



SENIOR GOLFERS - These three seniors expect to make Kings Mountain High's golf team a contender for the Southwestern 3-A Conference title this spring. Left to right are Darrell Austin, Darrell Forbes and Herbie

Beam. Coach Bobby Jones and his golfers open their season on March 8 at Burns. Three of their regular season matches will be played at Kings Mountain Country Club.



Photos By Gary Stewart

College Basketball Report To Be Seen Sat., Mar. 3

CHARLOTTE - The "College Basketball Report" moves to prime-time on Saturday, March 3, when the final show of the season airs at 8 p. m., immediately preceding the ACC Tournament championship game on WBTB, Channel 3.

Jim Thacker and well-known sports analyst Billy Packer, regulars on the ACC game of the week, will show highlights of the ACC semi-final games and highlights of the Sun Belt championship game. Also featured on the show will be talk-show WBTB Sports Director

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KMSH Golfers Teeing Up

By GARY STEWART
Sports Editor

A veteran Kings Mountain High golf team opened practice this week for what Coach Bobby Jones hopes will be one of the Mountaineers' most successful seasons.

Jones has five players back from last year plus three promising sophomores who helped lead the junior high to a second place finish in the Western Junior High Athletic Association.

"We'll be looking for

more consistency this year," says the veteran KMSH mentor. "We have some players who should rank among the best around."

The Mountaineers won their share of regular season matches last year

but slumped to a third place finish in the conference tournament. They failed to qualify a player for the state tourney.

"That's something we're shooting for this year," said Jones. "We have players capable of

qualifying. They're just going to have to gear their game to where they'll be playing their best golf at the end of the season.

"We won most of our home matches last year," he recalled, "but we had our trouble on the road. Playing on the road shouldn't make that much difference."

Jones will have to replace two good players, Mark Sanders and Mike Howze. He's hoping sophomores David Rhea, Dexter Tate and Jack Jackson can fill the vacant spots.

The Mounties' top prospect is senior Darrell Austin, who played the number one position all of last year and part of his sophomore year. Two other seniors, Herbie Beam and Darrell Forbes, should also rank among the best players in the Southwestern 3-A Conference.

"Austin has a lot of tournament experience," said Jones, "so he should be ready for a good year. Beam and Forbes also have a lot of experience. Forbes was probably our most consistent player last year."

The other two members of the team are Sammy Wolfe and Delk Hagler, who alternated at the sixth position last year and who are much improved and looking for a higher position.

The Mountaineers will play seven regular season matches, including three at Kings Mountain Country Club. The conference tournament, which decides the champion, will be held May 3-4 at Gallagher Trails and Riverbend. It will be a 36-hole event. The sectional tourney will again be played at Gastonia Municipal and the state tourney at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill.

THE SCHEDULE

MARCH
8 - KM, Shelby, Crest at Burns
15 - Chase, South Point, East Ruth, at KM
22 - KM, Burns, South Point, East Ruth, at N. Gaston
29 - East Gaston, R-S Central, North Gaston at KM

APRIL
5 - KM, Crest, East Gaston at Burns
12 - KM, Burns, R-S Central at Chase
26 - Shelby, East Gaston at KM

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