford, Curtis Pressley, Vince Sullens and Phillip Roberts. The team includes Luke Rikard, Houston Carringer, Landry Crawford, Bryant Mills, Austin McKee, Tommy Smith, Isiaha Whitener, Raun Smith, Jordan Pressley, AJ Austin, Demetrius

Hill, Reggie Wells, Matthew Scorns, Calvin Crawford, Kinder Currence, Carl Ballerina, Cedrick Wilson, Rico Matthews, Weldon Roberts, Brian Lysek, Canaan Sullens, Tomaris Smith, Dylan Sims, Chris Robbins, Will Wilson, Marquise Camp, Darren Burns, Madisyn Bolin and Austin Mosley.



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Big South Standings

Teams	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Forestview	3-1 7-2	
South Point	3-1 7-2	
Hunter Huss	3-1 6-3	
Crest	2-2 5-3	
Kings Mountain	2-2 4-5	
Ashbrook	2-3 3-7	

North Gaston 0-5 1-8

Last Week's Games
Kings Mountain 26, North Gaston 0
Ashbrook 21, Forestview 0
Huss 21, Crest 13

Friday's Games
Kings Mountain at Crest
Hunter Huss at Forestview
South Point at North Gaston

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Mixed Duckpin Bowling League results from Mountain Lanes Bowling Center:

Thursday, Oct. 22

Double Deuces 8, Old Timers 0
Deuces - Allen Myers 148 game, 383 set; Ed Philbeck 141 game, 379 set.
Old Timers - Greg Evans 179 game, 431 set.

Geezers 4, KM Warriors 4
Geezers - Jessie Wright 120 game, 342 set; Bob Paramore 122 game, 340 set. Warriors - Zeke Rybczyk 118 game, 338 set; Tommy Barrett 112 game, 314 set; Bonnie Warren 115 game, 309 set.

Standings: Double Deuces 38-18, KM Warriors 32-24, Geezers 24-32, Old Timers 18-38.

Tuesday, Oct. 20
Alley Cats 8, Half Timers 0.
Cats - Allen Myers 138 game, 357 set; Half Timers - Bob Paramore 120 game, 350 set.

Zeke's Zingers 8, Lucky Ducks 0
Zingers - Zeke Rybczyk 127 game, 324 set. Ducks - Wilma Wilfong 108 game, Mike Murphy 275 set.

Standings: Alley Cats 34-14, Lucky Ducks 24-24, Half Timers 20-28, Zeke's Zingers 18-30.