



Senior soccer players and their parents were honored during a half time ceremony at their final game on Wednesday, October 24. L-R: Tena, Andrew (#20), and Tommy Buchanan; Mark, Tyler (#11), and Debbie Herndon; Jeremiah (#14) and Brent Early; Chase (#15), Kim, Ryan (#10), and Trent Hullender; Jimmy, Lisa, and CJ (#12) Warren; and Roger, Ronda, and Dalton (#3) Worley.

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## Senior soccer players honored at final game

Kings Mountain High's senior soccer players were recognized at halftime of their final game Wednesday at John Gamble Stadium.

They include Dalton "Ronaldo" Worley, Tyler "Streak" Herndon, CJ "Tank" Warren, Chase "Knucklebiter" Hullender, Ryan "Smooth" Hullender,

Jeremiah "Cruncher" Early and Andrew "The Butler" Buchanan.

Worley is the son of Ronda and Roger Worley. He has been a member of the soccer team for two years and is a member of the HECX Club. He said his most memorable moment was when he scored against

Chase this season.

"Dalton is one of the most dedicated players as he always seems to stay late and do some extra shooting just for the love of the game," noted Coach Dan Potter.

Warren is the son of Lisa and Jimmy Warren. He played four years of varsity

soccer and is a scholar athlete.

He said his most memorable moment as a player was when he started the first game of his sophomore year and bus rides home from games.

"CJ gives his heart and soul and never backs down from a challenge," said assistant coach Ted Trahan.

Ryan Hullender is the son of Kim and Trent Hullender and also played soccer all four years at KMHS. His most memorable moment was when he scored the winning goal against Cherryville.

"Ryan has a great deal of skill and enjoys touching the ball as most strikers do and he is a bit frustrated at times with playing in the back but he is too valuable to not have in the back," said Coach Potter.

Chase Hullender is also the son of Kim and Trent Hullender and has played soccer all four years. He is vice-president of both the National Beta Club and the Spanish Club and is a member of the HECS, Make-A-

Wish and SPO. He is a scholar athlete, was Junior Marshal, AP Scholar, member of the National Society of High School Scholars and a four-year Renaissance Gold Card holder.

He said his most memorable moment was his freshman year when he played with "an amazing foreign exchange student from Brazil."

"Hands down, Chase showed the most courage this season playing through some very painful ankle issues," Coach Trahan said.

Tyler Herndon is the son of Debbie and Mark Herndon and played varsity soccer for two years. He also ran cross country and track in the 9th and 10th grades.

He said his most memorable moment was when he served a perfect cross for the game winning goal in overtime against East Rutherford.

"Tyler is one of the most fun loving players I have ever coached," said Coach Potter. "He and CJ smile more than most everybody else combined."

Jeremiah Early is the son of Debbie and Brent Early. He played soccer all four years at KMHS and also kicked for the football team the past two seasons.

He said his most memorable moment as a soccer player was playing with all the good players that were on the team his freshman year.

"Jeremiah has outstanding skills and developed a real physical part of his game with the training he did in the off season," said Coach Trahan.

Andrew Buchanan is the son of Tena and the Rev. Tommy Buchanan. He played two years of soccer and has been recognized as the DAR Good Citizen and has held a Renaissance Gold Card for all four years. He has been active in the BETA Club and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

"I have coached over 25 years and Andrew is the best captain and young man that I have been blessed to have been associated with," said Coach Potter.

## JV Mountaineers end season with victory over Forestview

Kings Mountain scored on its first three possessions for a 21-0 halftime lead and went on to defeat Forestview 28-14 in season-ending JV football action Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers recovered an onside kick on the opening kickoff and quickly drove 48 yards in six plays, with quarterback Brandon Bell rushing four times for 41 yards including an 11-yard touchdown. Bell passed to Xavier Roberts for a two-point conversion and an 8-0 lead.

Less than four minutes later, Forestview was on its own 30 facing third and 30 when the center snapped the ball over the quarterback's head, KM defensive lineman Colin Watkins scooped up the ball and returned it to the one yard line. Bell scored on a sneak to put the Mountaineers up 14-0 and the rout was on.

Forestview's offense was bogged down the entire first half, due to heavy pressure from the Mountaineer D and numerous high snaps from center that resulted in lost yardage.

Following a Forestview punt midway of the second period, the Mountaineers took possession at the Jaguars' 31 and scored seven plays later on another one-yard sneak by Bell. Isaiah Cole's PAT made the score 21-0. Jair McCluney picked up 12 yards on two carries and Bell added an 18-yard run to spark the drive.

The Forestview defense stopped the Mountaineers for the first time late in the half when the Mountaineers attempted a fourth and six pass from the 26 and it fell incomplete in the end zone.

The Jaguars were able to force a KM 3-and-out to open the second half, but they fumbled the punt and KM's Trent Moore



Kings Mountain quarterback Brandon Bell scores one of his three touchdowns in a big 28-14 win over Forestview Thursday at John Gamble Stadium.

recovered it at the Forestview 48. It took the Mountaineers only six plays to score with McCluney going in from five yards out and Cole adding the PAT for a 28-0 lead.

Forestview finally got on the board with 38 seconds left in the third period on a 25-yard touchdown catch by Isaiah Sanders. McFadden caught a 10-yard TD pass with 4:02 left to account for the final scoring.

Kings Mountain coach Jon Fleisher was able to use the big second half lead to work a lot of players into the game. The Mountaineers got a great defensive performance from several players, including Chance Frederick and Brian Sanders, who registered numerous tackles; Watkins and Moore, who recovered fumbles; and Marquise Camp and Seth Ortega with pass interceptions.

Bell led the KM offensive attack with 112 yards rushing and McCluney added 60.

The Mountaineers finished with a 2-4 Big South and 3-7 overall record.

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