

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### KM Lightning drops three games

Kings Mountain Lightning, a 14-under girls AAU fast-pitch softball team, lost all three of its games in the season-opening Heat at the Hive Tournament last weekend at Nevins Park in Charlotte.

Despite a 1-0 loss, KM pitcher Kristyn Funderburke opened the season with a no-hitter. She gave up a walk in the first inning which was followed by two Kings Mountain errors that led to the only run of the game.

After the first inning, Funderburke hurled a perfect game, striking out seven.

Kings Mountain fell to the Carolina Thunder of Gastonia in game two, 5-1. Christa Tindall was the losing pitcher.

Funderburke took the loss in a 4-3 loss to the Red Magic of Charlotte in game three.

For the tournament, Tianna Whitaker led the KM hitting with a .400 average. Tindall hit .286 and Brittney Thornburg hit .222 with a home run.

Kings Mountain returns to action May 11 in a tournament at Charlotte's Renaissance Park.

### Hard 8 claims duckpin crown

Hard 8 defeated Ed's Raiders 6-2 Thursday night at Dilling Heating to take the fourth quarter championship in the mixed duckpin bowling league.

Chris Hullender led the winners with a 140 line and 393 set. Zeke Rybczyk added a 124-345 and John Dilling had a 118-306. Allen Myers had a 126 line and Ed Philbeck added a 323 set for the Raiders.

Strike Force swept the All-Americans 8-0. Greg Evans led the winners with a 137 line and 384 set. Irene Ruley had a 115-315 for the All-Americans.

Final standings: Hard 8 46-18, Ed's Raiders 33-31, Strike Force 29-35, All-Americans 20-44.

### S&M wins 4th quarter duckpins

S&M defeated No Prisoners 6-2 Tuesday night to win the fourth quarter championship in the mixed duckpin bowling league.

The league bowl-off begins next week.

Mark Abernathy led the champs with a 146 line and 380 set. Mark Midgette led No Prisoners with a 121-340.

Chris Hullender bowled a 131 line and 337 set and Ed Philbeck added a 119-323 to lead the Warriors to a 6-2 win over R2. Zeke Rybczyk led R2 with a 109 line and 295 set.

Final standings: S&M 37-27, No Prisoners 32-32, KM Warriors 30-34, R2 29-35.

### Soccer camps set in Cleveland Co.

Kings Mountain High soccer coach Dan Potter and Shelby coach David Steeves are co-directing summer soccer camps in the county.

Children ages 5-18 are invited to attend a morning camp for less experienced players, or an evening camp for players who have three to four years experience and want to develop their personal skills with intensive individual training.

Morning camps will run from June 3-7 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Graham Elementary in Shelby. Small sided games will be played each day at 11:30. Campers will receive individual attention, a t-shirt and a certificate as well as have secondary accidental insurance in case of injury.

A camp director will be on site each morning at 7:45 to accommodate working parents. A second week of the day camp will be offered June 24-28 at Davidson Park in Kings Mountain.

A skills camp will be offered from 6:30-8 p.m. for more advanced players at Davidson Park and June 24-28 at Shelby High.

The cost for the day camp is \$55

and cost of the skills camp is \$45. For more information, call Dan Potter at 734-0563 or David Steeves at 481-1199.

### Softball camp set at KM High

The Kings Mountain High softball camp will be held May 27-30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The cost is \$40 if paid by May 15, or \$50 afterward.

Rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students are invited to participate.

KMHS women's softball coach Suzanne Grayson is camp director.

Brochures are available at Kings Mountain Middle School and KMHS. For more information, call Coach Grayson at 734-KMHS ext. 34.

### KM's Miller wins SWFH shot put

Kings Mountain's Crystal Miller put the shot 36'5" Wednesday in the Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference track and field meet at Crest High School.

Her toss is a new KMHS record.

She was the only winner for KM in the event, which was won by Hickory with 153 points. R-s Central was second with 135 points, followed by Crest 81, KM 66, Foard 62 and St. Stephens 52.5.

### Cortney Smith wins two events in track

Kings Mountain's Cortney Smith won the high jump and the 200 meter dash in the Southwestern Foothills

Conference track meet Thursday at Crest High School.

Smith jumped 5'10" to win the high jump, and had a time of 21.91 seconds in the 200 meter dash.

Travis Clark won the 400 meter dash in 52.97 seconds, and Brad Goforth won the 800 meter run in

2:05.81.

Hickory won the team championship with 149 points, followed by KM 136, Crest 119, Fred T. Foard 50, St. Stephens 46, R-S Central 42, and Burns 10.

### Neisler named Orioles scout

Kings Mountain's Hayne Neisler has been named an associate scout for the Baltimore Orioles baseball club.

Neisler's duties will consist of covering western North Carolina and upstate South Carolina for high school and college prospects for the major league draft. He will also be responsible for helping conduct tryout camps in North and South Carolina.

This will be the sixth season that Neisler has scouted for the Orioles.

### Volleyball camp set at KM High

The 2002 KMHS volleyball camp will be held June 24-27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the school gym.

Rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students may participate.

Campers will be taught techniques and skills in setting, serving, hitting, passing, blocking and digging.

All proceeds will go toward the KMHS volleyball program. No money will go to camp staff.

The cost is \$40 prior to June 7 and \$50 afterward.

For more information call Suzanne Grayson at 482-5284 or 734-5647 ext. 34.

### Basketball camp set at KM High

The Kings Mountain High School basketball camp will be held May 27-June 1 from 8 a.m.-12 noon. Boys and girls in grades 2-8 are eligible. The cost is \$50.

Each camper will receive a basketball, t-shirt, handbook and certificate. Trophies will be awarded

to outstanding campers and obstacle course winners.

Applications are available from local physical education teachers or by calling Coach Danny McDowell at 734-5647 ext. 26 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or ext. 77 after 3 p.m. Deadline for applications is May 10.

All players are enrolled in a program with a corporate sponsor, who gives athletic or academic scholarships to select campers. Each participant will also compete in an invitation only basketball tournament.

### Baseball camp set at KM High School

The 2002 Mountaineer Baseball Camp will be held June 3-6 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Lancaster Field.

The camp is open to rising second through 9th graders. The cost is \$50, half of which is due with the application and the other half being due on the first day of camp.

For additional members of the same family, the cost is \$40.

The fee includes instruction, insurance, a camp t-shirt, sill work, drill work and guest speakers. Base running, bunting, catching, fielding, hitting, pitching and throwing will be emphasized.

For more information, call Coach Tony Leigh at 734-5647 or 739-8373.

### Lung Association selling golf cards

The American Lung Association of North Carolina is selling its golf privilege card through May 12.

The card entitles the holder to free or reduced green fees at over 300 courses in the Carolinas and Virginia, including Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach and Pinehurst.

One card must be purchased at the regular price of \$40 to receive a second card free of charge.

For more information call 1-800-LUNGUSA or visit [www.lungnc.org](http://www.lungnc.org).

# Down Home Festival

Saturday, May 11, 2002 ~ 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Beautiful Downtown Bessemer City

### 5K RUN

The fourth annual 5K run is the perfect way to kick off the day. The 5K run is one of our most popular events as both youth and adult runners take to the streets of Bessemer City. Call Jo D Franklin at (704) 629-5111 for 5K information.

### CAROLINA CRUISERS

The Carolina Cruisers are back this year and better than ever! Over 200 classic and antique cars will create a rainbow of colors. The Cruisers will also sponsor a 50/50 drawing with proceeds benefiting the Shriners Hospital for Children.

### TRACTOR DISPLAY

New this year, the Stumptown Tractor Club brings a wide range of antique tractors and hit-and-miss engines to the festival. The show will be located at Founders Park along Virginia Ave. and is a must see for tractors and engine lovers.

Join us for an exciting day of fun, delicious food, live entertainment on two stages, craft vendors, a raffle, booths sponsored by church and civic groups, a tractor show, amusement rides, a motorcycle show, 5K run, the Carolina Cruisers car show, Battle of the Bands contest, appearance by Miss Gastonia, activities for children and much, much more! It's our biggest festival ever!



Don't miss a day of family fun! Take I-85 to Exit 13 - Edgewood Rd. Follow Edgewood into Bessemer City and look for the signs. For festival information, give us a call at (704) 629-3900.

### MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Every type of motorcycle imaginable will be on display as the Gastonia H.O.G. Chapter comes to Bessemer City for the festival. If it's on two wheels, expect to see it. The motorcycle show will be held in the Central Carolina Bank parking lot.

### BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Area musicians will show off their talent and compete for a \$500 cash prize in the first annual Battle of the Bands contest. Groups will perform a variety of musical styles during the festival. The contest begins at 10:20 a.m. on the Center Stage.

### FESTIVAL PAGEANT

This year's festival will have its share of beauty queens. The second annual Down Home Festival Queen Pageant begins at 10:30 a.m. on the City Stage. Girls from newborns to age 19 can enter. Call (704) 827-7277 for an application.

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The 2002 Down Home Festival is a joint project of the Bessemer City Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Bessemer City, the Carolina Cruisers, the Stumptown Tractor Club and the Gastonia H.O.G. Chapter.