

## HUT, HUT, HIKE



Kings Mountain backs try to strip the ball away from ballcarriers during Monday's practice.

Photos by GARY STEWART



Kings Mountain linebackers get loose during conditioning drills Monday at the start of football practice.

## 90 show up for opening day of football practice

Kings Mountain High football coaches greeted 90 players - 45 varsity and 45 JVs - on the first official day of practice Monday morning.

Eighteen of the varsity players started at some point during the 2011 season. Although he has several key positions to fill because of graduation, Coach Greg Lloyd expects the Mountaineers to be improved over last year's 6-7 overall record.

The remainder of this week's practice will consist of conditioning and light drills. The Mountaineers will have their first hitting practice on Saturday morning.

The Mountaineers will scrimmage on

Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at Freedom High School in Morganton.

On Friday, Aug. 10, they will compete in the annual Cleveland County Jamboree at Crest High School. Burns faces East Lincoln in the 6 p.m. opener. Shelby battles A.C. Reynolds at 7 p.m., followed by Kings Mountain and Northwestern at 8 and Crest and Northeast Guilford at 9.

The Mountaineers open their regular season on Friday, Aug. 17 at home against East Rutherford.

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Kings Mountain quarterback Jonathon Clark fires a pass during the first morning of official preseason practice Monday at KMHS.



Assistant coach Jeff Putnam watches linemen go through drills Monday.



Assistant coach Dustin Morehead watches as receivers push a two-man sled during Monday's practice session.



AT LEFT, Head coach Greg Lloyd makes a point to players during opening day of conditioning drills Monday at KMHS.



Kings Mountain head coach Greg Lloyd issues practice gear to players prior to the start of football practice Monday morning.



The goalpost acted as a defensive player for Kings Mountain receivers catching passes from assistant coach Dustin Morehead Monday.