

Riddle Seeks Second KMHS Championship

SPORTS

Tim Riddle will be trying to bring Kings Mountain High its second state championship of the 1977-78 school year Wednesday and Thursday when he participates in the North Carolina High Schools Athletic Association tennis tournament in Chapel Hill.

Riddle qualified for the tournament last Wednesday and Thursday by finishing in the top eight in the Western Regional Tournament at Hickory High School. Riddle tied for third place.

Riddle, last year's Western N. C. High Schools

Association champion, won his first two matches at Hickory before losing to the state's top-ranked 18-year-old, Mark Dillon of Charlotte Myers Park.

Riddle's first two victories were rather easy 6-3, 6-1 over Buddy Little of Myers Park and 6-1, 6-1 over Whitaker of West Rowan.

Riddle, the state's number two ranked 18 year old, and Dillon, then staged the match of the tournament with Dillon winning 6-1, 3-6

and 6-3.

"All of the coaches agreed the match was by far the best of the tournament," noted KMHS Coach Ed Guy. "Tim played great tennis but Dillon had just a finer ridge on his game. Dillon played super tennis in the first set and Tim played just as super in the second. The third and deciding set was just a

matter of who got a couple of points at the right time."

"Prior to that match," added Guy, "nobody had come even close to taking a set off Dillon. Tim knows Dillon can be beaten and Tim's capable of doing it in the state tournament. It's not so important where you finish in the sectional and regional tournaments. The people will remember it if you win the state, though."

Dillon, who led Myers Park to the team title with 31 points, defeated Wayne Hearn of South Mecklenburg 6-2, 6-1 in the championship match. Hearn had beaten Shelby's Andy Wilkison 7-5, 6-4 in the other semi-finals match.

Kings Mountain's doubles entry, Scott Summitt and Kenny Boheler, lost out in the first round to Porter and Young of South Mecklenburg, 7-6, and 6-3. South Meck finished second to Myers Park in the team standings with 13 points, followed by Shelby with 12, Robeson with 10 and Kings Mountain with eight.



TIM RIDDLE eyes state crown...

Sertoma Am Is Slated

Over 200 golfers, including the top amateurs from the two Carolinas, as well as tournament competitors from as far away as New York State, will be competing in the third annual Gallagher Trails Sertoma Amateur to be held at the Gallagher Trails Golf Club in High Shoals, Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11.

Over \$4,000 in prizes makes this year's medal event one of the most lucrative amateur tournaments in the Southeast. A minimum of \$200 in merchandise prizes is guaranteed the winner of each flight.

The Championship Flight will consist of some 30 players with the top 15 receiving merchandise and or trophies.

All of the proceeds of the tournament go to Camp Sertoma, which is located in Dallas. Camp Sertoma is designed and staffed for the exclusive care and use for retarded children. It is the only camp of its kind in a 100 mile radius which will accept retarded children regardless of their ability to pay.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$20, which includes greens fees, but not cart rentals.

Golfers wishing to enter are invited to call collect day or night, Tommy Stines, at Dynamic Recording Services, 704-922-5081. Stines is tournament director.

Neisco Wins 7-6

Neisco Industries defeated Rotary 7-6 Friday night at Deal Street Park to run its league-leading little league record to 5-1.

Tommy Batchler and Todd Cloninger combined pitching skills for Neisco. Batchler gave up only one hit and fanned eight in four and two-thirds innings and Cloninger struck out three in one and one third frames.

Batchler led the hitting attack with a triple, double and single. Cloninger added a double and Walter Cooper, Johnny Yarbrow and Mike Homesley all had a hit apiece.

Neisco plays Nationals Insurance Wednesday night at Deal Street.

Banquet Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the Kings Mountain High School all-sports banquet are on sale this week at the high school principal's office and through athletic director Dan Brooks.

Tickets may be purchased through the end of the school day Friday for five dollars each.

Frank Howard, former head coach at Clemson University, will be guest speaker for the banquet which is set for Tuesday night, May 30, at 7:30 at the KMHS cafeteria.

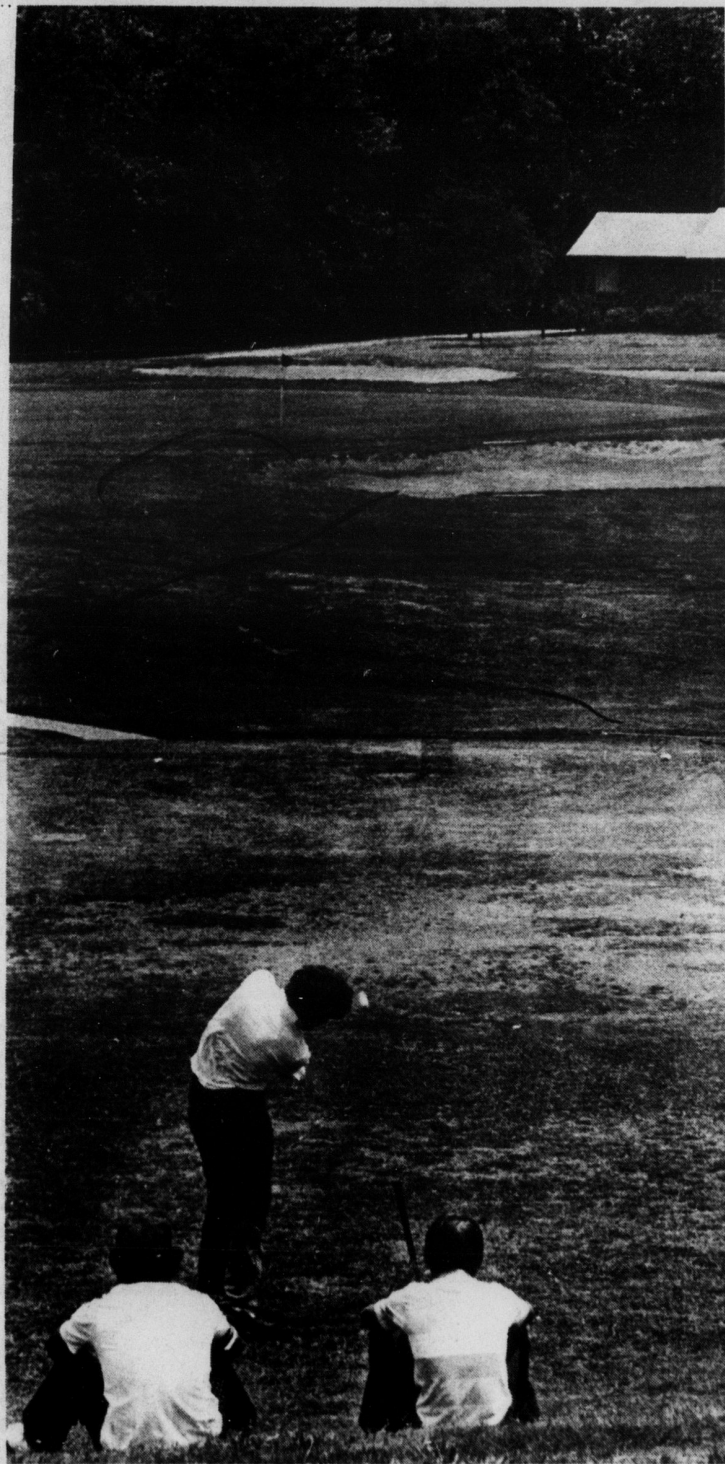


Photo By Gary Stewart

FORE!! - Warm weather was a long time coming, but now it's here and local golfers are flocking to the area golf courses to get their games back in shape. In photo above, John Gamble of Kings

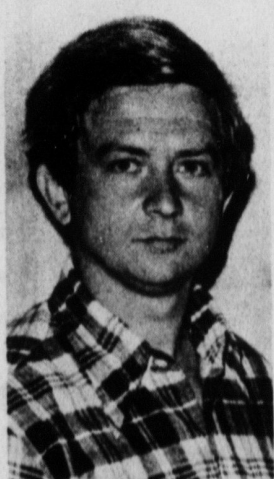
Mountain gets off a good tee shot at River Bend Golf Course. Several courses in the area already have their tournament season underway.

Moffitt Slates Summer Camps

Steve Moffitt, who coached Kings Mountain High's wrestling team to the Southwestern 3-A Conference title and Chuck Gordon to the state championship in his first year as coach, will direct a summer wrestling and gymnastics camp this summer at Central School.

The five-day wrestling camp will run June 14-15-16-19-20 from 9 a. m. until 12 noon each day. It's for boys only and cost will be \$18 including insurance.

The eight-day gymnastics camp will run June 21-22-23 and June 26 through 30, also from 9 a. m. until noon each day. It's



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for both boys and girls and cost will be \$21 including insurance.

Ages five through high school age are eligible for both camps.

Several of the area's top coaches will serve as instructors including professional wrestler Gene Ligon, former coach at West Rowan High School, Ashbrook Coach Bill Eccles and Alan Davis, a member of the Gardner-Webb gymnastics team.

Any persons interested in attending either or both camps may contact Coach Moffitt.

Junior High Golf Tourney Scheduled Today At KMCC

The first annual Western North Carolina Junior High Athletic Association golf tournament will be held today beginning at 12:30 p. m. at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The 18-hole event will crown the champion of the newly-formed junior high loop. Shelby, which won all six of its regular season matches, is the heavy favorite to win the team title and the host Kings Mountain team, which was

5-1 in regular season play, is rated second.

Joe Speight, head coach of the Kings Mountain team, is tournament director. Speight coached the Patriots to back-to-back Foothills Conference title in 1975 and 1976.

"Shelby has a real fine team," noted Speight, "and if we were playing the tournament anywhere else I would say they'd win with no trouble at all. But with us here, if we have a good day it's going to be real close. We have a good chance of winning."

The Patriots lost their regular season finale Thursday to Shelby, 187 to 190 in a match played at Royster Golf Course in Shelby.

Scott Hardeman of the Blue Devils was medalist with a 38. Dexter Tate was low man for the Patriots with a 44.

Softball Game Set

The second annual Jaycees-Police softball game is scheduled for Saturday night at 7:30 at City Stadium.

All proceeds go to the Jaycees and Police little league teams.

Tickets are only one dollar and may be purchased by any policeman or member of the Jaycees.

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