

# KM Junior High Gridders Lose Opener To West McDowell

Kings Mountain Junior High's varsity gridders will try to get a victory under their belts Saturday when they host Crest in a big Western North Carolina Junior High Association contest. Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m. at John Gamble Stadium.

The Patriots dropped their season's opener Monday afternoon to a big and tough West McDowell team, 24-6. West McDowell broke the game open with 18 points in the fourth quarter. The visiting Spartans grabbed an early 8-0 lead

but the Pats came right back early in the second period to cut it to 8-6. Quarterback Lindsay Davis hit end Trent Hullender with a 10-yard scoring strike, but the two-point 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 line.

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. "We haven't had but two weeks to get ready. I don't want to take anything

away from West. They have a good ballclub and they're probably the biggest team we'll face all

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

include David Putnam, Jeff Moss, Tom Potter, Tony Randle and Jamie Green. James Wilson came off the bench to play well at end. Davis, Hullender, Short and Casey Durham were also

cited for their play on offense.

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



**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.



**TOP RUSHER**—William Short (26) of Kings Mountain picks up some good yardage in Monday's junior high game with West McDowell at Gamble

Stadium. Short was the game's top ground gainer with 85 yards, but the Patriots lost a 24-6 decision. Photos by Gary Stewart

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**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 award-winning Mountaineer marching band, which performs at halftime of every KMHS football game.

## KM Girls Win Fourth, Myers Park Here Today

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team goes after its fifth straight victory at 3 p.m. today at home against 4-A Myers Park of Charlotte.

Coach Ed Guy's Mountainettes ran their Southwestern 3-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

those two," said Guy. "We played Shelby the best match we've ever played them last year, losing 5-4. I'm really expecting a good match when we play them and hope we have a good turnout of fans."

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, 6-1.

Wanda Witherspoon (KM) def. Ann Poole 6-0, 6-1.

Eddie Schronce (KM) def. Mary Ward 6-3, 6-3.

**(Doubles)**

Glass-Guy (KM) def. Barnette-Bradshaw 6-3, 6-3.

Gladden-Humphries (KM) def. Lackey-Poole 6-0, 6-4.

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

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