

# Mountaineers Whip R-S, Regain Share Of First

Kings Mountain High's baseballers pulled back into a tie for first place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference Tuesday night at Lancaster Field with an 11-2 victory over R-S Central.

The KM victory and North Gaston's 6-3 win over first place South Point knotted KM

and South Point with 7-2 SWC records. Shelby dropped a 10-9 decision to Chase and fell into a third place tie with North Gaston, both with 6-3 records.

The Mountaineers play Burns on the road Friday at 4 p.m. and return home Tuesday night for an important

battle with South Point.

Junior righthander Rusty Bumgardner worked the first five innings Tuesday night to pick up his fourth victory in six decisions. Paul Neisler pitched the final two innings. The two KM hurlers combined for 12 strikeouts with Bumgardner fanning eight

and Neisler four.

A five-run second inning, aided by two R-S Central errors, put the victory on ice. Mike Southards started the rally with a single. Doc Boheler had a run-scoring double, Bobby Pearson singl-

ed home a run and another scored on a fielder's choice by Thomas Breakfield.

Boheler and Pearson had a double and single each to lead an eight-hit KM plate attack. Del Postell had a two-run double, and Raynard Roberts

and Larry Yarborough each had run-scoring singles.

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Bumgardner, Neisler (6) and Boyce.



100-METER DASH - Martin Spencer of Kings Mountain, far right, leads the 100-meter dash at the time this photo was taken but finished third in last week's track meet at John

Gamble Stadium. Far left is Daron Hillman of Kings Mountain. The Mountaineers won team honors for the third time this season.

## KMHS Cindermen Win For Third Time

Kings Mountain High's track team won its third meet of the year Thursday afternoon at John Gamble Stadium, outclassing Burns, R-S Central and Chase in a four-team Southwestern 3-A Conference meet.

The Mountaineers had 103½ points, followed by Burns with 72, R-S Central with 61½ and Chase with 23.

Kings Mountain grabbed eight first places, led by senior Calvin Stephens who won both the shot put and discus. He hurled the shot 51 feet and the discus 129'5".

Charles Mauney won the pole vault with a jump of nine feet and Mike Woods won the high jump with a leap of six feet. Edwin Sherer won the long jump with a leap of 20'2".

Aubrey Hollifield won the high hurdles in 16.7 seconds, the 800 relay team (Otis Brooks, Edwin Sherer, Lenny

Rayford and Anthony Hillman) won in 1:35.4, and Steve Lineberry won the 800 meters in 2:15.6.

Sherer took a second place in the high jump with a leap of 5'10", Wayne Brazzell was second in the shot put with a throw of 44'8", and Cliff Meeks was second in the 1600 meters with a time of 5:05.6. The 400 meter relay team (Tony Moore, Anthony Hillman, Martin Spencer and Sherer) was second in 45.4 seconds, Hollifield was second in the 300 hurdles in 44.6 and Meeks was second in the 3200 meters in 10:58.1.

Third places included Daniel Long in the pole vault (9'), Moore in the triple jump (39'7½"), Mauney in the high hurdles (18.5), Martin Spencer in the 100-meter dash (11.5), Lineberry in the 1600 meters (5:09.6) and Daron Hillman in the 400 meters (55.1).

Fourth places included Moore in the long jump (19'4½"), Brooks in the triple jump (36'9¼"), Brazzell in the discus (107'8"), Long in the high hurdles (22.4), and Matt Bradshaw in the 3200 meters (11:53.9).

Fifth places were Robert Murphree in the pole vault (8'6"), Brooks in the long jump (18'6½"), Rayford in the triple jump (36'4½") and Anthony Hillman in the 200 meters (24.9).

The Mountaineers were scheduled to compete in the Lincolnton Relays last night and will travel to Shelby Thursday to face the Lions, Chase and R-S Central.



RELAY WINNERS - Otis Brooks, right, hands the baton to Lenny Rayford on the second leg of the 800 meter relay in last week's track meet at Gamble Stadium. KM won the relay event and team honors.

## KM Breaks Loss Skid With Win Over Chase

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers broke a two-game losing streak and bounced back into the thick of the battle for the Southwestern 3-A Conference title Friday afternoon at Chase with a 3-2 win over the Trojans.

The win moved Kings Mountain into a tie for second place with Shelby, which lost to South Point. The Red Raiders took over sole possession of first place with a 7-1 record, followed by Kings Mountain and Shelby with 6-2 marks.

Sophomore righthander Monty Deaton went the distance for the Mountaineers to pick up his second SWC win in a row. He scattered nine hits and struck out nine.

Kings Mountain built up a 3-0 lead after three innings before the Trojans rallied for singletons in the fourth and sixth innings.

Thomas Breakfield's two-run single gave Deaton a 2-0 lead in the second. Deaton walked to start the rally and stole second. Mike Southards singled and Larry Yarborough walked to load the bases before Breakfield delivered.

The Mountaineers added what turned out to be the winning run in the third when



MONTY DEATON

Doc Boheler walked, moved to third on a single by Bobby Pearson and scored on a sacrifice fly to rightfield by Deaton.

Breakfield led an eight-hit KM plate attack with three singles. Del Postell had two hits and Pearson, Southards and Yarborough added one apiece.

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Deaton and Boyce; Munn and Ficklin.

## Girls Softball Wins Two To Pull Into Tie For Second

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team pulled into a tie for second place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference during the past week with victories over Shelby and North Gaston.

The Mountaineettes defeated Shelby 25-6 Wednesday behind the strong hitting of Edie Herndon and Linda Greene and perfect defensive play.

Monday at North Gaston,

the Mountaineettes scored a 17-7 victory as Lisa Epps, Stephanie Owens, Susie Moore and Herndon all batted over .700. Kings Mountain made only one error.

Kings Mountain, 5-3 in the conference and 9-4 overall, was scheduled to host North Gaston Wednesday afternoon. The Mountaineettes travel to East Rutherford Thursday and Hunter Huss Saturday.

## Boys Club Third In State Tourney

Kings Mountain Boys Club's 14-under basketball team finished third in the AAU Junior Olympics State Tournament last weekend in Charlotte.

The Kings Mountain team drew a first round bye and then defeated Thomasville 79-28 before falling to Charlotte 85-84 and Concord 77-69.

In the win over Thomasville, Darius Ross scored 32 points. Tank Allison added 14 and Kevin Armstrong 12.

Against Charlotte, Ross scored 24 points, Allison 16 and Ryan Hollifield 12. Against Concord, Ross had 16, Allison 14 and Kevin Armstrong 10.

Ross made the all-state team.

Members of the KM team were Brian Adams, Allison, Armstrong, Spencer Brown, West Conner, Darren Hager, Hollifield, Ross, and Barry Turner.

KM's 15-17 year old teams will play in the AAU Junior Olympic Tournament this weekend.

## Junior High Golfers Win

Kings Mountain Junior High's golfers defeated Crest and Burns Thursday in a Western N.C. Junior High Athletic Association match.

The Patriots compiled a 155 team score. Burns was second with 179 and Crest shot 180.

Kings Mountain's Brady Goforth was medalist for the match with a two-under-par 34. Brad Wilson shot 35, Shan Conner 41 and John Van Dyke 45.



## MORTGAGE RATES

By: Ruby M. Alexander

Where are mortgage rates going? They're already lower than the economists forecast, and no one expects them to drop much further. Initial interest rates on adjustable mortgages are in the single-digit range, and 15-year accelerated loans sometimes land there, too.

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