

Hollifield to coach at Shelby

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Kings Mountain's Aubrey Hollifield has joined the football coaching staff at Shelby High School.

Hollifield, who coached the past three years at A.L. Brown High in Kannapolis, will coach the defensive line and teach social studies at Shelby.

Hollifield said his growing family was the main reason he took the Shelby job.

"When I left (Kings Mountain High) three years ago my oldest son, Dax, was only six months old," he said. "But now I have three children and they're all moving around and walking real well. The drive to Kannapolis was never that bad; the only thing bad was I thought I was missing a little bit with them."

Hollifield said he had told Shelby football coach Chris Norman of his desire to get back in the area during track season last spring.

"I asked him if he heard of anything open around here to give me a call," Hollifield said. "He called me the first of June and said he had a football spot open and asked if I'd be interested."

Hollifield accepted the job, and for most of the month of June he pulled double-duty coaching in both Kannapolis and Shelby. His last official

"pay day" in Kannapolis was June 30.

"I actually started in Shelby about three weeks ago," Hollifield said. "I was going from one job to another job, actually getting in around 14 hours a day for awhile. Now I'm just in Shelby."

Hollifield joined the A.L. Brown coaching staff in 1999 when then Kings Mountain coach and athletic director Ron Massey took over that storied program.

"Coach Massey was always very accommodating with everything I had to do," Hollifield said, "but I still felt like I was missing a little bit with my family. The drive to Shelby will be only about 13 miles as opposed to 50 miles (to Kannapolis)."

While in KM and Kannapolis Hollifield served as JV basketball coach, and he has always had a desire to be a head basketball coach. His duties in Shelby will not include basketball.

"I'm not hired as a basketball coach, but I'd like to volunteer and help out," he said. "Shelby doesn't have a varsity assistant. It's like it used to be in Kings Mountain. They have a varsity coach and a JV coach."

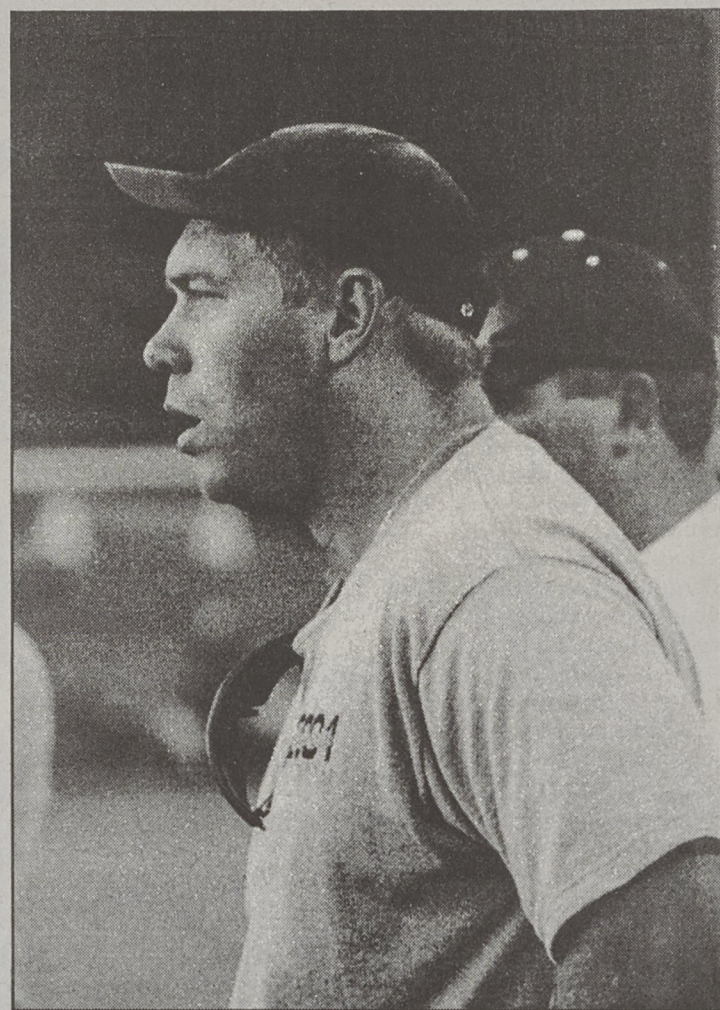
The toughest thing about coaching in Shelby may be going up against his alma mater. Hollifield was a three-sport athlete at KMHS in the 1980s. He

was an All-State and Shrine Bowl linebacker in football and earned a full scholarship to Wake Forest University, where he played for legendary ACC coach Bill Dooley.

"Going up against Kings Mountain will be really weird," he said. "But the turnover on the coaching staff has been so much. I know a lot of the guys on staff but it's not like I really coached with them." KM head coach Dave Farquharson and offensive line coach Alfred Ash were the only full-time coaches on the KM staff when Hollifield was on board from 1994-99. Michael Wilbanks was a student assistant in 1998.

"I coached Kenny Bridges," Hollifield noted. "He was a senior my first year in Kings Mountain. It's going to be extremely weird going up against them, and it would even be worse if we had to play at Kings Mountain this year."

"But this is going to be a good change for me," he said. "I've been with Coach Massey for eight years and I've enjoyed it. But I think this is going to be a good thing. I'll get to see how things work from a different perspective. Shelby has a great tradition and I've known their principal (Bernie Drake), Coach (Jim) Taylor (athletic director), Coach Norman and most of their other coaches for a long time."



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Aubrey Hollifield, shown on the A.L. Brown sidelines here during the 2001 Cleveland County Jamboree at KM's John Gamble Stadium, has joined the football coaching staff at Shelby High School.



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The Reds recently won the 9-10 Kings Mountain Dixie Youth Baseball League championship with an 11-0 record. Front row, left to right, Damian Hill, Jared Boyd, Will Dixon, Brandon Gantt, Matthew Champion, Jordan Rosenbeck and Jacob Boyd. Second row, Adam Bryant, Tyler Fletcher, Zachery Belk, Jacob Bryant and Stuart Smith. Back, coaches Terry Smith, Tim Fletcher, Todd Gantt.

How They Did It

POST 155 LEGION BASEBALL STATS

Batter	Hits-AB	Avg.	Home Runs
Elan Philbeck	23-67	.343	1
Tyler Leach	25-68	.367	4
Brad Goforth	23-53	.433	0
Weston Taylor	19-54	.351	2
Josh Melton	14-60	.233	0
Ronnie Wilson	10-48	.208	0
Brandon Bridges	11-60	.183	0
Matt Gold	7-35	.200	0
Josh Eters	6-27	.222	0
Alan White	3-49	.061	0
Josh Hendricks	1-23	.043	0
Brad Moffitt	8-31	.258	0
Ross Ellis	1-5	.200	0
Matt Humphries	2-6	.333	0
Brandon Wilson	0-5	.000	0

Pitcher	W-L	Saves
Tyler Leach	2-1	1
Brad Goforth	1-2	0
Ross Ellis	1-0	0
Josh Hendricks	1-0	0
Alan White	0-2	2
Ronnie Wilson	0-4	0
Elan Philbeck	0-1	0
Josh Melton	0-2	0
Matt Humphries	0-1	0

SPORTS BRIEFS

July 4 events held at KM Country Club

Several golf events were held July 4 at Kings

Mountain Country Club. Billy Hill, Al Grigg, Doris Cloninger and Karen Hill won the Captain's Choice tournament with an 11-under-par 61.

Playoffs decided second, third and fourth place after three teams tied with 10-under-par 62.

Greg Robinson, Lou Sabetti, Debbie Phifer and Pat Phifer claimed second place.

Third place went to Eric Spicer, Shane Adams, Jim Champion and Mike McHale.

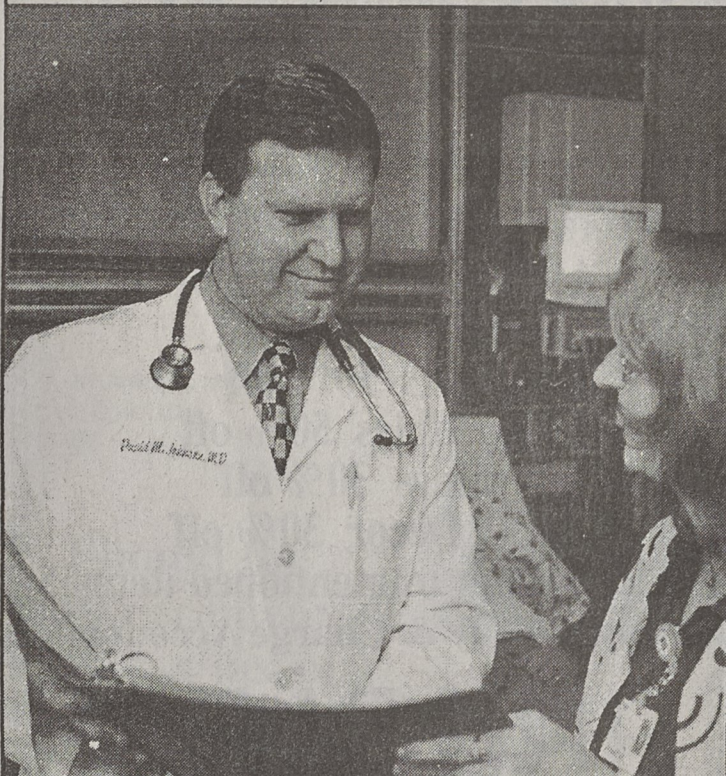
Fourth place were Scott Summitt, Harriet Broadwell, Ken Cloninger and Lane Echols.

Twelve teams entered the modified alternate shot parent-child tournament. Pierce and Ashley Robinson won the age 3-6 gross division with a 32. Miles and Dave Robinson and Hunter and Tony Cooke tied for second place with 36.

In the age 8-10 division, Haley and Shane Adams took first place with a 29, followed by Tanner and Curt Collins with a 31 and Morgan and Greg Robinson with a 34.

In the age 11-13 division, Jake Allen and Billy Hill won first place in a playoff over John Byron and John Gamble. Both teams shot 44. Kyle and Ronnie Murphy were third with a 45.

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