

State baseball tourney begins here Saturday

The 1993 State AAA Baseball Tournament will be played at Kings Mountain's Deal Street Park beginning Saturday at 2 p.m.

District champions from all over the state, as well as the host Kings Mountain team, will be competing for the title of the best 9-10 year-old team in North Carolina.

Teams representing Kannapolis, Reidsville, Cape Fear, Pembroke, Albemarle, Dallas, Columbus County, Hope Mills, Wallace and Kings Mountain will compete in the double-elimination event. Games will be played at 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Games continue Tuesday at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. The semi-finals will be played Wednesday at 6 and 8 p.m., and the finals will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. An additional finals game may be necessary on Friday, July 30.

With all the activity around the park, traffic patterns will be modified somewhat to accommodate spectators. Deal Street will be closed to all traffic throughout the

tournament for the safety of all visitors and participants. The Community Center parking lot will be open for tournament and pool blocked at Ridge Street, Parker will be blocked at Chestnut Street only, and the parking lot entrance at the Community Center will be a controlled access for tournament participants and spectators. These controls will be in place 1 1/2 hours prior to the starting times each day.

Pool hours will not be affected, however entrance into the pool will be re-routed to the side entrance behind the Community Center rather than at the usual front entrance. The pool parking lot will be

users alike.

David Hancock, Recreation Director, and his staff and tournament volunteers invite the community to enjoy some good youth baseball.

The Kings Mountain team will play its first game Saturday at 8 p.m. against the Kannapolis All-Stars, and the winner will advance to a 2 p.m. Sunday game against the Reidsville Reds. The loser will play at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The opening game Saturday at 2 p.m. pits Pembroke against Cape Fear. Saturday at 4, Hope Mills will play either Seymour Johnson Air Force Base or Wallace, and at 8 p.m. Dallas will face Albemarle.

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PLAN SOFTBALL BENEFIT - Art Shoemaker, Gary Lowe, Rusty Bumgardner and Carl Champion, left to right, are helping plan a big softball benefit for Kayla Newton Aug. 6-7 at South Point High School. Shoemaker and Champion are planning the event, Lowe will coach the Gaston County All-Stars, and Bumgardner will be one of his star players. The team will battle national champion Ritchie's Superior of Connecticut.

Nation's premiere softball team to assist Newton Family Fund

By Dwight Frady

Softball fans in the area will not only be able to see some of the best games and best players anywhere in the country on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7 at Raider Field in Belmont, they will be able to contribute to a worthy cause.

Ritchie's Superior, a Connecticut-based powerhouse, will take on the Gaston County All-Stars, with the first game set at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, following what should be a spectacular Home Run Derby.

The following night, Aug. 7, two games will be played between Ritchie's Superior and the County All-Stars, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets to the game are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The game will benefit Kayla Newton, who was born Jan. 26 with three rare diseases - Ondine's Curse, Moebius Syndrome and Hirschsprung's Disease.

The only known person to suffer from all three, her medical bills totaled more than \$81,000 in her first month of treatment. Her parents are Steve and Leigh Anne Newton. Her grandparents are Gary and Mary Jo Stewart. Gary is the long-time editor of the Kings Mountain Herald, and Mary Jo is a nurse at Cleveland Home Health in Shelby.

Steve is the son of John and Faye Newton of Shelby.

Ritchie's Superior won all four major tournaments last season and is currently the top-ranked major open division team this year.

Art Shoemaker of Belmont, who arranged the games with the help of Kings Mountain's Carl Champion, said that the event will be a big-time softball extravaganza. "It will be some of the best softball played anywhere, and it's certainly for a worthwhile cause. We hope we can pack the stands at Raider Field that weekend."

Full concessions will be available at the game, and tickets can be purchased at the gate.

Team spokesman Frank Lateano of Ritchie's Superior said, "Our trip to Belmont will be the fifth straight weekend we'll be playing, and we don't prefer doing that before the nationals. But our players have sacrificed all year and once they found out what a worthwhile cause it was, they want to be a part of it."

The Home Run Derby at 6 p.m. on Friday will feature three of the top Ritchie's Superior sluggers against three top Gaston County sluggers. Many of the Gaston County All-Stars will compete in the 11th annual Gazette/Budweiser Home Run Derby tonight (Wednesday) in Dallas at 7 p.m.

Gary Lowe will coach the Gaston County All-Stars. He coached several national champi-

onship teams at Howard's Furniture prior to the team being disbanded following the 1989 season.

Still active in coaching, Lowe feels like the team he is putting together can give anybody, including Ritchie's Superior, a run for their money.

Three of his All-Stars play for a top AA and Major team from Kinston, Converters' Unlimited. That would be Jeff Hall and Tim Rhinehart, both North Gaston High School graduates, and Rusty Bumgardner, former Kings Mountain High and Wake Forest University baseball and football star.

Belmont's Trent Horne, former South Point High and Montreat-Anderson baseball and basketball standout, will be a member of the County All-Stars, as will Bobby Nifong of Converters' Unlimited, Bobby Shipwash of Greensboro, Ronald Meeler of Belmont, Clyde Guy, Mike Nelson and Buck Hall.

"We'll announce the entire squad within the next couple of weeks," Lowe said. "We'll give 'em some good games and show them (Ritchie's) a little defense they might have a hard time adjusting to. I do know they have a great ballclub."

"They're one of the best teams ever assembled. They've won eight

See Benefit, 9-A

KM Stars are fifth in district

Kings Mountain's 11-12 year-old Dixie Youth all-star team finished fifth out of nine teams in last week's District 3 Tournament at East Lincoln Optimist Park.

Kings Mountain defeated Bessemer City 8-2 in the opening round before losing to Dallas and East Lincoln.

Seth Denton and Neil Rainey collected two hits each in the victory over Bessemer City. Denton and Kendrick Bell hit home runs. Clay Phillips was the winning pitcher.

Kings Mountain fell to Dallas 5-2 in the second round. Rainey was 2-for-3 at the plate and Denton, Matthew Ferguson and Brandon Putnam added one hit each.

The local team was eliminated by East Lincoln 11-3. Denton went 2-for-3 and Bell, Rainey, Phillips, Michael Jolly and Robbie Walker had a hit each.

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