

# Mountaineers face "big" test at Burns

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers face a much tougher test Friday when they travel to Fallston to take on the defending SMAC champion Burns Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs have won the SMAC the past two seasons and look for a threepeat. They fell to county rival Crest 14-13 last week but probably should have won that game as they gave Crest eight points (a fumble recovery in the end zone and a safety) and then failed on a two-point conversion try following their second TD in the final minute.

Mountaineer coach Greg Lloyd is impressed with Burns' size and speed and hopes his Mountaineers will be at the top of their game as they try to break a two-year losing streak to the Bulldogs.

"They have incredible size," noted Lloyd. "Their defensive front is humongous. They play very aggressive. Their run defense is very good, their free safety is very good, and they know where they're supposed to be."

The Bulldogs run a spread offense and their new quarterback, Chris Montgomery, looks very impressive.

"He is a dual threat," said Lloyd. "He runs and throws well. They have some very tall receivers."

Lloyd says the key for the Mountaineers will be eliminating big plays and executing on offense.

"We had some mistakes on defense last week," he noted. "We missed some assignments and lost contain several times. Speed is our weakness on defense so we have to take better angles."

Lloyd said he was happy with the defense's aggressiveness. "That's going to help us," he said.

"Offensively, we have to build on what we did last week. We have to take what they give us and execute. We have to be able to control the ball and put pressure on their defense. We can't let their big linemen dominate."



Kings Mountain running back Dillon Frederick goes 34 yards around end for a touchdown in Thursday's JV game at East Rutherford.

# JV Mountaineers win opener 27-6

Kings Mountain defeated East Rutherford 27-6 in its JV football opener Thursday night in Forest City.

Sophomores Dillon Frederick and Raequan Allen had outstanding rushing efforts and the Mountaineers got a great defensive performance from numerous players.

First year head coach Jon Fleisher saw his team move 21 yards in five plays to score after East Rutherford's opening possession ended with a bad snap on a fourth down punt attempt.

Quarterback Brandon Bell, playing his first football game, scored from four yards out on a keeper around right end. Isaiah Cole, who joined the team Monday after being released from the doctor after breaking his ankle during a summer basketball camp, kicked the point-after touchdown for a 7-0 lead.

Dwayne Capps forced a fumble on East Rutherford's second possession at the Cavaliers' 13 yard line, and Dillon Frederick took a pitch around left end and covered the distance in one play. Cole's second PAT put KM up 14-0.

The Mountaineers moved on top 20-0 early in the second period after gaining pos-



Kings Mountain receiver Dwayne Capps goes in for a touchdown after catching a pass in Thursday's game at East Rutherford.

session on an ER loss of downs at midfield. Following a 15-yard personal foul penalty against the Cavaliers, Frederick circled left end and rambled 34 yards for the TD.

The Mountaineers drove 49 yards in six plays after East opened the second half with an onside kick, with Dwayne Capps catching two passes for 29 yards, the latter going 13 yards for the

touchdown. Leading 27-0 with 5:27 left in the third period allowed the Mountaineer coaches to get all of their players into the game.

Coach Fleisher commended Colin Watlins (two tackles for loss), Bryan Sanders, Chance Fredrick (fumble recovery) and Jair McCluney (fumble recovery) for their good play on defense.

# Former players to be honored at Mountaineer football games



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**MICHAEL ROBERTS**, Kings Mountain High's all-time leading passer and total offense leader, was recognized as the Mountaineers' Player of the Decade 2000-2010 during halftime of Friday's East Rutherford-Kings Mountain football game at John Gamble Stadium. Roberts started on varsity four years at KMHS, playing safety his first season and quarterback the last three. He led the 2008 Mountaineers to the Western Regional Championship game.

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Kings Mountain quarterback Brandon Bell, playing his first high school football game, scores on a keeper around the right side early in the first quarter of Thursday's season opener at East Rutherford.

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