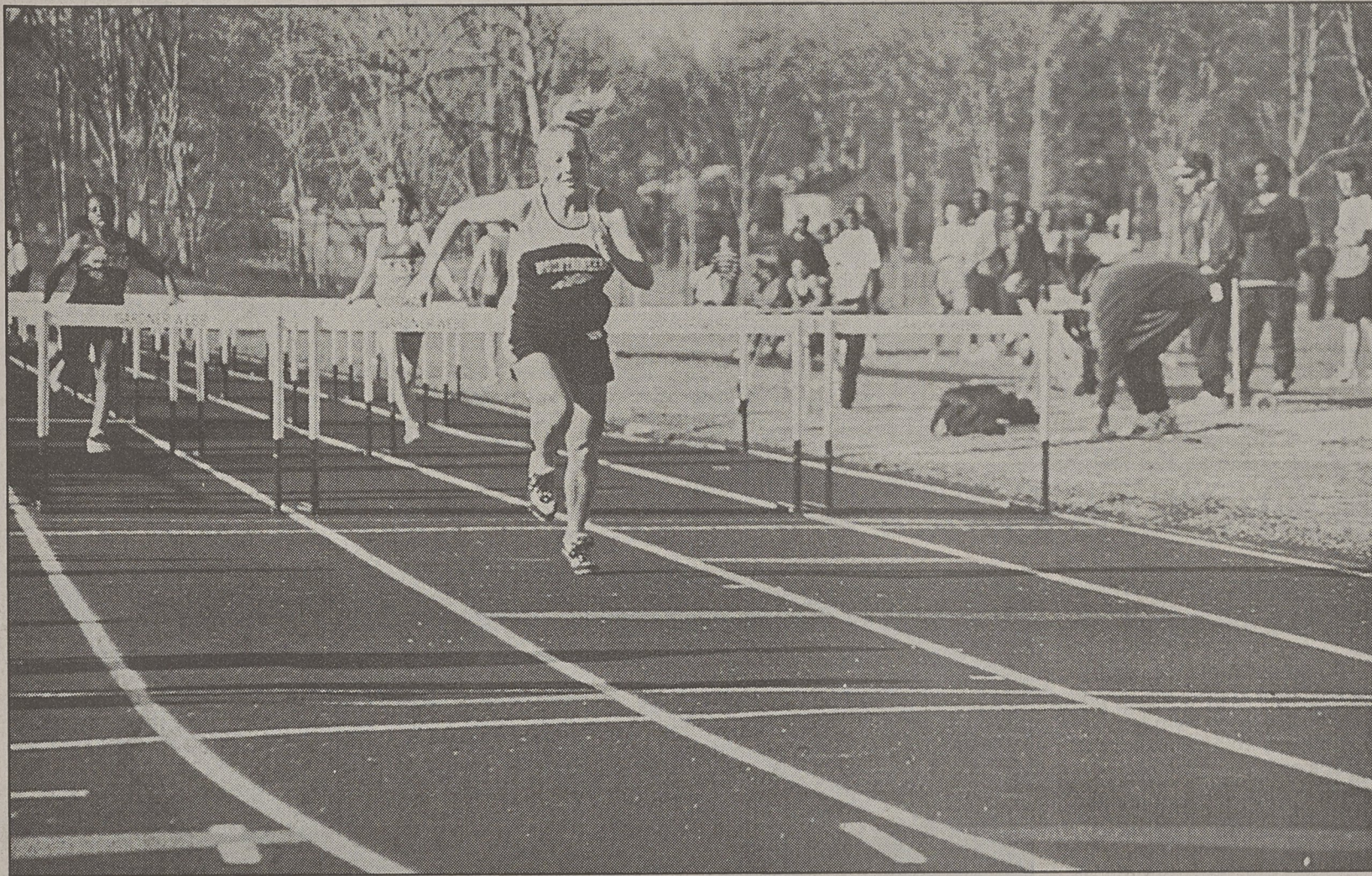


# County Champions!

# Mounties lose to Forestview



Kings Mountain's Meredith Ware easily wins the hurdles in Tuesday's Cleveland County Track meet at Gardner-Webb University.

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## KM ladies dominate track meet

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**BOILING SPRINGS** - Kings Mountain's girls' track team won the Cleveland County Track and Field Championships Tuesday afternoon at Gardner Webb University's Spangler Stadium.

The Mountaineers scored 84 points while Crest came in second with 61, and Shelby followed with 16.

The Mountaineers took seven of 12 running events.

Hayley Flynn, who anchored

the Mountaineers winning 3200 relay team, also won the 1600. Jordan Wollak also won multiple events by winning the 800 and 3200.

In the 100 hurdles, Kings Mountain's Meredith Ware paced the field with a 16.97 mark.

Kim Bowden won the 100 meters for the Mountaineers in 13.01.

In the boys' events Crest won with a 143.5, while Kings Mountain followed with 50.5, Shelby scored 42 and Burns amassed eight points.

Aquino Reynolds won the 200 meters in a 23.76 and Alan Gibson was one event short of sweeping the distance events.

Gibson won the 800 and 3200 but came in second in the 1600.

Kings Mountain's boys' will host Burns and North Gaston in a Southwestern 3A Conference meet today while the girls' team will host host Burns, East Rutherford and R-S Central next Wednesday.

**Team results:**  
Boys - Crest 143.5, Kings Mountain 50.5, Shelby 42, Burns 8

2. Moore, Pole vault - 2. Sigmon, 4x100 relay - 2. Kings Mountain 45.01, 800 - 1. Gibson 2:18, 1600 - 2. Gibson, 3200 - 1. Gibson 11:23.

**Girls**

**Team scores** - Kings Mountain 84, Crest 61, Shelby 16.

**Kings Mountain results** - Shotput - 2. Miller, High Jump - 2. Cole, 4x200 relay - 2. Kings Mountain 1:54.94, 4x800 - 1. Kings Mountain 12:08, 4x100 - 2. Kings Mountain 52.97, 4x400 - 1. Kings Mountain 5:05.64, 100 hurdles - 1. Ware 16.97, 2. Williams, 400 hurdles - 2. Owens, 100 - Bowden 13.01, 200 - 2. Brown, 400 - 2. Wallace, 800 - 1. Wollak 3:42, 1600 - 1. Flynn 6:39, 3200 - 1. Wollak 15:18.



Courtney Osteen (4) helped lead Kings Mountain's women's soccer team to victory in last week's County Tournament at Crest. The Lady Mountaineers blanked Burns and Shelby to run their overall record to 9-1.

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Kings Mountain High's baseball team dropped tough games to two of the Southwestern 3A Conference's best pitchers last week.

On Thursday, the Mountaineers fell to Jonathon Hovis and the Forestview Jaguars 5-1. Hovis struck out 13 Mountaineers and allowed only three hits.

Kings Mountain's only run came in the sixth inning when David Brinkley led off with a single, went to third on Matt Bridges' second hit of the day, and scored on a fielder's choice by Trent Hopper.

Joey Asis led the Forestview plate attack with 3-for-3, including a two-run home run in the first inning, and four runs batted in.

Hunter Gaffney pitched for the Mountaineers.

"Hunter did an outstanding job," said KM Coach Tony Leigh. "He struck out two, walked only two and gave up only five hits. Other than a few errors that we made, we played fairly well. We just couldn't catch up to Hovis' fast ball."

The Mountaineers gave the state's 7th-ranked 3A club, South Point, all of the baseball it could stand Friday night at Lancaster Field but the Red Raiders escaped with a 4-3 victory.

Chris Ensley started for the Red Raiders but Devon Lowery came on in the sixth and got the win. Derek Dixon went the route for the Mountaineers.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Brinkley and Bridges singled, and Ross Ellis later delivered a two-run single. Ensley settled down and the Mountaineers managed only two hits after that.

South Point battled back to tie the game at 2-all after five innings, and B.J. Richmond hit an opposite field home run in the sixth to put the Raiders on top 3-2.

At the bottom of the sixth, KM's Trent Hopper reached base on an error and Tyler Falls tripled him home to tie the game at 3-all.

South Point won the game in the top of the seventh when Lowery singled and later scored on a passed ball.

"We couldn't ask for our boys to play any harder," Coach Leigh said. "They were in the game, they played hard and played the game the way it's supposed to be played."

"Derek Dixon did a super job on the mound." He struck out nine and walked only one.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to host Shelby in a JV/varsity doubleheader Wednesday afternoon. The Mountaineers travel to R-S Central Friday

### SPORTS THIS WEEK

#### Thursday, March 29

- 3:30 - High School tennis, Kings Mountain at Burns
- 3:30 - High School men's track, North Gaston and Burns at Kings Mountain
- 3:30 - High School golf, Kings Mountain at North Gaston
- 4 p.m. - Middle School baseball, East Lincoln at Kings Mountain
- 4:30 - High School JV soccer, South Point at Kings Mountain
- 6 p.m. - High School soccer, South Point at Kings Mountain
- 7 p.m. - High School JV baseball, R-S Central at Kings Mountain

#### Friday, March 30

- 4 p.m. - High School softball, Kings Mountain at North Gaston
- 5 p.m. - High School JV soccer, Kings Mountain at Statesville
- 6:30 - High School varsity soccer, Kings Mountain at Statesville
- 7 p.m. - High School baseball, Kings Mountain at RS Central

#### Monday, April 2

- 3:30 p.m. - High School tennis, Forestview at Kings Mountain
- 4:15 p.m. - Middle School baseball, West Lincoln at Kings Mountain
- 7 p.m. - High School JV baseball, Kings Mountain at East Rutherford

#### Tuesday, April 3

- 4 p.m. - High School JV softball, East Gaston at Kings Mountain
- 5:30 - High School varsity softball, East Gaston at Kings Mountain
- 6 p.m. - High School soccer, Kings Mountain at RS Central
- 7 p.m. - High School baseball, East Rutherford at Kings Mountain

#### Wednesday, April 4

- 3:30 p.m. - High School women's track, Burns, East Rutherford and RS Central at Kings Mountain

## Burns beats KM in SWC action

Burns used a three-run seventh inning to defeat the Mountaineers 5-1 in baseball Tuesday afternoon at Lancaster Field.

The Mountaineers were plagued by errors as the team dropped four pop flies, of which two turned into runs for Burns.

Pitching was the bright spot for the Mountaineers, as it held Burns to two hits before the seventh inning.

Matt Bridges scored the lone run for Kings Mountain.

Trent Hopper, who did not allow an earned run, took the loss for the Mountaineers.

Hunter Gaffney, the Kings Mountain starter, left the game in the seventh inning with an elbow problem.

Kings Mountain travels to Spindale Friday to play R-S Central.

## Kickers roll over Shelby

Kings Mountain High's women's soccer team won the Cleveland County Championship Friday and Saturday at Crest High School.

Dan Potter's Lady Mountaineers shutout Burns 9-0 on Friday night, and defeated Shelby's Golden Lions 4-0 in Saturday's championship game.

Meredith Ware was voted most valuable player for the Mountaineers, who improved their overall record to 9-1 and handed Shelby its first loss of the season.

Nine different players scored a goal apiece in the win over Burns. Shelby advanced to the finals with a 5-2 win over Crest.

"They were ranked number eight in the state in the 2A polls," noted Coach Potter, "and they were primed and ready for the championship. They have a very good team. We had scouted them on Friday

night and saw a couple of weaknesses, and our girls played by far their best game of the year."

Kings Mountain grabbed a 2-0 first half lead on goals by Katie Bennett and Jenni Wilson. Bennett scored first after a Lesley Potter shot hit the goal and came back out.

Wilson's goal came on an assist from Meredith Ware.

Kings Mountain controlled the game, outshooting Shelby 15-3 in the first half and 33-7 for the game.

"That's a big, big advantage," noted Potter, "and was a real surprise to me."

"I kind of thought they'd come out in the second half and really show what they were made of, but instead we came out and asserted ourselves."

Ten minutes into the second half Wilson scored her second goal to make the score 3-0, and

with 15 minutes remaining Lesley Potter closed out the scoring with a goal off an assist from Margaret Mauney.

Melissa Cooke recorded her second shutout of the tournament, and sixth of the year at goal.

Kings Mountain hosts South Point today in a JV/varsity doubleheader that begins at 4:15. Friday, the Mountaineers travel to Statesville for a doubleheader against one of the state's top soccer programs.

Next week, KM visits RS Central Tuesday and Burns Wednesday.

"After that, we'll have spring break," Potter noted. "If we play the way we're capable of playing we could go into spring break with just one loss."

"I'm real proud of the way our girls played in the County Tournament, especially in the championship game."

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