

Seth Denton enjoys record breaking season at UNC-A

Former Kings Mountain High standout Seth Denton enjoyed a sensational and record-breaking season for the UNC Asheville Bulldog baseball program this spring.

Denton was UNCA's closer. He set a school record for saves in a season with eight and also set a single-season record for lowest ERA with a 1.37 mark.

The senior left-hander was 1-0 with 14 strikeouts and just one walk in 20 appearances. In Big South Conference play, Denton was simply dominating in six appearances with four saves and a 0.00 ERA, striking out five and walking none.

Denton finished his college career in grand fashion by picking up a save against regular-season champion Winthrop. He retired all seven hitters he faced to get the school-record eighth save.

Bulldog coach Matt Myers applauded the season that Denton had.

"I don't know where we would have been without Seth Denton this season," Myers said. "He's a great example of what you can do if you work hard. Seth had a very good work ethic and just got better each year he was with us. This season he simply dominated games. When we were in a save situation and we brought Seth in our chances to win became very good."

"The great thing about the season he had is that it couldn't have happened to a better person than Seth Denton," added Myers. "He is one of the most pleasurable student-athletes I've ever had the chance to be associated with. Seth is what a student-athlete is all about. We were lucky to have him, and we'll miss his contributions. I think the records he set this year will be hard for anyone to break."

Lightening takes second place

The Kings Mountain Lightening took second place this weekend in a USSSA Charlotte tournament with a record of 3 and 2.

The Lightening beat the Carolina Attitude 5 to 1. Kristyn Funderburke was the winning pitcher. she gave up four hits and struck out eight.

Amber Milwood got two hits and Kristyn Funderburke, Morgan Childers and Laura Weigel took one hit each.

The Lightening beat the St. Stephens Hit and Run six to one.

Morgan Childers was the winning pitcher giving up

two hits with nine strikeouts.

Kala Buchanan, Kristyn Funderburke and Brittney Thornburg each got two hits.

Morgan Childers, Tianna Whitiker, Laura Weigel, Jessica Yarbrow, Lauren Gaffney and Courtney Tate each got one hit.

In the second game of the week, The Lightening lost eight to zero to the Red Magic.

Kristyn Funderburke was the losing pitcher. She did get two hits while at the plate.

Laura Weigel and Lauren Gaffney got a hit a piece.

The Lightening also beat the Carolina Angels two to

zero. Morgan Childers was the winning pitcher, giving up three hits while striking out 15.

Kala Buchanan, Kristyn Funderburke, Amber Milwood and Tianna Whitiker each had one hit.

The Lightening lost the championship game two to one. Amber Milwood had two hits. Brittney Thornburg, Lauren Gaffney and Jessica Yarbrow each had a hit each.

In total play, leading hitters were Kristyn Funderburke at .500, Amber Milwood at .385, Lauren Weigel at .286 and Kala Buchanan at .273.

The team will play next in the state NSA championship June 27-29.



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The Wildcats baseball team will play in the National Invitational Tournament the week of June 28 in Cooperstown, NY. Front row, left to right, Hogan Sellers, Kyle Bell, Mitchell Hinson, Justin Heinbach, Jamie York and Caleb Henderson. Second row Brantley Blalock, Rai Robinson, Jared Spicer, Jeffry Howell and Tyler Ross. Back row Coaches Todd Blalock, Rodney Sellers, Scott Howell and Manager Ray Robinson.

KM Wildcats travel to New York for tournament

The Wildcats of Kings Mountain will play in the Cooperstown Dreams Park National Invitation Tournament June 28-July 4 in the mythical home of baseball - Cooperstown, NY.

In addition to competing against teams from around the country, the Wildcats will be enshrined into the prestigious American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

This is the fifth year the Wildcats, who also go by the name of Carolina Sting, will compete in the Cooperstown event.

The Cooperstown Dreams Park Experience, since 1996, has offered young people an opportunity to play baseball in the legendary city, but also cultural experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. Players and coaches visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame, share hometown stories, trade pins and compete with players from across the U.S. for a national title.

Team records and photographs will be displayed in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

Cooperstown Dreams Park has 14 professionally groomed and lighted fields, situated on 150 acres. The parks feature grass infields and eight-foot high stadium walls.

Teams spend a week in Baseball Village clubhouses and eat in the team dining hall. Each team plays eight games and earn a seed into the single-elimination tournament.

Players receive a Cooperstown Little Majors home and away jersey, socks, hat and an American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame ring. They also receive personalized baseball cards.

Eleven weekly tournaments are planned during the summer. Nine weekly champions and 55 other championship teams will earn the right to participate in the National American Tournament of Champions August 23-29.

Diamond Chevrolet wins fourth straight tournament

The Diamond Chevrolet Men's slow pitch softball team won its fourth consecutive tournament last weekend.

The USSSA Class D tournament was held in Rock Hill, S.C.

Harold Kester was the

tournament most valuable player with a .736 batting average.

Other leading hitters include Mike Hester, .666, Tommy Jones, .611, Eddie Rochester, .578, Steve Lanars, .562 and Billy Ramsey, .555.

Soccer camp planned

Foothills soccer camp will be held at Davidson Park June 23-27. Players, ages 5 to 15, are welcome. Kings Mountain High School soccer coach Dan Potter and Shelby High School soccer coach David Steeves are co-directors of the camp.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

Activities will center on basic techniques. Prior participation on a soccer team is not required.

Each camper will receive a

tee shirt. Camper to instructor ratio will be low.

Registration forms are available at the YMCA.

To register by phone, call 704-734-0563. Registration is \$55.

A soccer camp for players with four or more years of experience will be held June 23-27 at Shelby High School from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The \$45 fee includes a tee shirt and certificate. To reserve a spot, call 704-734-0563.

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Congratulations
Kings Mountain High School Academics
John Yarbrow : Principal of the Year!
The Last Three Years
 Dropout Rate decreased from 7% to 5%
 Suspension incidents decreased from 680 per year to 254
 SAT scores increased from 937 to 972
 The achievement gap decreased from 33.3 points to 7.2 points
 The attendance rate averages 95%
 Proficiency rate on State End-of Course tests increased from 62% to 80%

Congratulations To Dave Farqharson, KMH Athletics
61 Student Athletes All Conference

Female Athlete - Shonda Cole Male Athlete - Sedric Young
Thanks For A Great Year!!

Kings Mountain High School Team Standings 2002-2003

Fall	Winter	Spring	MEN'S SPORTS	WOMEN'S SPORTS
Volleyball Courtney Osteen Danielle Gill Alex Dawson Pam Parker Shonda Cole	Wrestling Vince Keller Johnny Gilliard	Baseball David Brinkley Matt Echols Josh Melton 2nd Team Ross Ellis	BASEBALL 4th in Conference BASKETBALL Co-Conference Champions Sectional Champions 3rd Round Regional State Playoffs	BASKETBALL 4th in Conference 1st Round of State Playoffs
Cross Country Hayley Flynn Susie Potter Raquel Welsh Thomas Reid	Girls Basketball Tisha Bell Shonda Cole Danielle Gill	Softball Kristyn Funderburke Pam Parker LaRhonda McClain 2nd Team Rachel Hughes Golf Chris Jolly	CROSS COUNTRY 4th in Conference 13th in Region FOOTBALL 4th in Conference 1st Round State Playoffs	CROSS COUNTRY 2nd in Conference 9th in Region 1 to the State
Tennis Jenny Bullington Stacey Costner	Men's Basketball Brandon Houze Dominique Odems Derrick Smith Dashawn Young	Men's Tennis Will Franks Matt Frazier 2nd Team Kenneth Greason	GOLF 3rd in Conference 7 Qualified For Regionals SOCCER Last in Conference SWIMMING Conference Champions Regional Champions State Champion in Diving	SOCCER Conference Champions 2nd Round of State Playoffs
Men's Soccer Wesley Griffin Ellis Sananikone	Women's Swimming Laura Clark Hayley Flynn Phaedra Mangan Kelly Peeler Sarah Propst Pam Randall	Men's Track Grayling Elliott Marcus Jimson Adrian Parker Cortney Smith Martirice Love	TENNIS 4th in Conference 1 Single Advanced to Regionals TRACK 5th in Conference WRESTLING 4th in Conference 11 to Regionals 3 Qualified to State	SOFTBALL Tied for 4th in Conference TENNIS 4th in Conference 1 Single Advanced to Regionals 1 Doubles Team TRACK Cleveland County Champions 3rd in Conference 3rd in Regionals Hayley Flynn-Regional Champion 1 Advanced to State VOLLEYBALL 2nd in Conference 3rd Round State Playoffs

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