

Western Region Soccer Tournament this weekend at KM's Davidson Park

Kings Mountain's Davidson Park will be one of the many soccer fields in Cleveland County that are filled with action Saturday and Sunday when the North Carolina Soccer Association holds its Western Regional Tournament.

Eighty-two teams will be coming to the county to compete at Davidson, Gardner-Webb University and Shelby High School. Over 1,100 children ages 9-16 will compete from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

According to Terry Edwards of Kings Mountain, who is president of the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association, 27 of the 147 games will be played at Davidson Park. One of the teams competing in the under 10 division is the Kings Mountain Golden Girls, coached by Greg McDonald. Members of the team are Cassy Buonquato, Katelynn Daniels, Megan Eakers, Emily Gates, Chelse Hale, Victoria Hale, Madison Keeter, Hannah McDougal, Whitney Moss, Destiny Pittman, Whitney Scruggs.

Also this weekend, the Eastern Regionals will be held in Greensboro. Scism and Son of Kings Mountain, an under-13 team coached by Chip McGill, will be competing there. The top teams from the East and West will advance to the State championship at New Bern. Members of the team are Lauren Adams, Kelli Bolt, Rebecca Broadway, Jordan Burnette, Miranda Davis, Taylor Deaton, Daniela Husky, Jennifer Lingg, Hannah McGill, Carmen Scism, Danielle St Just, Kristen Tate, Tanya Tonelis, Kyerstin Vinesett, Christy Whetstine, and Catherine Logan.

David Lynn, Mark Champion and Dan Potter, along with Edwards, will be helping direct the games at Davidson Park.

The Golden Girls will play at Davidson at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:15 Sunday. They'll play at Gardner-Webb University at 9:15 Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

The GCCSA has operated for 16 years and each year hosts the Western Regionals.

"This is the first time we've had games at Davidson Park," said Edwards. "One of the main reasons we have this tournament is to bring in people from other parts of the State. There will be competition in all age groups for co-ed and girls."

Kings Mountain currently has seven recreational teams in the GCSAA, and approximately two-thirds of the players are girls, Edwards said.

"Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the State right now," Edwards said. "We'd like to invite the public out to watch the action."

"We really pushed hard this year to make sure we got some games at Davidson. We have such a nice facility and we like to showcase it."

"We've had a lot of success in soccer," he added. "We have some very good coaches in the girls leagues right now. Girls soccer in this town has just really taken off."



Rebekah Anthony, second grade student at East Elementary, was named Junior Mountie of the Week at the final Herald/WKMT Mountaineer Tailgate Show at Friday's KMHS-Hickory football game. Rebekah is the daughter of Penny and Ed Anthony.

Cobras in final 4 of Challenge Cup

The under-15 Lady Cobras have advanced to the final four in the NC Youth Soccer Association's Challenge State Cup. The Cobras will play in the semifinals Saturday at Charlotte's Randlewood Park.

Preliminary rounds were held last weekend in Kernersville. The Cobras first faced Raleigh's CASL Impact and played to a 1-1 tie off a goal by Blair Heffner.

In the afternoon game, the Cobras defeated the Kernersville Sting 2-1, playing without many substitutions. A few of the Cobras were busy winning the NC 3A volleyball championship.

The goals in the second game

came from Candance Campion and Alex Davis. Emily Edwards, Stephanie Pitt, Cassie Gold, Katie Cooke and Stephanie Davis provided a strong mid-field to control the game. Goal keeper Stacey Spicer made several saves to preserve the win.

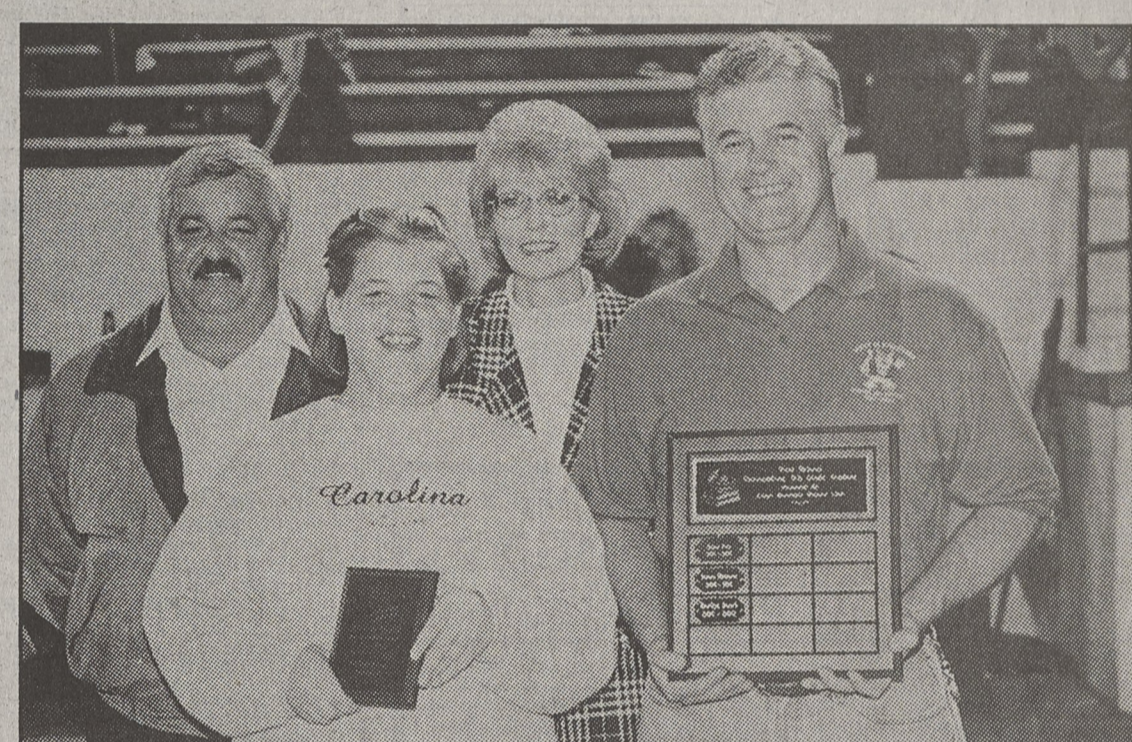
Sunday morning the Cobras faced the Greensboro Haze. The Haze was last year's State champion.

Strong defense by Logan Beam, Lauren Horne, Lindsey Bumgardner, Casey Camp and Sara Sipe, and good goal keeping by Ashton Teague and Stacey Spicer kept the Haze to just one goal and the Cobras lost 1-0.

In the final preliminary, the Cobras had to beat Wake Forest United to advance. Wake Forest scored first but the Cobras answered soon after as Blair Heffner took the ball 50 yards and drilled a shot past the goal keeper. The Cobras put pressure on Wake Forest the whole second half and with seven minutes left, after a scramble in front of the goal, Susie Potter took a 12 yard shot that blew by the keeper. The Cobras then played outstanding team defense to come out with a 2-1 victory.

The Cobras played this fall with the Charlotte Challenge League and were undefeated in

regular season play. They had a 7-0 record and outscored their opponents 30-0.



Marilyn Bunch, front left, a fifth grade student at West Elementary School, was named the Kings Mountain High Booster Club's Good Citizen during halftime of Friday's KM-Hickory football game at John Gamble Stadium. Marilyn is pictured with her principal Sherrill Toney, front right, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bunch (back).

SPORTS BRIEFS

KM's Flynn 30th in State 3A meet

Kings Mountain High sophomore Hayley Flynn finished 30th out of 130 runners in the Women's State 3A Cross Country Championship Saturday at McAlpine Greenway Park in Charlotte.

Flynn is the first Lady Mountaineer to earn the right to compete in the State Championship. She completed the 3.1 mile course with a time of 20 minutes, 52 seconds.

Flynn and several of her KMHS teammates will compete in the Footlocker Cross Country Championships Saturday, November 24 at McAlpine Greenway Park in Charlotte. Flynn will also be preparing for the upcoming KMHS swim season.

Flynn is the daughter of Bill and Colleen Flynn.

New quarter begins in duckpin bowling

KM Warriors and S&M grabbed the early lead in the second quarter of mixed duckpin bowling action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

The Warriors defeated No Prisoners 6-2 behind a 124 line and 365 set by Chris Hullender. Ed Philbeck added a 113-300.

S&M defeated R2 6-2 as John Dilling rolled a 127 line and 323

set. Irene Ruley had a 116 line and Zeke Rybczyk had a 305 set for R2.

In Thursday night action, Hard 8 defeated Ed's Raiders 6-2 and Strike Force and All-Americans tied 4-4.

Zeke Rybczyk rolled a 140 line and 362 set, and Chris Hullender added a 121-348 for Hard 8. Ed Philbeck had a 113-312 for the Raiders

High scorer for the night was Greg Evans, who bowled a 144-413 to lead Strike Force. Tommy Barrett led the All-Americans with a 128 line and 353 set.

KM sports banquet slated November 13

The Kings Mountain High School fall sports banquet will be held Tuesday, November 13. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria, and the awards ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium.

Tickets for the meal are \$1 for athletes and \$5 for parents.

All students who participated in fall sports will be recognized and athletes who received all-star recognition will receive trophies.

BC church to host Upward Basketball

Bessemer City's First Wesleyan Church will be sponsoring an Upwards Basketball

League for boys and girls in grades 1-6.

Each child will receive equal playing time regardless of their skill level. Registration is \$30 and includes a t-shirt, reversible jersey, and a Bible.

Registration continues through November 19. To register, or for more information, call the church at 629-5286.

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