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photo by GARY STEWART King Mountain's Mary Asgari (9) and Lyndsey Murphy (8) block a shot against North Gaston in Tuesday's Big South volleyball championship match at Parker Gym.

# Mountaineer spikers lose to Wildcats in 5

Kings Mountain High's hopes of defending its Big South 3A Conference volleyball crown were dashed by North Gaston in a tough 5-game match Tuesday at KM's Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The win left the Wildcats at 11-0 in the conference and with a two-game lead heading into their final conference match.

North Gaston started strong and finished strong to eliminate the Lady Mountaineers from the conference race. The Lady Cats took the first game 25-16 before the Lady Mountaineers came back for a 2-1 advantage with 25-20 and 25-23 wins.

The Wildcats stayed alive with a 25-21 win in game four and scored the last three points of game five to nail down the victory 15-12.

Logan Smith led the Mountaineers with 12 kills, 27 digs and 11 assists. Adrienne Green added seven kills and Mary Asgari had three solo blocks, four kills and one ace. The Lady Mountaineers bounced back on Thursday to defeat Crest 25-15, 25-22, 25-18.

Green had eight kills, Kayla Bolt six kills, two solo blocks and two aces, and Asgari six kills and two solo blocks.

Kings Mountain's JV team lost 15-25, 25-23, 21-25.

### KMHS spikers beat Forestview to finish second

Kings Mountain High's volleyball team completed its regular season Monday with a 25-12, 25-10, 25-18 victory over Forestview.

The Lady Mountaineers finished second in the Big South 3A and will enter the state 3A playoffs Saturday. Playoff pairings were not

available at press time.

# Second half comeback falls short in JV loss



photo by GARY STEWART

North Gaston's Quadray Wats (5) breaks up a pass intended for Kings Mountain's Dwayne Capps (88) in Thursday's JV game at Gamble Stadium.

Kings Mountain made a big second half comeback but fell short to North Gaston 20-14 Thursday at John Gamble Stadium.

The Wildcats got first half touchdowns from Rakeem Brown on a six-yard run and Marquis Hamilton on a 25-yard pass from Ethan Wiggins to take a 12-0 lead. Hamilton later intercepted a KM pass in the end zone to take a shutout into halftime.

North threatened to go up by three touchdowns in the third quarter, driving to the KM seven before a pass interception in the end zone by Marquise Camp stopped them.

An interception by Deerick Williams, which he returned 20 yards to the Wildcat 20, set up an 8-yard touchdown run by Jair Mc-Cluney that cut the margin to 12-6 with 8:55 remaining.

North Gaston responded with a 78-yard drive, capped off with a 24-yard touchdown run by Wiggins to make the score 20-6 with 5:03 left.

Kings Mountain drove 62 yards to score on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Brandon Bell, and Bell's two-point conversion with 2:53 left brought the Mountaineers within a touchdown.

Wiggins broke loose for a 44-yard gain to the KM five, and a face mask penalty gave the Wildcats a first and goal at the two. But three consecutive tackles for losses by Bryan Sanders, Colin Watkins and Cedric Wilson resulted in the Mountaineers getting the ball back with just over a minute remaining and a shot at driving for the win. But a pass interception by Hamilton clinched the win for the Cats.

Bell led the Mountaineers in rushing with 97 yards on 13 carries and McCluney, making his first start at running back, added 69 yards on 13 attempts. Sanders, Chance Frederick, Zavier Roberts, Gage Kornegay, Brandon Sheffield, Seth Ortega, Camp, Williams, Wilson and Watkins played well on defense.

## Church youth league soccer

### Kings Mountain Church Youth League soccer results

Family Worship Center 3, Boyce Memorial ARP 1

FWC - Blake Shuler 3. Def. player - Cade Leigh, Dillon Phelps.

BM - MaKayla Bell 1. Def. player - Riley

Powers.

Boyce Memorial ARP 2, Family Worship Center 2

Boyce - Kameron Truett 1, Brandon Hogan 1. Def. player - Caroline Bell.

FWC - Kevin Booker 1, Jacob Korch 1. Def. player - Zack Hyder.

KM golfers 6th in BSC match

Kings Mountain finished sixth out of seven teams in the Big South 3A Conference golf match Wednesday at Woodbridge Golf Links.

**Briefs** 

Forestview won with a 139 total, followed by South Point 145, Crest 146, Hunter Huss 166, Ashbrook 170, KM 173 and North Gaston 189.

Karlee Garrison of Forestview was medalist with a 41.

Sarah Scism led KM with a 55, followed by Mara Woods 58 and Abbey Lail and Casey Johnson 60.

### North Lincoln edges Patriots

North Lincoln edged Kings Mountain 3-2 in a Tri-County soccer game Tuesday.

Luke Rikard scored both KM goals in the second half.

## **Kickers** action



Mountaineer kickers player Jack Zyble #23 moves in against Hunter Huss during the October 10 match up at home. Jonmark Smith #21 guards the far side of the field.

Below: Cameron Hord #8 and Isaiah Cole #1 battle for the ball against Ashbrook Monday night on the road.



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