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 John Robbs (24) is tripped up by Schiron Burris (22) in blocking and tackling drills.

KM Football is comin' at ya!

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 Sports Editor

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers had their first day of heavy workouts Monday and will continue at a rapid pace over the next two weeks as they get ready for their regular season opener on Friday, Aug. 27 against Q Foundation of Charlotte.

Head coach Greg Lloyd is pleased with his the way his team has progressed so far in summer workouts, 7 on 7 action and conditioning drills. But things really begin to get exciting when the hitting begins.

"It's gone really good," Lloyd said after the Monday session. "We're further along than we've been in the past. We've been able to get more offense in than normal and the defense seems to be a notch quicker. We're real excited about where we are."

Kings Mountain returns 27 seniors from last year's team and at present has 54 men on the varsity roster. Most of those players have attended

regular summer sessions in the weight room and outdoor workouts and appear to be in great physical shape.

Monday, Lloyd said he was especially pleased with Zack Hopper, a senior returning starter who was impressive at tight end and defensive end. Collins Pressley, a junior who saw some action on the varsity last year but played primarily on the JV team, and senior Dustin Stone, a returning starter, both looked good at linebacker.

"Really, all the guys are giving a great effort," Lloyd said.

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY'S IRON CITY JAMBOREE AT BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL:

- 6 p.m. - A.L. Brown vs. Chesnee, SC
- 7 p.m. - Landrum vs. Southside Christian
- 8 p.m. - Kings Mountain vs. Broome
- 9 p.m. - Blacksburg vs. McCormick

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY'S GASTON COUNTY JAMBOREE AT ASHBROOK:

- 6 p.m. - Hunter Huss vs. Mallard Creek
- 7 p.m. - Kings Mountain vs. Rocky River
- 8 p.m. - Forestview vs. East Mecklenburg
- 9 p.m. - Ashbrook vs. West Charlotte

The Mountaineers will have a heavy hitting practice this morning and will slack off a bit Thursday as they turn their attention to preparing for a game with Broome, SC's Centurions Friday at 8 p.m. in the Iron City Jamboree at Blacksburg High School.

The Mountaineers will play the new Rocky River High School of Mint Hill in the Gaston County Jamboree Saturday at 7 p.m. at Gastonia Ashbrook. Next Tuesday the Mountaineers will hold their annual

Black/Gold Game at 7 p.m. at City Stadium. Lloyd said the coaches' goals during those three events will be to get the starters and key back-ups a lot of work. "Obviously," he said speaking of the two jamborees, "it's a half a game of football and we'd like to win. But basically you are practicing game situations and want to put yourself in a good situation."

Both Broome and Rocky River will be good tests for the Mountaineers. The Centurions jumped on the Mountaineers early last year in Blacksburg and held on for a 24-21 win. They have most of their starters back and a quarterback who is starting for the third year.

"Their quarterback is really good," Lloyd said. "They run the spread option and run it well."

The KM coaches were planning to go to Blue Ridge, SC last night to watch the Centurions in a multi-team scrimmage.

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Amos Myles keeps an eye on his defensive backs during hitting drills Monday mornnig at KMHS.



Matt Young is off to the races in team scrimmage at the end of practice.



Quarterback Cameron Harris gets off a pass in team scrimmage.

Sports packages available at KMHS

Numerous sports passes are available for the 2010-11 school year at Kings Mountain High School.

Football season passes are being sold for \$35. Each pass admits one person to every regular season home game and a seat in the reserved section. Seats with backs cost an additional \$10 for the season.

All-sports passes are \$100

each. They admit one person to every KM home regular season sporting event and includes a reserved seat for all home football games, reserved parking for all home football games, and membership in the Booster's Club. Seats with

backs cost an additional \$10 for the football season.

The Mountaineer Pass sells for \$150 and admits two persons to every home regular season sporting event. It includes reserves seats for two for all home football games, reserved

parking for all home football games and membership to the Booster's Club. Seats with backs cost an additional \$10 each for the season. Add-ons are available for \$30 each (for K-12 children only).