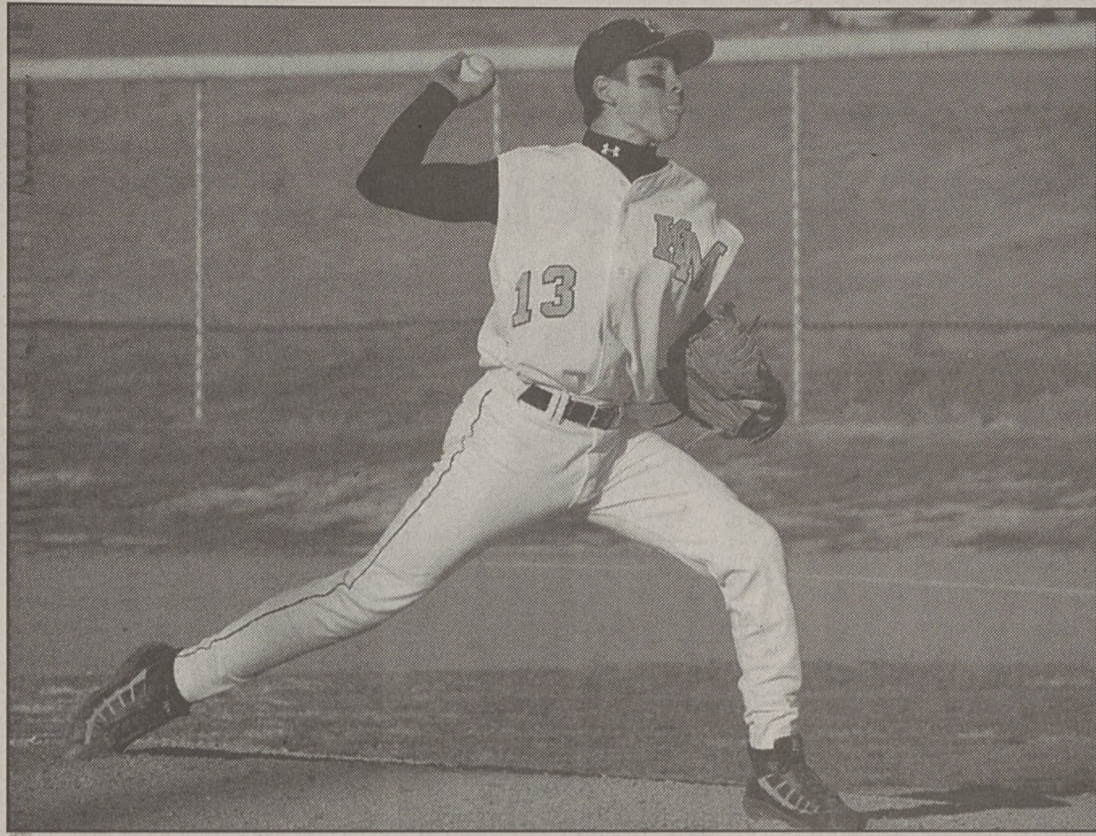


**SPORTS**



Kings Mountain's Ryan Leach, above, hurled 4 2/3 innings and Trey Glass, below, retired seven straight batters and hit a home run in Friday win over Bessemer City.

# Leach, Glass hurl Mounties over BC

Sophomore southpaw Trey Glass retired all seven batters he faced to put down a Bessemer City rally and lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 7-5 victory in a non-conference baseball game Friday night at Lancaster Field.

Glass relieved starter, freshman Ryan Leach, in the bottom of the fifth. Leach appeared sailing along to his second win of the season with a 5-0 lead but hit a wild pitch and the Yellow Jackets rallied for five runs to tie the score.

To Leach's credit, he gave up only four hits and didn't give up an earned run. An error opened the floodgate but a walk, wild pitch and passed ball contributed. With two outs, a bases-loaded walk put the Yellow Jackets on the scoreboard and then Brandon Lambert and Daniel Styers delivered back-to-back two-run singles.

Glass, who improved to 2-0, came on to record the final out of the inning and then sat the Yellow Jackets down in order in the sixth and seventh innings.

Tyler Leach walked, stole second and scored the winning run on a single by Ronnie Wilson in the bottom of the fifth. Glass added an insurance run in the sixth when he cracked a solo home run.



Glass also contributed a run-scoring double in a three-run KM second inning rally. Brandon Bridges also had a home run and run-scoring single in KM's seven-hit attack.

The victory improved Kings Mountain's overall

record to 11-4 heading into the Easter break. The Mountaineers are competing in the rain-delayed Shelby Easter Tournament this week and will resume Southwestern Foothills Conference play at home Tuesday night against R-S Central.

## LOCAL GOLF NOTES

# Blalock's ace helps team win Wildcats tournament

Todd Blalock's second career hole-in-one helped his team win the Kings Mountain Wildcats Captain's Choice Golf Tournament Saturday at Kings Mountain Country. Blalock and his father, Bill, combined for a 19-under-par 53 to win the event by one stroke over Billy Hill, Josh Eppers, William Mabry and Shane Adams.

Ronnie Wilson, Robert Scism, Brad Wilson and Bobby Jones were third with a 56. Blalock used a pitching wedge to ace the 130-yard fifth hole. The ace came on his birthday. The ace also earned Blalock the closest to the pin prize for #5. Barry Self was closest to the pin on #17. Bobby Jones had the longest drive on #2. Sixty players competed in the tournament.

Czerwinski shot a 67 and won on a playoff in the Scana golf outing Friday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Charles Craft and Randy Senn finished second. Donnie Jeffcoat and Rick Dabney and Brandon Ashley and Chris Whittle shot 69s in the second flight, with Jeffcoat and Dabney winning a playoff.

Skeeter Whitman and Donna Pekar won the third flight with a 73. Wayne Baker and Billy Romanstein were second with an 81.

Judy Czerwinski and Doris Stines won the fourth flight with a 79, and Bob Smith and George Robertson were second with an 84.

Charlie Wilbur and Jim Wilbur won the fifth flight with a 75. Daniel Heath and Delores Heath were second with a 78.

Forty-six players competed.

## Mounties fourth at Hickory course

Kings Mountain High's golfers finished fourth in a non-conference match last Tuesday at Catawba Springs Country Club in Hickory.

High Point Central won the match with an 18-hole score of 300, followed by Hickory 307, Crest 315, KM 318 and St. Stephens 345.

Drew Weaver of High Point Central was medalist with a 70.

Josh Eppers led the Mountaineers with a 78, followed by Sam McGinnis 79, Russ Putnam 80 and Alex Dahl 81.

Kings Mountain returns to Catawba Springs on April 20 for a Southwestern Foothills Conference match.

## Patriots sixth in Tri-County match

Kings Mountain Middle School finished sixth in the Tri-County Conference Golf Tournament Thursday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Shelby and West Lincoln both shot 329 to win the championship. They were followed by Crest 330, Pumpkin Center 369, East Lincoln 373, Chase 374, KM 377, East Rutherford 378, Lincolnton 399 and R-S Central 400.

Ben Wright of Crest was medalist with a one-over-par 73.

Jake Bell led the Patriots with an 86. Camden DeVane shot 94, Jonathan McCready 97, and Hogan Sellers and Jordan Toney 100.

## Echols, Paysour, Cloninger winners

Jim Paysour, Doris Cloninger and Tim Echols shot a five-under-par 31 Friday to win the Friday Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

They won in a playoff over Billy Hill, Roy King and Wanda Howze.

Three teams tied for third place with 35s.

## Stines, Czerwinski win Scana golf event

Tommy Stines and John

## 15 golfers play in Tuesday Dogfight

Jimbo Thompson, Gerald Putnam and John Van Dyke Jr. won the Tuesday Night Dogfight at Kings Mountain Country Club.

A points system is used in the dogfight, which is held each Tuesday at 5:30.

The winning team compiled nine points. Jack Acheson Jr., Louis Sabetti and Daniel Honeycutt were second with four points, and Stonewall Jackson, John Caveny and Larry Dunn were third with one point.

Honeycutt, Thompson, Van Dyke and Acheson led in individual points with four each.

# JV kickers beat St. Stephens

Kings Mountain High's JV women's soccer team had its best outing of the season Wednesday as they fought through illness and injury to shutout St. Stephens 1-0 in Hickory.

A goal by Catherine Logan off a feed from Christy Whetstone was all the Mountaineers needed as keeper Victoria Chryst and a strong KM defense held the Lady Indians at bay all night. Brittany McClain and

Kinsley Mashburn led the Mountaineers on defense. Time and again, pressure

from St. Stephens strikers were turned aside before reaching the keeper.

## Basketball camp set at high school

The KMHS Play Like a Champion Today basketball camp will be held May 31-June 4 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Boys and girls in grades 1-8 may participate. The cost is \$50 and includes a trophy, basketball, T-shirt, handbook and certificate. Trophies will also be awarded to outstanding campers and obstacle course winners.

For an application, see your teacher or call Coach Danny McDowell at 734-5647 extension 11 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. After 3 p.m., call extension 77. The deadline for applying is May 14.

## Basketball team sets fund raiser

The KMHS men's basketball team is holding a fund raiser through April 20.

Kings Mountain Mountaineer all-sports mugs, as well as ACC teams and other teams' mugs, are available for \$8 from JV and varsity basketball players or by calling Coach Danny McDowell at 734-5647 ext. 11 or 77.

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