

# KM Middle Patriots beat Crest

## Play Shelby for Tri-County title

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Big defensive plays in the final five minutes of the game sparked Kings Mountain Middle's Patriots over previously undefeated Crest 14-8 Wednesday at Sid Bryson Stadium on the Crest High campus.

The win moves the Patriots, 5-2 overall, into the conference championship game at 5 p.m. today at Shelby.

The Patriots had the Dragons backed up inside the 15 yard line when the hosts went into punt formation on a fourth and 12. Under a heavy rush by the KM defense, the Crest punter's foot actually missed the ball and the Patriots recovered it at the two yard line.

Trailing 8-6, it took KM three plays to score with Jake Merchant sneaking over from the two and Darian McClain running the two-point conversion with 4:20 left.

The Dragons' offense, aided by a personal foul penalty against the Patriots, made things interesting by driving to the KM 40 with a first down. But KM's Kavin Mosley intercepted a pass at the eight yard line with 2:39 remaining, and behind the power running of McClain and Trevon Wilson the Patriots were able to run the clock out. Wilson gained 33 of his 41 yards in the fourth quarter, including 17 during the final possession to help the Patriots nail down the victory.

"The kids played real well," noted Patriot coach

Tim Gunn. "McClain and Corey Tate really stepped up their game on defense. Our backs ran hard and controlled the clock and our defense created a big turnover inside their five yard line."

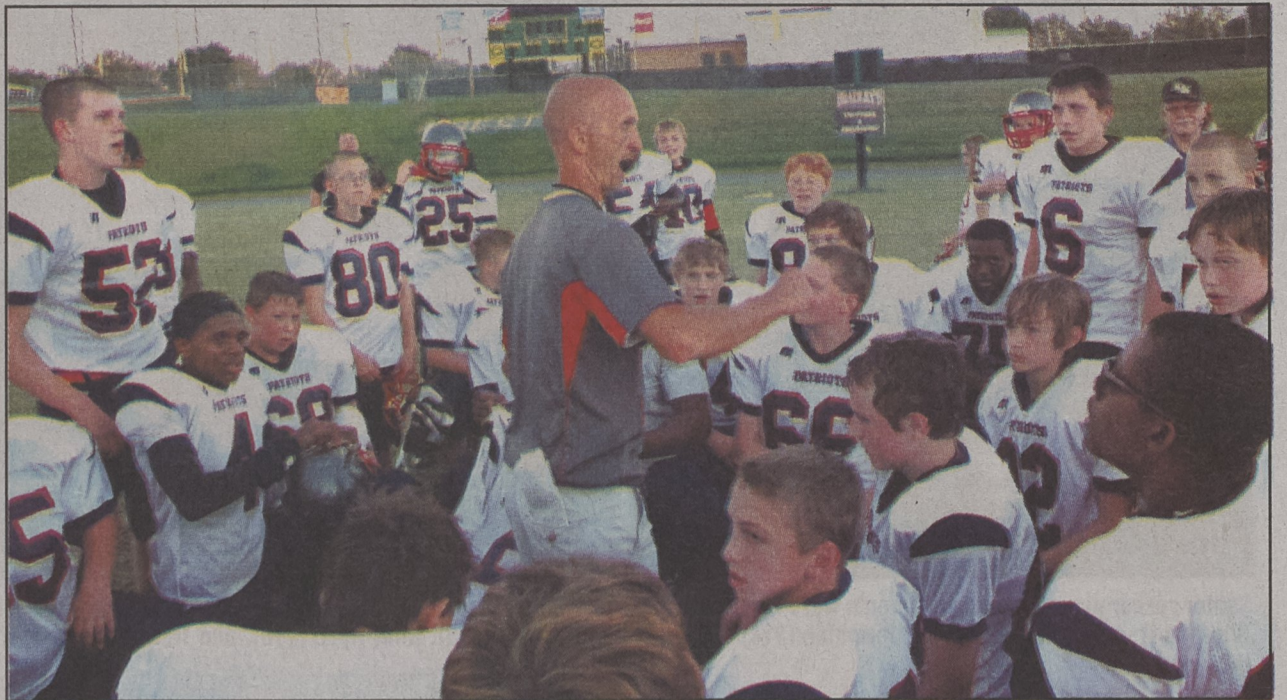
Both of the earlier touchdowns occurred on the first two possessions of the game, with the Dragons' two-point conversion giving them the lead until KM's last-quarter heroics.

Kings Mountain won the opening coin toss and deferred to the second half. A squib kick rolled to the Crest 29 where the Dragon return man was hit hard as he tried to pick up the ball. The Patriots recovered it, and on their third play Mosley made a remarkable leaping catch of a pass from Darren Burns to put KM on top 6-0.

The lead was short-lived, though, as the Dragons' Tavian Brintley scored on a 52-yard sweep of right end on their first offensive play. Quarterback Casual Morris ran the conversion.

After that, Crest made it into KM territory only once until its final drive of the game. Kings Mountain drove to the Crest 19 and 44 in the second quarter, to the 16 in the third quarter and the 26 in the fourth but lost the ball on downs each time. The KM offense kept the ball for all but three plays in the third period, with Crest going 3-and-out on its only possession in the final minute.

Wilson finished with 41 yards rushing and McClain 24, and Mosley caught three passes for 51 yards and Merchant three for 60 to lead the



Kings Mountain coach Tim Gunn congratulates his team following last week's 14-8 win over Crest in a Tri-County Conference playoff game at Crest. photos by GARY STEWART



It was an emotional moment for Kings Mountain Middle lineman Cooper Short and his father, KMHS assistant coach Craig Short, after the Patriots beat Crest in last week's Tri-County playoff game at the Crest High stadium.



Kavin Mosley catches a touchdown pass from Darren Burns to give Kings Mountain an early 6-0 lead in last week's Tri-County Conference playoff game at Crest.

KM offense.

Coach Gunn cited McClain, Tate, Merchant, Wilson and Mosley for their defensive play.

It will take another great all-around effort for the Patriots to beat Shelby this

week. They lost a 19-6 decision to the Blue Devils in a non-division game to open the season.

"We have to contain their running backs," Gunn said. "They have a lot of speed. We will have to play as good

on defense as we did against Crest. If we do that we will give ourselves a chance."

Shelby advanced to the championship with a 6-0 victory over North Lincoln, a team that handed the Patriots their only division loss when

the KM team suffered through seven turnovers.

"We have played very well since then," Gunn said. "I've been very pleased. The kids have played hard and competed in every game."

**SOUPER SATURDAY SALE**

**Saturday, November 10th**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
Central United Methodist Church  
113 South Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain

**Yard Sale**  
starting at 7am!

**Baked Items**  
**Craft Sale**

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**Soup and Sandwich Sale**  
Dine-In or Carry-Out

*Gallon .....	\$15.00
*Half-gallon .....	\$8.00
*Quart .....	\$5.00
Soup & Sandwich Plate .....	\$4.00

\*Bulk quantities require ticket  
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## Kings Mountain Middle School golfers win Tri-County Conference championship

Kings Mountain Middle School's golf team completed a perfect season Tuesday with a 33-stroke win in the Tri-County Conference championship match at River Bend Golf Course near Boiling Springs.

The Patriots shot a 330 to finish with a 22-0 overall record. North Lincoln was second at 363, followed by Crest 365, Rutherford County (Chase, East Rutherford and RS Central) 366, Lincolnton 372, West Lincoln 377, Shelby 382, East Lincoln 401 and Burns 402.

Aaron Digh of North Lincoln was medalist with a two-over-par 74. Henry Saine of Lincolnton was second with a 75.

The four lowest rounds from each team are counted toward the final total and Kings Mountain placed four golfers in the top eleven. Carson Bailey was third with a 78, Dawson Adams fourth at 79, Alex Goff seventh at 83 and Elliott Man 11th at 90.

Harrison Conner of the Patriots shot a 91 for 13th overall, and John Thomas Cash's 94 was 17th overall. In all, 54 seventh and eighth graders competed.

Kings Mountain had earlier won the Cleveland County championship at Deerbrook.



Kings Mountain Middle School's golf team won the annual Tri-County Conference championship match last week at River Bend.

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CRMC Oncology Board Room  
A gathering for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Lunch served. To register, please call 980-487-3757.

**OB Tour**  
November 4 2-4 p.m.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room  
A special tour for expectant parents. To register, please call 980-487-3983.

**WINGS Cancer Support Group**  
November 5 6 p.m.  
CRMC Cancer Center  
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**Early Bird Pregnancy Class**  
November 6 6 p.m.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room. For couples in the early stages of pregnancy or considering getting pregnant. \$10 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Please call 980-487-3983.

**Healthy Hearts Support**  
November 7 Noon  
CRMC Gina C. Suttle Wellness Education Suite T. R. Harris Wellness Center "Benefits of Exercise" For more information, please call 980-487-3659.

**Breastfeeding Support Group & Mom to Mom Support Group**  
November 7 10 a.m. - Noon  
Women's Life Center Conference Room  
Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding. For more information, please call 980-487-3887 and 980-487-3983 to register.

**Car Seat Safety Class**  
November 8 5:15 p.m.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room  
Information on current laws and how to keep your new baby safe while traveling. To register, please call 980-487-3983.

**Kangaroo Kapers**  
November 12 6 p.m.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room  
Provides children expecting a brother or sister a positive introduction to the hospital and to what life will be like with a new baby. Pre-registration is required. Please call 980-487-3983.

**Bridges**  
November 12 2-3 p.m.  
CRMC Cancer Center  
A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.

**Expectant Grandparents**  
November 19 6 p.m.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room  
For first time grandparents, insights into what to expect with the new grandchild. To register, please call 980-487-3983.

**Bridges**  
November 22 2-3 p.m.  
CRMC Cancer Center  
A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.

**Stroke Support Group**  
November 26 5:30 p.m.  
Shelby Life Enrichment Center 110 Life Enrichment Blvd. Shelby  
This program is for anyone who has suffered a stroke or care giver of a stroke patient. For more information, call 704-484-0405.

**Life as a Suicide Survivor**  
November 27 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Cleveland County Library Conference Room 104 Howie Drive  
This program is for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone close to them by the taking of their own life.

Some programs may require pre-registration or appointments. Some require a fee.

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