

# Mountaineers beat Cavaliers 21-14, seek first win over Burns in four years

## Big fourth lifts KM over East

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers recovered from fumbles and untimely penalties over the first three quarters to put 14 points on the board in the fourth period and defeat East Rutherford 21-14 in their SMAC opener Friday night in Forest City.

While the Mountaineers' offense was unstoppable in the fourth quarter, the defense played its best football of the season by limiting the Cavaliers to just 11 plays and minus six yards rushing in the final quarter.

East stunned the Mountaineers with a touchdown on their second offensive play, and again on a 72-yard touchdown run by Calvin Camp on the first play from scrimmage in the second half to take the 14-7 lead. Over 100 of the Cavaliers' 273 yards total offense came on their first two plays of the first half and first play of the second half.

Kings Mountain moved the ball all night but the four fumbles and 83 yards in penalties hampered them, including one holding penalty that negated a first half touchdown.

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Kings Mountain quarterback Brandon Bell rolls out to throw a pass in Friday's win over East Rutherford in Forest City.

## KM 4-0, Burns 1-2 in first county game

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will be seeking their fifth straight win – and their first over Burns in four years – when the Bulldogs come to John Gamble Stadium for a 7:30 p.m. game Friday.

The Bulldogs posted their first win of the season Friday night in a SMAC game with Chase after losing two non-conference games to perennial 3A powers Ashbrook and Freedom.

Mountaineer coach Greg Lloyd has seen the young Bulldogs on film, and for a quarter in person as the Burns-Chase game was suspended by storms Friday and completed Monday night at Burns.

"They've got a really good defense," Lloyd noted. "They have good size and will be the best defense we've seen this year."

One of the leaders of the Burns defense is senior linebacker Kyle Carroll, who is a former Mountaineer.

The Bulldogs' offense also looked good in Monday's 20-3 win over Chase. AJ Camp gained over 100 yards rushing and senior Michael Tate is also a talented runner as well as a starter at linebacker.

"The last few games

they've been moving the ball better," said Coach Lloyd. "They're improving every game. They will be very physical and this will be the hardest-hitting game we've had."

Lloyd hopes to see a lot of improvement in the Mountaineers this week.

"Taking care of the football has to be our number one goal," he said. "We can't put the ball on the ground. We can't give them a short field."

"We have to finish our drives. We need to play a lot better than we did last week. We can't give up anything big. We have to play hard the whole game."

The Mountaineers will probably be without the services of offensive lineman Keenan Baker. He took a helmet to the knee last week at East Rutherford, and though there's nothing pulled or broken his leg is very sore.

Lloyd said starting offensive lineman Max Peterson and defensive lineman Colin Watkins, who were injured in the Forestview game, will be back; and Kenny Williams, who started in the place of Peterson last week

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Kings Mountain's Angel Peterson (8) gets a kill in last week's game at Chase. Photos by Gary Smart

## Lady Mountaineers go five sets to beat Polk

Kings Mountain had to go five sets to defeat Polk County 3-2 in non-conference volleyball action Wednesday night at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The Lady Mountaineers won 22-25, 25-19, 25-22, 19-25, 15-9 after the JVs fell 14-25, 14-25.

Several players had a good night for Coach Ashley Pridgeon's team.

Kayla Bolt had 15 kills, 10 digs and six aces. Gracie Hunter contributed eight aces and 20 digs, and Angel Peterson had 10 aces.

Sara Pasour had 22 assists, eight aces and six digs. Ashton Withers added seven aces

and Shaniya Portee had four kills.

### KM 3, FORESTVIEW 2

Kings Mountain High's volleyball team defeated a good Forestview team 3-2 in a non-conference game Wednesday in Gastonia.

The varsity won 22-25, 25-19, 25-22, 19-25, 15-9 after the JVs lost 0-2.

Kayla Bolt had 22 digs, nine kills and three aces for the Lady Mountaineers. Shaniyah Portee had seven kills.

Gracie Hunter had 27 digs and 12 assists

See Lady, 2B

## Spikers beat East Burke, open 2-game SMAC lead

The 2012 SMAC volleyball championship is Kings Mountain's to lose after the Lady Mountaineers opened up a two-game lead Monday at home with a 3-1 victory over East Burke.

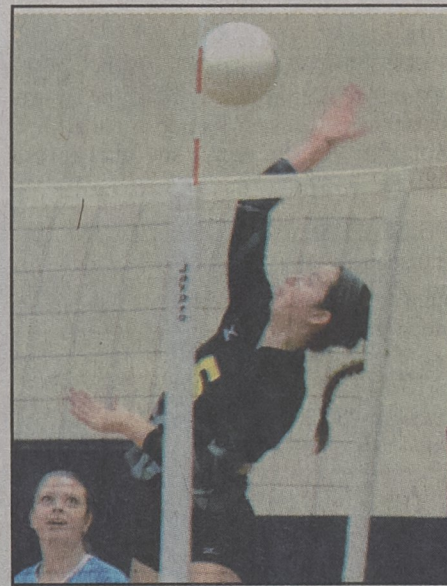
East Burke came into the match with a 6-1 conference record and needing a win to tie the KM ladies for first place.

Heading into the second round, the Lady Mountaineers lead both East Burke and Draughn by a full two games. KM will play both of those teams later in the season.

Monday's match at Donald Parker Gymnasium was hotly-contested. Kings Mountain posted a 25-4 win in game one, but the last three sets were extremely close throughout. East Burke won 25-23 and KM captured the third set 30-28 before closing out the match 25-19.

Last year's SMAC Player of the Year

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Kayla Bolt with another kill

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