

MOUNTAINEERS: lose to Crest, Clark breaks passing record



Cody Griffith (50) and Chaz Gamble cause Crest running back to fumble the ball in Friday's game at Gamble Stadium.

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game from junior running back DaShon Guest, who scored 26 of their 27 points; sophomore receiver Xavier Johnson, who caught five passes for 105 yards including one that went for 77 yards; and senior quarterback Jonathan Clark who broke the school's all-time career passing record by hitting 13-of-21 passes for 195 yards. He now has 3,961 yards, breaking the previous mark of 3,921 set by Michael Roberts in 2008.

"Jon Clark threw the ball well," Lloyd noted. "Phillip Quinn did a great job blocking against a Shrine Bowl defensive end, and DaShon Guest (21 carries for 91 yards and four touchdowns) and Michael Douglas (5 carries for 53 yards) ran the ball hard. Our special teams did a good job."

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Crest scored on all four of its second quarter possessions to go into intermission with a 38-7 lead. Kings

Mountain got a two-yard TD run from Guest early in the second half but Crest countered with touchdowns from Moore and Dominique Roseboro to go up 52-14 going into the fourth quarter.

The Mountaineers close out their regular season Friday at Forestview, which is 2-3 in the conference but with a few breaks at the right time could be undefeated and leading the BSC. The Jaguars lost one-touchdown games to South Point, Ashbrook and Crest. Like Crest, they have a well-balanced running and passing attack that will severely test the KM defense.

The Mountaineers must win to avoid sitting out the playoffs for just the second time during Coach Lloyd's six-year tenure.

"They're very good," Lloyd said of the Jaguars. "They've improved a lot this year. They've got the making of a team that could win a lot of games in the playoffs. They have a very good line, and a balanced offense. They had Ashbrook beat until late in the game a couple weeks ago and they shutout Hunter Huss last week. They are well-coached. We've got our hands full for sure."

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to both sports are far and above any coach's expectation. There are times during the season that she will have a golf match and then turn

around and travel to a tennis match in the same afternoon. It's truly a coach's dream to have a player of her caliber and dedication. On top of that she is a great kid with a great attitude."

Standings

Big South 3A

Teams	Conf.	W-L	All W-L
South Point	5-0	9-0	
Crest	5-0	9-1	
Ashbrook	3-2	5-4	
Forestview	2-3	6-4	
Hunter Huss	2-3	5-5	
Kings Mtn.	1-4	3-7	
N. Gaston	0-6	1-9	

Last Week's Results

Crest 59, Kings Mountain 27
South Point 49, North Gaston 0
Forestview 23, Hunter Huss 0
West Mecklenburg 46, Ashbrook 24

Friday's Games

Kings Mountain at Forestview
South Point at Crest
Huss at Ashbrook
(North Gaston season over)

Southern Piedmont 1A/2A

Teams	Conf.	W-L	All W-L
East Lincoln	6-0	10-0	
LN Charter	5-1	8-1	
Cherryville	3-3	4-6	
Lincolnton	3-3	5-5	
West Lincoln	3-3	5-5	
North Lincoln	2-4	2-8	
Bessemer City	1-5	1-9	
Highland Tech	0-5	0-9	

Last Week's Results

West Lincoln 54, Bessemer City 34
Lake Norman Charter 56, Cherryville 48
East Lincoln 61, Highland 0
Lincolnton 17, North Lincoln 7

Friday's Games

Cherryville at East Lincoln
North Lincoln at Bessemer City
Highland at Lake Norman Charter
West Lincoln at Lincolnton

NOTE TO COACHES

Report your game scores to The Herald by bringing them by the office at 700 E. Gold Street; call 739-7496, fax 739-0611 or Email gstewart26@carolina.rr.com

The deadline for sports is 5 p.m. Monday. In case of Monday night games, sports will be accepted until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Kickers shut out Crest 2-0

At right: #15 Chase Hullender, a senior, carries the ball down the field. Hullender scored the first of 2 goals against Crest with a penalty kick Monday night.

Below: #19 Jordan Sweezy, #21 Jonmark Smith (who scored the 2nd goal of the night), and #10 Ryan Hullender work together during Monday night's match up with Crest.



90 YEARS: of Mountaineer football

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game against Lincolnton. With the game scoreless, Harris faked a handoff to Baity up the middle but bootlegged around end for what appeared to be a 60-yard touchdown run. Everyone thought Baity had the ball and the officials blew the play dead as Harris was going down the field. As it turned out, the call didn't matter because KM went on to win the game 26-6.

Baity, who was a sophomore at the time, recalled another exciting moment. He said his favorite memory was taking his first-ever handoff from George Harris and going 60 yards for a touchdown. Baity went on to score a lot more over his three-year career. He was the first-ever KMHS player to gain over 1,000 yards in a single season and the school's second Shrine Bowler (Harris was the first).

Several other players from that era were also on hand, including all-star lineman Ken Cloninger from the 1954 team; Mearl Valentine, a full-back and defensive lineman, and Leonard Wright, an offensive lineman who blocked for Baity and Harris.

Sharing in the pre-game

meal and halftime festivities was one of the grandest ladies of KMHS football history, Louise Carlton of Gastonia. Her husband, the late Shu Carlton, put the Mountaineers on the football map during the middle fifties, leading the team to the SWC championship in 1955 and the WNCSSAA crown in 1956 before moving on to Gastonia Ashley.

In fact, most of the players from the 1940s and 1950s said their best memory of KMHS football was playing for coaches Shu Carlton and Art Wiener, an All-American end at UNC and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, coached the Mountaineers in 1951 while Carlton was called back into service with the Marines. Carlton was a war hero during the Korean War.

The oldest former player in attendance was Major Loftin, who has been a fixture at KMHS athletic events since the 1940s. He was a wingback on Carlton's 1948 team and said his best memory was tearing his ACL which "slowed" him down. The next year Loftin moved to Mount Holly and received the Player of the Game Award for his play on defense against the Mountaineers. He

said coaches Carlton and Don Parker congratulated him after the game, noting that they taught him well.

John Gamble's 1960 team was well represented by players like Charlie Burns, Dale Hollifield and Jerry Adams. All were linemen and helped lead the team to a 9-1 record.

The 1963 and 1964 championship teams were well-represented by Pat Murphy, Steve Baker, Mike Huffstickler, Richard Gold, Phillip Putnam and others.

Murphy still ranks as KM's most accurate passer ever. He went on to rewrite the record book at Appalachian State, where he was an All-American.

Huffstickler was a 1,000-yard rusher on the 1963 team that finished undefeated with a 9-0-1 mark, and his running mate Baker took over as the #1 running back in 1964. Baker's kickoff return in the "sudden death" game with Shelby in 1963 still ranks as one of the most exciting moments in KMHS football history.

Gold, who played quarterback, running back, end and defensive back, was one of the most versatile football players KM has had and probably the best all-around athlete to come through the school. He went on to become a first team All-American second baseman at Florida State.

Mack was joined by several teammates from the 1978 and 1979 teams, including linemen Kelly Land and Glenn Carroll, running back Kenny Bell and quarterback Jeff Cloninger. Jeff and his father, Ken, were the only father-son duo attending.

Among others in attendance were Chris, Stan and Steve Laughter, Rocky Brown, Charles Green, Bob Hullender and Gene Patterson.

And one set of twins - well, not really but they had a lot of fun saying so - Chris and Chris Johnson. They both played in the 1970s, giving the Mountaineers a Chris Johnson for six years in a row.

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Pumpkin Carving Tips

- Choose a large pumpkin. The larger the pumpkin, the easier it is to carve.
- When cutting out the top, place the knife at a 45 degree angle so the lid will have a place to rest when you replace it. If you cut straight down, the lid will fall through.
- When cleaning the pumpkin, save the seeds. Toasted pumpkin seeds make a healthy as well as tasty snack. Use a large, heavy metal serving spoon or ice cream scoop to scrape the insides.
- Print out or draw the pattern on a piece of paper. Use small sharp scissors or a razor knife to cut out the areas you will be carving into the pumpkin. Tape the template onto the pumpkin and use a marker to trace the carving lines.
- A long serrated knife or a pumpkin-carving knife with teeth will be necessary to cut through the thick flesh.
- A small battery-operated flameless candle is a safer choice than traditional candles for lighting your jack-o'-lantern.
- Sprinkle the bottom side of the pumpkin lid with ground cinnamon, nutmeg, and/or cloves to let your jack-o'-lantern do double duty as an air freshener.
- Place the jack-o'-lantern in a plastic bag and refrigerate when not in use.

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