



BRAD WILSON

## KMHS Golfers Seeking Third Straight SW Title

Kings Mountain High's golfers have a chance to do something that very few--if any--other Southwestern 3-A Conference teams have done before, and that's win the conference and go undefeated for three years in a row.

Coach Denny Hicks' Mountaineers have won the title the last two years, and have the talent to do it again. They open their season on March 16 at North Gaston.

Hicks has four starters back from last year's team and has some talented sophomores who helped the junior high school win golf championships for three straight seasons.

"Everybody looks like they've improved," says Hicks. "The weather has been terrible and we haven't practiced that much, but during the course of the off-season I had the opportunity to see a lot of them working on their games, and they looked good."

The Mountaineers qualified as a team for the state tournament two years ago, when most of their players were sophomores, and they missed qualifying for the state by a single stroke last year. "That was the worst round of golf we'd played

in two years, and it came in the regionals when you have to score in the top three to qualify for the state. I hope that's an experience that will be well burned into our minds. I feel like if we reach our potential and play like we're capable of playing, that this could be a very successful year," he said.

Heading the list of returnees is senior Brad Wilson, a two-time SWC Player of the Year. Junior Brady Goforth missed sharing that honor with Wilson last year by a single stroke.

Other returning seniors are Rusty Bumgardner and John Van Dyke, and newcomers are sophomores Robbie Wilson, Ryan Broadwell and Mitch Morrow, and freshman Matt Heavener. Brad Wilson, Bumgardner, and Goforth were all-conference last season.

"Broadwell, Robbie Wilson and Matt Heavener were the top players on the junior high team the last couple of years, and they all look good," says Hicks. "Heavener is only a freshman but he shows a tremendous amount of potential. All three of these players will play a major role in our success this year."

### GOLF MARCH

16 - Shelby, KM, South Point at North Gaston. 23 - East Rutherford, South Point, R-S Central at KM. 30 - KM, Burns, North Gaston at South Point.

### APRIL

6 - KM, South Point, Chase at Shelby. 13 - KM, South Point, Chase at R-S Central. 27 - First round SWC tournament (site to be announced).

### MAY

4 - Final round SWC tournament (site to be announced). 8 - Regional Tournament at Apple Valley. 15-16 - State Tournament at Finley, Chapel Hill.

## Tourney

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Holbrook 13. Daniel Honeycutt came off the bench to lead the Mounties with 15 points, and Quan Smith added 13 in a reserve role. Patrick Jones added 11 and Darius Ross 10.

East Rutherford's girls had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to eliminate the KM ladies Thursday night. Kings Mountain outscored East 12-4 in the third quarter to take a 33-32 lead into the final eight minutes but East came back to hold KM to six points in the fourth quarter to claim the win.

Nana Wilkie scored 16 points and Melissa Lee 15 to lead the East Rutherford attack. Sharon Melton had 12 for Kings Mountain.

The Lady Cavaliers won the game at the foul line, hitting eight of 10 shots to just two of four for Kings Mountain.

### GIRLS GAME

KM (39) - Barnes 5, Smith 4, Melton 12, Ad. Woods 6, An. Woods 2, Degree 5, Feemster 5. ER (45) - Matheny 10, Lee 15, Wilkie 16, Greene 4.

### THURSDAY GAME

KM (69) - Jones 21, J. Ross 18, Hollifield 8, Smith 7, Byers 7, Odem 6, McNeil 1, Hager 1. SP (59) - Bakalli 20, Cathcart 14, Alexander 9, Norris 6, Kinlaw 6, McNeil 4.

### FRIDAY GAME

KM (76) - Jones 11, J. Ross 4, Odem 6, Hollifield 4, Byers 5, Hunnycutt 15, D. Ross 10, McNeil 2, Hager 6, Smith 13. SH (85) - Holbrook 13, Colquett 18, Finney 24, Allen 7, Triplett 8, London 8, Alexander 7.

## Kings Mountain Sports Scoreboard

### Bowling

(Mixed Duckpin Bowling League, Thursday, Dilling Heating).

Jo's Jokers 4, Our Guys 0  
Jokers - Jack Barrett, 150 line, 406 set; Tommy Barrett 118 line, 335 set.  
Guys - Allen Myers, 115 line, 332 set.

Sharpshooters 3, Misfits 1  
Shooters - Ronnie Scruggs, 126 line, 329 set.

Misfits - Dan Dilling, 115 line, 327 set. Bobby Rathbone, 116 line, 303 set. (Mixed Duckpin Bowling League, Tuesday night, Dilling Heating).

Wally's 3, Johnny's 1.  
Wally's - Wally Mocu 122 line, 346 set; Dot Mobley 136 line, 346 set.  
Johnny's - Johnny Dye, 127 line, 351 set; Lib Gault, 133 line, 348 set.

John's 3, Betty's 1  
John's - John Dilling, 151 line, 384 set; Jack Barrett, 124 line, 344 set.  
Betty's - R.W. Hullender, 147 line, 341 set.

### Basketball

(Kings Mountain Boys Club Basketball League).

### 11-UNDER LEAGUE

Pistons 54, Cavaliers 45  
Pistons - David Bell 15, Thomas Bell 13.  
Cavs - Terence Young 16, Jason Wade 11.

Jazz 43, Lakers 33  
Jazz - Bryan Leftwich 20, Dennis Hogue 10.  
Lakers - Tank Roseboro 20, Maurice Jarrett 10.

Hawks 45, Jazz 32  
Hawks - William Vaughn 11, Deon Jeffries 10.  
Jazz - Darrell Wilson 10, Corey Leach 10.

Lakers 60, Pistons 54  
Lakers - Rodney Smarr 12, Travis Watson 10.  
Pistons - Rodney Brown 21, Tico Crocker 11.

76ers 55, Bulls 40  
76ers - Lamont Littlejohn 12, Lance McClain 12.  
Bulls - Recco Turner 10, Emory Bess 10.

Rockets 62, Cavaliers 48  
Rockets - Eric Tate 16, Albert Perkins 14.  
Cavs - Randy Williams 14, Raphael Williams 13.

### 15-UNDER LEAGUE

Carolina 58, Clemson 46  
Carolina - Sheldon Thompson 25, William Jenkins 12.  
Clemson - Sherman Witcher 14, Derrick Bess 10.

Temple 72, Duke 69  
Temple - Stanker Williams 16, Derrick Byrd 13, Brian Dawkins 12, Marquiz Williams 10.  
Duke - Rodney Falls 18, Mike Roberts 15, Quame Jackson 13.

Wake 45, Maryland 44  
Wake - Tim Adams 11, Casey Holland 10.  
Maryland - Steve Moore 12, Jon Adams 11.

Jazz 47, Pistons 38  
Jazz - Corey Leach 10, Darrell Wilson 10.  
Pistons - John Adams 12, Corey McCray 11.

KM 62, First Federal 33  
KM - Joran Bell 10, Robert Williams 10.

11-UNDER TOURNAMENT (Clinton, S.C.)  
KM 48, Anderson 31  
KM - Cedric Smith 16, Raphael Williams 11.  
KM 56, Greenwood 50

KM - Corey Leach 11, Cedric Smith 11, Tico Crocker 10.

KM 53, Georgia 41  
KM - Cedric Smith 18, Albert Perkins 11.

Wilkesboro 47, KM 47 (2 OT)  
KM - Corey Leach 12, Cedric Smith 10.

All-tournament - Cedric Smith.  
Other KM team members - Corey Leach, Tico Crocker, Raphael Williams, Albert Perkins, Cameron Falls, Maurice Tate, David Summey, Joe Bell, Lance McClain, Corey McCray, Sterling Roseboro, Emory Bess, Julius Crocker.

Players of the Week - Cedric Smith, Corey Leach, Tico Crocker, Raphael Williams.

Thursday's Schedule - Cavaliers vs. Hawks, Pistons vs. Rockets.

Upcoming Events  
March 10-11 - 11-12 year old AAU teams at Anderson College Tournament.

March 24-25 - 15 year old AAU teams at Anderson College Tournament.

March 30 - 13 year old AAU State Tournament at Kings Mountain Junior and Senior Highs.

### MARCH

11 - Multiple Scrimmage at KM, 11 a.m. 15 - B. City. 17 - at E. Lincoln. 18 - at Canton Invitational 11 a.m. 20 - at N. Gaston. 21 - at Lincolnton. 23 - E. Ruth.

### APRIL

1 - Four-team doubleheader at KM 11 a.m. 3 - S. Point. 5 - R-S Central. 10 - at Burns. 12 - at B. City (Tryon Park). 13 - Chase. 17 - at Shelby. 20 - N. Gaston. 24 - at E. Ruth. 27 - at S. Point.

### MAY

1 - at R-S Central. 4 - Burns. 8 - at Chase. 11 - Shelby.

## Softball

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to the season before she's able to play."

A ninth grader, Tandra Leftwich, will probably take over the pitching duties, and Leigh expects to see a lot of good play out of junior Lisa Buckner and sophomore Christy Dixon.

The KM ladies open their season on March 11 with a multiple scrim-

mage at KMHS, but their action regular season will not begin until March 15 when they host Bessemer City.

Leigh posted a 60-12 coaching record in four years at Pisgah and two of his teams made it to the state finals, losing the championship both years to Southern Durham. One of those teams (1987) played Kings Mountain here.

"I've always tried to have a strong defense," said Leigh. "We've

been working on that a lot. I feel like the hitting comes around as the season goes along. Our timing will have to get better. We're working on fundamentals right now and working hard on that."

The KM ladies have made it to the state playoffs for the past several years under Coach Bruce Clark, who is now the KMHS baseball coach, and even though they're young this year, Leigh says making the playoffs is one of this year's goals too.

## Girls

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fourth quarter points--to lead the North Buncombe victory. Tanya Shelton scored all 10 of her points in the second half for the Black Hawks, who advance to a game tonight against R-S Central.

Sharon Melton led Kings Mountain with 13 points and Nicole Barnes added 10, including eight in the second quarter.

### GIRLS GAME

KM (38) - Barnes 10, Smith 2, Melton 13, Ad. Woods 9, Feemster 4.

NB (41) - Shelton 10, Maney 20, Evans 3, McCurry 2, Langford 4, Jones 2.

## Mounties

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eight points, and limited forward Ryan Hollifield to just nine points. Sophomore point guard Darius Ross came off the bench to lead the KM scoring with 13 points, and reserves Quan Smith and Daniel Honeycutt were the only other double-digit scorers for the Mounties with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Smith led the KM rebounding effort with six, Hollifield added five and Mark Byers four.

### BOYS GAME

KM (67) - J. Ross 5, Jones 3, Hollifield 9, Smith 12, D. Ross 13, Honeycutt 11, Byers 2, Griffith 8, Hager 4.

CO (74) - Ellis 5, Harvey 8, Lambert 11, Wagner 15, Ledford 20, Watkins 10, Stafford 5.

### BOOSTER'S CLUB

The KMHS Booster's Club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium. The group will discuss the Little Miss Kings Mountain pageant.



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## Water Exercise Classes Set

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department will be offering water exercise classes for senior citizens at the newly constructed indoor pool at Kings Mountain High School.

Classes have been tentatively

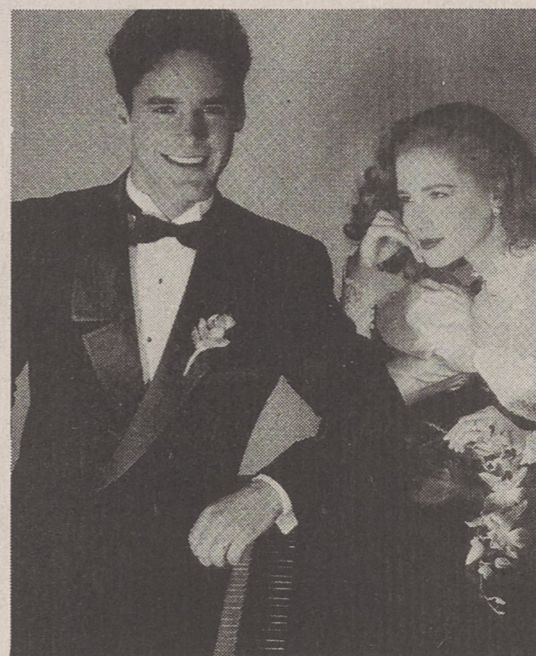
scheduled from 2:05 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. The registration fee is \$15 for eight sessions.

Water exercises can be very therapeutic for seniors who suffer from arthritis. They can also benefit any senior who is trying to keep in shape by providing exercises

with very little stress on the body. Aging Director Monty Thornburg encourages all seniors wishing to participate to contact David Hancock at the Parks and Recreation Department, 734-0449. The Senior Center vans will provide shuttle service for those seniors needing transportation.

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