

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Putnam qualifies for West Regional

Kings Mountain High's Russ Putnam qualified for next week's Western Regional Tournament at Monday's Southwestern Foothills 3A golf meet at River Bend Golf Course near Boiling Springs.

Team qualifiers were determined by the combined results of all eight SWFH matches this year.

The top three teams advanced, and the top three individuals who were not members of qualifying teams also advance to the Regional.

Hickory won the team championship with a cumulative score of 1171, followed by Crest 1199 and R-S Central 1212. Teams that did not qualify were Fred T. Foard 1231, KM 1252, St. Stephens 1327 and Burns 1524.

The top ten individuals made the All-Conference team. They included Kent Copeland of Hickory with a cumulative score 249, Taylor Hines of Hickory 255, Nathan Ward of Hickory 256, Timmy Osteen of R-S 258, Holden Abrams of RS 259, Matt Bradley of Crest 260, Matt Curtis of Crest 260, Russ Putnam of KM 261, Jayson Philbeck of Crest 261, and Miller Lewis of RS 261.

Individuals qualifying along with Putnam were Joe Kastelic and Alex Kang of Foard, and Chris Canella of St. Stephens.

The Western Regional will be played May 3 at Gaston Municipal.

Copeland was named SWFH player of the year and Hickory's Ben Hale was named coach of the year.

### Patriots gain tie for league title

Kings Mountain Middle School's baseball team shutout Burns 6-0 Tuesday to claim a share of the Tri-County Conference East Division championship.

Kings Mountain, Burns and West Lincoln all finished the regular season with 8-2 division records. The Patriots, who were 11-3 overall, have either won or shared the division title each of the past four years.

Luke Proctor went the distance on the mound for Monty Deaton's team, giving up only three hits and striking out eight.

Kings Mountain got one hit each from Proctor, Ricky Greene, Brantley Blalock, Jeffry Howell and Justin Heinbach.

The Patriots got four of their hits in the first inning when they took a 4-0 lead. They added their final two runs in the third.

"It was a good win for us," said Coach Deaton. "We had been first place each of the last three years, so this was a good way to keep the streak going. We hope to win it again next year."

### KM Hall of Fame to meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame committee will meet Monday night, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the YMCA.

All members need to be present.

### KMHS Booster Club to meet on Monday

The Kings Mountain High Booster Club will meet Monday, May 3 at 6 p.m. in the driver's ed room.

All members and KMHS supporters are encouraged to attend.

### Howze couple wins tournament

Mitch and Wanda Howze shot a 67-68-135 to win low gross the Mixed Member-Member Captain's Choice golf tournament Sunday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Eric and Kimberly Spicer were second with a 70-68-138.

Josh and Sandy Etters won low net with a 56-44-100.

Stoney and Peggy Jackson took second place in a play-off with Bill and Sue Hartwyk. The Jacksons shot 53-49-102 and the Hartwyks shot 51-51-102.

Closest to the pin winners were Kimberly Spicer, Jerry Broadwell and Wanda Howze.

### Mounties fourth at Lake Hickory

Kings Mountain High's golf team finished fourth in a Southwestern Foothills Conference match Tuesday at Lake Hickory Country Club.

Hickory won the 18-hole match with a score of 295,

followed by R-S Central 304, Crest 306, KM 309, Fred T. Foard 312, St. Stephens 329 and Burns 387.

Russ Putnam led the Mountaineers with a 75, followed by Sam McGinnis 77, Josh Etters 79 and Alex Dahl 80.

### Mounties second in River Bend match

Kings Mountain High's golfers finished second to host Crest in a three-team golf match Thursday at River Bend.

The Chargers shot a 313 to KM's 328. Burns was third at 365.

Russ Putnam of Kings Mountain and Matt Bradley of Crest were co-medalists with a 77.

Other KM scores were Sam McGinnis 80, Josh Etters 84 and Alex Dahl 87.

### KM softball team blanks Hickory

Kings Mountain shutout Hickory 14-0 in five innings in a SWFH softball game Tuesday in Hickory.

Kristyn Funderburke and Morgan Childers combined for the win. Funderburke pitched 2.2 innings and gave up one hit, and Childers pitched 2.1 innings and struck out six of the eight batters she faced.

Brittney Thornburg had a double, home run and two RBI; Kala Buchanan was 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBI; Funderburke was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI; and Alicia Dodge was 2-for-2 with a RBI to lead the KM plate attack.

LaRonda McClain hit a two-run homer, Jessica Yarbrough had a triple, and Casey Camp and Brooke

Blackburn each had a single.

### Volleyball camp at KM High School

A volleyball camp will be held June 7-10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School.

Rising sixth through ninth graders may participate.

The cost is \$40 and a deposit of \$20 is due by May 18. The cost on the day of the camp is \$50. All proceeds will go to the KMHS volleyball program. No money will go to camp staff.

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

### Softball camp set at KM High School

A softball camp will be

held May 22-25 from 3-7 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School. Alternate date is May 31-June 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Rising sixth through ninth graders may participate.

The cost is \$40 with a deposit of \$20 due by May 11. The cost on the day of camp is \$50. All proceeds go to the KMHS softball program. No money is paid to camp staff.

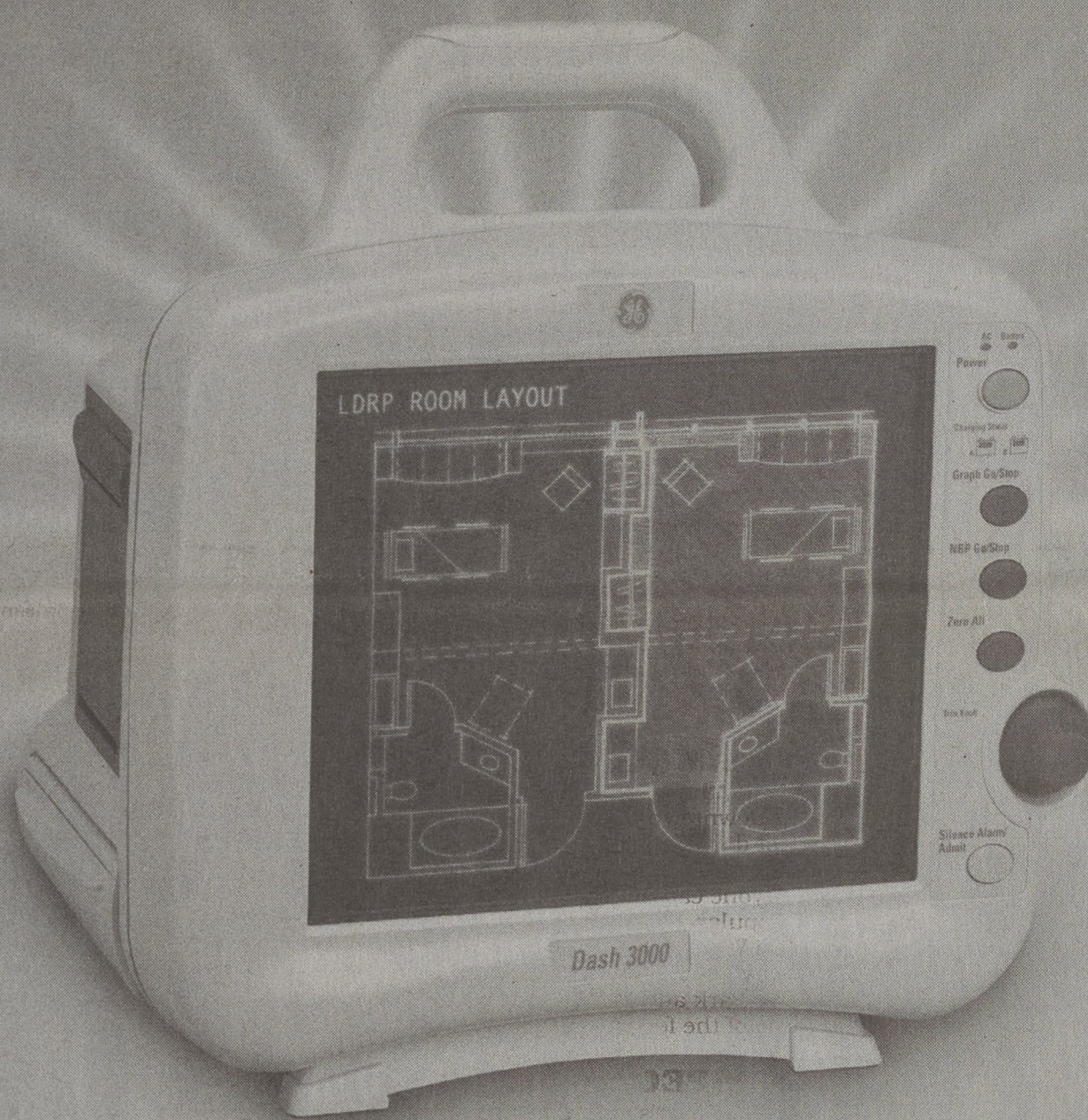
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### Tennis camp set at KM High School

The Mountaineer tennis camp will be held May 24-28 and May 31-June 4 at Kings Mountain High School.

For more information call Chris Bennett at 739-5718.

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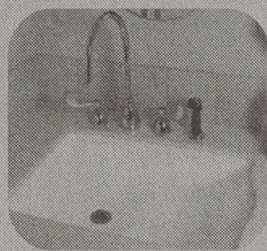
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