

Queen, Bridges Athletes of Year



GIL MCGREGOR

Two seniors who excelled in several sports were selected Athletes of the Year at Monday night's annual spring sports banquet at Kings Mountain High School.

Karen Queen, a six-time All-Southwestern 3-A Conference performer, was named WKMT Female Athlete of the Year and Kenny Bridges, who was unbeaten against conference opponents all four years as a wrestler, was named Kings Mountain Herald Male Athlete of the Year.

Gil McGregor, former Wake Forest basketball standout and now a color analyst for Charlotte Hornets games, was guest speaker. Queen was an all-conference

choice two years each in basketball, volleyball and softball, and she was conference player of the year in volleyball her senior year after leading the Lady Mountaineers to the SWC championship.

Bridges was all-conference four years in a row in wrestling and capped off a brilliant prep career this year by finishing second in the state in the 135-pound division. He was all-conference in baseball as a junior and was a two-year varsity starter in football.

In addition, Bridges also excelled in the classroom and participated in numerous extra-curricular activities.

"Kenny Bridges is an excellent student athlete," said his wrestling coach, Dave Farquharson. "He is hard working and dedicated in every sport he plays. His attitude, on and off the playing field, should serve as an example for other athletes."

Retiring football coach Dennis Hicks and his wife, Katherine, who prepared post-game meals for players and persons working the press box, were selected by the Mountaineer Club as Boosters of the Year. Keith Falls of Linwood Produce was given the club's Fan Appreciation Award.

Other trophy winners included: Girls basketball - All-Conference awards, Karen Queen and Tameeka Anderson; free throw award, Patricia Littlejohn; coach's award, Elisabeth Tiensinga; most improved player, April Putnam; defensive player of the year, Karen Queen; offensive player of the year, Tameeka Anderson.

Golf - All-Conference, Brad Leonard; most outstanding, Brad Leonard.

Boys track - Most outstanding in field events, Jeremy Martin; most outstanding in track events, Shane Logan; All-Conference, Jeremy Martin, R.J. Barnes, Marcus Smith,

Chad Reid, Corey Jones, Shane Logan.

Boys tennis - All-Conference, Jason Cash and Todd Huntsinger; coach's award, Jordan Angeles; most valuable, Todd Huntsinger.

Swimming - All-Conference, Israel Angeles, Rick Clary, Bergen Hall, Allen Ware, Nathan Mayse; most outstanding diver, Burgen Hall; most outstanding swimmer, Bethany Jimison and Nathan Mayse; coach's award, Nancy Ely and Allen Ware.

Cheerleading - Most outstanding, Nikki Williams; coach's award, Crystal Pace.

Wrestling - All-Conference, Jahi Smart, Kenny Bridges, Gary Hughes, Sok Phongs, Steven Lemmons; most improved, Mario Robbs and Shane Logan; most valuable, Kenny Bridges; most outstanding, Gary Hughes.

Girls track - Special appreciation award, scorekeeper Stephanie Chisholm; all-conference, Latrice Smith, Keryl Roberts, Kisha Leach, Chadice Coleman, Patrice Webber, Tamra Webber, Tamy Welch, Tina Welch, Jackie Houston; coach's award, Tamy Welch and Tina Welch; most outstanding, Jackie Houston.

Softball - All-conference, Karen Queen, Amanda Burns, Katie Brannon, Kisha Wells, Patricia Freeman, Crissy Johnsonbaugh, Tameeka Anderson; most outstanding offense, Amanda Burns; most outstanding defense, Kisha Wells; coach's award, Crissy Johnsonbaugh.

Boys basketball - All-conference, Eric Tate, Bryan Leftwich; **Hospice to sponsor golf tournament**

Hospice of Cleveland County will hold its sixth annual golf tournament Wednesday, June 14 at Pine Grove.

Entry fee is \$55. There will be two divisions of four man's team, including a men's championship flight which will be a two best ball with low gross score, and a first flight which will be net two best balls for teams using handicaps.

For more information, call Pine Grove at 487-0455.

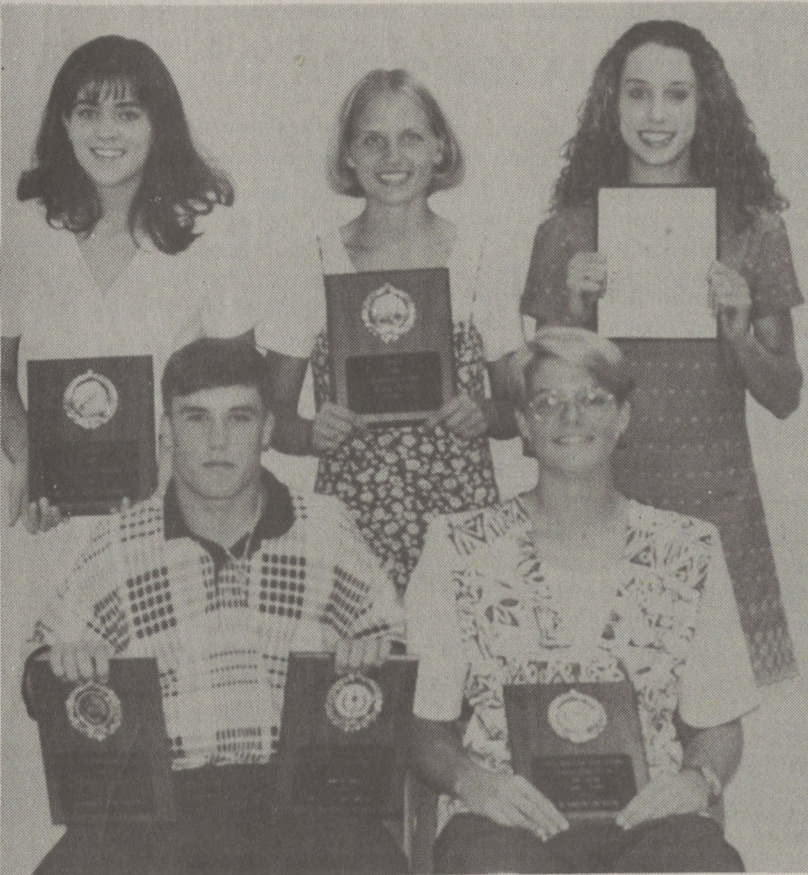
all-time state 3-point leader, Bryan Leftwich; coach's award, Albert Perkins; most outstanding player, Steve Surratt and Bryan Leftwich.

Baseball - Defensive player of the year, Wesley Bridges; coach's award, Robert Wingo; Team Before Self Award, Tommy Morrow.

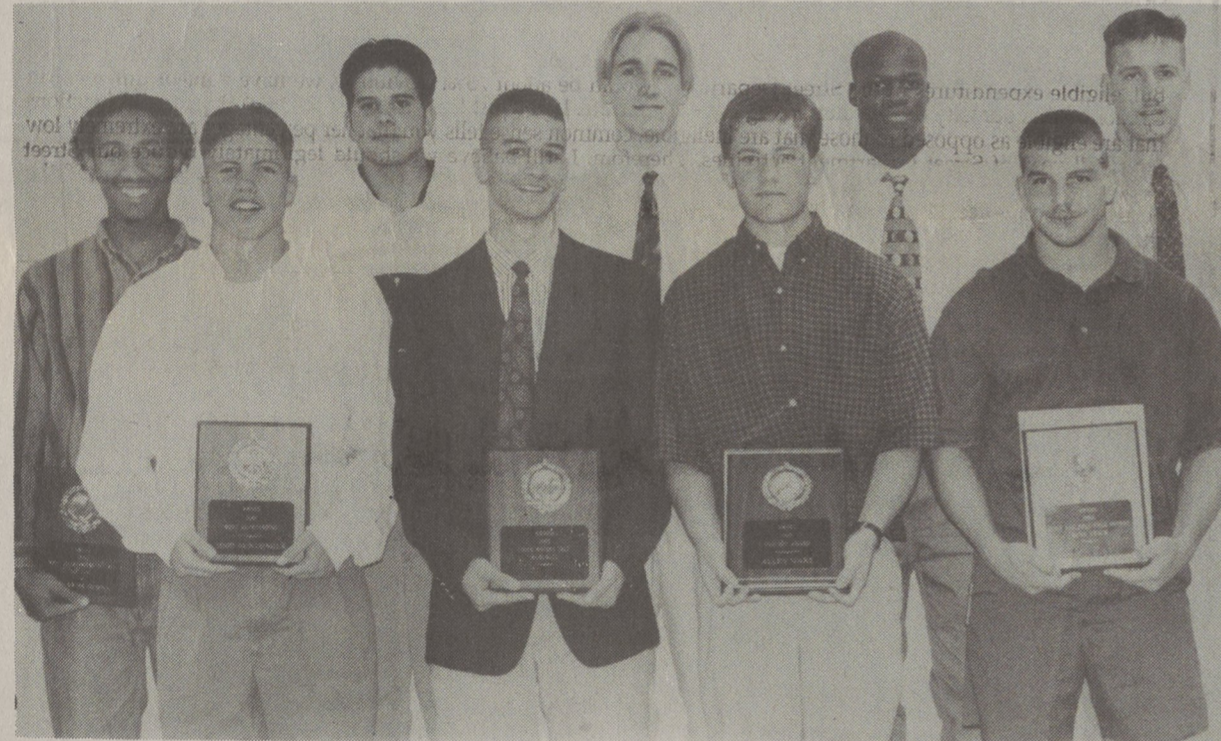
The following seniors were presented awards for participating in varsity sports for at least two years:

Tameeka Anderson, Israel Angeles, Jarvis Bell, Kenny Bridges, Sidney Bridges, Chris Carrigan, Stephanie Chisholm,

Rick Clary, Michael Cobb, Amy Dixon, Michelle Fugita, James Greene, Timmy Harrelson, Gary Hughes, Todd Huntsinger, Maurice Jarrett, Brian Lefevers, Bryan Leftwich, Steven Lemmons, Jonathan Lovelace, Jeremy Martin, Kevin Melton, Dan Messenger, Donny Minor, Charity Moss, Jamie Mullinax, Albert Perkins, April Putnam, Karen Queen, Ricky Stimson, Steve Surratt, Natalie Townsend, Hart Wells, Kisha Wells, Blair Williams, Nikki Williams, Robert Wingo, Wendy Wright.



Trophy winners at Monday night's Kings Mountain High sports banquet included, front row, Athletes of the Year Kenny Bridges and Karen Queen; back row, left to right, Bethany Jimison, Tina Welch and Jackie Houston.



Some of the trophy winners at Monday night's KMHS sports banquet are pictured above. Front row, left to right, Todd Huntsinger, Tommy Morrow, Allen Ware and Jeremy Martin. Back row, Robert Wingo, Brad Leonard, Nathan Mayse, Shane Logan and Bryan Leftwich.

MDA tournament set at Rock Barn

The Jack-B-Quick Golf Tournament Tuesday, June 20 at Rock Barn Golf Club, 1-40 Rock Board Road, exit 133, Conover, will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Entry fee is \$60 per golfer. Hole sponsorship is \$125. Fees include lunch.

Final registration is at 8 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30, and lunch and awards presentations will be held at 11:30.

For more information, call Susan King Poole at (704) 567-2912 or Ann Marie Baker at (704) 874-4211.

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