

Kickers open season Monday at Burns

KMH men's soccer coach Dan Potter looks for his Mountaineers to be much improved this season

Kings Mountain High's men's soccer team opens its season next week with non-conference games against Cleveland County rivals.

The Mountaineers will battle the Burns Bulldogs Monday at Burns and will travel to Shelby on Wednesday.

Second-year head coach Dan Potter has 17 players returning from last year's team and is optimistic about seeing the team improve on its 2011-12 record.

"We have seven seniors this year and it's time for them to shine," Potter noted.

Kings Mountain didn't win that many games last year, but the Mountaineers have worked hard during the off-season to put themselves in a better position to be more competitive in a strong Big South 3A Conference.

The Mountaineers return their top two scorers, Jeremiah Early and Chase Hullender. Potter expects both to have a good season.

"Jeremiah and Tyler Herndon are both kicking for the football team along with playing soccer," Potter noted. "We look for Hullender to have a good season as well. We will miss Adam Bridges, our senior captain, and Durham Harmon, who did a great job in goal last year."

"But we have a very solid group of players," he added. "We expect them to do well. We're at least looking for a .500 season."

Potter looks for C.J. Warren to be a big contributor, especially on defense, and says co-captain Andrew Buchanan is a "fantastic leader and will be very strong this year."

The team also welcomes back Jon Mark Smith, who is concentrating on soccer again after spending last season on the football team. "He's really going to help us out," Potter noted.

The Mountaineers have lost two players to injury already. Isaiah Cole broke a



Coach Dan Potter

bone in his foot at basketball camp and will be out several weeks, and Jack Zible suffered some torn ligaments in the spring and could miss the entire season.

"We're limping into the season but with a lot of excitement," Potter said.

Potter believes the hard work the players spent with new assistant coach Ted Trahan in the weight room this summer will pay big dividends.

"He started with the players in the weight room on June 13 and many of

them were in there four and five days a week even though it's not mandatory," Potter noted. "We can already see a big difference in their conditioning and their 40-yard dash time and vertical leap. They have put in a lot of pre-season work and they're excited to get on the field, finally. The guys have worked exceptionally hard and it's really helped a lot."

The Mountaineers will scrimmage in a jamboree Friday at Burns. They will play seven non-conference games before opening Big South play on Monday, Sept. 10 at home against South Point.

Potter looks for Ashbrook and Forestview to battle for the conference championship, with South Point and Crest also fielding good teams.

"We find ourselves on the lower part of the path, but we're going to win some games this year," Potter said. "There's no doubt about it."

KMMS Sports

KMMS sports to begin fall drills

Kings Mountain Middle School sports teams will begin practice during the next two weeks.

There will be a football parent and player meeting on Wednesday, August 15 at 5 p.m.

Cross country pre-season conditioning and workouts will begin Monday, August 13 at 5:30 in front of KMMS.

Boys soccer open workouts start Monday, August 20 from 3:30-5:30 on the soccer field.

Softball open workouts will begin Tuesday, August 21 from 3:30-5:30 on the softball field.

Fall sports schedules:

FOOTBALL

- September 12, at Shelby; 19, Burns; 26, North Lincoln.
- October 3, at Lincolnton; 10, at West Lincoln; 17, East Lincoln; 24 - First round of playoffs (TBA); 31 - Championship (TBA).

*All regular season games at 5 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER/GIRLS SOFTBALL

Scrimmage Schedule:

- Sept. 8, softball at KMMS: KM vs. Shelby at 9 a.m.; Crest vs. Burns at 10 a.m.; KM vs. Crest at 11 a.m.; Shelby vs. Burns at 12 p.m.; KM vs. Burns at 1 p.m.; Shelby vs. Crest at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 8, cross country at Shelby: 10 a.m., KM vs. Shelby; 10:30, Crest vs. Burns; 11 a.m., KM vs. Crest; 11:30, Shelby vs. Burns; 12 p.m., Crest vs. Shelby; 12:30, KM vs. Burns.

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE BOYS SOCCER AND GIRLS

- Sept. 11, at West Lincoln; 13, East Lincoln; 18, Lincolnton; 20, North Lincoln; 25, at Burns; 27, West Lincoln.

- Oct. 2, at East Lincoln; 4, at Lincolnton; 9, at North Lincoln; 11, Burns; 16, First round of playoffs (TBA); 18, Championship TBA.

*All regular season games at 4 p.m.

GOLF SCHEDULE

- Sept. 18, KM, Burns, East Lincoln and West Lincoln at KM Country Club; 25, KM, Burns, North Lincoln and RS Central at KM Country Club.

- Oct. 2, KM, Crest, West Lincoln, North Lincoln at Riverbend; 9, KM, Crest and RS Central at Riverbend; 16, KM, Crest, Shelby and Burns at Burns; 23, Conference meet at Riverbend (TBA).

*All regular season matches at 4 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

- Sept. 1, KM, Lincolnton, and Burns at West Lincoln; 17, KM, Shelby, Lincolnton and Crest at North Lincoln; 24, KM, Burns and Shelby at Crest.

Oct. 1, Conference meet at KMCC (TBA).

*Regular season runs at 4 p.m.

KMHS launches \$5K raffle to support athletics

In an effort to re-focus all of the fund-raisers held by numerous athletic teams, Kings Mountain High School's athletic department and the Kings Mountain Touchdown Club have joined forces to begin a \$100 raffle ticket sale which will result in \$5,000 being given away at two football games this fall.

One ticket entitles you to a chance in both of the drawings. \$5,000 will be given away at the homecoming game against Ashbrook on October 5 and \$5,000 will be given away at the final regular season home game against Crest on October 18.

Athletic director Dustin Morehead hopes the raffle will become an annual event and will help upgrade athletic facilities and channel the numerous fundraisers teams conduct each year.

No athletic teams will have individual fund raisers, but all of them will benefit from this one big fund raiser based on a percentage of each ticket sold.

"It is my hope that we as a Mountaineer Nation will join together in support of all our teams to create an empire of champions," Morehead said.

Raffle tickets are already on sale. They can be purchased at the school office or from any coach or athlete.

Learning Center Orientation

August 14, 15, 16

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM &

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Paksoy Technology Center, Room 3107. Please arrive 30 minutes before the orientation session begins.

All students must bring a valid North Carolina Driver's License or ID from the NC Department of Motor Vehicles and a Social Security Card*. If you have questions or would like more information about Learning Center orientation, please call 704-669-4050 or 704-669-4052.

*Expired or unreadable documents will not be accepted.

Fall 2012

CLASSES ON THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

| CLASS | SITE | DAYS | TIME |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri | |
| Adult High School/GED Lab | Paksoy 3105 | • • • • | 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM |
| ABE/GED | Paksoy 3105 | • | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM |
| Online | Online | | Online |
| Adult Basic Education (ABE) | Paksoy 3112 | • • • • | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
| | Paksoy 3112 | • • • • | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM |
| | Paksoy 3116 | • • • • | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
| English as a Second Language | Paksoy 3116 | • • • • | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM |
| | Hunt 2054 | • • • • | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| | Hunt 2054 | • | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM |

CLASSES AT OTHER CLEVELAND COUNTY LOCATIONS

| CLASS | SITE | DAYS | TIME |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri | |
| ABE | Job Link (ESC) 404 E. Marion St., Shelby | • • • • | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM |
| | Friendship United Methodist Church 111 Friendship Dr., Fallston | • • • | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM |
| | New Bynum Chapel AME Zion 313 N. Cansler St., Kings Mountain | • • • | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| | East Elementary 600 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain | • | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM |
| ABE/GED | CJPP Resource Center 308 Gardner St., Shelby | • • • | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| | CJPP Resource Center 308 Gardner St., Shelby | • • • | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM |
| ABE/Teach Me to Read | Job Link (ESC) 404 E. Marion St., Shelby | • • • • | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM |
| Compensatory Education | Durham United Methodist Church 320 E. Ross Grove Rd., Shelby | • • • | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM |

The Learning Center on the campus of Cleveland Community College offers free classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult High School, GED, and English as a Second Language (ESL).

If you know someone who struggles with reading, math, or English, direct them to us. Our classes are free of charge and are scheduled in various locations around the county.

We also offer courses anywhere there is a need. If you want to start a program in your neighborhood, call Dr. Chris Nanney, Dean of Learning Center, at 704-669-4062. If there are at least 10 students, we can be there.

For more information, call 704-669-4050 or visit us on the web at clevelandcc.edu. Remember, our classes are free!