



Photo By Gary Stewart

WINNING FORM — Kings Mountain's Ronda Shytles gets ready to return a shot to Lynn Jenkins in Tuesday KM-Watauga tennis match here. Shytles won 7-5, 6-3, but the Mountaineers suffered their second straight loss, 7-2.

KMHS Boys Netters Win Easily...

Kings Mountain High's boys tennis team ran its record to 8-2 Monday with a 9-0 victory over Crest. It was the first conference victory for the Mountaineers, who dropped their opening Southwestern Conference match to Shelby two weeks ago.

The Mountaineers lost only four games and Coach Ed Guy noted that might possibly be a conference

record. KM's top-ranked Tim Riddle brushed off his opponent, Tim Bridges, 6-0, 6-0 in only 28 minutes. Kenny Boheler, Scott Summitt and John Reed also won their singles matches, 6-0, 6-0 and the teams of Kevin Morehead and Boheler and David Lynn and Chris Keeter did the same in doubles play.

Coach Guy didn't play Riddle, Reed or Rick Dea-

ton in doubles play and said he'd probably hold Riddle and Deaton out and move everybody else up and give them a chance to improve their seeding for the bi-conference tournament. Kevin Morehead or Kenny Boheler will probably be playing number one.

"We didn't have to try too hard," noted Guy. "That was as bad a defeat as I've ever seen. Most of our guys were playing at about half speed."

"Cherryville is about equal to Crest," he added,

"so I'll probably hold Riddle and Deaton out and move everybody else up and give them a chance to improve their seeding for the bi-conference tournament. Kevin Morehead or Kenny Boheler will probably be playing number one."

The Mountaineers face one of their toughest tests of the season Friday when they host Providence Day School.

(Singles)

Tim Riddle (KM) def. Tim Bridges 6-0, 6-0.
Rick Deaton (KM) def. Tim Rape 6-1, 6-0.
Kevin Morehead (KM) def. Rodney Wesson 6-1, 6-0.
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Kenny Boheler (KM) def. Danny Proctor, 6-0, 6-0.

Scott Summitt (KM) def. Mike Ledbetter 6-0, 6-0.
John Reed (KM) def. Juan Byers 6-0, 6-0.

(Doubles)

Morehead-Summitt (KM) def. Bridges-Rape 6-0, 6-0.
Boheler-Cloninger (KM) def. Wesson-Proctor 6-1, 6-0.
Lynn-Keeter (KM) def. Ledbetter-Byers 6-0, 6-0.

...But Girls Lose To Watauga 7-2

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team dropped a 7-2 decision to a tough Watauga team Tuesday at the KMHS courts.

The Mountaineers, who were scheduled to go to Cherryville yesterday, travel to Burns today and host Crest Monday.

Ronda Shytles won her singles match 7-5, 6-3, and Roxanne Tate and Pat

Durham copped their doubles match 6-3, 6-2 for the only KMHS victories Tuesday.

But Watauga, which is being regarded along with Shelby as one of the teams to beat in Northwest Southwest Conference play, had some shaky moments before clinching the victory.

KM's number six singles

player, Elizabeth McGill, won her second set to tie her match with Jane Knight, and KM's number one doubles team of Sara Maner and Mercedes Smith won their second set to tie their match before Watauga regained the momentum and clinched the victory.

"I have to give our girls a lot of praise," noted

Coach Ed Guy. "The girls that won, of course, played very well, but we had several others that played well even if they did lose."

"Watauga has a real strong team and our girls played them well. They just ran up against some better players. I'd have to say that Roxanne Tate and Pat Durham played the best tennis of anybody all year."

THE RESULTS

(Singles)

Karen Gabriel (W) def. Sara Maner 6-1, 6-1.
Jill Spivey (W) def. Mercedes Smith 6-0, 6-0.
Linda South (W) def. Bonnie Hinnant 6-0, 6-3.
Ronda Shytles (KM) def. Lynn Jenkins, 7-5, 6-3.

Liz Denning (W) def. Kathy Brennan 6-4, 6-3.
Jane Knight (W) def. Elizabeth McGill 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

(Doubles)

Gabriel-Spivey (W) def. Maner-Smith 6-2, 2-6, 6-0.
Tate-Durham (KM) def. South-Jenkins 6-3, 6-2.
Denning - Knight (W) def. Mauney-White 6-2, 6-4.

A's Win First Two

Kings Mountain's A's won a pair of Triple County League games over the weekend, defeating the Charlotte Mets 3-0 Saturday and the Westside Eagles 9-8 in 10 innings Sunday.

Lefthander Alan Lindsay of Cherryville fired a one-hitter and fanned 14 for the Saturday victory and Charles Rhodes' 10th inning homer provided the Sunday win.

Danny McDowell hit a homer in the first inning Saturday to give Lindsay all the working room he needed to nail down the season-opening victory.

Rhodes and Charles Jones had two hits each to

lead the KM attack and Marcus Jamerson and Clarence Ash added a hit apiece to go with McDowell's homer.

Ken Beaty pitched four scoreless innings of relief to earn the Sunday win. Robert Adams started and gave up all eight runs on five hits.

McDowell, Rhodes, Ash, Jones and Ken Benfield had two hits each to lead the hitting attack.

The A's are idle Saturday, but return to Davidson Park Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. to host Bowling Green. Righthander Darrell Whetstone will pitch for the A's.

Patriot Golfers Open With Win

Kings Mountain Junior High's golfers opened Foothills Conference play

Monday at Kings Mountain Country Club, defeating Crest 184 to 200.

It was the first junior high match ever for four of KM's top six players, including Sammy Wolfe, who was medalist for the match with a seven-over-par 48.

Other KM scores included Delk Hagler 44, Don Sellers 46 and David Rhea 51. Larry Sigmon was the low man for Crest with a 48.

"I was real pleased with the win, even though this is Crest's first year of golf and they had a lot of young boys," noted KM coach Joe Speight.

"We're going to have to improve if we're going to go undefeated," he added, "but we're off to a good start."

The Patriots go to Lincolnton today to face the only team that defeated them last year.

"This should be one of our tougher matches," said Speight. "If we get by them, we should be in good shape the rest of the year."

The Patriots won the Foothills crown the past two years and are hoping to repeat even though they lost most of their players to the Kings Mountain High School team.

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