

Sports Briefs



LADIES CHAMPION - Peggy Jackson, center, accepts awards from KMCC's John Van Dyke, left, and Golfer's Choice owner Keith Bradley after winning Saturday's Golfer's Choice Tournament at KMCC.



MEN'S CHAMPION - Stoney Jackson, center, won the first annual Golfer's Choice Invitational Saturday at Kings Mountain Country Club. He accepts the trophy from KMCC club pro John Van Dyke, left, and Golfer's Choice owner Keith Bradley, right.



RUNNERS-UP - Brenda Sellers, second from left, and Wanda Howze finished runners-up in the women's division of the Golfer's Choice Invitational Saturday at KMCC. They are pictured with John Van Dyke, left, of KMCC and Keith Bradley, right of Golfer's Choice.

Jacksons win golf tournament

Stoney Jackson won the men's championship flight and Peggy Jackson won the ladies championship flight in the first annual Golfer's Choice Invitational Saturday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The tournament was a huge success, according to Keith Bradley, owner of Golfer's Choice in Kings Mountain. Seventy-four golfers competed in seven flights. Seventy-five percent of handicap was used.

Jackson shot a three-under-par 69 to edge Geeper Howard in the men's championship flight. Howard shot a 70. Bryant Brothers was third with a 72.

Billy Hill shot a 67 to win the first flight by four shots over Dennis Hicks. Tony Wells was third with a 73.

Bill Sellers won the second flight with a 68. Jack Acheson was second with a 74 and Jack Hinkle third with an 82.

Gary Kiser won a playoff over Keith Lane for the third flight title. Both golfers shot 72, followed by Tony Cooke with a 74.

Jim Jennings won the fourth flight with a 69, followed by Pat Shannon with 73 and Wayne Patterson with 75.

Jim Champion edged Keith Strickland in a playoff for the fifth flight title. Both golfers shot 72. John Hargette was third with a 74.

Peggy Jackson was first in the women's flight, followed by Wanda Howze and Brenda Sellers.

Patriots beat East to break loss skid

Kings Mountain Middle School's Patriots broke a three-game losing streak Wednesday with a 20-6 Tri-County Conference victory over East Rutherford.

Coach David Heffner's Patriots, 2-3, were scheduled to play at Burns yesterday. They travel to East Lincoln Monday for a season-ending makeup game.

Antonio Crocker scored on a 12-yard run and also ran a two-point conversion to put the Patriots on top 8-0 in the first quarter.

The KM eleven increased the

lead to 14-0 just before halftime on a flea-flicker pass which resulted in a 16-yard scoring play. Quarterback Stuart Heffner took the snap and passed to LaDricus Gingles, who threw to Jason Roper for the touchdown.

Heffner scored on a two-yard run in the third period to give the Patriots a 20-0 lead.

"It was good to get our offense going and score some points," said Coach Heffner. "It had been a few games since we scored. The offensive line did the best job of blocking that they've done all year and that was the key to us winning."

Heffner cited Aquino Reynolds and Ronald Goode for their defensive play.

Mountaineer kickers defeat North Gaston

Kings Mountain High's soccer team lost to R-S Central 3-0 Wednesday in a battle for second place in the Southwestern 3A Conference, but the Mountaineers bounced back Monday to defeat North Gaston's Wildcats 2-0.

Evan Osteen and Jason Burris each had a goal for the Mountaineers, and Tim Schwantes had an assist. Collin Goforth had 13 saves.

"We just didn't play well as a team against R-S Central," said Coach Kevin Moss. "We came out flat. But we played real well against North Gaston. We made a lot of improvement over the past weekend during practice. I was really pleased with the passing and efficiency in our game compared to R-S. The players really responded well after playing so poorly against R-S."

The Mountaineers were scheduled to play Shelby last night in Shelby and return home Monday to face the SWC-leading South Point Red Raiders.

The Mountaineers are 3-2 in the conference and 9-3-1 overall.

Youth soccer teams honored at KM game

The Kings Mountain High School soccer team hosted the two Kings Mountain area youth soccer leagues during Monday night's game with North Gaston at John Gamble Stadium.

More than 150 of the over 190 youth players ranging in age from 4 1/2 to 15 experienced a good high school match which saw Kings Mountain win 2-0.

The youth players were admitted free and were honored at half-time by the Mountaineer team and coaches. Each team's players names were called as they ran through a tunnel formed by the Mountaineer squad.

Two under six coed teams then played a 10-minute scrimmage. Mike Norwood's Harris-Teeter team clashed against Gena Cole's Monroe Tire squad.

Members of the Harris-Teeter team are Taylor Cash, Jacob Lineberger, Clay Mitchell, Joshua Negus, Courtney Norwood, Meagan Reynolds and Chad Whetstone.

Members of the Monroe Tire team are Evan Anthony, Anna

Cole, Tanner Deaton, Casey Devane, Nathan Fore, Cory Fredell and Colby Gardner.

Lame Ducks lose but hold to bowling lead

The Lame Ducks' lead in Tuesday night Mixed Bowling League was reduced to four games Tuesday at Dilling Heating when the Head Pinner's blanked the leaders 8-0.

The Head Pinner's (26-22) got a 134 line and 353 set from Chuck Ruley, and Sue Abernathy chipped in with a 133 line. R.W. Hullender led the Lame Ducks (30-18) with a 125-350, and Mark Abernathy added a 108-314.

In other action, the Dead Ducks (24-24) strengthened their hold on third place with a 6-2 win over the Lucky Ducks (16-32). John Dilling led the winners with a 129 line and 367 set, and Chris Hullender added a 123-314. But the best bowling of the night came from team captain Mark Midgett of the Lucky Ducks, who turned in single games of 135, 140 and 143 for a season-high 418 set.



CHECK PRESENTATION - Kings Mountain Police Chief Richard Reynolds, right, presents a check representing the proceeds of a recent benefit golf tournament to KM Officer Jerry Tessneer as Carl Champion, left, tournament director, and former Chief Bob Hayes, second from right, look on. The money will be used to help pay the medical and burial expenses of Tessneer's son Jerry Tessneer II, who died after heart surgery earlier this year.

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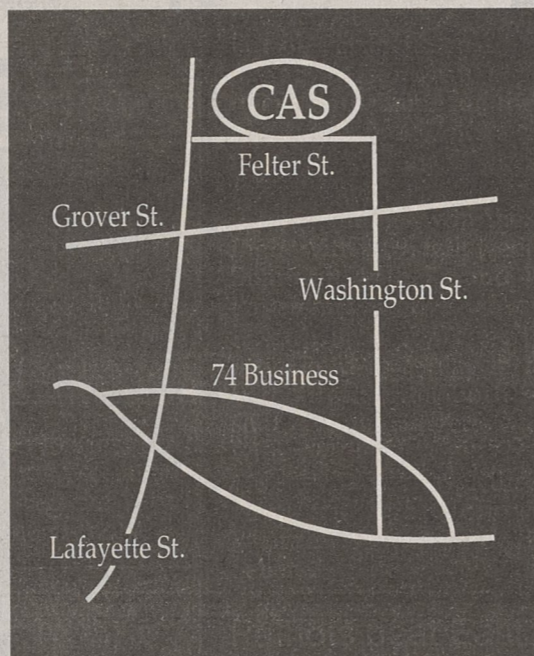
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