

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Crusaders knock off duckpin league leader

Chris' Crusaders knocked off first place Mark's Martyrs 8-0 in mixed duckpin bowling action Tuesday at Dilling Heating. Ed Philbeck led the Crusaders with a 115 line and 302 set, and Irene Ruley added a 109-301. Zeke Rybczyk led the Martyrs (40-16) with a 113-325.

Dilling's Demons (28-28) defeated Ducks R Us (16-40) 6-2. John Dilling led the Demons with a 111 line and 311 set. Colleen Philbeck led the Ducks with a 93-261.

### Tommy's Them grabs lead in Thursday loop

Tommy's Them knocked previous co-leader Half Timers 6-2 Thursday night to grab a four-game lead in mixed duckpin bowling action at Dilling Heating.

Them (34-14) got a 147 line and 397 set from Zeke Rybczyk. Ed Philbeck had a 129-340, and Tommy Barrett 105-314. Allen Myers led the Half Timers (30-18) with a 125 line and 371 set, and John Dilling added a 133-368.

Double Deuces (20-28) defeated Dead Weights (12-36) 6-2. Greg Evans led the winners with a 142 line and 421 set. Bonnie Warren had a 122-346 and Chris Hullender a 128-341 for Dead Weights.

### KM Lightning play in weekend tourney

Kings Mountain Lightning, a 12-under girls fast-pitch softball team, went 0-3 in a tournament last weekend in Salisbury.

Several KM players did well at the plate, including Tianna Whitaker who hit .429, Brittney Thornburg .375, Laura Weigel .333, Jordan Childers .500, Morgan Childers .250, and Amber Millwood .286.

Kings Mountain pitchers walked only three batters in the three games. Kristyn Funderburke walked one and struck out four in the opening round loss to the Raptors, 7-0.

Morgan Childers walked one and struck out three in a 7-4 loss to West Stanley, and Funderburke gave up only two hits, walked one and struck out eight in a 3-2 loss to Pineville.

Kings Mountain will play in a tournament in Charlotte on April 28.

### JV soccer team beats Raiders 5-0

Kings Mountain High's JV girls soccer team ended its season Monday with a 5-0 victory over South Point's Red Raiders.

Raquel Welsh led the Mountaineers with three goals. Ashton Teague and Katie Dowda scored one goal apiece.

Kelly Mattox recorded the shutout at goal.

"Elizabeth Logan, Kristen Ammay, Amanda Shannon, and Maria Peralta played some awesome defense for the Mounties all season," said Coach Amanda Johnsonbaugh. "I was very pleased to see the development of the players from the beginning of the season to right now. Eight of these young ladies have had little or no experience in playing soccer and it took a lot of courage to come out for the team."

### Basketball camp set at KM High School

The Kings Mountain High School basketball camp will be held May 28-June 3 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Boys and girls in grades 2-8 are eligible. The cost is \$50 and includes a basketball, T-shirt, handbook, and certificate. Trophies will be awarded to outstanding campers and obstacle course winners.

Applications are available from P.E. teachers in the KMDS elementary schools or by calling Coach Danny McDowell at 704-734-5647 ext. 26 or ext. 77.

Application deadline is May 11.

### Jaguars win SWC golf match at KMCC

Kings Mountain finished second to Forestview in a four-team Southwestern 3A Conference golf match Thursday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The Jaguars posted a 327 score. KM shot 328, East Rutherford 329 and R-S Central 332.

Greg Dobbins of East Rutherford was medalist with a 74.

KM scores included Justin Ethers 78, Gray Howard, 81, Chris Jolly 83, and Josh Ethers 86.

"We played pretty well against the top three teams in the conference," noted KM

Coach Kevin Moss. "We still have some players who could score lower than they did in this match."

Kings Mountain is on spring break this week. The Mountaineers resume play on Thursday, April 19 at Forestview.

### Nantz, Cloninger win KMCC golf tourney

Ken Nantz and Ken Cloninger combined for a one-under-par 71 Saturday to win the Men's Opening Day Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Charlie Johnson and Tommy Stines took low net honors with a 65.

Greg Robinson and Tony Cooke shot a 74 to finish second in the gross division, and George Hays and Gary Howze shot a 67 to finish second in low net.

Tommy Stines and William Mabry won closest to the pin contests.

### April tournaments set at country club

Six golf tournaments are scheduled this month at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The Cleveland County Seniors Golf Association will play the KM course at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 12.

Kings Mountain Middle School will host a Tri-County Conference Tournament on Tuesday and Thursday, April 17 and 19.

The Spring Ray Barnes Tournament is slated for April 21-22 for KMCC members.

Kings Mountain High School will host a Southwestern 3A Conference match at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 23.

The Children's Miracle Network Tournament, sponsored by Food Lion, will be held on Thursday, April 26.

The FMC Lithium Tournament will be played at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28.

### Gold Medal Olympian coming to Criterium

Marty Northstein, two-time Olympian, is expected in Shelby for the First Charter Criterium on Friday, April 27. Northstein won the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney and won the silver medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

His visit to Shelby is being sponsored by The Cleveland Eye Clinic. He will visit Crest High School and share his cycling experience.

### Mountaineer tennis team loses to Burns

Kings Mountain High's men's tennis team lost to Burns 5-4 in Southwestern 3A Conference play Wednesday.

Singles winners for the Mountaineers were Pablo Peralta, Jeremy Owens and Paul Shergill. Owens and Shergill won their doubles match.

## Kicking Lady Mountaineers win three more, eye Jaguars

Kings Mountain High's girls soccer team won three more games last week to run their record to 4-0 in the Southwestern 3A Conference and 12-1 overall.

The Lady Mountaineers defeated Statesville 4-0, South Point 6-1 and R-S Central 4-3. Statesville, a perennial power in Western North Carolina, fielded a young team but still played extremely well against the more-experienced Mountaineers.

"Although we dominated possession of the ball and territorial play, we struggled to finish many good scoring opportunities in the first half," said KM Coach Dan Potter.

Kings Mountain outshot Statesville 23-5, but it was almost 30 minutes into the game before Meredith Ware scored from 20 yards out for a 1-0 lead.

Twelve minutes into the second half Jenni Wilson hammered in a goal off a perfect crossing pass from Meredith Ware to make it 2-0. Stephanie Edwards and Katie Bennett added goals later to round out the scoring. Lesley Potter finished with three assists.

"Our defensive backs did a super job of limiting a dangerous pair of front runners to only 12 shots," Potter said. "Heather Kubu, Emily Owens, Lauren Horne, and Stephanie Owens combined with Melissa Cook to record the seventh shutout in 11 matches."

Kings Mountain broke open a close game in the second half to defeat South Point 6-1. Katie Bennett scored three minutes into the game off a pass from Lesley Potter, and with nine minutes left in the half Jenni Wilson scored for a 2-0 lead.



Katie Bennett scores for KMHS soccer team

Lesley Potter scored twice, Wilson added her second goal, and Shena Owens scored off a penalty kick to give the Mountaineers a 6-0 lead in the second half. Kings Mountain's streak of five straight shutouts ended late in the game when the Raiders scored on a penalty kick.

The Mountaineers got off to another slow start at R-S Central, and actually found themselves down early after Liz Rudolph of the Hilltoppers dribbled through the middle and hit a far post shot past KM keeper Melissa Cook for a 1-0 lead.

The Mountaineers responded quickly as Stephanie Edwards scored to tie the game at 1-all. Katie Bennett of the Mountaineers scored off an assist from Stephanie Edwards to give KM a 2-1 lead with 10 min-

utes left in the half.

Rudolph scored again for R-S to tie the game 2-2 at the half.

Bennett scored off a perfectly placed corner kick from Heather Kubu to give KM a 3-2 lead early in the second half, but R-S tied the game again on a goal by Anna Wheeler with 10 minutes remaining.

Three minutes later Stephanie Edwards shot a deflected pass over the Hilltopper goal keeper for the winning goal.

"Stephanie was the difference in the game," said Coach Potter. "She stepped up real big. This team has such balance with so many really solid players that it is always fun to see who will have a great day."

The Lady Mountaineers are off this week for spring break. They return to action Tuesday at home at 6 p.m. against SWC leader Forestview.

## Women's track team unbeaten

Kings Mountain High's women's track team remained undefeated Wednesday with a victory over three other Southwestern 3A Conference teams at Gamble Stadium.

The Lady Mountaineers compiled 121 points to out-distance R-S Central with 61, Burns 53, and East Rutherford 16.

Kings Mountain won six individual and one relay events.

Crystal Miller won both the shot put and discus; Meredith Ware won the 110 hurdles, Abena Boakeye won the 300 hurdles, Candace Brown won the 200 meter dash, and Raquel Welsh won the 3200 meter run. Shena Owens, Sherrica Cole, Shamekia Whetstine and Kim

Bowden won the 800 meter relay.

Kings Mountain also did well in several other events, including:

High jump - Sherrica Cole second; 3200 meter relay - Raquel Welsh, Jordan Wollak, Myra Austin, Hayley Flynn, second; 100 hurdles - Tiffany Williams second, Abena Boakeye third; 100 meter dash - Kim Bowden second, Candace Brown third, Shamekia Whetstine third; discus - Presha Barnes second, Amanda Shannon fifth; 1600 meter run - Hayley Flynn fourth, Raquel Welsh fifth; long jump - Candace Brown third; 400 meter relay - Meredith Ware, Shamekia Whetstine, Candace

Brown and Kim Bowden, second; triple jump - Tiffany Williams second, Abena Boakeye third, Sherrica Cole fourth; 400 meter dash - Damika Wallace second, Myra Austin fifth; 300 hurdles - Meredith Ware second, Shena Owens third; 800 meter run - Hayley Flynn fourth, Myra Austin fifth; 200 meter dash - Shamekia Whetstine fourth; 3200 meter run - Jordan Wollak second, Stacey Costner third, Charlotte Allen fourth, Jenny Bullington fifth; 1600 meter run - Meredith Ware, Shena Owens, Damika Wallace, Hayley Flynn, second.

Kings Mountain will host East Rutherford and North Gaston on Wednesday, April 18.

## KM cindermen win first meet

Kings Mountain High's men's track team defeated East Rutherford and R-S Central in a three-team Southwestern 3A Conference meet Thursday.

The Mountaineers compiled 74 points to 37 for the Cavaliers and 34 for R-S. KMHS won eight of the 18 events, including all four relay events.

The 3200 meter relay team (Alan Gibson, Brad Goforth, Kevin Gonda and Eric Anthony) turned in its best time of the season, 9:15.66.

The 800-relay team (Aquino

Reynolds, Travis Clark, Tyler Adams and Chris Jacobs), had its best time of the year, 1:37.02.

The 400-relay team (Reynolds, Joe Leach, Brandon Houze and Cortney Smith) won in 45.36 seconds, and the 1600 meter relay team (Jamarl Barrino, Shawn Byers, Justin Branun and Montrell Banks), also finished first.

Individual first places included Leach in the 110 high hurdles, Clark in the 400 meter run, Reynolds in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, and Goforth in

the 1600 meter run.

Finishing second were Cortney Smith in the high jump and 100 meter dash, Banks in the long jump, Leach in the 300 intermediate hurdles, Jermain Strong in the 110 high hurdles, Gibson in the 3200 meter run, and Barrino in the 400 meter run.

The Mountaineers will compete in the 30th Times News Invitational at East Henderson High School on April 12.

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