

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Hurricanes win Gastonia event

The Gastonia Hurricanes recently won one USSSA tournament and finished second in one.

The Hurricanes won their first tournament of the spring season, the Carolina Grand Slam at Martha Rivers Park in Gastonia. In the three-day tournament, the Hurricanes faced the Matthew Slammers, Southside Slammers and Belmont Raiders.

The Hurricanes placed second out of 15 teams in the Queen City Slugfest at Nevins Park in Charlotte. The Hurricanes beat Tarheel Thunder and Carolina Copperheads to place first in their pool. In Gold Championship play they beat Park Sharon before losing in the championship game to Matthew Sluggers 7-4.

Members of the team are Ross Taylor, Aaron Rumburg, Zach Connor, Trey Dellinger, Kyle Doster, Andrew Locklear, Zach Hatley, David Gibbons, Wil Sellers and Justin Pace. Coaches are Rodney Sellers, Jerry Pace, Darrin Hatley and Nate Heili.

### Horse training clinic set in KM

Paul Daily of Louisiana will hold a horse training clinic April 23 from 2-4 p.m. at The Double HH Ranch, located off Highway 74 in Kings Mountain.

Admission is free. Take a chair. Concessions will be available.

For more information call (803) 230-8810 or visit [http://www.lakewood-farm.com/paul\\_daily/htm](http://www.lakewood-farm.com/paul_daily/htm).

### Swing 4 Grace tourney at KMCC

George Pettice, Larry Dean, Rick Hurt and Ike Mason shot a 12-under-par 60 to win the Swing 4 Grace



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The Gastonia Hurricanes 10-under team played second out of 15 teams during the recent Queen City Slugfest at Nevins Park in Charlotte. The Hurricanes beat the Tarheel Thunder and Carolina Copperheads to place first in pool play. In Gold Championship play they beat Park Sharon before losing to the Matthews Slammers 7-4 in the championship game. Front row, left to right, Ross Taylor, Aaron Rumburg, Zach Connor, Trey Dellinger and Kyle Doster. Second row Andrew Locklear, Zach Hatley, David Gibbons, Wil Sellers and Justin Pace. Not pictured coaches Rodney Sellers, Jerry Pace and Darrin Hatley.

captain's choice golf tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday.

Forty-four players competed.

Second place went to Steven Cole, Will Walker, Chuck Montgomery and Ivery Hartgrove with a 62. Ryan Drakeford, Jack Drakeford, Bobby Armstrong and Charles Brandon were third with a 62.

Closest to the pin winners were George Pettice and Red Donaldson. Bobby Armstrong had the longest drive and Will Waker sank the longest putt.

### West PTO plans golf tournament

The first annual West Elementary School PTO Golf Tournament will be played Saturday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain Country Club.

All proceeds will go toward providing a picnic area for West School children as well as to help pur-

chase instructional supplies.

Golfers, hole sponsors and volunteers are urged to participate.

Deadline for entries is April 13. For more information call West School at 734-5693.

### Tickets on sale for Hall of Fame

Tickets for the 2005 Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony are on sale for \$10 each and may be purchased from any member of the Hall of Fame committee or at the Kings Mountain Herald.

The dinner is set for 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at the KMHS cafeteria. The induction ceremony will follow in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Inductees include retired KMHS football coach Denny Hicks, former Mountaineer baseball great Paul Brannon, professional softball slugger Rusty Bumgardner, and the state championship 1989 KMHS baseball team.

## SPORTS

# KM kickers beat Crest for first SWFH victory

Kings Mountain High's women's soccer team earned the first Southwestern Foothills Conference victory of the season Wednesday when they defeated Crest 5-1 at John Gamble Stadium.

Five different players scored for the Mountaineers, who improved to 1-2 in the conference and 5-3-1 overall.

Bennett Suber put the Mountaineers ahead at the 10-minute mark of the first half as she was on the receiving end of a centering pass from Blair Heffner. Suber ripped the nets with a left-footed shot that the Crest keeper had no chance of stopping.

Five minutes later, Heffner took a long pass from sweeper Vanessa Sidavong and beat two defenders before slotting the ball into the net for a 2-0 lead.

At the 20-minute mark of the first half, Susie Potter tapped in a goal off a cross from Bennett Suber, who had moved in and drew the keeper to her before crossing.

The Chargers were not to go down without a fight and scored their only goal 27 minutes into the half. Becky Austell made a run down the right side and blasted a shot that keeper Stacey Spicer was able to put a hand on, but not enough to deflect out of the goal.

Leading 3-1, the second half saw the

Mountaineers dictate most of the possession. Four minutes in, Emily Edwards hammered a left-footed shot that beat the Charger keeper high and into the upper netting for a 4-1 advantage.

Heffner made several runs through the Crest defense only to have the keeper, Nicole Negbenebort, come up with fabulous saves. The Mountaineer defense continuously limited the Chargers to very few passes, back to back, as they tightly marked their attackers.

"Candace Campion, Tayler Deaton and Vanessa Sidavong played exceptional games in the back," said Coach Dan Potter. "Kara Fujita did a super job as well, shutting down a very dangerous midfielder in Shana Gold."

Jennifer Lingg scored KM's final goal as she was the beneficiary of another perfect pass from outside right midfielder, Bennett Suber.

"I am very proud of our girls for their unselfish play, which is evident in having five different players score," Potter said. "We have had a bit of bad luck in the past couple of matches and the girls needed to find some success in finding the back of the net."

# JV kickers beat Crest

Kings Mountain High's JV women's soccer team won its second straight Southwestern Foothills Conference game, defeating Crest 2-0 Wednesday.

The game was played at the middle school field due to wet conditions.

Although the wind was gusting and played a definite role in the outcome of the match, it was the Lady Mounties that applied the pressure even against the wind in the first half. Several close calls were turned away by the Charger keeper as Brianna Grant, Casey Shirey and Heather Wilson kept the pressure on the ball.

The half ended in a tie. With the wind at the Mountaineers' backs in the second half, the pressure was intensified. Erica Jackson served several dangerous balls off corner

kicks that changed the game.

Christie Whetstine put the first goal in off a diving header. Later, the same combo of Jackson and Whetstine hooked up for a 2-0 KM lead.

In the second half, the KM defense was stifling as the Chargers had very few times when the ball cleared half-field.

"Brianna Green, Rebecca Broadway and Kelli Bolt were as solid as a brick wall in the second half," said Coach Erik Price. "The wind made it challenging, but the girls really stepped up and took it to them in the second half. I was real proud of their efforts."

The shutout was shared by KM keepers Jennifer Lineberger and Torie Chryst.

The JV kickers, 2-0 in the conference and 2-2-1 overall, travel to Hickory on Monday.

# Mounties 3-0 in track

Kings Mountain High's men's track team posted its third straight victory Thursday at Crest, 67-34.

Thomas Reid paced the Mountaineers with three first place wins. He won the 1600 meter run in 5:07, the 800 meter run in 2:13 and the 3200 meter run in 11:51.

He also ran a leg on the winning 4x800 relay team, which posted a time of 10:01. Other members of that team were Brandon Mitchell, Tyler Hellstrand and Charles

Witherspoon.

Javon Potts, Antwan Ross, Derrick Marable and Martrice Love won the 4x200 relay in 1:32.7 and the 4x100 relay in 44 seconds.

Potts also won the 200 meter run in 24.02 seconds, and Marable won the 110 hurdles in 16.4 seconds.

Sidney Goode won the triple jump with a jump of 40'1/2" and the high jump with a leap of 5'8".

## MOUNTIES

From 7A

KM scored four runs in the first inning, five in the second, three in the third, and closed out the game on the mercy rule with three in the fifth.

Camp had three hits, including a double

and two stolen bases. McClain was 3-for-4 with three RBI and two stolen bases; Childers had a hit and a stolen base; Thornburg had a double and two RBI; Funderburke was 2-for-2 with three RBI; Laura Weigel had a double, Jessica Yarbro a single, Heather Hale a triple, and Courtney Tate two hits and two RBI.

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