



Kings Mountain's Kenny Bridges slides safely into third base on an error in first inning of Friday's game with Shelby at Lancaster Field. Shelby won 9-1.

## Four-run first inning lifts Shelby over Mountaineers

Shelby scored four runs in the top of the first inning and went on to defeat Kings Mountain 9-1 in Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball action Friday night at KM's Lancaster Field.

The Mountaineers, 1-1 in the conference and 1-2 overall, return to action Friday night at home against South Point's Red Raiders. The Mountaineers and Raiders will meet again next Monday at 3 p.m. in the opening round of the Charlotte Observer Easter Tournament at Ashbrook High in Gastonia.

Kings Mountain will play three games in the Easter event, and then take a break until Tuesday night, April 12 when they resume SWC action at Burns.

Control problems again plagued Kings Mountain starter Robert Wingo, who dug himself an early grave and lost his second straight game Friday night. After a leadoff single by Jim Curtis, Wingo issued back-to-back walks to Jeremy Cox and Carlton Allen to load the bases.

Wingo seemed to be overcoming his shaky start when he fanned Wes Dellinger for the first out of the game, but John Harmon lifted a sacrifice fly to center to give the

Lions a 1-0 lead. Another walk to Kenny Clontz re-loaded the bases, Nick Beaver delivered a bases-clearing double to the gap in right-center. Even though the Mountaineers caught Beaver in a run-down between second and third to end the inning, the damage had been done.

Bouncing back from a 4-0 deficit was too much for the young Mountaineers to overcome against Shelby's veteran righthander Carlton Allen, who handed KM one of its four losses during last year's state championship season. The Mountaineers managed just three hits and Allen struck out eight. KM now has only 11 hits in its first three games.

Kings Mountain's only run came in the bottom of the first when Kenny Bridges singled, stole second, moved to third when the catcher's throw sailed into center-

field, and scored on a sacrifice fly to left by Michael Bell.

Wingo retired the Lions in order in the second inning but Shelby picked up another run in the third inning before KM Coach Nelson Connor called Bryan Leftwich in from the bullpen. Leftwich gave up a singleton in the fifth and three more in the seventh, all as a result of KM errors.

Shelby collected six hits, including two each by Allen and Dellinger, to post its first conference win and third win in five decisions overall.

Bell led the KM hitting with a double in addition to his sacrifice fly. Bridges and Wingo added a single each.

Score by innings: R-H-E  
Shelby 401 010 3 9-6-1  
K. Mtn. 100 000 0 1-3-3  
Allen and Ceccacci, Beaver (3); Wingo, Leftwich (3) and Melton. W - Allen. L - Wingo (0-2).

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## KMHS girls place second in North Gaston track meet

Kings Mountain High's girls track team finished second to host North Gaston in a four-team Southwestern 3-A Conference meet Wednesday afternoon in Dallas.

R-S Central and Burns rounded out the field.

Several Kings Mountain ladies qualified for the Western Regionals by posting outstanding times in their events.

Alice Cole won the high jump and qualified for the regionals with a jump of five feet even; the 800-meter and 400-meter relay teams (Chaediiz Coleman, Keisha Leach, Patrice Webber and Tamra Webber) finished first and qualified for the regionals; Kristin Koeing won the 1600 meter run to qualify for the regionals; and Jackie Houston won the 3200 meter run and qualified for the regionals.

Houston also won the 400 meter dash, Koeing won the 800 meter run, Tamra Webber won the 200 meter dash, and Tonya Price, Amanda Halmess, Patrice Webber and Keisha Leach won the 1600 meter relay.

Second place finishers for KM

included Cole in the 100 meter dash, Dorothy Jo in the 100 meter hurdles, and Amanda Halmess in the 400 meter dash.

Finishing third was Beth Denlinger in the 100 meter hurdles.

Fourth places went to Jessica Brown in the shot put, Matilda Logan in the triple jump and Tonya Price in the 400 meter dash.

Brown was fifth in the discus and Kiki Griffin fifth in the 200 meter dash.

In action last week at North Gaston, the Lady Mountaineers finished third behind Shelby and North Gaston. South Point was fourth.

Coleman, Leach, Patrice Webber and Tamra Webber won the 800 and 400 meter relays, Tamra Webber won the 200 meter run, Jackie Houston won the 3200 meter run, and Tonya Price, Amanda Halmess, Patrice Webber and Keisha Leach won the 1600 meter relay.

Finishing second was Crystal Pace in the high hurdles.

Third places went to Carrie Hardin in the discus, Bethany Jimison, Wendy Wright, Michelle Fujita and Amy Huggins in the 3200 meter relay, and Rebecca Henson in the 100 meter dash.

Fourth were Amanda Halmess in the long jump, Matilda Logan in the 100 meter dash, Halmess in the 400 meter run, and Fujita in the 3200 meter run.

Fifth place were Jessica Brown in the discus, Charity Moss in the 300 meter hurdles, and Kiki Griffin in the 200 meter run.

The KM ladies were scheduled to return to North Gaston Wednesday afternoon to face the Lady Wildcats and East Rutherford. Coach Diane Dooley takes her team to East Rutherford on April 13 to face East, Burns and South Point.

## Logan, Smart lead boys' win

Kings Mountain High's men's track team posted its second straight victory Thursday at East Rutherford's Harrill Stadium.

The Mountaineers scored 100 points to edge a strong East Rutherford team. The Cavaliers compiled 93 points to 63 for R-S Central and 15 for Burns.

Shane Logan and Bron Smart led the Mountaineer effort. Logan scored 13.25 points and won two events and took part in a winning relay event. Smart scored 12 points and won two events.

Logan won the 110 high hurdles in 16.88 seconds and the 300 intermediate hurdles in 46.36. He helped Marcus Bell, Corey Jones and Lamont Littlejohn win the 800 meter relay in 1:38.30.

Smart won the discus and shot put with season's best throws. He threw the discus 135 feet even, and the shot 46 feet, one and one-half inch.

Jeremy Martin won the pole vault for the second straight week with a leap of 12 feet.

Finishing second for the Mountaineers were Jahi Smart in the long jump, James Greene in the discus, John Lovelace, Aaron Ford, Tim Stroup and Chris Wallace in the 3200 meter relay, Marcus Bell in the 100 meter dash, Jason Murphy, Jonathan Ship, Lamont Littlejohn and Corey Jones in the 400 meter relay, John Lovelace in the 400 meter run, and Jody Putnam, Daniel Tedder, John Lovelace and Tim Stroup in the 1600 meter relay.

Finishing third were Corey Jones in the long jump, Marcus Bell in the triple jump and 200 meters, Derek Goode in the shot, Jody Putnam in the 400 meters and Daniel Gardner in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

The Mountaineers travel to North Gaston Thursday to take on the Wildcats, South Point and Burns.



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