

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rain washes out Mountaineer games

The weatherman may have the final say in the Southwestern Foothills baseball race.

All of the league games since last Tuesday have been rained out and Kings Mountain still finds itself tied with R-S Central (both 5-4) for third place behind St. Stephens (8-1) and Hickory (6-3).

Kings Mountain's game at Foard Friday was washed out and re-set for Monday, and rained out again.

Tuesday's home game with Hickory was also rained out.

The Mounties were scheduled to play a makeup game with St. Stephens last night. The Foard and Hickory games will be played on Thursday and Saturday, respectively, weather permitting.

The conference tournament is scheduled to begin next Monday, but it may be moved back or cancelled if teams can't get the makeup games in by then. The State tournament is scheduled to open the following week.

The top three teams from the SWFH advance.

Legion baseball sign-up Saturday

Kings Mountain American Legion Post 155 baseball registration will be held Saturday at 12 noon at the Legion Building.

All young men who intend to play this summer, and their parents, are encouraged to attend.

KM golfers 8th in West Regional

Kings Mountain High's golf team finished eighth in the Western Regional field Monday at Riverbend.

Crest won the event with a 302, followed by Hickory 311 and Tuscola 312. Those

three teams advanced to next week's State Tournament in Lillington.

The top three individuals who weren't on qualifying teams also will go to the State. They are Corey Easterling of Forestview, who shot a 75, and Jacob Davis of Ashbrook and Bobby Smith of East Gaston, who shot 75s. Individual champion was Matt Curtis of Crest, who shot 73.

Finishing fourth through tenth in the team standings were Ashbrook 314, Asheville 315, East Lincoln 318, Forestview 318, KM 321, Erwin 342 and Franklin 344.

Russ Putnam led the Mountaineers with a 78, followed by Chris Jolly and Chris Etters with 80 each, and Sam McGinnis 83.

'91 Lady Cobras win Charlotte Cup

The '91 GCCSA lady Cobras won the Charlotte Challenge League City Club Championship this past weekend at Colonel Beatty park in Charlotte.

The team lost its first game to University City Magic 3-1 but came back strong to beat the Northside Koalas 3-2. The Cobras also beat the TFC Vipers 2-0, placing them in the semi-finals against the Wildcats, the top seed.

The Lady Cobras beat the Wildcats 1-0 to advance to the championship match against the Magic. This time the Lady Cobras defeated the Magic 1-0.

Coach Kristen Setzer credited the defense for shutting out its last three opponents.

KM edges Foard 3-2 in softball

Kings Mountain High's women's softball team scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Fred T. Foard 3-2 in Southwestern Foothills Conference play Wednesday

at Lancaster Field.

Trailing 2-1 with two outs, the Lady Mountaineers started their rally with a walk to LaRonda McClain. Rachel Hughes beat out an infield hit and Kristyn Funderburke singled to drive home McClain with the tying run. Brittany Thornburg then doubled to to drive in Hughes with the winning run.

Kings Mountain had taken a 1-0 lead in the first inning when McClain beat out an infield hit, stole second, moved to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a throwing error.

Foard scored both of its runs in the second inning. Funderburke went the distance on the mound to pick up the win. She gave up eight hits and struck out five.

Thornburg and Hughes each had two hits and one RBI.

Kareem Marshall signs with Eagles

Former Kings Mountain High football star Kareem Marshall wasn't drafted in the recent NFL draft but has signed a free agent contract with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Marshall was a two-time All-Conference lineman for the Mountaineers in 1997 and 1998. He played two years at Gulf Coast Community College in Mississippi and started on the offensive line the last two years at the University of Georgia.

He is the first Kings Mountain product to sign a NFL contract since Calvin Stephens, an All-American at South Carolina who played for the New England Patriots from 1990-92.

Previous KMHS players in the NFL were Kevin Mack, who was AFC Rookie of the Year with the Cleveland Browns, and Tracy Johnson, who played with a number of teams in the late 1980s

and early 1990s.

Bumgardner wins home run derby

Kings Mountain's Rusty Bumgardner recently hit all ten inches out of the park to win the Shelby Home Run Derby.

It was the second win in the annual derby for Bumgardner, who won \$500.

Bumgardner, a former football and baseball player at KMHS and Wake Forest, plays professional slowpitch softball for HagueResmondo/Taylor.

Volleyball camp set at KM High

Kings Mountain High School will hold a volleyball camp from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 9-12 for rising sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade girls.

Early registration fee is \$40 and the deadline is May 30. For more information call Coach Suzanne Grayson at 734-5647 ext. 34 or 482-5284.

MFL semi-pro football tryouts

The Millennium Football League's Tri City Raiders semi-pro football team will hold tryouts Saturday, May 10 at East Rutherford High School.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Participants will be tested in the 40 yard dash, shuttle run, vertical leap and 225 bench press. Take cleats and comfortable workout gear.

For more information call (828) 305-2814 or go to the web at MFL1.com/raiders.html.

Softball camp slated at KMHS

A fast pitch softball camp

will be held from 3-7 p.m. May 26-29 at Kings Mountain High School. The camp is for rising sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade girls.

Early registration fee is \$40. Registration deadline is May 16.

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

McDowell's camp set at KM High

Danny McDowell's Play Like a Champion Today basketball camp will be held June 2-7 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at Kings Mountain High School.

Girls and boys in grades 1-8 are eligible. The cost is \$50 and each camper will receive a trophy, basketball, T-shirt, handbook and certificate. Trophies will also be awarded to outstanding campers and obstacle course winners.

Applications are available from local teachers or by calling Coach McDowell at 734-5647 ext. 26 from 8 a.m.-

3 p.m. After 3 p.m. call extension 77.

One of the main features of the camp is that all players are enrolled in a program with a corporate sponsor. Sponsors give athletic or academic scholarships to select campers as they continue to develop.

Application deadline is May 16.

Basketball camp slated at KM High

The Future Stars Basketball Camp is scheduled from 8 a.m.-12 noon July 7-11 at Kings Mountain High School.

Boys and girls grades 2-8 are eligible. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt, basketball, certificate and trophies will be awarded to skills test winners and obstacle course winners.

Send the following information to Kevin Moss, 500 W. Parker Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086: Name, address, phone number, age, grade, male or female, parents' names, T-shirt size and phone number.



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The '91 Lady Cobras recently won the Charlotte Challenge League City Club Championship. Players include, front row, Ann Chapin Meekins, Breanna Stevens and Brittany Horn. Second row, Sandy Odenbo, Erica Moore, Heather Stevens, Savannah Ward and Amy Burch. Back, Coach Kristen Setzer, Ramey Kerns, Connor Blalock, Meagan Reynolds, Megan Loftin, Danielle Brinton and Manager Leigh Anne Reynolds.

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