

Collins and Baumer win Member-Guest at KMCC

Curt Collins and Don Baumer won the annual Member-Guest Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club. They shot a 63-69-132 to edge Eric Spicer and Don

Teague, who shot 66-67-133. Jerry Broadwell and David Ballinger shot a 71-72-143 and won the first flight in a playoff. Jim Jolly and David Ballinger were second with 71-72-143,

and Ronnie Murphy and Bo Ballard were third with a 71-72-143. Mickey Powers and Ray Adams won the second flight. They shot a 79-72-151 to win by one stroke over Phil Russ and Tony Cooke, who shot 78-73-150.

Randy Hartsoe and Chris Edwards won the third flight by two strokes over Shane Adams and Chad Adams. Hartsoe and Edwards shot 80-78-158, and the Adams' shot 83-87-160.

Closest to the pin winners were Bryan Jones and Tim Leach on #5, C. Wright and Kim Taylor on #8, Jerry Broadwell and Bob Jones on #12, and P. Tingen and Don Teague on #17.

Jim Jolly won the long drive contest, and Curt Collins and Gerald Putnam won the putting contest.



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Curt Collins and Don Baumer won the annual Member-Guest Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

KM Optimist Club needs new members

Kings Mountain Optimist Club is currently conducting a drive for new members.

For more information about the organization, call Robert at 739-9612.



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Kings Mountain's 8-year-old Dixie Youth all-stars finished second in last week's inaugural state tournament in Riegelwood. Team members are, front row, left to right, Clay Kerns, Jake Allen, John Gamble, Stuart Smith, Bradley Lovelace, Blake Hollifield. Second row, Cody Austin, Ryan Doty, Ethan Roper, Rai Robinson, Timothy Gaddy, Cory Brooks, Zachary Hayes. Back, coaches Buddy Rice, Denis Hayes, Terry Smith.

KM's 8-year-old all-stars second in state tourney

Kings Mountain's 8-year-old Dixie Youth all-star team finished second in last week's state tournament in Riegelwood.

It was the inaugural state tournament for the AA division, which consists of coach pitch teams for ages 7-8.

The tournament consisted of 12 teams. Kings Mountain represented District 3 after winning the recent district tournament in Bessemer City.

Kings Mountain's record in the state tourney was 3-2, with both losses coming to state champion Southpark of Charlotte.

In the opening game, KM fought back from a seven-run deficit in the third inning to defeat Kannapolis 21-16. The defense tightened up and held Kannapolis to two runs over the last four innings.

Timothy Gaddy led the KM offense with 2-for-4 and four runs batted in. Ryan Doty and Cody Austin each went 3-for-3 with three runs batted in. Defensively, Kings Mountain held Kannapolis to 16 batters over the last four innings.

In the second round, Kings Mountain defeated Bessemer City 13-3 going into the sixth inning.

Bessemer City, which finished second to KM in the district tournament, advanced to round two with a victory over Bunn.

Kings Mountain scored four runs in the second inning, with Gaddy's three-run home run the highlight.

In the third inning, leadoff

batter Stuart Smith singled to spark a five-run rally.

In the fifth, Jake Allen and Zachary Hayes hit back-to-back triples and Kings Mountain scored four more runs to close out the victory.

Gaddy led the offense with four RBIs, and Hayes and John Byron Gamble contributed three RBIs each.

In the third round, Kings Mountain jumped to a 7-0 lead in the second inning but ended up losing to Southpark 19-10. Southpark scored 10 runs in the third.

Gaddy led Kings Mountain with 3-for-3, and Bradley Lovelace and Cory Brooks each had two RBIs.

In the semi-finals, Kings Mountain faced Southport, which had eliminated Bessemer City 4-3. Kings Mountain erupted for six runs in the first inning, led by a two-run triple from Rai Robinson.

Robinson led the KM plate attack with 3-for-3 and two triples. Outfielder Blake Hollifield also contributed three RBIs.

KM finished off Southport in the sixth inning with a double play led by Cody Austin.

In the championship game with Southpark, Kings Mountain managed only five hits and lost 14-2. Stuart Smith led the plate attack with 2-for-2. Ethan Roper and Jake Allen

scored KM's only runs.

"Our team played hard throughout the tournament, playing five games over three days, a tough schedule for eight-year-olds," said coaches Denis Hayes, Terry Smith and Buddy Rice. "The caliber of teams playing in the tournament, all of whom were all-star teams from various cities across North Carolina, proves that the boys are a special group of kids with a lot of talent."

"With the caliber of opponents and the grueling schedule of five game in three days, the tournament proved to be physically and mentally exhausting for the youngsters. But the tournament provides this age group of players a target to aim for, just as older leagues participate in."

Gaddy led the KM hitting during the tourney with a .667 average (10-for-15), and also led the team with 12 runs batted in.

Robinson hit .625 (5-for-8) and Smith hit .600 (9-for-15). Austin hit .571 (8-for-14) and Clay Kerns hit .500 (6-for-12).

Other batting averages were Jake Allen .467, Cory Brooks .455, Ryan Doty .417, Zachary Hayes .400 and a team-leading nine runs scored, Ethan Roper .364, John Gamble .267, Blake Hollifield .214, and Bradley Lovelace .182.

The team hit .440 (74-for-168), and scored 61 runs.

Freddy Smith finishes ninth in General Aluminum 100

Kings Mountain's Freddy Smith finished 9th in the General Aluminum 100 Friday at Raceway 7 in Conneaut, OH.

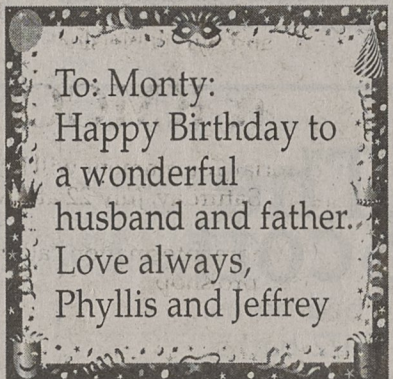
Chub Frank of Sugar Grove, PA passed Scott Bloomquist of Mooresburg, TN with eight laps to go to post his first career HAT victory.

Frank won \$20,000. Smith won \$2,500.

Smith finished 12th and won

\$1,450 in the 75-lap main event Saturday at Hagerstown, MD Speedway. Gary Shuhler of nearby Greencastle, PA won the \$10,000 first prize.

Smith held onto his fifth place position in the HAT point standings. He has 3,158 points. Steve Francis is the leader with 3,422, with Bloomquist and Wendell Wallace a close second with 3,402 each.



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