

EAST GASTON: Mounties put up fifth highest point total at KMHS

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offense. Our offensive line played very well. We had a good mix of running and passing."

There was no clue of what was to come when Kings Mountain's defense held the Warriors to three and out on the game's opening possession.

It took little time for the Mountaineers to show their offensive strength as they took over after a punt on their own 37 and scored in nine plays on a two-yard touchdown run by J'Air McCluney, who would finish with 158 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

East Gaston answered with a six play, 68-yard drive that ended with Nick Ferens scoring from five yards out, but the Warriors failed on a two-point conversion try, leaving KM up 7-6.

Kavin Mosely returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards to the Warrior eight, but the Mountaineers committed their only turnover two plays later. The host team drove 96 yards to score on Adams' 34-yard pass to Ferens and go up 13-7 as the first quarter ended.

The air show was on after that, with KM scoring on its next six possessions to take a 42-20 lead. The Mountaineers punted for their only time on their second possession of the second half, but scored on their final three possessions to stay at least three touchdowns ahead the rest of the way.

Kings Mountain ran

for 226 yards. Burns' five TD passes went to Mosely (2), Jake Merchant (2) and Chance Fredrick (1).

Burns and his teammates, who got great blocking from the offensive line, were able to take advantage of four talented receivers - Merchant with a personal career high eight receptions for 180 yards, Chance Fredrick 3-76, Mosley 3-52 and Madisyn Bolin 3-49.

Kings Mountain accumulated 583 yards total offense, but their total yardage was even higher than that as Mosley and McCluney combined for 166 yards on their two long kick returns.

East Gaston rolled up 447 yards of offense with a strong running attack featuring quarterback Alex Adams and fullback Tyler Spurling, and an excellent passing game featuring Adams to Ferens. Spurling gained 162 yards rushing and Ferens, listed on the EG roster as an "athlete," which he proved to be, caught seven passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns.

"It was a sweet win," Coach Lloyd said. "We took some strides. We made some mistakes but we saw some improvement."

Despite giving up 42 points, Lloyd said the defense played well.

"When you can run and throw and have the experience they (East Gaston) have, it takes a really strong defense to stop it," he said. "Both offenses did a good job exposing the other team's weaknesses. I'm glad we scored as many points as we did."

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had some success here (at Gamble Stadium). It seems like in the past we've won over there and they've won over here. We're going to have to get ready and see if we can get better."

The Mountaineers should go into the game at full strength. Linebacker Bryan Sanders was injured early in last week's game and has a badly bruised forearm but should play. Darian McClain continues to be hampered by a sore shin.

Lloyd has been pleased with how some younger players have blended in

with the offense and feels if they continue to progress the team will be in good shape.

"Darrin Burns was very poised and accurate last week," he said. "He threw good balls for the receivers to catch, and they showed they can catch them. I hope there's a lot more of that coming."

"With (Kavin) Mosely on one side and (Jake) Merchant on the other, (Madisyn) Bolin at the slot and Chance Fredrick at tight end, he has some good receivers and we're trying to get them all involved. Our offensive line is really blocking well and giving them good support."

SMAC 2A/3A STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	All	RS Central	0-0	1-1
KMHS	0-0	2-0	East Ruth.	0-0	1-1
Crest	0-0	2-0	Draughn	0-0	1-1
Burns	0-0	2-0	Chase	0-0	1-1
Shelby	0-0	2-0	E. Burke	0-0	1-1



These three young ladies make up Kings Mountain High's 2015 golf team which opened South Mountain 2A/3A play Tuesday at Kings Mountain Country Club against Crest, Draughn and East Burke. Left to right, Samantha Mayes, Sarah Drennan and Natalie Lutz. At right, Natalie Lutz putts for a birdie on hole 4. (Photos by KM Herald)

KMHS golfers open season

Kings Mountain High's women's golf team opened its season last Wednesday at Kings Mountain Country Club with a 164-184 victory over Gastonia Ashbrook.

Freshman Natalie Lutz of Kings Mountain was medalist with a 42. Other KM scores were Sarah

Drennan 60 and Samantha Mayes 63.

The Lady Mountaineers hosted the first South Mountain Athletic Conference match Monday afternoon at KMCC.

East Burke won with a 154 score, with Crest finishing second at 157. Kings

Mountain shot 161 and Draughn 185.

Kings Mountain's Natalie Lutz, Brianna Plummer of Crest and Morgan Byles of East Burke shared medalist honors with 42s.

Other KM scores were Sarah Drennan 56 and Samantha Mayes 63.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to host Ashbrook Tuesday afternoon and will travel to River Bend on September 8 for another SMAC match. Crest will be the host.

KM tennis undefeated, first SMAC game today

Kings Mountain High's women's tennis team is 3-0 entering South Mountain Athletic Conference play. The Lady Mountaineers play R-S Central today in their first league game.

The Lady Mounties disposed of Lincolnton 7-1 in their opener and defeated the Lady Wolves again last week 7-0 in a match shortened by darkness and lightning.

The Lady Mountaineers played Burns last Thursday in what would have been their SMAC opener. KM's #1 player, Natalie Lutz, had finished her match with a 6-0, 6-0 win and seeds two through five had each won their first set and were leading their second. The #6 seed was leading in the first set when the match was postponed because of weather. Unless the match is re-scheduled, it will not count.

In their latest match Thursday, the KM ladies defeated Polk County 8-1 for their third straight win.

Presently the Lady Mountaineers are being led by Lutz, who is undefeated in singles play and has yet to lose a game in four matches.

After losing five seniors from last year's team, including Natalie's older sister Maddie, one would think



The Kings Mountain High tennis team is unbeaten entering SMAC play today. Front row, left to right, Natalie Lutz, Kassie Johnson, Amber Belcher, Carrigan Leatehrman and MC Johnson. Back, Olivia Brucker, Jasmine Guy, Kayla Condrey, Hallie Hunt and Coach Rick Henderson. (Photo by KM Herald)

the Mountaineers are in a rebuilding session, Coach Rick Henderson said.

"We have a very strong freshman class with the talents of Lutz, Kassie Johnson and MC Johnson," Henderson said. "I am becoming very optimistic that we could make a run for the conference championship. Typically, having seven freshmen out of a total of 11 players one would think that

your team would be highly considered in a rebuilding year. But we are far from that."

KM 8, Polk 1

Singles

Natalie Lutz (KM) d. Rhian Alley 6-0, 6-0; Kassie Johnson (KM) d. Haven Dufford 6-3, 6-2; MC Johnson (KM) d. Juniper Walter Egger 6-0, 6-0;

Doubles

Lutz/MC Johnson (KM) d. Alley/Dufford 8-0; Jasmine Guy/A. Baker (KM) d. Branham/Marino 8-1; Walter Egger/Woods (PC) d. Hallie Hunt/O. Brucker 8-3.

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