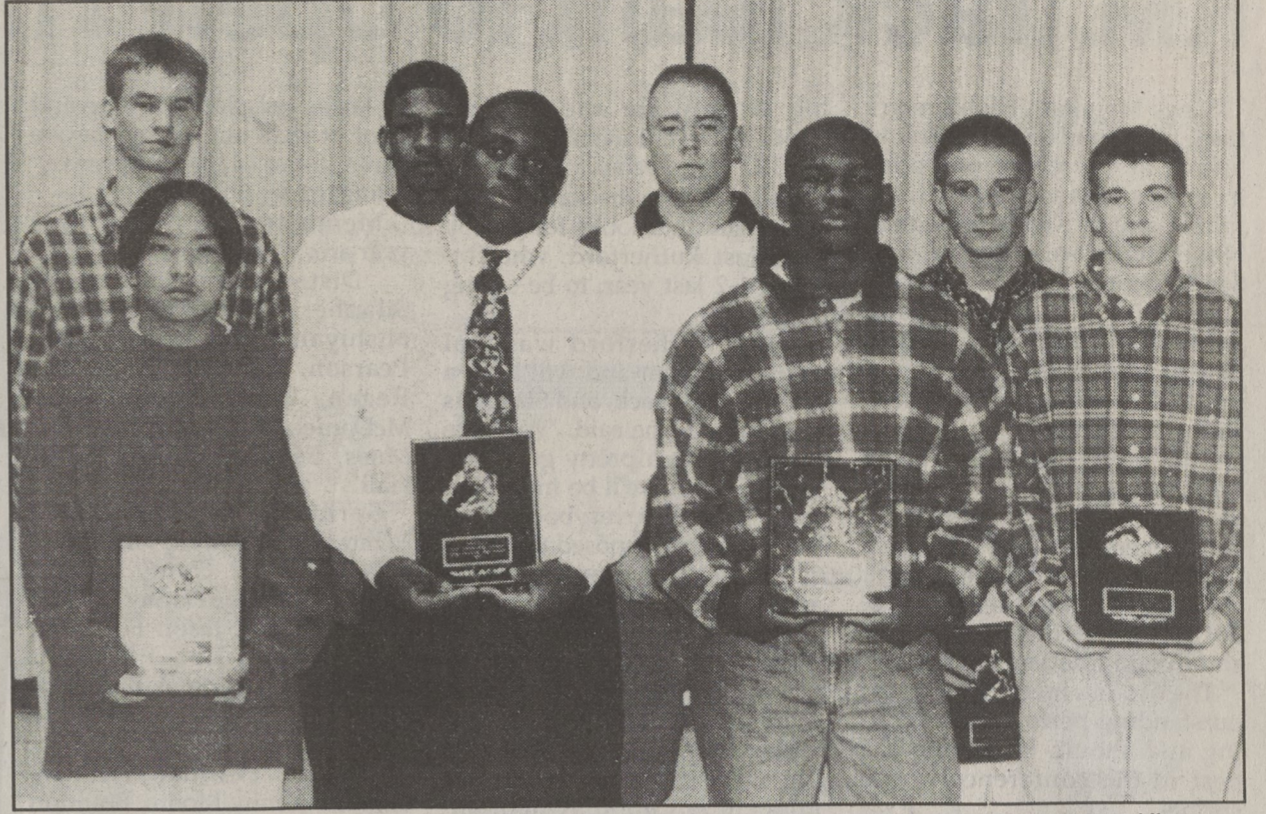




TROPHY WINNERS - These Kings Mountain High athletes won awards at Monday night's winter sports banquet. Front row, left to right, Elise Mayse, Kisha Hamrick, Jamie Brooks and Abby Haynes. Back row, Kristi Brinkley, Leigh Putnam and Dee Byers.



MORE TROPHY WINNERS - Winning awards at Monday night's winter sports banquet at Kings Mountain High School were, front row, left to right, Naoki Nishiyama, Julius Curry, T.J. McClain and Tim Schwantes. Back row, Marty Goforth, Alex Burris, Jonathan Rhodes and Eric Paul.

Winter sports banquet held at Kings Mountain High School

Kings Mountain High School held its winter sports banquet Monday night at the KMHS cafeteria.

Athletes from cheerleading, girls and boys swimming, girls and boys basketball, and wrestling were honored.

Awards were presented to the following:

Special dedication award - Sarah Mayse.

Cheerleading - Most Outstanding, Jamie Brooks.

Girls swimming - Diver of the Year, Abby Haynes; Swimmer of the Year, Elise Mayse; Team Before Self, Blake Clary.

Boys swimming - Diver of the Year, Tim Schwantes; Swimmer of the Year, Naoki Nishiyama;

Team Before Self, Marty Goforth.

Girls basketball - Free Throw Award, Kristi Brinkley; Most Improved Player, Lee Putnam; Coach's Award, Dee Byers; Most Valuable Player, Kisha Hamrick.

Boys basketball - Sportsmanship Awards, Bryan Odums and Sidney Crocker; Most Valuable Player, Marcus Smith; Coach's Award, Jonathan Rhodes and Alex Burris.

Wrestling - Mat Man Award, T.J. McClain; Leadership Awards, Eric Paul and Bobby Ormand; Most Outstanding Wrestler, Julius Curry.

Members of winter sports teams included:

Varsity cheerleading - Jamie Brooks, Jada Clark, Jennifer Hickman, Ginger Ownbey, Laddy Phanthalack, April Posey, Stephine Ruppe, Shana Sizemore, Lyndi Stone, Katie Subler, Sherita Warren, Stacey Wortman.

Girls swimming - Mindy Belt, Elizabeth Bentley, Jessica Branham, Blair Cannon, Josephine Chan, Blake Cary, Tiffany Ely, Melissa Gore, Deana Green, Abby Haynes, Megan Haynes, Heather Hughes, Bethany Jimison, Jessica Lynn, Elizabeth Mauney, Elise Mayse, Kristen Miller, Meline Miller, Wendy Neisler,

Stephanie Saucier.

Boys swimming - David Angeles, Jordan Angeles, Steven Bentley, Obbie Clayton, Wes Frye, Marty Goforth, Paul Johnsonbaugh, Will Mauney, Naoki Nishiyama, Clark Poole, Tim Schwantes, Drew Thomas, Josh Rountree.

JV girls basketball - Tiffany Archie, Roxanne Brown, Miranda Byers, Csherial Coleman, Ashley Dawson, Kathy Goode, Tina Guest, Paula Mercier, Monsione Phanthalack, Keryl Roberts, Jordan Toms, Candice Webber, Lawanda Smarr, Tasha Odums.

Varsity girls basketball - Kristi Brinkley, Brandi Brown, Dee Byers, Miranda Byers,

Csherial Coleman, Ashley Dawson, Kathy Goode, Tina Guest, Jacquie Hall, Kisha Hamrick, Nicole Ingram, Amy Pearson, Leigh Putnam, Lawanda Smarr, Tasa Odums.

JV boys basketball - Kendrick Bell, Avery Bess, Shawn Adams, Robin Perkins, Kevin Henderson, Jamar Moore, Seth Denton, Torrey Cureton, Landon Benton, Clay Phillips, Brian Houze, Marcus Odums, Andy Leigh, Joe Williamson, Will Hendricks.

Varsity boys basketball - Marcus Smith, Lamar Adams, David Turner, Marlone Byers, Joseph Bell, Alex Burris, Sidney

Crocker, Jawan McCree, Jonathan Rhodes, Bryan Odums, Thomas McClain, Ty Toney, Jamie Hall.

Wrestling - Jon Anders, Anthony Ash, Jason Bridges, Laura Bridges, Susie Buckner, Josh Camp, Julius Curry, Reco Feemster, Jeremy Harris, Anthony Hillman, Frank Hopper, Rocky Ingram, Greg Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Chad Jones, Justin Kies, Torez Leach, Scott Martin, T.J. McClain, John McDaniel, Josh McDaniel, Josh McLaughlin, Jason Moore, Bobby Ormand, Eric Paul, Harley Price, Steven Ray, Richie Wells, Bill Welsh, Stanley Whitesides, Alan Wray, Kevin Young.

KINGS MOUNTAIN HIGH SPRING SPORTS

Thursday, March 13
Men's track - North Gaston, Shelby, South Point at KMHS, 4 p.m.
JV baseball - Kings Mountain at Crest, 4 p.m.

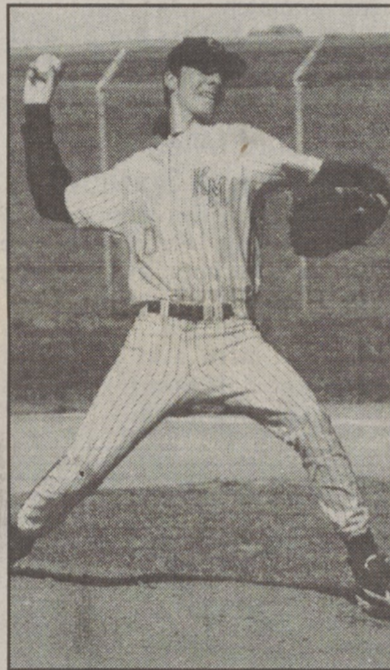
Friday, March 14
Baseball - Kings Mountain at Crest, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 15
Softball - Scrimmage, Kings Mountain at Crest, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 17
Softball - Freedom at Kings Mountain, 4 p.m.
Golf - Boiling Springs at Kings Mountain, 3:30 p.m.
JV baseball - Kings Mountain at Burns, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18
Softball - R-S Central at Kings Mountain, 4 p.m.
Baseball - Shelby at Kings Mountain, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19
Women's track - North Gaston, Burns, R-S at KMHS, 4 p.m.
Baseball - Hunter Huss at Kings Mountain, 4 p.m.



CLAY PHILLIPS

JV Mounties lose to Crest

Kings Mountain High's JV baseball team was within one pitch of defeating 4-A Crest High School in its opening baseball game Monday afternoon at Lancaster Field.

But Crest pitcher Jason Hamrick slammed a 1-2 pitch over the fence for a 3-run home run to give the visiting Chargers a 6-5 victory.

"We were getting ready to shake their hands," said new KM Coach Scott Early. "It was a tough loss. But our kids played as good as I could ask them to play. They went out there against a good 4-A team and really impressed me."

Until that point, the Mountaineers pretty much had things going their way. Sophomore pitcher Clay Phillips went the distance, scattering 10 hits and striking out nine.

Kings Mountain didn't trail until the winning home run, even though Crest did battle from behind once to tie the game at 2-2.

The Mountaineers got their offense going early, taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning as Chad Jones singled, stole second and scored on a double by Phillips.

The Mountaineers added another run in the second for a 2-0

lead. Brandon Putnam drew a walk, stole second, and scored on a single by Jason Bridges.

Crest put together three consecutive hits to score two runs and tie the game at 2-2 in the fourth.

But Kings Mountain came right back in the fifth to take a 5-2 lead on singles by Jones and Phillips, and a two-run double by Brad Bridges.

The Mountaineers travel to Crest Thursday for a 4 p.m. game and open Southwestern 3-A Conference play next Monday at Burns.

Children's Cottontail Parade



March with the EASTER BUNNY through GASTON MALL



SATURDAY MARCH 22nd 1:00 pm

ENTER A RED WAGON FLOAT, trike, wheelchair, pedal car, stroller, carriage, bonnet, costume, or yourself, in your Easter Finery.

AWARD CEREMONY Trophies and prizes will be awarded to all participants.

Children will march along with the Easter Bunny, clowns, and other guests.

- 1 Open to ages infants - 2nd grade
- 2 No motorized vehicles will be permitted
- 3 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each category. All participants will receive participation ribbons
- 4 DECISIONS of the JUDGES will be final
- 5 A child may enter only one category
- 6 Parent or guardian must accompany child on day of parade
- 7 Parent or guardian is required to sign waiver of liability
- 8 There is no entry fee or admission charge
- 9 Everyone must pre-register
- 10 All entries must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 20
- 11 Registration desk open at 12 noon on Parade day. All entries should be checked in and ready for judging by 12:45 pm
- 12 Mail or Deliver registration forms to locations listed below:

EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER - No Registration will be taken on March 22nd

MAIL OR DELIVER THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Gaston County Parks & Recreation
212 W. Main Ave., P.O. Box 1578
Gastonia, NC 28053
Phone 922-8970

Gaston Mall Business Office
401 Cox Road
Gastonia, NC 28054
Phone 864-5901

REGISTRATION COTTONTAIL PARADE

Deadline for parade entries March 20, 1997

Name _____ Age _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____
Phone (H) _____
(W) _____

Check Category Entered:
Red Wagon Float () Trike () Wheelchair ()
Pedal Car () Stroller ()
Most Original Easter Costume ()
Finest Easter Outfit - Girl: Infant-1 Yr. ()
2 to 4 Yrs. ()
K-2nd Grade ()
Finest Easter Outfit - Boy: Infant-1 Yr. ()
2 to 4 Yrs. ()
K-2nd Grade ()

RELEASE
Liability Waiver- All Participants must sign I understand the intent of this release and agree to absolve Gaston Co. Parks and Recreation, Gaston Mall Merchants Association and Gaston Mall Associates, singly and collectively, of all liability for injury, harm, loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of participation in the Children's Cottontail Parade by myself or participants under my direct responsibility.
Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

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