

Spring Sports Teams Eye SWC Playoffs

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players are familiar with the course. They will probably rate a slight favorite, with KM, East Gaston, R-S Central, and others, close behind.

North Gaston's Larry Penley, who has already received a full grant-in-aid to Clemson, will be the favorite in individual play. He usually shoots in the 80's.

The boys tennis team is the other KM outfit that will be a serious contender for the bi-conference title. Individual conferences do not have their own tournament in tennis.

The Mountaineers have experienced their most successful season ever, their only losses coming to Charlotte Latin and seven-time SWC champion Shelby. Even though Shelby defeated the Mountaineers in regular season

play, most Northwestern and Southwestern Conference coaches are pointing to KMHE as the team to beat in the bi-conference.

HMHS led after the first day of action last year, but lack of experience hurt the young Mountaineers in the final round as Shelby came storming back to win. Coach Ed Guy feels that experience will be a strong asset to the Mounties this year.

Leading the Mountaineer attack is junior sensation Tim Riddle, who is the 17th ranked singles player in North Carolina. He goes into the bi-conference tourney as the top ranked player from the SWC, and he probably will get a high ranking for the Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association tourney which is set for Shelby May 19-20.

While Riddle's biggest noise-maker for the Mountaineers, Coach

Guy has several other players that will represent the school well. Three of them — Rick Deaton, Scott Summitt and Kevin Morehead — made it to the association last year and have the experience needed to make it again.

Others who'll be competing for the Mountaineers include John David Reed, Al Cloninger and Kenny Boheler. Summitt is unbeaten in singles play this spring and several of the others are unbeaten except for the matches against Latin and Shelby.

Kings Mountain's girls won't be a threat, but

Coach Guy is hoping the Mountaineers can use the bi-conference tourney to gain experience for next year, when most of his players will return. The girls next year will play tennis in the fall, as they move into the N. C. High Schools Athletic Association.

The tracksters won't be a contender either, but Coach Dan Brooks, like Guy, will be using the conference and association meets to give his men some experience. Brooks will have the majority of his cindermen back next spring.

Host Crest will rate a slight favorite in the SWC

meet, but Shelby, North Gaston and South Point will be close on the Chargers' heels.

Kings Mountain might be a contender in the relay, Richard Ross should rank high in the triple jump and sophomore Terry McClain could possibly finish high in the hurdles.

The association track meet is set for Crest on May 19-20, the same days the tennis tournaments will be held at Shelby.

Chargers 10, Mounties 2

THE BOXSCORE

K. Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Hall, cf	2	0	0	0
Robinson, p-ss	3	0	2	1
Ellis, c	4	0	1	0
Chapman, 2b	0	0	0	0
Lancaster, dh	4	0	0	0
White, ss-1f	4	0	1	0
Tinsley, rf	1	0	0	0
Wilson, p	3	1	2	0
Bolin, 3b	3	0	1	1
Luffin, lf	1	0	0	0
Whitaker, ph	0	0	0	0
Valentine, 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	7	2

McFarland, ss	4	1	1	1
Bowen, 1b	0	0	0	0
Newton, dh	4 <td>1 <td>1 <td>1</td> </td></td>	1 <td>1 <td>1</td> </td>	1 <td>1</td>	1
Daves, c	3	2	3	2
Lovelace, cf	4 <td>1 <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </td>	1 <td>1</td> <td>1</td>	1	1
Downs, 3b	4 <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td>	1	2	1
Russ, lf	4 <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td>	1	1	0
Champion, 2b	3 <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td>	1	1	3
Mills, p	3 <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td>	1	1	0
Dover, p	0	0	0	0
Patterson, rf	3 <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td>	1	1	2
Totals	32	10	12	10

By innings: T
KM 000 002 0
C 060 130 x 2
E — Ellis, LOB KM 10, Crest 3, 2B — Newton, Lovelace.
HR — Daves, Champion, Patterson.
Pitcher IP H R ER BB SO
Robinson (L) 12-3 5 5 5 0 2
Wilson 41-3 7 5 5 0 3
Mills (W) 51-3 7 2 2 3 2
Dover 12-3 0 0 0 1 0
HBP — Whitaker, by Mills. Daves, by Robinson.

Patriot Winning Streak Is Broken By Lincs

THE LINESCORE

By innings:	R	H	E
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KM	020	100	000
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Cozner, Keener (5) and Lineberger.
Cloninger, Leach (6) and Hayes.

The loss gave the Patriots a 10-1 record heading into a game yesterday at Lincoln. The Patriots had won their last 27 ballgames tracing back to the 1976 season.

Even though they lost, the Patriots still held to a two-game lead in Foothills Conference play. East Lincoln and Crest, both with 8-3 records, are the only clubs with a chance of catching the Patriots.

The Patriots can clinch the title Monday afternoon at home when they host county rival Shelby. They close out their season on Fri., May 13 in a night game against Burns at Lancaster Field.

Two errors and a double enabled Lincoln to score the winning runs Monday.

The Patriots grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second on singles by Eric Dixon, Jeff Cloninger and Tim Chapman, and Ricky Proctor's sacrifice fly.

They moved ahead 3-1 in the fourth on a walk to Cloninger and Proctor's double, but the visitors came back with two in the top of the sixth to force extra innings.

Cloninger started on the mound for the Patriots but was relieved by Tim Leach with two out in the sixth inning. Cloninger walked five and struck out six and Leach walked two and fanned 14.

Proctor and Chapman, with doubles, were the only Patriots with extra base hits.

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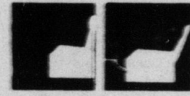
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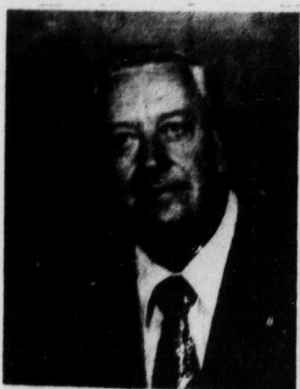
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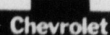
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