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KMHS Track Team Eyes Improved Record

With its biggest turnout in years, 38, Kings Mountain High's track team expects to be much-improved in Southwestern 3-A Conference competition this spring.

Second-year Coach Dan Brooks, who has had little chance to get his cinder-men outside because of the weather, will see his men in action for the first time Friday when they travel to Shelby to meet the Lions and Chase.

Most of the Mountaineers are young with no varsity experience, but they have a lot of potential.

The Mountaineers should be strong in the hurdles with veteran Terry McClain back for his junior year, Jimmy Bradley, Jerome Patterson, Sammy Bell and Charlie Jenkins look good in the middle distance runs, Kelly Land, Chuck Gordon, David Seay and Billy Hammett should be strong in the shot put and discus and Tony Smith and Barry Ledford should rank among the best pole vaulters in the league.

"In the early events we're going to try to get everybody in some kind of event," said Brooks, "and see how it'll work out when it gets a little warmer."

Clarence Wingo, Jeff Ross, Johnny McClain, James McClain, Travis Young, Scott Thornburg, Sammy Bell, Larry Smith, Terry

McClain, Craig Robinson, Kenny Womic, Everette Burris, David Seay, Stanley Barrett and Charles Jenkins.

KM Baseball Opener With Huss Rained Out

Kings Mountain High's baseballers travel to Ashbrook Wednesday before opening their Southwestern 3-A Conference campaign Friday at R-S Central.

The scheduled non-conference opener with Hunter Huss Saturday afternoon was postponed because of wet grounds and was scheduled to be made up yesterday.



MOUNTIE MUSCLEMEN...David Seay, Kelly Land, Chuck Gordon and Billy Hammett (left to right) will throw shot and discus...

Girls Seek Third Title

Kings Mountain Junior High's girls open their bid for the Western Junior High Athletic Association title Monday when they host East McDowell in a 4 p. m. game.

Coaches Candy Albergine and Becky Summitt are working with an inexperienced team but the Lady Patriots have enough potential to bring the school a third straight conference crown.

Only five players return from last year's team, which was 9-3. They include third baseman Bridget Glass, who is

starting for her third straight season, shortstop Diane Williams, second baseman Mary Ann White, who was last year's most valuable player, and catcher Bam McClain.

With the four returnees in the infield, that will probably be the team's strong point. Coaches Albergine and Summitt said their experience, defensive talents and hitting ability will be a big key to the team's success.

Three girls are battling for the first base, job, including Ginger Martin, Ame Tate and Pam Baity.

Pitching will be in good hands with Lynn Wyte and Kim Moss.

The biggest question mark appears to be the outfield. The only returnee there is Renee Cook. Leslie Hamrick, Dana Horne, Angela Bell, Heidi Hogans, Sandy Horn, Sandy Hovis and Mickey James are battling for the other spots. "Offensively, we don't know what we have because we haven't been outside enough," said Albergine. "We would like to be aggressive on the bases and force our opponents into a lot of mistakes." One thing working in

KM's favor is that the first four games and six of the first seven are at home.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MARCH

20 - E. McDowell

23 - Burns

APRIL

6 - Grandview

10 - College Park

13 - at Crest

20 - Shelby

17 - W. McDowell

24 - at E. McDowell

27 - at Burns

MAY

1 - at Grandview

4 - at College Park

8 - Crest

11 - at W. McDowell

15 - at Shelby

Netters Defeat Huss

Kings Mountain High's netters ran their record to 2-0 Friday in Gastonia with a 6-3 victory over 4-A Hunter Huss.

Tim Riddle, John Reed, Kenny Boheler and Barron Wilson won singles matches for the Mountaineers and Boheler and Summitt and Chuck Walker and Kenny Horn won doubles matches.

The Mountaineers, who were scheduled to play Freedom in a makeup match Monday, return home Wednesday to host Lincolnton in a non-conference meet.

Coach Ed Guy said he was displeased with the performance of the Mountaineers, pointing out that several close matches shouldn't have been close at all.

"I'm not sure what happened," he said, "but hopefully we'll come along and start playing a lot better."

Guy said he was pleased with the play of Boheler, who has been out of practice for the past two weeks because of a trip and sickness.

SINGLES

Tim Riddle (KM) def. Kevin Burke 6-0, 6-1.
Scott Davis (HH) def. Scott Summitt 6-1, 6-4.
John Reed (KM) def. Roger Carrithers 6-3, 6-3.
Kenny Boheler (KM) def. Blair Maddox 6-1, 6-2.
Keith Hopper (HH) def. Al Cloninger 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Barron Wilson (KM) def. Joey Womble 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Boheler-Summitt (KM) def. Burke-Maddox 6-2, 6-3.
Carrithers-Hyder (HH) def. Lynn-Cox 6-4, 6-3.
Walker-Horne (KM) def. C. Davis-N. Davis 6-4, 7-5.

THE SCHEDULE

MARCH

17 - at Shelby

23 - at Burns

APRIL

7 - at Burns

13 - at S. Point Inv.

18 - County Meet at Crest

21 - at Crest

28 - Pre-Conf. at S. Point

MAY

5 - Conf. at S. Point

12 - Sectional at Myers Park

19 - Regional at Freedom

26 - State at Cary



COACH DAN BROOKS, right, watches runners practice baton exchange.

Left to right, Terry McClain, Jimmy Bradley, Jerome Patterson, Sammy Bell and Charlie Jenkins...



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