

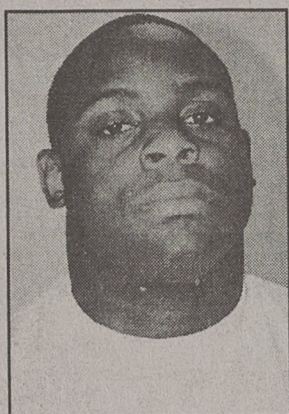
Curry and Hopper in East-West Game

For the first time in its 76-year football history, Kings Mountain High School will have two players in the East-West All-Star Game next Wednesday night at Greensboro Grimsley's Bob Jamieson Stadium.

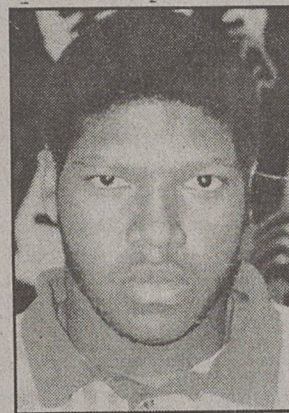
Julius Curry, a 265-pound offensive lineman, will play on the West team for Head Coach Jimmy Teague of Reidsville.

Curry was chosen as a regular when the teams were announced last spring, and Hopper, who was named as an alternate, was notified Monday night that he has been chosen to replace a player that will not be able to compete.

Curry and Hopper were key players on last year's KMHS team



JULIUS CURRY



FRANK HOPPER

which compiled a 14-2 record and won the school's first ever Western Regional Championship.

Curry was a four-year starter at offensive guard, and was a two-time All-Southwestern 3A Conference standout. He also played some defense last year, recording 44 tackles and three quarterback sacks.

Hopper was a three-year starter and was also a two-time All-Southwestern Conference choice. He was one of the team's top defensive players over the last two years. Last year he made 118 unassisted tackles and led the team in tackles for loss (23) and quarterback sacks (15).

The two will leave today to go to Greensboro for a week of practice. Next Wednesday's game begins at 7 p.m. and is the official culmination of the annual North Carolina Coaches Clinic, which members of the KMHS staff will attend on Monday through Wednesday.

Other Mountaineers selected to play in past East-West Games include George Harris in 1956, John McGinnis in 1957, Fred Dixon in 1964, Hubert McGinnis in 1965, Mark George in 1973, Kevin Mack in 1980, Edwin Sherer in 1986, and Brent Bagwell in 1988.

Curry and Hopper will be leaving Kings Mountain again in early August to become teammates at East Tennessee State University.

For directions to the Greensboro Grimsley Stadium, call (336) 379-9095.



Pictured are the T&W Honeybees, who won first place in the Dixie Youth Ponytail fast-pitch softball 10-12 year-old division. The Honeybees went undefeated throughout the season and tournament play, with a record of 14-0. The team is sponsored by T&W Textile Machinery. Front row, left to right, Laura Clark, Bridgett Eaves. Second row, Brittney York, Stacey Spicer, Jalisa Pettis, and Stephanie Houser. Third row, Brandy Adams, Alex Dawson, Jennai Pettis, Nikki Deaver, Kirsten Martin, Jamie Mabry. Back row, coaches Mike Smith and Tim Spicer. Not pictured, Blair Heffner.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wildcats win two in New York tourney

The Kings Mountain Wildcats won two of their first three games in the Hall of Fame Tournament earlier this week in Cooperstown, NY.

The Wildcats defeated Long Island, NY and Westerville, MD before falling to Philadelphia, PA. Tyler Leach, Philip Bunch, Cody Barrett, and John Swink all hit home runs.

The Wildcats will play at least eight games in New York. They will also be inducted into the Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

R&W Rockets win Dixie Belles league

The R&W Rockets won the 13-15 year-old Dixie Belles League championship with only one loss.

Team members were Richelle Stroupe, Erin Dover, Sally Denton, Brenn Kates, Allison Hoppes, Lauren Dye, Brooke Blackburn, Liz Griffin, Katie Bennett and Ashley McDaniel. Coaches were Brian Feldman, Tim McDaniel, Rick Stroupe and Mike Bennett.

C-RKA benefit golf tourney September 15

The Cleveland-Rutherford Kidney Association is sponsoring its annual benefit golf tournament Wednesday, Sept. 15 at River Bend Golf Club, Shelby.

The format is a four-person Captain's Choice. All proceeds go to the C-RKA for patient service programs, including transportation, medications, medical needs, resource center, support

ive services, advocacy, education, and organ donor programs.

Entry fee is \$55 per person or \$220 per team. Businesses and individuals may sponsor teams, and hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Businesses may also donate prizes and items to be used for Mulligan prize drawings.

For more information, call C-RKA at 481-9535.

Boys & Girls Club registering players

Registration is underway for the Cleveland County Pop Warner Warrior football team. Sign-ups will continue through Friday, July 30 at the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland County, 412 West Sumter Street, Shelby.

Any youth who qualifies on the weight restrictions, ages 10-13, can register. The age cutoff date is August 1. Weight range for ages 10-12 is 80-129 pounds, and age 13 range is 80-109 pounds.

Club hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A \$35 registration fee is charged. The fee will include membership in the Boys & Girls Club After-School Program. A birth certificate with a raised seal is required. All birth certificates will be held on file and will be returned at the close of the season. All players also must have a physical.

The first organizational meeting will be Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Practice will start Monday, August 2 at the Boys & Girls Club site.

For more information, call 482-3258 or go by the club from

8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Yellow Jacket Gala July 17 at BC High

The 1999 Yellow Jacket Gala will be held July 17 at 6 p.m. in the lobby of Bessemer City High School.

There will be a steak dinner for two with all the trimmings, special cash prizes, door prizes, special recognition and fellowship.

All proceeds will go to the Yellow Jacket Athletic Club to support athletic programs at BCHS.

This year the club has been awarded a matching grant from the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department to light and place permanent seating for the girls softball field. The cost will be \$25,000 and support is needed from the community.

For tickets or more information, call Bob Hovis at 629-2390, Carol Clemmer at 629-2209, or Rick Grahl at 629-4415.

KM Optimist Club sets football sign-ups

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will register football players and cheerleaders on Saturday, July 24 and Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at City Stadium.

All boys and girls ages 7-12 who live in Kings Mountain, Bessemer City and Grover are eligible. Those registering must take their latest report card and a birth certificate.

Anyone interested in coaching cheerleading or football should also attend on the above dates.



The Kings Mountain Dixie Boys 13-year-old all-star team will play in the State Tournament beginning Saturday in Whiteville. Kings Mountain will face Columbus County in a 7 p.m. game. Team members are, left to right, front row, Shane Worcester and John Bryant. Second row, Coach Lawrence Humphries, Weston Taylor, Lee Smith, Jake Lowery, Chip Wilson, Matthew Cavendar and Coach Mike Ellis. Back row, Coach Eddie Smith, Matthew Humphries, Drew Gibson, Brad Deaton, John Sims, Matthew Bryant and Coach Jeff Taylor. Not pictured, Tyler Deaton.

Girls state tournaments begin tonight at KM park

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department will host the 1999 Girls State Fast-pitch softball tournaments July 14-18 at the Deal Street sports complex.

Twenty-seven teams from across the state will be playing for a berth in the World Series in August. Kings Mountain will have four teams entered in the event for ages 10 and above.

There will be action in the Ponytails, Belles, Debs and Angels divisions.

Kings Mountain's Ponytail all-stars will open play Thursday at 8 p.m. against Rolesville. Members of the team are Samantha Hamrick, Heather Hale, Brittney Caddy, Megan Dixon, Lindsay Horne, Morgan Meyers, Laura Clark, Blair Heffner, Lauren Horne, Whitney Crawford, Amanda Clayton, and Stephanie Meyers. Coaches are Bobby Horne, Ed Meyers and David Heffner.

Other opening round games will see Clinton playing Seymore Johnson at 4 p.m., and Cherryville battling Cape Fear at 6 p.m.

The winner of the KM-Rolesville game will advance against West Stanly Friday at 4 p.m. The loser will play Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Clinton-Seymore Johnson winner will face the Cherryville-Cape Fear winner Friday at 8 p.m. Losers play Friday at 6 p.m.

The tournament continues through Sunday afternoon, with the championship game set for 1 p.m.

The Kings Mountain Belles will open play Thursday at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday's action begins at 12 noon, and the

Members of the KM team are Rachel Hughes, Sarah Propst, Lauren Causby, Asheley Leigh, Laura Johnsonbaugh, Pam Parker, L'Tisha Bell, Katie Bennett, Richelle Stroupe, Holly Sha, and Brooke Blackburn. Coaches are Mike Bennett, Bryan Feldman, Ricky Stroupe and Ray Hughes.

If KM wins its opening game it will advance to a 5 p.m. game on Saturday. If it loses it will play Friday at 8 p.m. The Cherryville-South Stanly winner will advance to a Friday 6 p.m. game against Midway. Action continues through Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Kings Mountain Debs will open play Thursday at 8 p.m. against East Lincoln. West Stanly and West Lincoln will get the action started at 4 p.m., followed by Town Creek and South Stanly at 6 p.m.

Members of the KM team are Nicole Baisden, Laura Bridges, Carrie Brinkley, De Chapman, Kristin Hardin, Lee Owensby, Julie Robbins, Ashley Starrett, and Heather Toney. Coaches are Deanna Brown, Scott Hardin, and Dean Robbins.

The KM-East Lincoln winner will advance to a Friday 4 p.m. game against Stanly. The loser will play Saturday at 4 p.m.

The West Stanly-West Lincoln and Town Creek-South Stanly winners will meet at 8 p.m.

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