KM Junior High Gridders Lose Opener To West McDowell

will try to get a victory under their belts Saturday when they host Crest in a Carolina Junior High 16 points in the fourth Association contest.

Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m. at John Gamble Stadium. grabbed an early 8-0 lead

Monday afternoon to a big and tough West McDowell team, 24-6. West McDowell quarter.

The visiting Spartans



. SETS RECORD—Trent Hullender (88) hauls in one of his school-record six pass receptions in Monday's Kings Mountain-West McDowell junior high game at Gamble Stadium.

Kings Mountain Junior The Patriots dropped but the Pats came right High's varsity gridders their season's opener back early in the second period to cut it to 8-6. Quarterback Lindsay Davis hit end Trent big Western North broke the game open with Hullender with a 10-yard scoring strike, but the twopoint conversion'try failed.

Kings Mountain appeared to be heading for the leading touchdown before halftime but the clock ran out on the Patriots at the five yard

After intermission, the Spartans began to pick up momentum and the Patriots never again got past the WM 35 yard line.

Hullender, despite the loss, set a school record with six pass receptions for 80 yards. Davis, who had a fine game at quarterback, hit 6-of-13 attempts.

William Short led the Patriots in rushing with 85 yards.

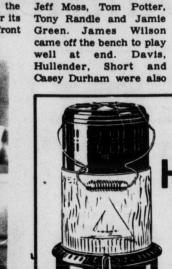
"We need to do a lot of work on defense," noted KM coaches David Hart and Ken Napier. "We just haven't jelled. We have the material if we just don't wait around too long.

"I think the guys gave a good account of themselves," added Napier, the

school's athletic director. away from West. They "We haven't had but two have a good ballclub and weeks to get ready. I don't they're probably the

want to take anything biggest team we'll face all

The coaches cited the entire offensive line for its blocking. Starters up front



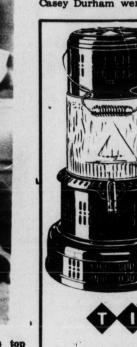
cited for their play on include David Putnam, offense.

Defensively, linebackers Tommy Welch and Mike Dixon played well, along with Hullender at end and David Bradley in the backfield.

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TOP RUSHER-William Short (26) of Kings Mountain picks up some good yardage in Monday's junior high game with West McDowell at Gamble ground gainer with 85 yards, but the Patriots lost a 24-6 decision. Photos by Gary Stewart



.DRUM MAJORS-Kelli Wilson, left, and Jenifer Pruette are Kings Mountain High band directors Donald Deal and Chris Cole's right hands on Friday night. They are the field leaders of the awardwinning Mountaineer marching band, which performs at halftime of every KMHS football game.

KM Girls Win Fourth, **Myers Park Here Today**

Kings Mountain High's those two," said Guy. "We girls tennis team goes after its fifth straight victory at 3 p.m. today at home against 4-A Myers I'm really expecting a Park of Charlotte.

Coach Ed Guy's Mountainettes ran their good turnout of fans." Southwestern 8-A Conference record to 2-0 and their overall mark to 4-0 Tuesday with a 9-0 victory over Burns.

Kings Mountain won all nine of the matches in straight sets. Kim Gladden, playing the number one singles position, didn't lose a match as she blanked Debbie Barnette 6-

0, 6-0. "Burns wasn't particularly a good team," noted Guy. "They won't be the worst we'll play in the conference. They beat Chase the other day 8-1, so it won't be too exciting when we play Chase.

"But we're expecting a real tough match today," he went on. "Myers Park has always been a good tennis school and their top player has a pretty good state ranking. If we get by them, we should be on our way to a good season."

Guy has said all season Myers Park and Shelby would be his team's toughest competition. Shelby, which plays here on Oct. 2, is favored to win the SWC.

"I'd really like to beat

played Shelby the best match we've ever played them last year, losing 5-4. good match when we play them and hope we have a

The Mountainettes play at South Point next Tuesday. They were slated to play Bessemer City next Thursday but that match will probably be either postponed or cancelled because of a conflict with BC's conference schedule.

(Singles)

Kim Gladden (KM) def. Debbie Barnette 6-0, 6-0. Bridget Glass (KM) def. Terri Bradshaw 6-2, 6-2.

Ronda Guy (KM) def. Linda Lackey 6-0, 6-2. Jamie Humphries (KM) def. Barbara Wright 6-0, 6-

(KM) def. Ann Poole 6-0, 6-Edie Schronce (KM) def.

Wanda Witherspoon

Mary Ward 6-3, 6-3. (Doubles)

Glass-Guy (KM) def. Barnette-Bradshaw 6-8, 6-

Gladden-Humphries (KM) def. Lackey-Poole 6-

Witherspoon-Kim Moss (KM) def. Cloninger-Thompson 6-1, 6-2.



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