

KM Teams 1-2 In Sectionals

Kings Mountain High's Bridget Glass and Kim Moss defeated teammates Jamie Humphries and Wanda Witherspoon 6-3, 6-2 Friday to win the doubles title in the Western Sectional High School Tennis Tournament at Shelby.

By finishing 1-2 at Shelby, the two Kings Mountain teams qualify for the Western Regionals Tournament to be played Wednesday and Thursday at Hickory High School. The top eight teams there advance to the North Carolina High Schools Athletic Association Tournament next week at Chapel Hill.

Kings Mountain finished third in the race for the team trophy. Shelby won with 37 points, followed by Ashbrook with 32 and KMHS 25. Shelby's Bonnie Wilkinson defeated Ashbrook's Betsy Short 6-1, 6-1 for the singles crown.

The two Kings Mountain teams breezed to the doubles finals with little trouble. Both had byes in the first round and both teams won all of their earlier matches in straight sets. The two KM teams were seeded 1-2.

Glass and Moss, who ran their season's record to 15-1, defeated Gantt and Summers of Cherryville 6-0 and 6-2 in the second round. They defeated Carswell



IN TOURNEY - The two KMHS doubles teams pictured above are competing in the Western Regionals Tennis Tournament today at Hickory after winning the Sectional Tourney last week in Shelby. Left to right, Kim Moss, Bridget Glass, Jamie Humphries and Wanda Witherspoon.

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and Harrison of Bessemer City 6-2, 6-2 in the quarter-finals and Eubanks and Caskey of East Lincoln 6-2, 6-4 in the semi-finals.

Humphries and Witherspoon defeated Pruitt and Glenn of Tryon 7-5, 6-2 in the second round, and Cox and Ramsey of Hunter Huss, 6-1, 6-2 in the

quarter-finals. They then ousted Hodge and Griffith of East Rutherford 6-2, 6-2 to reach the championship match.

Glass and Humphries will be

Jayvees

Lose 16-0

To Shelby

Kings Mountain High's jayvee footballers dropped their final game of the season Thursday to Shelby, 16-0, to finish the year with a 3-6 record.

The host Lions took advantage of a pass interception and a fumble recovery to score the only two touchdowns of the game.

"This was probably the best game we've played overall," said KM Coach Charlie Burns. "They took advantage of a couple of breaks. If we'd had the breaks, it could have gone our way."

Burns cited tackles David Putnam and Tom Potter, guards Tommy Welch and Alan Chapman, linebacker Mike Dixon, and defensive backs Chris Champion and Rodney Sellers for their play on defense.

"This is a good group of boys," Burns went on. "They all now realize what high school football is all about. I hope they'll work hard during the off season and be ready to play next year. The ones that stuck it out have a lot of class and I believe they love the game."

Finish Undefeated

Pats Win Finale 24-16

Kings Mountain Junior High's Patriots wrapped up an unbeaten season Wednesday at John Gamble Stadium, defeating Chase 24-16 in a non-conference game.

The Patriots, who won the Western Junior High Athletic Association championship under coaches David Heffner and John Bumgardner, finished with a 6-0 overall record.

Kings Mountain built up an 18-0 halftime lead with its ninth graders, then played mostly seventh and eighth graders in the second half.

The Patriots ran up 325 yards total offense to only 64 for the visiting Trojans. Curt Pressley led the rushing with 92 yards in nine carries. Arnold Jordan added 24, Jeff Chapman three, Brad Reynolds 41, Lavar Curry 15, Thomas Putnam 21, Eric Odoms three and Michael Smith 11.

The Pats jumped out front 6-0 with 2:24 left in the first period when quarterback Todd Clon-

inger threw a 35 yard touchdown pass to Pressley. The TD was set up by a fumble recovery by Dale Moore.

Defensive end David Parker recovered a fumble in the Chase endzone to put the Patriots up 12-0 with 4:32 left in the half. Pressley scored on a nine yard run with 1:26 remaining to give the KM forces an 18-0 advantage at intermission.

Chase scored on a 22 yard run with 7:50 left in the game and ran a two-point conversion to cut the score to 18-8. Kings Mountain got its final TD with 4:11 left when seventh grade quarterback Roderick Boyce and eighth grade end Lavar Curry hooked up on a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Chase got its final score with 40 seconds left, scoring on a three-yard run and another two-point conversion.

Shawn Rainey had a big day on defense for the Patriots, recording three individual tackles, three assists and three quarterback sacks.

Other standouts on defense included David Parker, Dale Moore, Shane Burton, Jeff Chapman, Randy Whitaker, Calvin Goode, Pressley, Putnam, Mike Grier, Eric Odoms and Steve Falls.

"We're real proud of our boys," noted coaches Heffner and Bumgardner. "We've had this group for two years now and they've given us two undefeated seasons and two conference championships. The high school can look forward to a good group of sophomores next year."

"It was hard to get up for this ballgame after winning the conference championship last week," Heffner said. "But I told the kids it would be a matter of playing on pride. They showed how proud they were and went out and played a good ballgame."

The group of ninth graders posted a 12-0-1 record over the past two seasons. They won six straight ballgames this year after an opening season 6-6 tie with West McDowell.

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