



Kings Mountain High's volleyball team (in tie dye jerseys) scrimmages North Henderson in multi-team scrimmage Saturday at KM's Donald L. Parker Gymnasium. (Photo by KM Herald)



Scrimmage Time



Head coach Greg Lloyd keeps a close eye on the action as his offense and defense goes through hitting and tackling drills Saturday morning. (Photos by KM Herald)

Exciting times at KM High

Tennis, volleyball and soccer begin their season this week

The excitement is beginning to build as Kings Mountain High's fall athletic teams begin pre-season play this week.

The Lady Mountaineers' varsity volleyball team hosted a multi-team scrimmage Saturday at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium and will travel to North Henderson this coming Saturday for a multi-team varsity/JV scrimmage.

Coach Ashley Walker's girls are in a rebuilding mode but still hope through hard work to compete for another SMAC championship.

Kings Mountain volleyball teams have won back-to-back SMAC titles and have won their conference championship three of the past four years. The Lady Mountaineers have won 19 conference championships and two state crowns since 1985.

They begin defense of

their SMAC championship Monday, Aug. 17 at home against East Rutherford's Lady Cavaliers. JV action begins at 4:30, followed by the varsity. They play their first Cleveland County game on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Burns.

Coach Rick Henderson's tennis team is also in a rebuilding year but they have a lot of talented freshmen coming up, including Natalie Lutz, who is one of the state's top junior players as well as numerous players that helped Kings Mountain Middle School win the Tri-County Conference championship last season.

The Lady Mountaineers open their season Monday, Aug. 17 with a non-conference contest at Lincolnton. They begin SMAC action on Thursday, Aug. 20 at Burns. Their first home match is another meeting with Lincolnton on Mon-

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B/G tonight at Carlton Stadium, County Jamboree Friday at Burns

Kings Mountain High's football team has a pair of scrimmages this week before getting down to settling on a starting lineup and game plan for their season opener on Friday, August 21 against North Gaston at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers began heavy hitting last Friday. They've enjoyed going against each other in position and game situation drills, and they've benefited from some cooler

weather.

The varsity has a 57-man roster which includes a senior class of 24. Many of those will be starting for their second or third season; and the 23-man junior class has some players that have started since their freshmen year.

The team will hold its Black/Gold scrimmage Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Shu Carlton Stadium. The team will travel by bus from KMHS to the stadium. Fans

are encouraged to greet them outside the stadium as they make their way down the bank to the playing field. This is a switch from years past when the buses dropped players off at Central School for a walk down Gaston Street.

All of the varsity and some JV players will be worked into the scrimmage at some point, according to Coach Greg Lloyd. He said the scrimmage will last about an hour and a half.

The Kings Mountain Optimist Pop Warner parents and supporters will be selling concessions, with all proceeds going to the Pop Warner program.

The Mountaineers will have their only scrimmage against another team Friday night in the annual Cleveland County Jamboree at Burns High. The Mountaineers' opponent is mountain power Asheville, which has 14 starters returning from a team that went 12-2 and three rounds in the state 3A playoffs last year.

A good showing against the Cougars should mean a good season in store for the Mountaineers. Asheville has several highly-recruited players, both on the line and in the backfield, and the Cougars are projected to go undefeated in the Western Athletic Conference for the second year in a row.

Kings Mountain has 25 lettermen and 14 starters returning from last year's team that finished third in the SMAC behind state champions Crest and Shelby. The Mountaineers were 8-4 overall.

KM-Asheville will be the second game (at 7 pm) at Burns. Shelby and Forestview get things going at 6. Crest battles AC Reynolds at 8 and Burns faces Polk County at 9.



Two defensive players bring Mountaineer receiver Dylan Sims to the ground in hitting practice Saturday morning.



Wesley Piper tackles Max Ellis as Kings Mountain's JV football team opened hitting drills Friday at the Kings Mountain Middle School baseball field.

Athletic passes on sale

Kings Mountain High athletic passes are now on sale in the school office.

The prices are as follows:

Football season pass - \$40 (admits one to every regular season football game).

Student pass - \$45 (admits one student K-12 to every regular season athletic event).

All sports pass - \$100 (admits one adult to every regular season athletic event).

Mountaineer pass - \$175 (admits two adults to every regular season athletic event).

Booster Club parking pass - \$20.

KMMS softball workouts set

Pre-season softball workouts for Kings Mountain Middle School will start the week of August 17 from 3-5 each day (no workouts on Friday).

Student-athletes can

be dropped off and picked up at the softball field. All pre-season workouts are voluntary.

Tryouts will begin the second day of school, August 25.

Kings Mountain Weekend Weather			
Thursday August 13 Mostly Sunny - 84° 0% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 64°	Friday August 14 Mostly Sunny - 85° 0% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 65°	Saturday August 15 Mostly Sunny - 88° 10% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 65°	Sunday August 16 Mostly Sunny - 90° 10% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 66°

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