

Sports

Sports briefs...



KM Mini helmets on sale at KMHS

The Kings Mountain High athletic department has mini helmets on sale at the KMHS front office. See Frankie Webster. The cost is two for \$30 or one for \$20.

Hall of Fame BBQ October 14 at KMHS

The annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame barbecue will be held Friday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from any member of Hall of Fame committee or at the door. All proceeds go toward scholarships to KMHS student athletes.

Orders of five or more plates will be delivered.

Alumni Run Saturday

Senior residents will challenge the young and talented KMHS Cross Country Team in the once-a-year 5K Alumni Run Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m.-noon at John Gamble Stadium.

The event is sponsored by the KM Track Club. Awards go to the oldest and youngest finisher and the overall winners.

Erin Foster laughs and says that it's free to senior residents with their AARP discount. "So, come after breakfast at Hardees and race around the 5K course and challenge these young people to the finish line," he said.

Sports this week

Wednesday, Oct. 5

5 p.m. - Middle school football, Kings Mountain at East Lincoln.

6 p.m. - High school soccer, South Point at Kings Mountain

Thursday, Oct. 6

4:00 - Middle school soccer and softball, North Lincoln at Kings Mountain.

4 p.m. - High school tennis, Forestview at Kings Mountain (last regular season match).

4:30 - High school volleyball, Ashbrook at Kings Mountain (JV/V).

7 p.m. - JV football, Ashbrook at Kings Mountain.

Friday, Oct. 7

7:30 - High school football, Kings Mountain at Ashbrook.

Monday, Oct. 10

2 p.m. - High school golf, all Big South 3A teams at Ashbrook.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

4:00 - Middle School golf, Kings Mountain, Chase, East Rutherford at Crest.

4:00 - Middle School soccer and softball, Kings Mountain at Burns.

4:30 - High school volleyball, Kings Mountain at North Gaston (JV/V).

4:30 - High school cross country, Kings Mountain, Olympic, Crest, Huss, North Gaston, Highland Teeh and South Point at Ashbrook.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

TBA - High school tennis, Big South Conference tournament. (Continues Oct. 13).

5 p.m. - Middle school football, Kings Mountain at Burns.

6 p.m. - High school soccer, Kings Mountain at Hunter Huss.



Kings Mountain's Edward Blackburn leaps high to grab a touchdown pass from Jonathan Clark in 31-3 win over Hunter Huss Friday at Gamble Stadium.

GARY STEWART/HERALD

Record night for KM Mountaineers

'Workhorse' John Robbs carries ball 44 times, defense holds Huss to -25 yards in 31-3 victory

GARY STEWART
Sports Editor

Kings Mountain senior fullback John Robbs rushed for a career high 228 yards and two touchdowns and the Mountaineer defense held Hunter Huss to minus 25 yards rushing to lead the Mountaineers to a 31-3 Big South 3A Conference win over the Huskies Friday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The win broke a two-game losing streak for the Mountaineers and left them at 1-1 in the BSC and 3-4 overall heading into another big conference battle Friday at Gastonia Ashbrook. It was the second straight loss for the Huskies, who fell to 1-2 in the BSC and 5-2 overall.

Robbs, who moved from linebacker to running back after the third game of the season, ran his season's rushing total to 712 yards putting him in position to become the Mountaineers' first 1,000-yard rusher since Joe Chambers in 2008. He has gained 577 yards during that four-game stretch to bring his per game average to 101.7.

Robbs' 228 yards didn't threaten Anthony Hillman's single game record of 298, set against A.L. Brown in 1998, but his 44 carries did surpass Hillman's single game mark of 37 carries, also set in that '98 game at Kannapolis.

"Robbs had a good game," noted KM Coach Greg Lloyd. "He's a workhorse. He ran hard. We got good blocking from our offensive line and receivers."

Although Robbs was the #1 mail carrier from KM's first play, he didn't hit paydirt until the second half. He scored on an 11-yard run in the third quarter and on a two-yard run in the fourth to give him seven touchdowns for the season. The Mountaineers kept the ball on the ground for 60 of their 70 offensive plays and for the first time this year did not turn the ball over.

"We played very well," said Lloyd. "I was pleased. We were good in a lot of areas. It was the best we've played all year and the best we've tackled all year. We controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. It was a good all-around effort."

Kings Mountain's defense and special teams also played a big part in the victory. The defense forced Huss into five turnovers (four fumbles and one interception) and also recorded a safety when the Huss center snapped the ball high over the quarterback's head and out the back of the end zone.

But, more importantly was the job the defense did on the Huskies' star running back, Kerrion Moore, and quarterback Jerimiah Hunter. Moore carried

the ball 12 times for a net total of minus five yards and Hunter carried eight times for minus 21. The minus 25 yard total was the lowest ever by a Mountaineer opponent.

"Our defense was outstanding," Lloyd said. "Except for a couple passes downfield we didn't give up anything. The defense played really hard. That was a lot of fun."

"I don't remember a team of mine holding someone to minus 25 yards," Lloyd. "And to do it against a back like Kerrion Moore is outstanding. So many of the guys on defense played good. (Linebackers) Alex Reynolds and Jacob Miller, both 10th graders, played well along with Ed Hopper and Collins Pressley. Really, it was an all-around defensive effort. All eleven of them did good."

Except for a handful of plays - one a 65-yard punt return by Frazier Brown that set up a Huss field goal in the third period, and two missed field goals and a two-yard punt by the Mountaineers - the KM special teams also did a good job. Jamie McGinnis made the play of the game when he threw Huss punt returner Treondez Clinton for a 10-yard loss; and for the first time this season kicker Edward Blackburn put a kickoff into the end zone.

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