

# Sports

## College players gearing up for '11

Notes and noted about the upcoming high school and college football seasons:

Several former Kings Mountain High football players will be a part of college teams that will be opening their seasons in September.

KM's 2010 record pass-catch combination of quarterback Cam Harris and wide receiver Tim Hines are working hard for playing time with the Davidson Wildcats. Harris set the school's all-time career passing record and Hines broke the single season yards receiving mark...

Their teammate, Cedric Thompson, who broke the school single game yards receiving record, made the team as a walk-on at East Carolina University. He, like any other freshman, could be red-shirted...

Former Mountaineers Casey Cogdill and Josh Yon will be a part of Wingate College's dream of winning back-to-back South Atlantic League championships. They helped the Bulldogs finish 9-3 last fall and went two rounds in the NCAA Division II play-



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offs. Cogdill, a 6-4, 285-pound senior, will be battling for a starting position on the offensive line, and Yon, a 5-11, 260-pound junior, returns to a starting position on the defensive line. He was the team's #2 tackler last season and looks to be ready for another banner year. Wingate has been picked by opposing SAC coaches to repeat as #1, followed by Carson-Newman, Lenoir-Rhyne, Tusculum, Catawba, Newberry, Mars Hill and Brevard...

Michael Roberts, KM's SWC Player of the Year in 2008 when he led the Mountaineers to the Western NC fi-

nals, was the starting quarterback and threw for over 1,200 yards last year at Georgia Military Academy. The GMA roster for this year has not yet been posted...

Shelton Watson, an all-star running back/defensive back for the Mountaineers the past three seasons, is hoping to make the team at Guilford College. He reported to practice last week...

Kings Mountain resident Keliko Labuanan, who did not play at KMHS, is a 5-9, 185-pound sophomore linebacker at Lenoir-Rhyne College. He transferred from Methodist University...

Zach Smith, who graduated in the spring after several years of roaming the sidelines at KMHS as a ball boy and later manager, will be one of the managers at Gardner-Webb University...

Kings Mountain and East Rutherford face each other for the first time since 2008 in the season opener Friday night at East Rutherford.

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Tim Hines, left, and Cameron Harris, Kings Mountain High's record-setting wide receiver and quarterback, are now freshmen members of the Davidson College football team. Both hope to see a lot of playing time for the Wildcats.

### Mountaineers JV hosts ER Thursday

Kings Mountain High's JV football team opens its season Thursday at 7 p.m. at home against East Rutherford.

Kings Mountain finished 5-1 in the Big South Conference and 8-2 overall last season with their only losses to Kannapolis and Ashbrook.

Amos Myles, defensive secondary coach for the KM varsity, will serve as JV head coach this year. Tyrese Brooks and Tom Lease return as assistants and other varsity coaches will also help.

Head varsity coach Greg Lloyd said "six or eight" freshmen and sophomores will start for the JVs and eight quarter with the varsity. The state's 8-quarter rule allows JV players to dress out on Friday nights but after they play in eight quarters on varsity they must be placed on either the JV or varsity team for the rest of the year.

"The JVs look pretty good," Lloyd said. "They have pretty good speed. We're pretty pleased with how they've progressed."

After Thursday the JVs won't play at home again until September 16 when they host South Point's Red Raiders.

### Middle School football tryouts

Kings Mountain Middle School will begin football practice Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 3-5 p.m. All players must have a physical on file with the school, or bring a sports physical signed by a doctor in order to practice.

Practice attire is gym shorts, light colored t-shirt, cleats or tennis shoes.

### KMMS softball, soccer tryouts

Kings Mountain Middle School will begin softball and soccer workouts August 22 from 3-5 p.m.

Players are to meet at the fields.

For more information contact athletic director Tim Gunn at 704-476-8340 or tlgunn@clevelandcountyschools.org

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Kings Mountain quarterback Jonathan Clark rolls out for a pass in Friday's game against Mooresville in the Cleveland County Jamboree at Burns. Mooresville won 7-0.

### New KM youth league teams in Cherryville Jamboree

The recently formed Kings Mountain youth football teams will compete in the Cherryville Jamboree all day Saturday at Cherryville High School's Rudisill Stadium.

Action begins at 9 a.m.

The KM Tiny Mites and Mighty Mites will be in action against Rutherfordton at 9:30 a.m.

The Mighty Mites will face Cherryville at 12:30 p.m., and the Junior Pee Wees and Pee Wees will face Rutherfordton at 2 p.m.

The Junior Pee Wees will play Polk County at 3 p.m., and the Pee Wees battle Polk County at 3:30.

The Junior Pee Wees play Cherryville at 6 p.m. and the Pee Wees face Cherryville at 6:30.

The new KM program is fielding five teams - the four listed above as well as a Midget team that will be playing in the Charlotte Conference.

The Midget team is an eighth grade unlimited size team. It will compete in a jamboree in Charlotte on Saturday, August 27.

The KM teams practice each afternoon from 6-8 p.m. at the city walking track near Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The Tiny Mites, Mighty Mites, Pee Wees and Junior Pees will play in the Cherryville Conference and will begin their regular season on Saturday, Aug. 27. The Midgets will begin regular season play in the Charlotte Conference on Saturday, Sept. 10.

### Cornhole tourney at Live After Five

A Live After Five corn hole tournament will be held August 19 at 7 p.m. at Patriots Park, downtown Kings Mountain.

Entry fee is \$10 per team. Persons who want to play but do not have a partner may enter and a partner will be found for them.

Prize money is \$70 for first place, \$20 for second and \$10 for third for the double elimination tourney.

## Cross Country teams preparing for season

Kings Mountain High's cross country teams are working in preparation for their August 28 opener against Henderson County teams at Jackson Park in Hendersonville.

Coach Rayvis Key has a good mix of returning runners and promising newcomers and looks for the Mountaineers to have a good season. With some all-conference runners returning, the women's team could be among the best in the Big South Conference.

Members of the men's team are Seth Ferrell, Brandon Gilbert, Nicholas Lease, Logan McGill, Dragos Dima, Collin Foster, Chaney Barnes, Devin Ayscue, Will Boyles, Marcus McKee, Noah Coleman, David Hoyle and Jordan Moore.

"We lost two of our top seven runners from last year, with only Seth Ferrell, Logan McGill and Nick Lease returning," Key said. "However, freshman Jordan Moore

is leading the team in practice. We also look for some senior leadership from tennis standout Chaney Barnes. With the top seven being wide open, it will be interesting to see which freshmen rise to the occasion."

Members of the women's team are Caroline Baker, Sara Borov, Spencer Burton, Aneisy Cardo, Erica Carpenter, Katie Ellis, Annamarie Fulbright, Katie Krieger, Sarah McComas, Cassie Morton,

Radhika Patel, Molly Short, MacKenzie Smith and Baylor Stroup.

"We have several returning athletes including All-Conference runners Aneisy Cardo and Annamarie Fulbright," Key noted. "Freshman Cassie Morton will surprise a lot of people this season. The girls team looks to improve on its third place finish in the conference last season. This team has some serious potential."

## KM fans can choose from sports pass packages

Kings Mountain High School is offering a number of sports pass packages for the 2011-12 school year. They include:

All-Sports Pass - \$100. This pass admits one person to every KMHS home regular season sporting event. It includes a reserved seat for all home football

games and reserved parking for all home football games. It also includes membership to the KMHS Booster Club. (All seats with backs cost an additional \$10 for the season).

Football Season Pass - \$25. This pass admits one person to every regular season home foot-

ball game and a reserved seat for all home football games. (All seats with backs cost an additional \$10 for the season, which is five home games).

Mountaineer Pass - \$150. This pass admits two to every KM regular season home sporting event. Reserved seats are in-

cluded for two for all home football games. Reserved parking for home football games is included, as well as membership to the KMHS Booster Club. (Seats with backs are an additional \$10 for the home season. Add-ons are available for \$30 each (K-12 children only).

## Sports this week

Wednesday, Aug. 17  
6:00 - High school soccer, Shelby at Kings Mountain.

Thursday, Aug. 18  
4:30 - High school volleyball, Kings Mountain at Burns (JV/V)  
7 p.m. - JV football, East Rutherford at Kings Mountain.

Friday, Aug. 19  
7:30 - High school football, Kings Mountain at East Rutherford.

Monday, Aug. 22  
6:30 - High school soccer, Kings Mountain at Burns.

Tuesday, Aug. 23  
4 p.m. - High school tennis, Kings Mountain at South Point.  
TBA - High school volleyball, Kings Mountain at Shelby.