

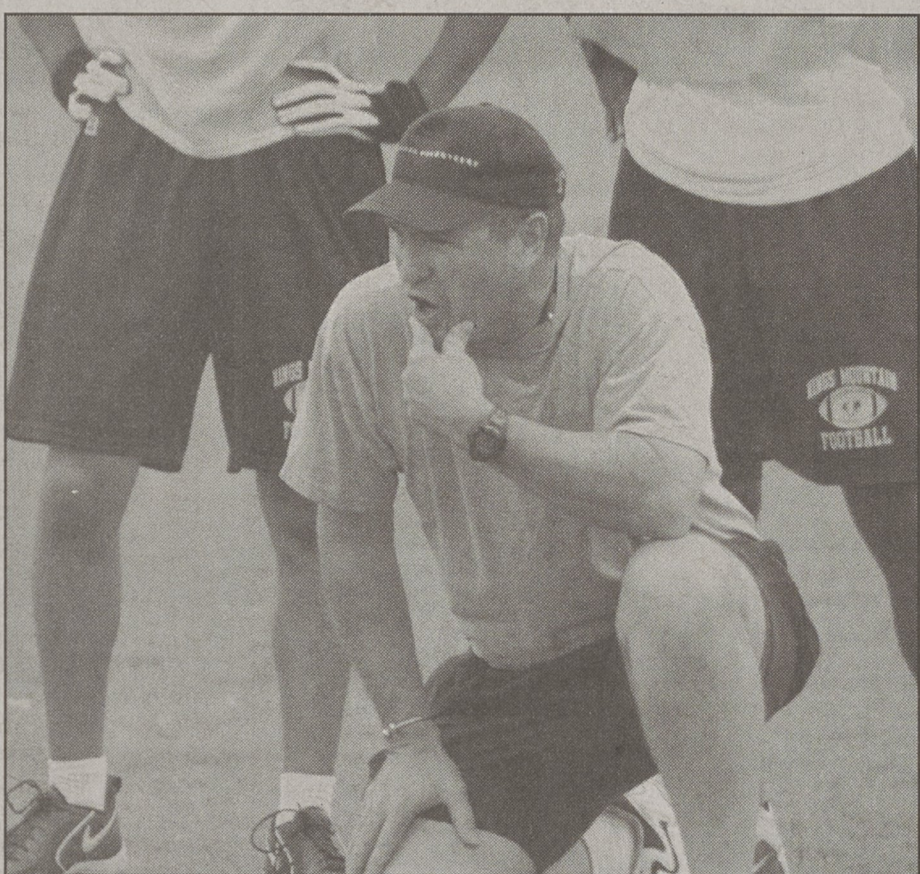
**SPORTS**



**Mountie mini-camp**

Over 80 Kings Mountain High football prospects went through a four-day mini-camp last week. In top photo coach Kenny Bridges watches as linemen loosen up. At right, new assistant coach Bill Smothers, former head coach at East Rutherford and North Buncombe, keeps a close eye on his defensive backs. Middle left Jon Fleisher works with backs. Middle right Brian Thompson works with defensive players; and bottom coach Michael Wilbanks works with the offensive line.

Photos by Gary Stewart



**7 Mounties All-Conference, T. Leach MVP**

Kings Mountain High placed seven players on the All-Southwestern Foothills Conference baseball team for 2004.

Representing the second place Mountaineers on the first team were C.J. Austin, Matt Echols, Tyler Leach, Weston Taylor and Ronnie Wilson. Making the second team were Trey Glass and Beau Bridges.

First place Crest placed nine players on the team. Making the first team were Luke Dobbins, Daniel Folk, Matt Gold, Matt Haynes, Cory Lynn, Adam Hamrick and O.J. McFarland. Making the second team were Dusty Quattlebaum and Matt Hendrick.

Hickory was represented by Wilson Boyd, Isaac Harrow, Clay Smith and Connor Hilton.

Burns players selected were Jamie Ray, Josh Drewery and Chris Cook on the first team, and Josh Izokovic on the second team.

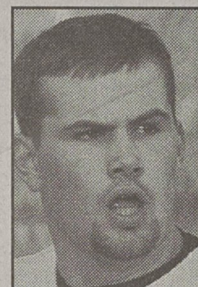
St. Stephens placed Jon Michael Cadle, Patrick Johnson and Kyle Moretz on the first team, and Drew Stanley on the second team.

Fred T. Foard placed Ben Lilly on the first team and Brian Dice on the second team, and R-S Central placed Blake Cheeseman on the first team.

Co-Players of the Year were pitchers Daniel Folk of Crest and Jon-Michael Cadle of St. Stephens.



LEACH



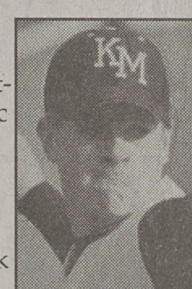
TAYLOR



AUSTIN



ECHOLS



WILSON



GLASS



BRIDGES

Junior pitcher-first baseman Tyler Leach received the most valuable player award at last week's KMHS sports banquet.

Leach led the Mountaineers in hitting with a .457 average, home runs with eight and RBI with 24.

He was also the ace of the mound staff, pitching 65.1 innings and compiling a 6-3 record with a team-high 103 strikeouts. He had a .203 earned run average.

Senior outfielder Weston Taylor won the best offensive player award. He was second to Leach in hitting with a .397 average. He had one home run and 14 RBI.

Senior catcher Matt Echols won the best defensive player award. He was one of the top catchers in the Southwestern Foothills Conference the past two seasons and this spring hit .287.

All-Conference awards went to Echols, Leach, Taylor, C.J. Austin, Ronnie Wilson, Bo Bridges and Trey Glass.

Team Player awards went to Brad Moffitt, Phillip Bunch, Chris Clearman, Chris Patrick and Josh Hendricks.

**KM WEATHER REPORT**

(By Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	May 26-June 1	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.78	.34
Maximum 1 day	.77 (27th)	.21 (26th)
Month of May	3.06	11.18
Year to date	12.30	39.64
Low temperature	65 (28th)	50 (27th)
High temperature	88 (27th)	84 (31st)
Avg. temperature	75.9	67.4

**Soccer camps set in KM and Shelby**

Foothills soccer camps will be held this summer in Kings Mountain and Shelby.

Morning co-ed camps are offered from 9 a.m.-12 noon June 28-July 28 at Graham Elementary in Shelby. Players from ages 6-16 are encouraged to attend.

A second co-ed camp will be offered at Davidson Park in Kings Mountain July 12-16 from 9 a.m.-noon.

A skills camp will be held June 27-July from 6:30-8 p.m. at Davidson Park for more advanced players to learn foot skills. A second skills camp will be held July 12-16 at Shelby High School.

The fee is \$55 for the morning camp and \$40 for the skills camp. For more information call David Steeves at 481-1199 or Dan Potter at 734-0563.

**LETTER**

From 4A

cerns. I just hope that at the next election we can add another new council member who will represent the concerns of the majority of

citizens in Kings Mountain. I hope that Gene White will run for mayor of Kings Mountain, because he is a person who represents all citizens of Kings Mountain.

Eddie Payne  
Kings Mountain

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