

Sports Briefs

KM football practice begins this afternoon

Kings Mountain High School will begin football practice on Thursday, August 1.

Head Coach Ron Massey said the coaches will meet with players at 5:15 p.m., and practice will begin at 5:30.

The Mountaineers will go through six days of conditioning drills before beginning heavy practice on Friday, August 9. Massey said he plans an intrasquad scrimmage on that Friday night at 6 o'clock.

Practice will begin at 5:30 p.m. for the week of conditioning, except for the Saturday session which will begin at 8:30 a.m. Beginning Monday, August 12, practice will begin at 4 p.m.

Massey, beginning his second season as head coach, said he expects at least 70 JV and varsity players to report on the first day of practice. He said all players must have a completed physical before beginning practice.

East Lincoln will come to Gamble Stadium on Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. for a scrimmage, and the Mountaineers will compete in the Gaffney Jamboree Friday, August 23 at 7:15 p.m. at Gaffney against Dorman. The Mountaineers open their regular season on Friday, August 30 at East Gaston and will play their first home game on Friday, September 6 against Crest.

Kings Mountain finished second in the Southwestern 3-A Conference last season and qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 1989. Only two teams from the SWC will qualify for the state playoffs this year.

THE SCHEDULE

August 16 - East Lincoln (scrimmage) 7 p.m.; August 23 - at Gaffney Jamboree (TBA); August 30 - at East Gaston 8 p.m.

September 6 - Crest 8 p.m.; September 13 - at Bessemer City 8 p.m.; September 20 - Open; September 27 - Mooresville (homecoming) 8 p.m.

October 4 - at R-S Central 8 p.m.; October 11 - South Point 8 p.m.; October 18 - at Burns 8 p.m.; October 25 - Shelby 8 p.m.
November - 1 - at North Gaston 8 p.m.; November 8 - East Rutherford 8 p.m.; November 15 - First round state playoffs.

KMHS Booster's Club still needs members

The Kings Mountain High School Booster's Club July membership drive was a big success, and the club will hold another drive at its August 5 meeting at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Prospective members are urged to be at the lobby of the auditorium at 7 p.m. to join the club. The regular meeting begins at 7:30.

The following memberships are available:

\$10 - One individual membership with voting privilege.
\$25 - One individual membership, parking pass, and voting privilege.

\$50 - One individual membership, parking pass, KMHS cap, and voting privilege.

\$100 - One individual membership, parking pass, KMHS cap, one all-sports pass, and voting privilege.

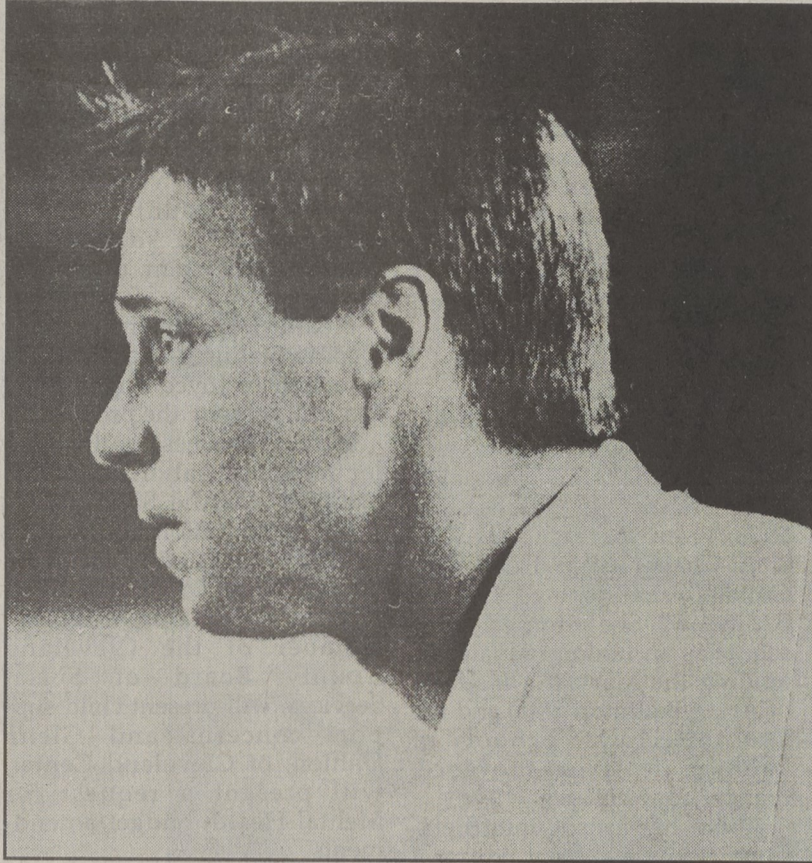
Membership cards will be given out at the September meeting.

Refreshments will be served. All members and prospective members are urged to be present at the August meeting to discuss plans for the 1996-97 athletic year.

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LOOKING TO SECOND SEASON - Kings Mountain High football coach Ron Massey, whose team compiled an 8-3 record in his first season last fall, hopes for another successful campaign in '96. His Mounties begin preseason practice today at 5:30.

Season football tickets on sale

A season pass for Kings Mountain High's five home football games this fall is on sale at the KMHS office for only \$20.

The pass guarantees a reserved seat in front of the press box.

Kings Mountain has a strong home schedule this year, including games against Crest, Mooresville, South Point, Shelby and East Rutherford.

In addition to the football season pass, the Mountaineers are selling all-sports season passes for \$50 each. That entitles free admission to all home games in every sport.

To purchase a football or all-sports season pass, see Sandra Bumgardner in the KMHS main office.

KMHS soccer practice to begin on August 5

Kings Mountain High School soccer practice will begin Monday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.

All players must have a completed physical on an approved physical form. Forms may be picked up at the KMHS office.

Swimming, tennis lessons at KM P&R

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is offering swimming and tennis lessons to the general public.

Dates and times will be announced later.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-0449.

Motocross racing slated at Cleveland County Fair

The Cleveland County Fair will host motocross racing August 30, August 24, September 7 and September 26 (opening day of the fair).

There will be 23 classes and participants range from age 4-50.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and racing starts at 7 p.m. Parking is available in the college parking lot. Spectators will enter at gate #1 at the water wheel.

Tickets are \$6 adults, \$3 children 11 and under, and free for adults age 74 and over and children age 4 and under.

KM women golfers win in Foothills event

Six women from Kings Mountain Country Club competed in the Foothills event July 23 at Pine Island Country Club in Mt. Holly, and all six came back home winners.

Kim Spicer was second low gross and Sylvia Neisler was third low gross in the first flight.

In the second flight A, Nikki Pilgrim was second low gross. In second flight B, Janet Tate was third low gross.

Susan Cloninger was third low gross in flight three B, and Doris Howze was third low gross in flight six A.

Volleyball tryouts begin Monday at KMHS

Kings Mountain High School girls volleyball tryouts will begin Monday, August 5 from 3-5 p.m.

All girls must have completed physicals.

Coaches Dianne Bridges and Susie Hughes said all varsity and JV players will begin practice Monday.

Girls tennis tryouts begin Monday at KMHS

Girls tennis tryouts will begin Monday, August 5 from 2:30-5 p.m. at the KMHS tennis courts.

Coach Dianne Dooley said girls in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate.

All players must have a completed physical.

Optimist football sign-up Thursday

Kings Mountain Optimist Club football and cheerleading sign-up will be held Thursday, August 1 at 4 p.m. at City Stadium. Boys and girls ages 7-13 are eligible.

For more information, call 739-7102.

Kidney Association plans golf tourney

The Cleveland/Rutherford Kidney Association will sponsor a Captain's Choice golf tournament Wednesday, September 11 at River Bend Golf Club near Shelby.

The fee is \$240 per four-per-

son team, and Mulligans will be available which will also qualify the golfers for hourly drawings for door prizes. Hole sponsorships are \$100.

The Association's CakeBakers Club will furnish cakes, pies and other homemade goodies to serve the golfers.

Association President James R. Grigg Jr. said the CRKA is in dire need of funds.

Some of the services provided by CRKA are: advocacy, transportation, medication assistance, medical needs assistance, financial assistance, stress management, seminars, support groups, patient education, public education, community services, resource center, referral services, crisis intervention, the Rainbow newsletter, organ and tissue donor program, and bereavement support.

For more information about the golf tournament, patient or volunteer services, call the Association at 481-9535 or 538-3180 after 6 p.m.

Registration open for fall basketball

Registration is now open for the 13th annual Bryan Adrian Fall Basketball League.

Boys and girls ages 5-18 are eligible.

Locations include East Mecklenburg High School, South Mecklenburg High School, Jewish Community Center, and the Countryside Montessori School in the University area.

For a free brochure, call (704) 372-3236.

Junior golf tourney slated at River Bend

The 20th annual Dr. A. Mickey Church Memorial Junior Golf Championship will be played Monday and Tuesday, August 5-6, at River Bend Golf Club near Shelby.

Plaques will be presented to the winner, runner-up, and third place in each division. The tournament will be stroke play.

Divisions include: Boys 9-under, nine holes chipping and putting each day.

Boys 10-11 - Nine holes each day from yellow tee markers.

Boys 12-13 - 18 holes each day from red tee markers.

Boys 14-15 - 18 holes each day from white tee markers.

Boys 16-17 - 18 holes each day from white tee markers.

Girls 13-over - 9 holes each day from red tee markers.

Girls may also compete in the boys divisions.

Eligibility is contingent upon residence within Cleveland County, and not having had the 18th birthday before August 7, 1996.

Entry fee is \$15. Entry form and fee must be mailed to River Bend Golf Club, P.O. Box 1939, Shelby, NC 28151. Entries will be accepted until 12 noon Saturday, August 3. Pairings and starting times will be posted by 6 p.m. Saturday, August 3.

For more information or entry form, call River Bend Golf Club.

Buddy Smith winner at Carolina Speedway

Buddy Smith continued his winning ways in the late model feature Saturday at Carolina Speedway in Gastonia.

Finishing second through fifth were Jimmy Galloway, Dale Lineberger, Chris Sutton

and Dale Matherly.

Joe Robinson won the Thunder and Lightning division, followed by Mike Messer, Billy Thompson, James Messer and Junior Hughes.

Barrett Bradshaw won the Super Stock, followed by Barry Mathis, Mike Adkins, Shawn Martin and Jim Patterson.

Gregg Barker edged Jim England in the Modified 4's. Teresa Matherly was third, Bobby Laughter fourth and Fred Robinson fifth.

Jason Conner won the Street Stock A Main, with David Lester second, Charlie Rhinehart third, Robert Lane fourth and David Gillian fifth.

Kevin Berkley won the Street Stock B Main. Robbie Mauney was second, followed by Paul Sparrow, Shane Stokes and Jerry Jackson Jr.

Shannon Barnhill won the Stock 4, followed by Marc White, Jeff Crump, Junior Pitman and Bobbi Michaels.

Duvall problem keeps Weeks in victory lane

For over half the race, it appeared Mike Duvall had what it takes to keep Ricky Weeks out

of victory circle Saturday night at Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, SC.

But Duvall's car lost its rear end, and Weeks assumed the lead and roared on to his fourth straight win.

Paul Croft finished second, followed by Billy Scott, Bill Morgan, Joe Littlejohn, Jab Owens, Chris Drye, Dan Ivey, Dan Breuer and Mike Duvall.

Duvall and Petey Ivey won heats.

Billy Bishop led Wally Fowler once again in Thunder and Lightning action. Warren Pettit, Earl Davis and Lance Creaseman completed the top five.

In Limited Sportsman action, Lamar Jordan held off Todd Revis for the win. Third through fifth were Tony Pierce, Tim Clayton and Barry Duncan.

Kyle Davis won his second straight Modified Four race over Scott Tessner, Randy Evans, Charlie Walker and Ryan Owens.

Corky Fleming led Russell Willowford in Stock Four action. David Sweezy, Jeff Cooke and Phil McFalls completed the top five.

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