

Lightning third in state tourney

Kings Mountain Lightning finished third in the 17-team NSA Class A 14-under State Championship fast pitch softball tournament over the weekend at Mallard Creek Park in Charlotte.

The Lightning won four straight games before losing two straight to the Denver Dazzle (7-4) and to the eventual tournament champion Blue Magic of Charlotte (5-0).

Lauren Gaffney led the hitting for the Lightning with a .500 average, followed by Amber Milwood .471, Brittney Thornburg .412, Jessica Yarbro .412, Kristyn Funderburke .375, Kale Buchanan

.294, Morgan Childers .278 and Courtney Tate .231.

Finishing third in the prestigious field was quite an accomplishment for the Lightning, which has only ten players.

"All of our players will be enrolled in Kings Mountain High School next year," noted Coach Ronny Funderburke. "We competed against teams that draw from four and five counties. Most of them have tryouts. What makes this more amazing is that this little team that draws from a 10-to-12 mile radius went up against the best teams in the state that draw play-

ers from as much as a 100-mile radius."

Kings Mountain opened play on Friday with a 6-3 victory over the North Carolina Lady Cardinals from Kernersville. Kristyn Funderburke got the win with relief help over the final 1 2/3 innings from Morgan Childers.

Gaffney led the KM plate attack with 3-for-3 and Funderburke, Childers and Milwood had two hits each.

Childers hurled a six-hitter and struck out ten in a 3-1 victory over the Carolina Thunder from Belmont. Childers, Thornburg,

Milwood, Gaffney, Yarbro and Tate led the hitting with one hit each.

The Lightning defeated the Carolina Wizards of Charlotte 11-2. Funderburke hurled the win and Milwood led the hitting with 3-for-3. Thornburg, Gaffney, Yarbro and Tate added two hits each.

Childers picked up the win as the Lightning defeated the Randolph county Knockouts 6-4. Thornburg and Tianna Whitaker collected two hits each and Buchanan, Funderburke, Childers, Milwood, Yarbro and Laura Weigel added one each.

Kings Mountain went into the

finals of the winners bracket undefeated along with the Denver Dazzle. The Dazzle did a good job of holding down KM's hit production as only Buchanan, Funderburke, Thornburg, Milwood, Gaffney and Weigel could manage one apiece.

It was much the same story in the consolation finals when KM lost to the Blue Magic. Yarbro collected two hits and Buchanan, Funderburke and Gaffney had one each.

Kings Mountain will play in the USSA State Tournament July 12 in Charlotte.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Kings Mountain All-Stars will compete in the 11-12 year-old girls Dixie Youth State Tournament July 11-15 in Shallotte. Front row, left to right, Megan Loftin, Chasiti Falls, Hannah Dye, Megan Hoyle, Hayley Hoyle, Chelsey Loman. Second row, Lyndsey Batchler, Jordan Doty, Ariel Martin, Kelisha Goodson, Jordan Childers, Carmen Scism. Back row, assistant coach Doug Hoyle, head coach Sheila Loman, and assistant coach Philip Scism.

KM all-stars to play in state tournament

Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth all-star 11-12 year-old girls softball team won the District 2 Tournament last week at Tryon Park and will compete in the State Tournament July 11-15 in Shallotte.

Kings Mountain's first game is on Saturday at 1 p.m. against the District 7 champion.

The State Champion will advance to the National Tournament in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Kings Mountain won three straight games to claim the District crown.

In opening round play, the all-stars blanked Stanley 10-0 behind the pitching of Jordan Childers, Hayley Hoyle and Chelsey

Loman. In the second game, Childers, Hoyle and Loman combined pitching talents again to defeat West Lincoln 17-7. Chasiti Falls hit a home run.

In the championship game, KM defeated West Lincoln again, 11-2. Childers went the distance on the mound and Hayley Hoyle hit a home run.

The KM team is presently raising funds to help defray the expense of participating in the State Tournament. Any businesses or individuals wishing to contribute may call Coach Sheila Loman at 739-6959.

Resetar new swim coach at KM High

Janice Resetar has been named head men's and women's swim coach and P.E. teacher at Kings Mountain High School.

Resetar replaced Aaron Allen, who recently resigned to accept an assistant principal's position at North Lincoln High School.

Allen coached last year's men's team to the Southwestern Foothills 3A championship.

Allen also served as the school's athletic trainer. That position has not yet been filled.

Resetar coached last year at Vance High School in Charlotte and had one swimmer to win an individual state championship.

Resetar swam at North Carolina A&T University and also has experience as a pri-

vate swim coach in the Mecklenburg County area.

Resetar could not be reached for comment, but KMHS athletic director Dave Farquharson said she will be a good addition to the KM staff.

"She did a very good job with the Vance program," Farquharson said. "She has known of our program through her association with Mecklenburg aquatics."

Farquharson said Resetar has experience in coaching diving, which has been one of the strong points of the KMHS swim program.

KM will probably play 10 games

Kings Mountain High's football team has dropped the 11th game from its football schedule because a new team has joined the Big South 3A Conference.

KM's final game was an endowment game with North Gaston. But since the new Barclay Academy of Charlotte has joined the Big South, the Wildcats must

play them. KMHS Coach Dave Farquharson said the Mountaineers probably won't play an 11th game this year since most of the

other teams with open dates on the final night of the season would be too long of a driving distance. KM opens its season at home on Aug. 22 against East Gaston.

Anderson wins senior pro event at Woodbridge

Woodbridge Golf Links held a semi-pro, senior championship golf tournament last week.

Georgia, 74-66-74-214, \$950; Jody Dean, Georgia, 75-71-69-215, \$662; Chet Pennock, Shallotte, 74-68-73--215, \$662; Jack Jackson, Florida,

72-71-72-215, \$662; Doug London, Clover, S.C., 76-66-73-215, \$662; R.L. Miller, Georgia, 75-68-73-216, \$500.

Winners include Bill Anderson, Louisiana, 68-65-68-201, \$10,000; Bertus Smith, South Africa, 67-69-68-204, \$6,000; Rocky Rockett, Gastonia, 69-70-68-204, \$4,000; Howard Jones, Georgia, 69-71-68-208, \$2,750; Norm Jarvis, British Columbia, 70-68-70-208; Donnie Crump, Georgia, 71-68-71-210, \$2,125; Tom McKnight, South Carolina, 70-69-71-210, \$2,125; Rex Caldwell, Texas, 68-74-69-211, \$1,487; Joe Gutterman, Florida, 72-70-69-211; John Godwin, Georgia, 71-70-70-211, \$1,487; Mike Lawrence, South Carolina, 65-75-71-211, \$1,487; Arlis Pike, Kernersville, N.C., 72-71-69,212, \$1,150; Doug Owens, Albermarle, N.C., 68-70-74-212, \$1,150; Ron Acree, Kentucky, 74-67-73-215, \$950; John Cochran,



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The students pictured above participated in the Mountaineer Tennis Camp at KMHS. Front, left to right, Hannah Wyte and Jamie Reid. Second row, Elizabeth Baker, Erica Hicks, Trent Rhea, Dylan Blanton. Third row, Kristen Tate, Ker Medero, Sarah Catherine Greenlee, Ryan Webster and Tyler West. Back, Chris Bennett, director; Brooks McGinnis, Fletcher Webster, Kyle Richards, Stephanie Chapman, Nikita Scotland, matt Bumgardner and Chelsea Chapman, assistant director.

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