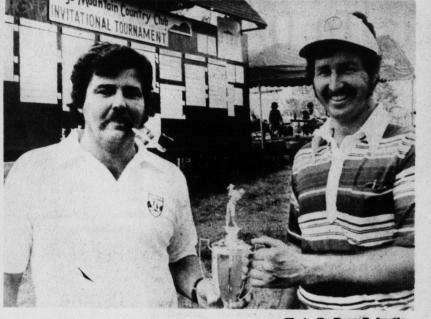
-MIRBOR-HERALD-Tuesday, May 17, 1977





GOLF WINNER - Gene Blanton (left) of Hendersonville receives the KMCC Invitational championship trophy from tournament chairman Mickey

Powers after Sunday's final round at the Kings Mountain Country Club. Blanton shot a 146 to win by five strokes.

Gene Blanton Wins

KM Invitational Tourney

Gene Blanton of Hendersonville, former Cleveland County resident, fired a 146 Saturday andSunday to win the third annual Invitational Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Neisler of KM third at 159. Country Club.

Blanton won by five shots over Don Teague of Shelby, Rodney Camp of Gaffney and Geeper Howard of Kings Mountain, who tied for second with a 165. with 151 totals. Teague won aspecial playoff for second place.

In first flight action, with a 167 and Howard Koot Dawson of Greer, S. C., scored a 148 to whip 178 Mickey Powers (149) of Kings Mountain and Terry scored a 165 to take the Wir Abercrombie (152) of sixth flight title. Aaron 196.

Goober Lovelace of Hensecond with a 168, Jim rietta won the second flight Lybrand Jr. of KM third at with a 156, Bill Foster of 169 and Tom Tate Jr. of Kings Mountain was KM fourth at 170. second at 158 and David Fred Kings Mountain High golf coach Bobby Jones won the fourth flight with a

157, followed by Frank Zimmerman of Gastonia with a 161 and James Cogdill of Bessemer City

Al Grigg of KM won the fifth flight with a 166, followed by Richard Lyle

Johnson of Clover with a Alan Sipe of High Shoals

Mooresville won the seventh flight with a 166, followed by Donnie Woods of Spartanburg at 177 and Darrell Austin Sr. of Kings Mountain at 178. George NeeSmith of

Cadle of Gastonia was

Smith

of

take the eight flight. He won in a playoff over Ron Osborne of KM who also shot 180. Aud Tignor of KM finished third at 188.

Several KM Cindermen

Qualify For Association

Kings Mountain High was a close third with 95 qualified five individuals and Shelby finished fourth and one team for this with 70. Thursday and Friday's Western N. C. High Schools East Gaston 41, Burns 26 Activities Association and one-third, Chase 26, track meet at Crest by KMHS 25 and one-third, finishing high in the South- Cherryville 25 and one-half western Conference meet and R-S Central five. last Friday.

qualified for the pole vault Other scores included

by finishing fifth, Al Eddins qualified for the 440 dash by finishing third and Terry McClain qualified for the 330 hurdles by finishing third. In addition, the KM mile relay team qualified with a fifth place finish

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Bessemer City shot a 180 to Larry Carr of Gastonia shot a 188 to win the ninth flight, followed by Ray Holmes of KM at 198 and Winfred Bowen of KM at

pick up any first places pete. and scored only 25 and onethird team points. But the top six finishers in each event qualified for the association meet.

Crest, as expected, won in the triple jump, third in the event with 101 and onethe 220 and fifth in the half points, but North hundred Gaston made it interesting by compling 99 and onefor the shot put by finishing third points. South Point fifth Barry Ledford

KMHS Netters **Are Champions**

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say Tim's very capable of winning the whole thing."

Coach Guy said he was proud of several other KM players, even though they didn't qualify for the association.

Alan Cloninger contributed a point toward the team title by winning his first round singles match, John David Reed and Kenny Boheler won their first doubles match for another point, and Rick Deaton picked up twopoints with a pair of singles victories before losing an upset to Steve Perry of Watauga.

Kings Mountain's girls, good season next fall."

mer City and The association event The Mountaineers didn't Rutherford did not com-

dash. Ross finished second

David Gordon gualified

will begin Thursday afternoon at 1:30. The final KMHS senior Richard Ross qualified in three round will begin Friday at events, the 100 yard dash, 6 p. m the triple jump and the220

York Star

Inks Grant

With Bulldogs

BOILING SPRINGS -James Simpson, an All-State 3A performer at Yrok (S. C.) High School, has signed a football grantin-aid with Gardner-Webb College. A 5-11, 175-pound running

sets.

well, Guy said. Sarah Maner and Mercedes Smith picked up twopoints with a second round doubles victory, and Pat **Durham and Roxanne Tate** scored a point on another

doubles victory. Kathy Brennan and Bonnie Hinnant, who in Columbia. played singles, lost out in

the first round but both Mountainettes took their opponents the full three

"While our girls didn't

back-defensive back. Simpson was a three-year starter at York and twice although they scored only was named to all. three points, performed conference and all-state teams. As a running back. he gained 1.000 vards for three consecutive seasons. He also participates in basketball and track.

Simpson will play in the North-South High School All-Star game this summer

"James is an extremely talented athlete who is capable of contributing to our program as a freshman." said Gardner-LWebb head coach Oval win, they still put forth a Jaynes. "Whether we use good effort," said Guy. him at running back or "Theyhave nothing to be safety will depend on what ashamed of and we're we need this fall, but we're looking forward to a real confident he can play either position in college.



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