

KMMS plays tough against top two teams

Kings Mountain Middle School's softball team played great games against the top two East Division teams in their final Tri-County games last week.

On Tuesday, KM fell to second place North Lincoln 11-1 in six innings. Jennifer Hamrick and Cassidy Hamrick split pitching duties. KM kept it close until a 7-run fifth inning by North Lincoln broke the game open.

Ashton Withers and Megan McQueen reached base for the Patriots with Withers scoring on consecutive stolen bases.

On Wednesday, KM played its best game of the year against first place East Lincoln.

KM built a 6-0 lead heading into the fifth inning. In the first, Withers was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Destiny Hamrick's single.

KM increased its lead to 6-0 after four innings. Destiny Hamrick and Madison Hoyle led off the third with singles and scored on Briasia White's one-out double. In the fourth, Withers singled and scored all the way from first on Cassidi Melton's fielder's choice. Destiny

Hamrick walked and came around to score on a Hoyle triple.

Hoyle led off the seventh with a triple and scored on McQueen's grounder, tying the score. KM held in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings.

In the eighth, KM left the go-ahead run stranded at second base and East squeezed home the winning run on an intentional walk pitch out.

Jennifer Hamrick and Cassidy Hamrick pitched for the Lady Patriots. KM finished fourth in the final division standings.

Patriots beat WL

Kings Mountain Middle stayed in the thick of the battle for a Tri-County Conference playoff berth with a 40-8 win over West Lincoln Wednesday in Vale.

Quarterback Darren Burns threw for over 180 yards and three touchdowns as the Patriots won for the second straight week on the road.

Jake Merchant caught touchdown passes covering 31 and 59 yards, and Maddison Bolin scored on a 66-yard pass.

Darren McClain and Trevon Wilson had touchdown runs of 32 and five yards, respectively.

Kings Mountain hosts East Lincoln today at 4:30.

STANDINGS

Big South 3A

Teams Conf.	W-L	All W-L
South Point	4-0	8-0
Crest	4-0	8-1
Ashbrook	3-2	5-3
Hunter Huss	2-2	5-4
Forestview	2-2	5-4
Kings Mtn.	1-3	3-6
N. Gaston	0-5	1-8

Last Week's Results
Kings Mountain 20, North Gaston 12
Crest 34, Hunter Huss 27
Ashbrook 40, Forestview 36

Friday's Games
Crest at Kings Mountain
North Gaston at South Point
Forestview at Hunter Huss
Ashbrook at West Mecklenburg

Southern Piedmont 1A/2A

Teams Conf.	W-L	All W-L
East Lincoln	5-0	9-0
LN Charter	4-1	7-1
Cherryville	3-2	4-5
Lincolnton	3-2	4-5
West Lincoln	2-3	4-5
North Lincoln	2-3	2-7
Bessemer City	1-4	1-8
Highland Tech	0-5	0-8

Last Week's Results
Cherryville 45, Highland 0
Lincolnton 48, Bessemer City 14
North Lincoln 36, West Lincoln 12
East Lincoln 35, Lake Norman 21

Friday's Games
West Lincoln at Bessemer City
LN Charter at Cherryville
Highland Tech at East Lincoln
Lincolnton at North Lincoln

BIDS: sought for KM field house project

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was an All-American.

Some of the other members of the 1963 and 1964 teams in attendance will be Richard Gold, who was a first team All-American baseball player at Florida State, and running stars Mike Huffstickler and Steve Baker.

Kevin Mack, the star of the 1979 team, will also be in attendance. He played fullback on Clemson's 1981

national championship team and was a two-time All-Pro fullback for the Cleveland Browns. He now works in the Browns' front office.

Another special guest will be Louise Carlton, the widow of Coach Shu Carlton who turned the Mountaineers into a state power in the 1950s and later did the same at Gastonia Ashley and Ashbrook.

-Need an extra \$5,000? Some lucky fan will win \$5,000 at Friday night's

game. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, you can still get one by going by the main office at KMHS or the spirit shack on Friday night.

Mary Baxter was the winner of the first drawing at the recent homecoming game. If you bought a ticket for that raffle, it is also good for this week's. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit all athletic teams at KMHS and the Kings Mountain Touchdown Club's building fund.

MOUNTAINEERS: beat North Gaston

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in the first half. But several times he was thrown for losses by the Mountaineer line and linebackers, and on his only big run of the game - the 36-yarder - he was chased down from behind by Michael Douglas.

KM probably would have dominated time of possession even more had the Mountaineers not lost two fumbles. However, on the first play after Haskin's 36-yard run he fumbled and KM's Markel Hemphill recovered it at the KM 17 to

put KM's clinching TD drive in motion.

The biggest defensive play came with 5:21 remaining. With KM up 20-12, the Wildcats drove from their own 28 to the KM 14. But after a five-yard penalty put the Wildcats on the 19, Haskin went to the air. KM sophomore defensive back Dillon Frederick, who was just called up from the JV team, intercepted Haskin's pass inside the 10 and returned it to the 24 yard line. Kings Mountain moved steadily down field behind the running of Guest and ran

the clock out at the North seven.

"Except for the two fumbles, our offense played well," said Coach Lloyd. "The line really played well and I thought our running backs had a good game. They both did a nice job."

"Except for the one missed extra point, the special teams played pretty good. We got good play out of a lot of people. Frederick's interception was big. It was a critical play. Everybody played hard. North Gaston is a pretty good team. That was a good win."

90th YEAR: Crest KM's final home game

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of the end zone the past several weeks, due largely to the absence of Patterson. Lloyd feels like he will at least see some playing time this week.

"They have a couple super players (the other being Dane Rogers)" who have committed to Division I teams. "They have good speed on defense," Lloyd said.

"It's a big challenge," he

added. "But if we can play like we did last Friday and stay focused we have a good opportunity."

Lloyd wants to use the same philosophy that paid off for the Mountaineers last week at North Gaston, and that is to keep the Crest offense on the sideline.

"We want to stay on offense and get lots of first downs," he said, "and prevent turnovers. Last year, especially in the playoff game,

we turned the ball over early and it snowballed on us. We need to be sure we tackle on defense and stay on the field on offense and have no mistakes on special teams. Last year we gave up a big run deep into our territory on the first play of the game and that's a killer."

Lloyd said keeping North Gaston's offense off the field last week frustrated the Wildcats. "We need to use that same formula again."



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