



TOP DOUBLES TEAM - Kevin Morehead, left, and Scott Summitt won the outstanding doubles team trophies at Thursday's Rotary Club tennis luncheon

at the Kings Mountain Country Club. The talented KMHS duo finished second in the association event and helped lead the team to the championship.

Morehead, Summitt Best Doubles Team

Riddle, Maner Top Winners

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conference play. Their only losses all season were to the Shelby team of Skip Warrick and Kevin Grayson.

Morehead, also, improved his game greatly during the off-season. He

played the number five singles position in '76, but moved up to number three this season and in two matches when Coach Guy held out Riddle and number two man, Rick Deaton, Morehead played the number one position and won.

Summitt played number

five most of this season after playing two and three last year. His drop in playing position, Guy pointed out, was not because of poor play on his part but because the other players had improved so much.

Summitt compiled probably the best regular

season record of any player in the state, winning all 19 of his matches by convincing scores.

As a team, the Mountaineers enjoyed their greatest season ever, winning 17 of their 19 matches and winning their first championship.

In conference play, they

finished second to Shelby for the second straight year as the Lions won their eighth straight title. But the Mountaineers proved without a doubt that their loss to Shelby was a big upset when they regrouped and won the bi-conference and association crowns.

Hal Lanier Guest Speaker

Rotary Baseball Luncheon Set

The 15th annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon will be held Thursday at noon at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

The luncheon each year honors the Kings Mountain High School team and the

highlight of the event is the presentation of the most valuable player and most improved player awards.

Hal Lanier, former major league shortstop and now manager of the Gastonia Cardinals, will be

guest speaker.

The Rotarians will be honoring a young Mountaineer team which came on strong to finish second in the Southwestern Conference behind South Point's Red Raiders.

The Mountaineers lost six of their seven non-conference games, but compiled a 7-3 conference record, then knocked off Division Two champion Crest in the opening round of the playoffs before losing a three-game series to South Point in the championship round.

This season marked the third straight the Mountaineers have managed to reach the SWC playoffs. No other team in the conference has been able to do that. The Mounties won the SWC two years ago and lost out to the eventual association champ, East Rutherford, last year.

PAST MVPs

- 1963 - Barry Gibson
- 1964 - Mickey Bell
- 1965 - Searley Lowery
- 1966 - Steve Goforth
- 1967 - Nelson Connor
- 1968 - Paul Gaffney
- 1969 - Rocky Goforth
- 1970 - Chuck Carpenter
- 1971 - David Bolln
- 1972 - Danny Hartsoe
- 1973 - Robbie Moore
- 1974 - Jimmy Fitts
- 1975 - David Lancaster
- 1976 - Steve Southwell

PAST MIPs

- 1975 - Richard Gillespie
- 1976 - John Yarbro

KMHS Mountaineers' Final Year In WNCHSAA Was A Good One

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The other spring sport team, the track squad, didn't set the woods on fire but Coach Dan Brooks would have to call it a success. He had over 30 participants, and most of them sophomores, the biggest track turnout at KMHS in years.

The tennis team brought the school only its second or third WNCHSAA title (depending on how you look at it). The only other KMHS team win an association title outright was the 1969 baseball team, which went all the way on the left arm of Rocky Goforth, who was the player of the year in WNCHSAA.

But many KMHS fans counted the 1966 football team an association champion also. That team went unbeaten and won the Western championship. Back then, the Western and Piedmont winners did not play each other for the association title.

The final year of WNCHSAA competition also proved fruitful for many of the other teams in the SWC.

In fact, SWC schools won every WNCHSAA championship except the track title, which was claimed by Davis County. The baseball title still hasn't been decided, but South Point appears to have a good chance of winning it.

Shelby won the association football crown and also the boys basketball title. North Gaston won the girls basketball and track titles, East Gaston copped the golf title and KMHS the tennis championship.

Although winning state titles in the much-larger NCHSAA will be much tougher, many of the SWC schools, including KMHS, will be in the running come next fall.

Juniors Defeat Tryon 5-0

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors opened 1977 play Friday night with a 5-0 exhibition victory over the Tryon Dixie Youth team.

Coach Robbie Moore was scheduled to take his team to Cherryville last night for another exhibition contest. The Juniors open Area Four play Thursday at Forest City.

John Clinton and Mike Jackson combined for a five-hitter Friday and the locals secured seven hits off Harlan and Vincent Haynes.

Jackson's solo homer to lead off the second inning broke a scoreless tie and proved to be the winning run. Jackson finished with two hits and two runs batted in.

Clinton added 1-for-1 and two RBI and Richard Van Dyke and William Thompson were both 1-for-1, and Marcus Jamerson was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The Juniors played errorless defense and helped halt a couple of mild Tryon threats with two double plays from Gary Blake to Jamerson to Jackson.

Orioles, Red Legs Winners

Kings Mountain's Orioles and Red Legs came out winners in Babe Ruth League play at Lancaster Field Saturday night defeating Steel Creek of Charlotte and Broadmore Pineville.

The Red Legs - Broadmore game began at 6:30 p. m. and ended with the KM team a 5-1 winner under the pitching of Steve Lancaster and the hitting of Bruce Valentine and David Ray Roberson.

Valentine went three for three and Roberson two for four trips to bat. Although the Red Legs committed no errors, Broadmore managed four hits off Lancaster. Broadmore's Larry Lowrance scored a

homerun over the center field fence.

In the 8:30 p. m. game Lowe's Foods Orioles defeated Steel Creek of Charlotte 6-3.

David Cobb was the winning pitcher and racked up 16 strikeouts in Saturday's play. Leading hitters for KM were Scott Ellis who went two for three and Ronnie Wilson with two for three.

Cobb gave up only two hits to Steel Creek. The losing team's three scores came off of Orioles errors. Wednesday night at Lancaster Field Tryon will visit for a double header with the Red Legs and Orioles with games beginning at 6:30 and 8:30.

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