Mountaineer spikers win Big South 3A



GARY STEWART/HERALD Kings Mountain's Emily Yarbro sets up a teammate in Tuesday's Big South match with North Gaston at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

KM girls second, boys third in cross country

Kings Mountain's girls finished second and the boys third in the Tri-County Middle School Conference cross county

meet last week at Crest. Cassie Morton, McKenzie Smith, Mariah Roberts, Johnna Scism and Baylee Stroup ran strong for the KM girls

Leading the boys were Jacob Sneed, Devyn Ayscue, Collin Foster, Marcus McKee and Robert Bak

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By GARY STEWART Sports Editor

After a year without a championship trophy, Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team reigns as conference champions again and are looking to make a big run in the state 3A playoffs which begin on Satur-

The Lady Mountaineers ran their Big South 3A record to 11-0 last week with victories over North Gaston and Crest and were hoping to run the table last night they hosted when Forestview in their final regular season game.

Coach Brian Grant's ladies won four straight Southwestern 2A/3A Conference championship before moving to the Big South in last year's state realignment. They finished second to North Gaston last season.

They gained a measure of revenge Tuesday at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium when they dominated the Lady Wildcats 25-10, 25-13, 25-14 to clinch the Big South championship.

Morgan Robinson had a tremendous game along the nets with 11 kills and five blocks. Sarah Fedyschyn added seven aces, Emily Yarbro 11 assists and Tori Glass 10 digs.

North Gaston came from behind to win an exciting JV match 11-25, 25-19, 27-25.

On Thursday, the Lady Mountaineers traveled to Crest and swept their Cleveland County rival 25-22, 25-17, 25-16.

Robinson and Nicole Ford dominated the nets, combining for 14 kills and 12 blocks. Yarbro had another outstanding game with 16 assists and nine digs, and Fedyschyn had six aces.

KM won the JV game 25-16, 25-13 to run its record to 7-4 in the Big South and 9-7 overall.

The Lady Mountaineers will host the #3 team from the Appalachian Athletic Conference in the first round of the state playoffs on Saturday. The time has not yet been determined.



GARY STEWART/HERALD Kings Mountain's Tori Glass digs out a North Gaston shot in Tuesday's match at KMHS.



aGARY STEWART/HERALD Kings Mountain's Nicole Ford hits a soft shot over the net for a point in Tuesday's win over North Gaston at KMHS.

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Mixed Duckpin Bowling

League results from Mountain 20, Blondie 19-21 Lanes Bowling Center.

Thursday, Oct. 7

MR Ducks 8, RJ's 0 Ducks - Greg Evans 162 game, 418 series; RJ - Jessy

Wright 141 game, 345 set.

KM Warriors 8, Blondie & The Bowlers 0 Warriors - Zeke Rybczyk 126 game, 372 set, Tommy Barrett 120-323; Blondie - Allen Myers 135 game, 357 series, Bob Paramore 117-315.

Standings - MR Ducks 21-19, RJ's 20-20, KM Warriors 20-

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Killers Krew 8, King Pins 0 Killers - Zeke Rybczyk 138 game, 371 set, Steve Newton 111-312; King Pins - John Wilfong 95 game, John Schroter 276 set.

Just Got Whipped 8, Lucky Strikes 0 JGW - Jessy Wright 108 game, 295 set; LS - Ed Philbeck 120 game, 330 set. Standings - Killers Krew 30-10, Just Got Whipped 20-20, Lucky Strike 16-24, King Pins

