

2015 KMHS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUGUST

11 - Scrimmage, TBA
14 - Cleveland County Jamboree at Burns, 7:30 (opponent TBD).
21 - North Gaston
28 - at East Gaston

SEPTEMBER

4 - Forestview
11 - East Rutherford (Freshman Tailgate)
18 - at Burns
25 - Shelby (Homecoming)



OCTOBER

2 - at Draughn
9 - Crest
16 - at R-S Central
23 - Chase (Senior Night)
30 - Bye

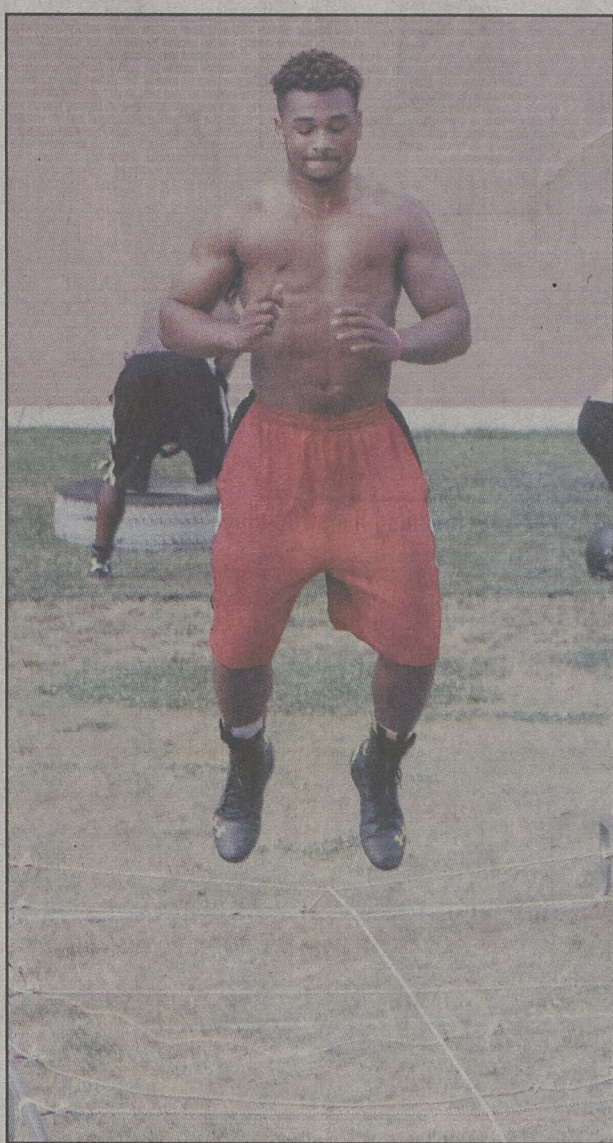


NOVEMBER

6 - at East Burke
13 - First round NCHSAA playoffs.
20 - Second round NCHSAA playoffs
27 - Third round NCHSAA playoffs

DECEMBER

4 - Western Regional finals
11 - 3AA State championship



Soon-to-be junior running back Darian McClain goes through conditioning drills. (Photos by KM Herald)

KM's Hester SMAC softball Player of Year

Kings Mountain High senior pitcher Emily Hester has been named softball player of the year in the South Mountain 2A/3A Athletic Conference.

She is joined on the team by teammates Mikeala Bell, Leah Herndon, Ashton Withers and Miranda Ellis.

The five all-stars led the Lady Mountaineers to the SMAC championship and three rounds in the state 3A playoffs. They had an overall 20-3 record, KM's best season since 2007 when they finished third in the state.

Hester, who has already signed with Tusculum College, not only was the top pitcher in the SMAC but also led the Lady Mountaineers with 10 home runs.

The four other KM all-stars were the best in the SMAC at their position. Herndon was a four-year starter and caught the past two seasons. She was also the team's leadoff hitter.

Bell played centerfield and committed only one error the entire season. She also saw action in the pitcher's circle as the #2 starter and #1 relief pitcher.

Ellis started at first base and moved to center when Bell was on the mound. Withers spent the entire season at shortstop, where she was an outstanding defensive player. She also was the #2 home run hitter behind Hester.

Hester, Bell and Herndon are three of the six seniors on this year's team. Ellis and Withers will return next season to help the Lady Mountaineers make another playoff run.

Numerous other Mountaineers were named to the spring all-conference teams. All of them helped KMHS win the Conference Wells Fargo Cup, which goes to the school with the best overall athletic program in the conference.

Baseball players included senior outfielder Brandon Bell, junior shortstop Will Wilson and sophomore pitcher-outfielder Madisyn Bolin. Bell has already signed to play outfield at Catawba Valley Community College, and Wilson has committed to NC State. Bolin made great strides on the mound the second half of the season and should be among the top pitchers in the conference for two more years.

Four of the top five players made all-conference for



Kings Mountain's Emily Hester was selected by the league coaches as South Mountain Athletic Conference softball player of the year. (File photo)

the Mountaineer golf team, which not only won the SMAC with an undefeated record but also took the Western North Carolina Regional championship. The Mountaineers finished ninth in the state and have all but one golfer returning.

Selected All-SMAC were freshman Alex Goff, who was the Western NC individual champion, senior Miles Robinson, Carson Bailey, and Dawson Adams.

State qualifier Gibson Conner and Dylan Ervin represented the Mountaineers on the All-SMAC tennis team. The Mountaineers finished second in the conference after dethroning perennial champion Shelby last season.

Making the All-SMAC women's soccer team were Virginia Dellinger, Cassidy Calhoun, Lyndsey Barnes and Kimberlee Farris. They led the Lady Mountaineers to a third place finish in the SMAC behind Shelby and Burns, and gained a berth in the state 3A playoffs.

Numerous members of the KMHS track teams were chosen All-SMAC.

Girls included Sarah Scism (long jump), Gwendolyn Hopper (triple jump), Kayla Capps (pole vault), Cassie Morton, Mackenzie Smith, Caroline Foster and Kaitlyn Moss (4x800 relay team), Erica Carpenter (100 meter hurdles), Ja'Myiah Pressley (100 meters), Tynesha Merriman, Sarah Scism, Ka'Myiah Pressley and Ja'Myiah Pressley (4x200 relay), Tynesha Merriman (200 meter), and Kaitlyn Moss (3200 meter).

Making the boys team were Jamion McCoy in the shot put, Bryan Sanders in the discus, and Josh Beheler and Aaron Smith in the pole vault.

Former KM players finish college year

Former Kings Mountain High athletes recently wrapped up their spring sports seasons on the college level.

Former Mountaineer pitchers Heath King and Landon Bolin were members of the Belmont Abbey baseball team. King pitched 10.1 innings in nine relief appearances. He gave up eight hits, three runs (none earned), walked two and struck out three.

Bolin, a freshman, pitched two-thirds of an inning, giving up three hits and two runs while fanning one.

The Crusaders finished 25-25 overall and 16-11 in Conference Carolinas.

Freshman Alex Reynolds hit .232 for the UNC Charlotte 49ers. He participated in 33 games with nine starts. He had 34 at-bats, scored four runs, and collected 13 hits, including two doubles. He drove in six runs.



SELLERS

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AUGUST

11 - Scrimmage (TBA)
27 - Charlotte Christian, 6:30

SEPTEMBER

3 - at Forestview, 7 p.m.
10 - at East Rutherford, 7 p.m.
17 - Burns, 7 p.m.
24 - at Shelby, 7 p.m.



OCTOBER

1 - Draughn, 7 p.m.
8 - at Crest, 7 p.m.
15 - R-S Central 7 p.m.
22 - at Chase, 7 p.m.
29 - BYE



NOVEMBER

5 - East Burke, 7 p.m.

Spring football practice over, summer drills begin June 15

Kings Mountain High completed its 10 days of spring football practice Tuesday.

This is the first year the NCHSAA has allowed spring practice. No heavy hitting is allowed, but teams

went through physical conditioning, learning plays, hitting sleds, etc.

Head coach Greg Lloyd said the turnout was between 80 and 90 every day, not counting incoming freshmen who cannot join

the team until after the last day of school.

KMHS students will be taking exams the rest of this week and will begin summer workouts on June 15. Coach Lloyd said anyone wishing to come out for the

team is invited to come on June 15 and should have a physical before then.

"Everything has been going good," Lloyd said of practice. "We basically

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Head coach Greg Lloyd, far left, and line coach Kevin Cruise take a close look at the offensive line.

Phil: 4:13

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