

Jamboree Friday at Gardner-Webb

Mountaineers play Polk Cty. in opening game at 6 o'clock

Things are getting very serious this week as Kings Mountain's Mountaineers get closer to their season opener on August 22 at Hunter Huss.

Last night, the Mountaineers were scheduled to host North Gaston in their first preseason scrimmage; and Friday they will travel to Gardner-Webb University to face perennial 2A power Polk County in the 6 p.m. game.

Other games Friday will see Crest facing Northern Guilford at 7 p.m., Burns taking on AC Reynolds at 8 and Shelby against Forestview at 9.

"Things have been going good," said head coach Greg Lloyd. "So far so good. We've still got a lot of work to do to get ready for our first game at Hunter Huss."

Friday's game with Polk County, which will be the first on GWU's new astro-turf, will show the Mountaineers just how far they've come since the first day of practice.

"It's pretty much a half of a football game," Lloyd said. "We want to play well but our focus is getting ready to play Hunter Huss."

Polk County runs a one-back offense, according to Lloyd.

"Their best two players are their quarterback and running back, from what I've been told," he said. "We haven't seen any film

on them but they've been pretty good the last several years."

Kings Mountain started hitting last week and, thankfully, no one has been injured. "We're going to do our best to keep them from getting hurt," Lloyd said.

The football team won't be the only one getting started this week.

The men's soccer team opens its regular season Monday at 7 p.m. at home against 2A West Lincoln. Although KM lost some good players, veteran head coach Dan Potter has numerous others back from last year and they hope to do very well in the SMAC. The kickers play their first road game next Wednesday at Highland Tech.

The Lady Mountaineers' volleyball team will open defense of its SMAC championship Wednesday at East Rutherford. Coach Ashley Pridgeon has only three players back from last year's varsity team - Kayla Bolt, Angel Peterson and Gracie Hunter - and will be looking for younger players to come around quickly.

Kings Mountain's women's tennis team also opens up Wednesday with a SMAC game at Burns. Veteran coach Rick Henderson has several returning starters, including Maddie Lutz, Tiffany Harris, Cheyanne Stirewalt and Kayla Penner.



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