

KMHS soccer practice to begin August 1 with Black-Gold Game

Anyone who is a rising 9th through 12th grader who is interested in playing J.V. or varsity soccer at Kings Mountain High School this fall is asked to contact the Kings Mountain High School athletic department at 734-5647.

All prospective players must have a physical examination before the first day of practice on August 1.

The Mountaineers will have new coaches this year. Head Coach is Kevin Moss, a former Mountaineer football and basketball player who recently graduated from Appalachian State University. Moss was a member of KM's 1990 basketball team which won the Southwestern Conference and Western Regionals and played in the State championship game.

Moss will be assisted by Stephen Fisher, a former Mountaineer soccer and baseball player who will be doing his student teaching this fall at Kings Mountain Middle School. Fisher will graduate from Appalachian State in December.

Suber, Putnam play in N.C. State Games

Kings Mountain High and American Legion baseball players Hunter Suber and Rusty Putnam recently played in the North Carolina State Games.

Suber played in the Junior and Under State Games and pitched two innings in the Gold Medal Game.

Putnam played third base in the State Senior Games and batted .454 with 5-for-11 and two runs batted in.

CRKA golf tournament September 10 in Shelby

The Cleveland/Rutherford Kidney Association will hold its annual benefit golf tournament Wednesday, September 10 at River Bend Golf Club near Shelby.

The format will be a Captain's Choice. Desserts from the CRKA CakeBakers Club will be available and door prizes will be presented.

All proceeds go to the CRKA's patient services programs including medication assistance, medical needs assistance, education, support groups, recreational activities, emergency ID program, advocacy, bereavement support, pre- and post-dialysis and transplant support, crisis intervention, Rainbow newsletter, referral services, resource center, and the organ and tissue donor program.

To participate in the tournament, or to sponsor a team or hole, contact the CRKA at 481-9535.

He was an All-Conference player on Kings Mountain's 1991 soccer team which won the school's only Southwestern Conference championship, and he was the ace pitcher on the 1993 KMHS baseball team which won the state 3-A championship. Fisher won 28 consecutive games in his high school career and pitched four years at Appalachian State where he set records for most appearances and most saves.

The new coaches said an added highlight of this year's first day of practice will be a Black and Gold game at Davidson Park. At 6:30 that night, parents are invited to meet with the coaches and players. The scrimmage will follow. Players who have completed all forms will take part in the Black-Gold game.

Moss becomes just the second head soccer coach in the history of the KMHS program. He suc-

ceeds Dan Potter, former player at the University of South Carolina who organized the KM program in 1989.

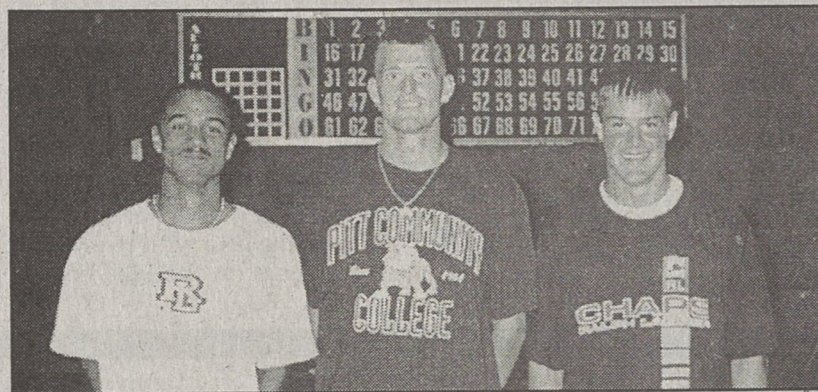
THE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER (Non-Conference Games)
 2 - Crest (JV 5:30, varsity 7 p.m.); 3 - East Gaston (JV 5 p.m., varsity 6:30); 8 - at East Gaston (JV 5 p.m., varsity 6:30); 10 - Hunter Huss (varsity 7 p.m.); 11 - at Crest (JV 5:30, varsity 7 p.m.); 16 - at Hunter Huss (varsity 7 p.m.);

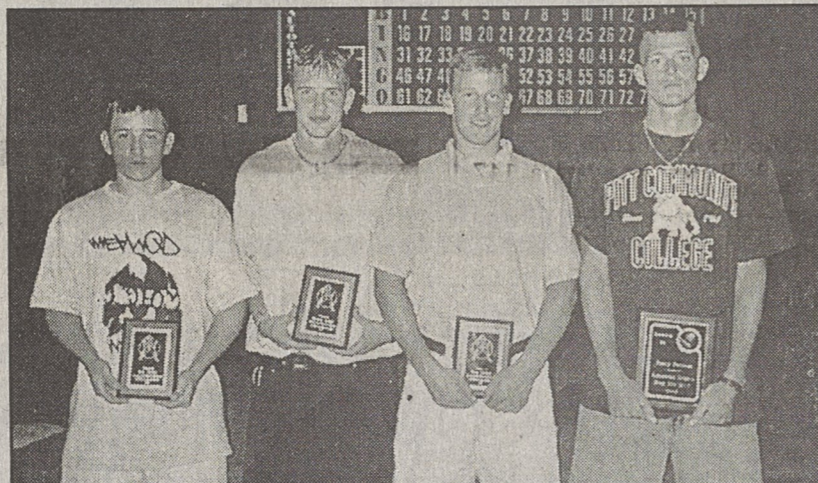
SEPTEMBER (Conference Games)
 22 - at North Gaston; 24 - Shelby; 29 - at South Point.

OCTOBER
 1 - Burns; 8 - R-S Central; 13 - North Gaston; 15 - at Shelby; 20 - South Point; 22 - at Burns; 29 - at R-S Central

*All conference games 6 p.m.



LEGION ALL-STARS - Outfielder Robin Perkins, pitcher/infielder Rusty Putnam, and pitcher Hunter Suber, left to right, all members of the Kings Mountain American Legion baseball team, will play in the fifth annual North Carolina-South Carolina American Legion All-Star Tournament July 25-27 in Charlotte. Games will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday with three games being played each day. The top four teams will play on Sunday at 1 p.m. for the consolation game and 4 p.m. for the championship game. There will be two brackets with four teams in each bracket - two teams from each state - with the best two teams from each bracket advancing to Sunday's play.



LEGION PLAYERS HONORED - These players who have completed their American Legion baseball eligibility received plaques in appreciation of their dedication to the team at the American Legion Post 155 baseball banquet Monday night. Left to right are Ray Biddix, Jeremy Cooke, Tony Stokes and Rusty Putnam. Putnam was also named most valuable player after hitting .407.



MAJOR ALL-STARS - Kings Mountain's 11-12 years old Major League All-Stars will begin play in the District 3 Tournament in Bessemer City Thursday at 8 p.m. Kings Mountain plays Stanley in the first round of the eight-team, double-elimination event which runs through Sunday. The winner advances to the state tournament the following week in Dallas. Team members include, front row, left to right, head coach Jeff Putnam, Buddy Black, Travis Robinson, Elan Philbeck, Chris Jolly, Casey Thacker, Derrick Smith. Second row, Brandon Roberts, Tyler Allen, Caleb Williams, David Brinkley, Cortney Smith, Ross Ellis. Back row, assistant coaches David Philbeck and Chuck Austin. Not pictured, Matt Echols.



FIRST IN AMERICAN LEAGUE - The M&D Quick Stop 7-8 year-old coach pitch team finished first in the American League and second place in the overall league with a record of 11-2. Team members include, front row, left to right, Tyler Murray, Daniel Humphries, Jarryd Henderson, Chris Whisnant, Jamie York. Second row, Coach J.L. Murray, Josh Hamm, Brittney York, Adam Sellers, Kevin Bell, Luke Proctor, Chaz King, Josh Brown and Coach Lawrence Humphries.

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