

# Netters clinch title

## Begin play Monday in state tournament

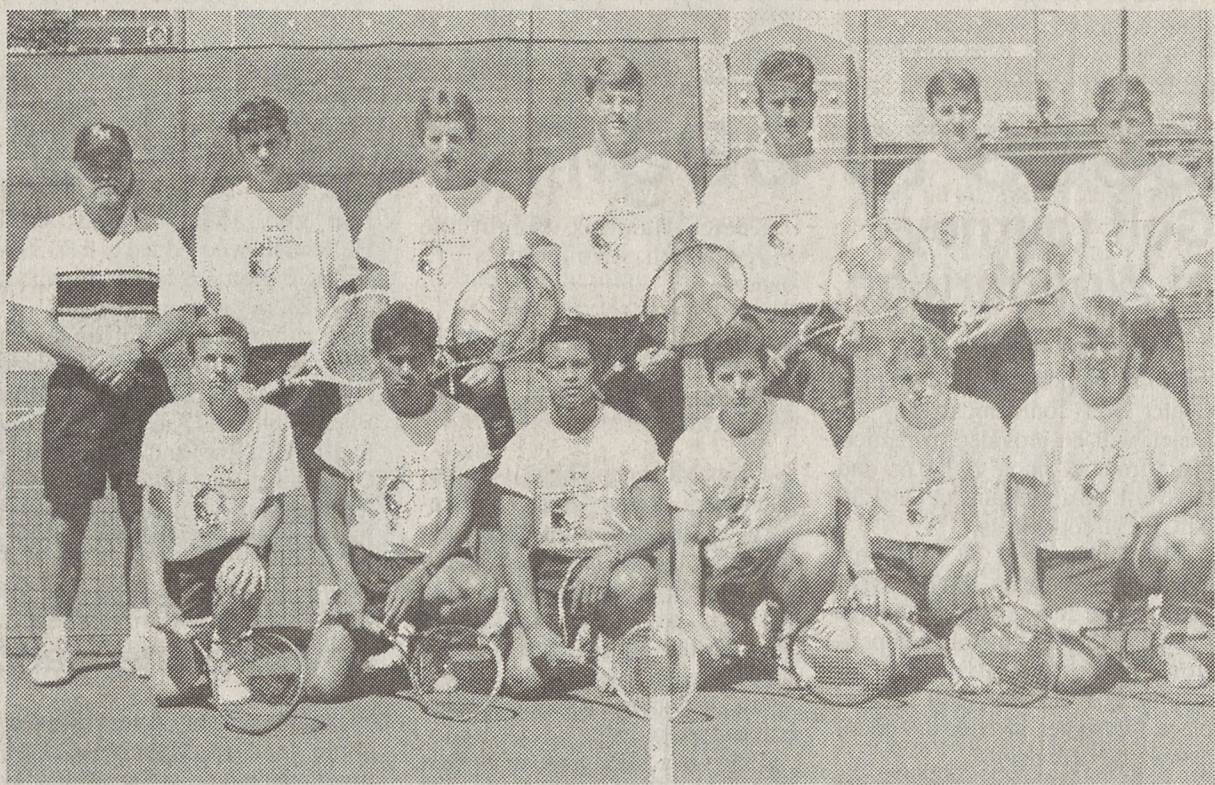
Kings Mountain High's boys tennis team clinched at least a share of the Southwestern 3-A Conference title Tuesday at home with a 9-0 regular season-ending victory over Burns.

The Mountaineers finished their regular season with a 5-1 conference and 7-3 overall record. Currently, they are tied for first place with East Rutherford, South Point and Shelby but all of those teams still have to play each other.

The first round of the state dual team tournament is set to begin Monday. If Kings Mountain wins or draws the #1 seed from the SWC, the Mountaineers will host a team from the South Piedmont Conference. If they draw second or third place, they will travel to the Foothills or Mountain Athletic Conference.

Coach Chris Cole's team will also begin play next Wednesday in the Western Regionals at Shelby. It is for singles and doubles play.

In action last week the Mountaineers defeated East Rutherford 5-4 to hand the Cavaliers their first conference loss and force a four-way tie for first.



Kings Mountain High's tennis team has clinched at least a share of the SWC title and will begin play in the state tournament next week. Front row, left to right, Chris Hawkins, Srimaha Rithaphong, Bo Phongsas, David Simon, Nicolas Werner and Stacy White. Back row, Coach Chris Cole, Jonathan Bolt, Eric Hanks, Jonathan Jones, Kevin Bess, Jeff Benton and Trey McIntyre.

With the match tied 4-4 the KM team of freshman Trey McIntyre and sophomore Bo Phongsas clinched the victory with a 6-2, 8-6 win over the Cavaliers' Brad Lindsey and John Martin.

Coach Cole was especially pleased with his team's win over his alma mater.

"East has a very fine team and has the potential to give Shelby and South Point a tough match," he said. "Our match with East Rutherford could have gone either way but fortunately we came out on top. Our team has worked very hard all season and I'm glad to see our conference standing reflect that hard work. I'm also encouraged by

the good matches being played by our younger team members."

### EAST RESULTS (Singles)

Nick Elliott (ER) def. Kevin Bess 6-2, 6-2; Josh Elliott (ER) def. Jonathan Jones 6-1, 7-5; Matt Ellenburg (ER) def. Bo Phongsas 6-6, 6-4, 7-5; Jonathan Bolt (KM) def. Wren Mayse 6-2, 6-2; Eric Hanks (KM) def. Jeff Hodge 7-5, 6-4; Trey McIntyre (KM) def. Brad Lindsey 6-2, 6-0.

### (Doubles)

Elliott/Elliott (ER) def. Bess/Bolt 6-4, 6-2; Hanks/Jones (KM) def. Ellenburg/Mayse 6-4, 6-2; Phongsas/McIntyre (KM) def.

Lindsey/Martin 6-2, 8-6.

### BURNS RESULTS (Singles)

Kevin Bess (KM) def. Kenny McIntyre 8-6, 6-3; Jonathan Jones (KM) def. Trent Walker 6-1, 6-2; Bo Phongsas (KM) def. Greg Davis 6-0, 6-0; Jonathan Bolt (KM) def. Garen McClure 6-1, 6-1; Eric Hanks (KM) def. Andy Gardner 6-0, 6-0; Trey McIntyre (KM) def. Brett Grigg 6-4, 6-3.

### (Doubles)

Bess/Bolt (KM) def. McIntyre/Walker 8-3; Hanks/Jones (KM) def. Davis/McClure 8-0; Jeff Benton/David Simon (KM) def. Gardner/Ousley 8-2.

# KM golfers in state tourney again

Kings Mountain High's golf team will get a chance to defend its title in next week's state 3-A tournament at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill.

The Mountaineers, who were dethroned as Southwestern 3-A Conference champions this year by East Rutherford, finished third in

Monday's Western Regionals at Cleghorn Golf Club near Rutherfordton to earn another trip to the state finals. KM, which had won the last four SWC crowns heading into this season, will be making its fourth state tourney appearance in the last five years.

East Rutherford won Monday's regionals, followed by T.C. Roberson and Kings Mountain.

Individual scores for the Mountaineers were Matt Heavner 79, Robbie Wilson 84, Ryan Broadwell 90 and Michael Bridges 92.

# KMHS softball team ends season today

Kings Mountain High's softball team lost to Burns 14-12 in Southwestern 3-A Conference play Tuesday.

Coach Tony Leigh's ladies will end their season at home today against North Gaston.

Nicole Barnes went 4-for-4, Tandra Leftwich 3-for-4 and Holly Goforth and Angela Whitaker had

two hits each in Tuesday's game.

Whitaker leads the team in hitting with a .455 mark, followed by Barnes .453, Goforth .441 and Leftwich .431.

# Lifeguard classes scheduled

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Pioneer Girl Scout Council will sponsor a Lifeguard Certification Class at the Neisler Natatorium beginning Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. Lifeguard training is the most current Red Cross Certification Course for people interested in swimming pool jobs for the summer.

Participants must be a minimum of 15 years of age, a competent swimmer and diver, and have the ability to tread water for one minute. Suggested course length is 27 contact hours for the water and book work. An additional six to eight hours is required to complete the new Red Cross Standard First Aid Course before the Lifeguard Training Certificate is issued.

The city still has openings for guard positions at the Deal Street Pool and at Moss Lake. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more details or to pre-register for the course.

# Recreation activities set

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department has announced the following activities. For more information call 739-9361 or 734-0449.

**AEROBICS** - Monday-Friday, 8:40-9:40 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:15-5:15 p.m. (Friday class at 4 p.m.); Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 per month and registration ends the 5th of each month.

**WATER AEROBICS** - Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at KMHS pool. Fee \$10 for senior citizens and \$15 for general public.

**TALENT NIGHT** - Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium. Area talent will be featured. The public is invited and admission is one dollar. The show will feature singers, dancers, comedians, instrumental groups, gospel music and more. Family fun!

**BASEBALL CAMP** - The P&R Department and Davidson College will sponsor a baseball camp June 10-14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The fee is \$95 and a \$25 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration. Pre-registration is required by going by the community center or calling 734-0449 for information. Each participant should take a bag lunch. The camp is open to all children ages 8 to 14.

# Self defense program set

**GROVER**-Police Officer Paul Cash will present a program on "Self Defense" at the Woman's Club meeting May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to hear Cash give timely demonstrations on self defense for women.

# BASEBALL

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Mountaineer pitchers have held their opponents to just 12 hits. Steven Fisher hurled a four-hitter against South Point, Donald Bell three-hit East Lincoln and Tommy Payne three-hit Burns in last week's games.

In addition to his outstanding performance on the mound, Jenkins also led the KM plate attack with 3-for-3 and an RBI. He now has 10 hits in his last 12 at bats.

Kings Mountain scored the only run it needed in the top of the first

when Bell walked and moved to third on a single by Jenkins. Bell scored on a throwing error when the Hilltoppers tried to catch Jenkins stealing second.

Jenkins doubled and scored on Mike Smith's single to make it 2-0 in the third; Rick Marr singled and scored on Robbie Ruff's double to make it 3-0 in the fourth; and Caja Ormand was hit by a pitch and later scored on a single by Jenkins to close out the scoring in the sixth.

Score by innings: R-H-E  
KM 101 101 0 4-9-3  
RS 000 000 0 0-2-0

David Jenkins and Rick Marr; Greene and Goode. W - Jenkins. L - Greene.

# Shrine race set

The Gaston Shrine Club will hold its 19th annual Shrine Race May 15th at the Carolina Speedway in Gastonia.

Bobby Gunn, Race Chairman and representative of the Gaston Shrine Club, announced that the following races will be run for the Wednesday night event:

Two heat races for the Limited Late Model Division, two heat races for the Late Model Division, a 20 lap main event for the Limited Late Models, and a 35 lap main for the Late Models.

"To assure the fans plenty of racing activity a 15 lap Thunder and Lightning main and a 15 lap Street Enduro Main will follow the Late Model action," Gunn said.

Heading the list of probable entries is last year's winner Buck Simmons of Baldwin, GA. Other entries include former winners Billy Scott of Union, S.C., and Freddy Smith of Baton Rouge, La. Rounding out the field will be such stars as Jack Pennington, Billy Knight, Buddy Smith, Doug Sanders and many others.

"With a \$10,000 purse fans will see the best drivers in the Southeast in competition," said Gunn.

The Shrine race is the largest fund raising event of the year for the Gaston Shriners. Last year after a one day rain delay the club was still able to present a check to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled and Burned Children in Greenville, S.C. for nearly \$30,000.

Racing action gets underway at 8 p.m. with the gates opening at 5 p.m. Advance tickets may be obtained from any Shriner for \$7.00. Tickets at the gate will be \$8.00.

The rain date will be May 16. Additional information may be obtained by calling Bobby Gunn at 704-864-4118.

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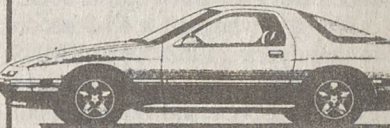
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