

# Sports

## 3AA playoffs

### Chargers' speed and power pound KM 42-7

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Kings Mountain's Mountaineers didn't play one of their better games in the second round of the state 3AA playoffs Friday night at Crest but that was because the bigger, faster and more physical Crest team dominated the game in a 42-7 win that moved them into the state quarter-finals this week at Asheville.

The Chargers, who had defeated the Mountaineers 39-27 just a month earlier, took control from the opening kickoff and played almost a perfect game to run their record to 10-3 and end Kings Mountain's season at 6-7.

"That's the best they've played all year," noted Mountaineer coach Greg Lloyd, a former Crest player and coach that helped them win several state championships. He has no doubt the current Chargers are a state-caliber team peaking at the right time.

"We didn't play well but that wasn't because we weren't prepared," he added. "We had a great week of practice. They just got on us so quick. They have so much size and speed. They got on us early with some quick touchdowns and it just snowballed. They're the best team we've played and when they're motivated like they were during the week they're very hard to beat."

The Chargers' attack was so effective that it took them only 15 plays to score all 42 of their points. Half of their six touchdowns took just one play.

Gene Surratt's opening kickoff return to the KM 18 yard line set up a four-play drive and a 7-0 lead just two minutes into the game. Rhaheim Ledbetter took all four snaps from the Wildcat and got the TD on a one-yard run.

The Chargers got their next two touchdowns on one-play efforts to build a 21-0 first quarter lead. Dominique Roseboro returned a pass interception 60 yards for a TD, and after KM lost the ball on downs Jerry Currence broke off the right side for a 41-yard touchdown at the 2:04 mark.

The Chargers capped a 7-play, 62-yard march with an 8-yard TD run by Currence; and Ledbetter intercepted a pass and returned it 47 yards to put the Chargers up 35-0 early in the second period.

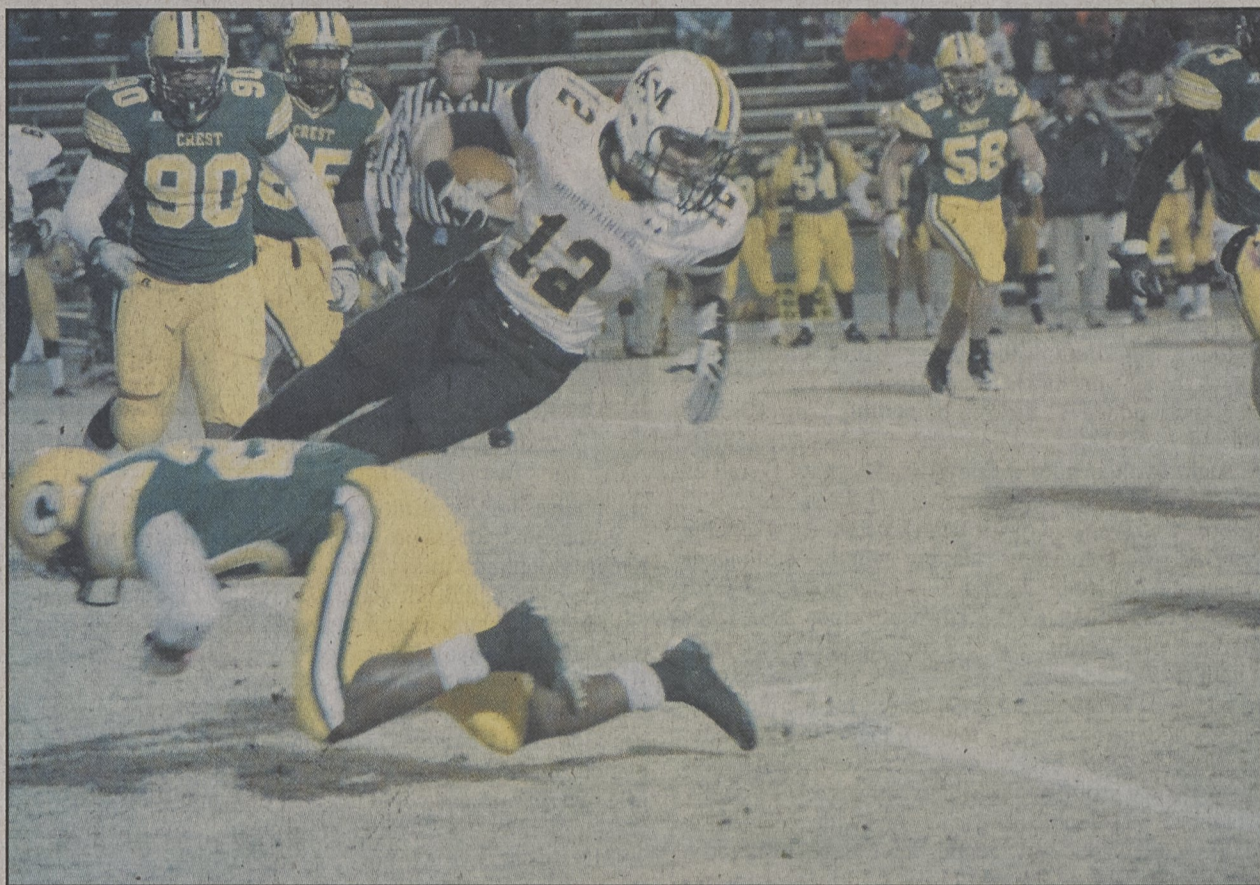
Kings Mountain's only score came on a one-yard sneak by quarterback Jonathan Clark with 4:55 left in the half. Early in the third quarter the Mountaineers got off a 29-yard punt from their own one yard line, and on first down Ledbetter galloped into the end zone to end the scoring.

Led by big defensive ends Jonathan Bullard and Dane Rogers, the Chargers' defensive line was in the KM backfield on almost every play. KM had only 74 yards rushing on 30 carries with John Robbs leading the way with 71 yards on 21 rushes.

Led by Ledbetter and Harvey McSwain Jr. in the secondary, the Chargers did a much better job defending the KM passing game than they did in the earlier game when Clark passed for 297 yards and Tyrece Crawford had eight catches for a school record 205 yards. This time Clark and Trevin Torres were able to hit only 13 of 27 passes for 170 yards and three interceptions. Crawford was limited to two catches for 25 yards.

Meanwhile, the Chargers' balanced offense ran up 278 yards in only 33 running plays. Ledbetter finished with 91 yards on 10 carries, Currence had 66 in six attempts and Shaquan Ussery added 67 in seven attempts.

"The way they played I don't see how they lost three ball-games," Lloyd said. "We didn't play well but that was related to how well they played."



Kings Mountain receiver Phillip Quinn has his legs taken out from under him after catching a short pass in Friday's playoff game at Crest.



Kings Mountain's John Robbs tries to turn the corner on the Crest defense in Friday's second round 3AA playoff game at Crest.

## Postgame

### PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Collins Pressley, LB, 9 tackles, fumble recovery; Jose Sappia, DB, four tackles, interception; Trevin Torres, WR/RB, 4 receptions for 87 yards.

### THE YARDSTICK

	KM	C
First downs	12	14
Yds. Rushing	74	278
Yards passing	170	39
Passes	12-26-3	3-7-1
Fumbles lost	0	1
Yds. Penalized	31	47
Punts	4-30.5	3-15.7

KM RUSHING - John Robbs 21-71, Trevin Torres 5-13, Jonathan Clark 4(-10).

KM PASSING - Clark 11-25-3-156; Torres 1-1-0-14.

KM RECEIVING - Torres 4-87, Jacob Lineberger 1-26, Tyrece Crawford, 2-25, Phillip Quinn 2-10, Edward Blackburn 3-22.

### BY THE NUMBERS

KM	0	7	0	0	7
C	21	14	7	0	42

### FIRST PERIOD

C - 10:04 - Rhaheim Ledbetter 1 run (Alex Trejo kick).18-yard, 4 play drive after Gene Surratt returned opening kickoff from own 15 to KM 18. Ledbetter four straight carries out of Wildcat formation.

C - 5:10 - Dominique Roseboro 60-yard interception return. (Trejo kick).

C - 2:06 - Jerry Currence 41-run (Trejo kick). First play after KM came up short on fourth and one attempt at Crest 41.

### SECOND PERIOD

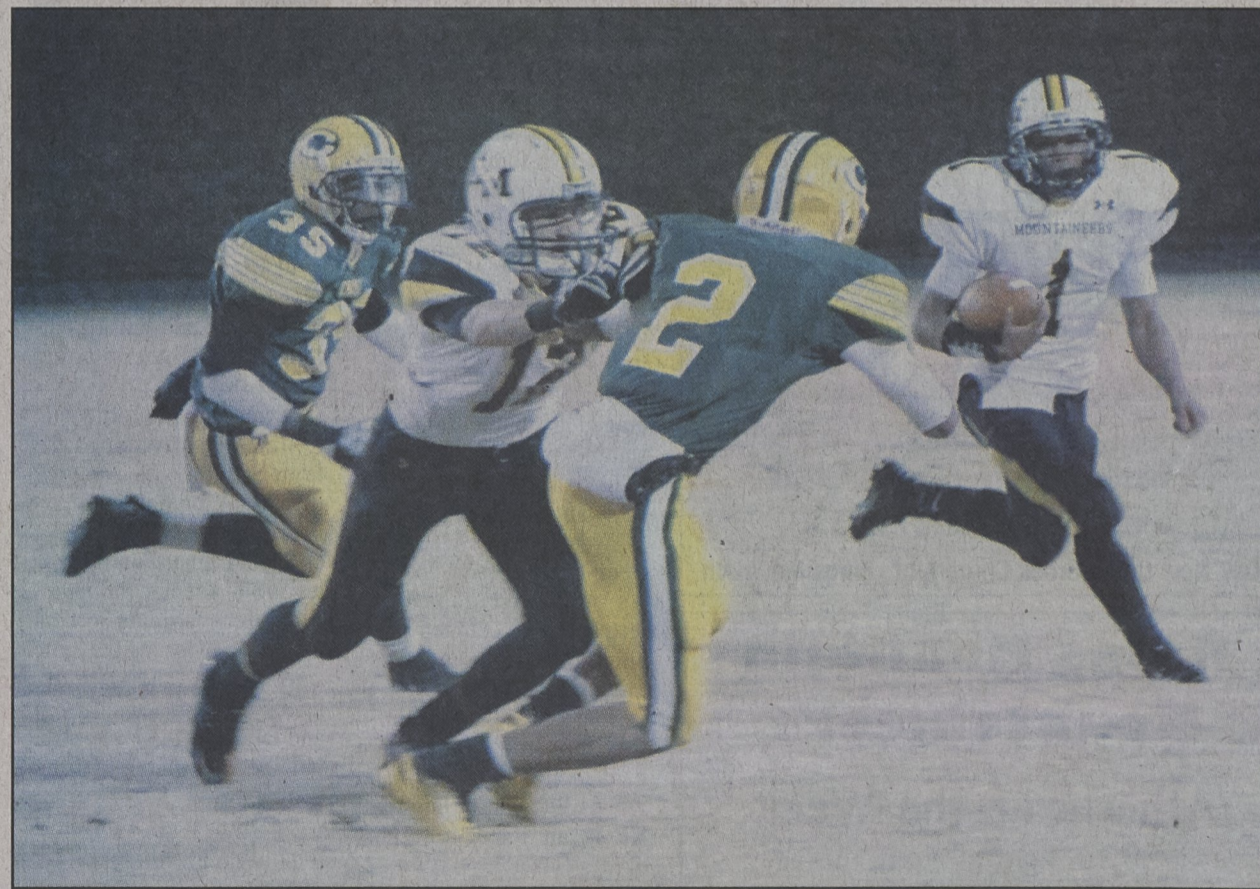
C - 9:41 - Currence 8 run (Trejo kick).62-yard drive 7 plays following KM punt. Set up by Ledbetter's 27-yard run to 16.

C - 8:36 - Ledbetter 47 interception return (Trejo kick).

KM - 4:55 - Jonathan Clark 1-run (Edward Blackburn kick). 72-yard drive, 9 plays following Crest KO. Key play 40-yard reception by Torres at Crest 20, and half-the-distance penalties against Crest for face mask violation and pass interference in end zone.

### THIRD PERIOD

C - 5:40 - Ledbetter 30 run (Trejo kick). First play following short KM punt.



Kings Mountain's Trevin Torres (1) runs the ball against Crest in state 3AA playoff game Friday night in Boiling Springs.

## Sports schedule

**Thursday, Nov. 17**  
4 p.m. - Middle School volleyball, West Lincoln at Kings Mountain.

5:30 - High school swimming, Shelby and Highland Tech at KMHS (scrimmage).

6 p.m. - High school basketball, Kings Mountain at RS Central scrimmage (boys only).

**Friday, Nov. 18**  
6 p.m. - High school basketball, Mountaineer Madness at KMHS gym.

**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
TBA - High school basketball, KMHS girls in Lincoln Jamboree.

**Monday, Nov. 21**  
4 p.m. - Middle school volleyball, East Lincoln at Kings Mountain.

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**  
5:30 - High school swimming, Hunter Huss and South Point at KMHS.  
6:30 - High school wrestling, Cherryville at Kings Mountain.

### Bridges named all-conference



Kings Mountain High soccer player Adam Bridges has been named to the All-Big South 3A Conference soccer team for the recently completed 2011 season.