

SPORTS

KM wrestlers compete in state tourney

Three Kings Mountain High wrestlers competed in the State 3A tournament last weekend at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem. To qualify, they had to place in the top four in the Western Regionals.

The three qualifiers were Antwain Ross at 142 pounds, Isaac Proctor at 145 and Ryan Skibo at 189.

Ross and Skibo both won a match at the state level, placing them in the top 12.

"All of our guys wrestled hard and had a good showing," said Coach Alfred Ash. "Kings Mountain has a bright future with 10 returning freshmen who were instrumental in helping the team achieve and conference tournament championship. I believe that Kenny Bridges, the new head coach, will have a great season and a great run with this group if everyone stays with the program and stays healthy."

"I feel that he will do a great job with this team. I will still be around to assist him any way that I can. I am going to go to grad school starting this fall and will not have the time to devote to the team that I feel they will need to be successful."

Pop Warner athletes make All-American

Numerous Kings Mountain Optimist Club athletes have been selected to the 2005-2006 football and cheerleading scholar All-American teams.

Two students - Hannah Chapman and Breanna Deaton - were selected first team All-American.

Three cheerleaders - Taylor Greene, Carsyn Bolin and Savannah Rice - were selected to the second team.

Football player Taylor Cash was selected second team All-American.

The first team All-American includes 35 football players and 25 cheerleaders whose GPA exceeded 96.0 for the past school year. Student athletes selected to the second team consistently maintained a GPA of over 97.5 to 101.5.

Mid-South Region will recognize the athletes at the Charlotte Convention Center on April 2.

SPRING SPORTS

Friday, March 3

4:30 - High school baseball, Kings Mountain at South Point.

Saturday, March 4

9 a.m. - High school softball, Kings Mountain in multi-team scrimmage at North Davidson.

Monday, March 6

4:00 - High school tennis, Kings Mountain at East Gaston.

4:30 - High school JV softball, South Point at Kings Mountain.

5 p.m. - High school baseball, Crest at Kings Mountain.

5 p.m. - High school soccer, Kings Mountain vs. N. Gaston in Gaston Co. Tournament at Ashbrook.

Tuesday, March 7

4:00 - High school track, Kings Mountain boys at Forestview.

4:00 - Middle school girls soccer, Kings Mountain at Lincolnton.

Wednesday, March 8

4 p.m. - High school tennis, South Point at Kings Mountain.

4 p.m. - High school baseball, Kings Mountain at Ashbrook (JV/varsity doubleheader).



Kings Mountain's Susie Potter (5) takes a shot in Monday's season-opening 1-0 victory over Crest at John Gamble Stadium.

KM kickers blank Crest in opening season match

Kings Mountain High's women's soccer team opened its season Monday night at home with a 1-0 victory over Crest. KM couldn't find the back of the net until the last nine minutes. Although the Mounties out-shot the Chargers 12-5, the match was up-and-down the field all night.

"The defense was really quite solid tonight as Jennifer Lingg anchored the center of the backfield with Caitlyn Suber and Kelly Bolt strangling the front runners on the outside," said Coach Dan Potter.

Scoring opportunities were limited on both sides of the field. KM's Susie Potter had a blast that sailed just over the net in the first 15 minutes of the match, and Katie Cooke had a good opportunity sail high after Bennett Suber set her up with a great pass.

The game's only goal was the result of the work of three freshmen. Alex Edwards began the attack with a pass to Ashley Witherspoon on the left wing. Witherspoon then beat her defender and dribbled to the end line where she sent a great crossing pass to the back post. Two Mountaineer attackers nearly collided when trying to shove in the goal but Avery Dahl and Jordan Doty were in great position for the shot. Doty hit the shot that was deflected back out to her and she hammered the rebound into the net for the winning goal.

"Although none of these freshmen started, they gave us a big lift when they came off the bench. This year's players are truly so evenly talented that my job is going to be to find who is playing the best on any given day and let them play," Potter said. "Competition is really intense

JV Mountaineers play scoreless tie

Kings Mountain High's JV soccer team opened its season Monday with a 0-0 tie with Crest.

Brittany Rodden played an outstanding game at goal and Kinsley Mashburn and Danielle St. Just stood out in the forward position.

Outstanding players on defense were Brooke Hayes, Rachael Perkins, Brianna Green and Destiny Pitman.

"Maggie Hall, Megan Blanton and Heather Yarbrough came in and played great in the mid-field," said Coach Erik Price. "This was our first game and I was proud of the way these ladies came out and played hard the whole game."

Kings Mountain was scheduled to play East Burke last night.

in our practice sessions and that will only make all of our players better."

Lauren Suber recorded the shutout as she turned away a very difficult shot in the final seconds.

KM was scheduled to host East Burke last night and will take part in the Gaston Cup next week. They play North Gaston on Monday followed by the winner of the Highland Tech-South Point game on Thursday. Both games will be played at 5 p.m. at Ashbrook High. The championship match is set for 5 p.m. Sat., March 11.

Blind Ducks lead bowling league

The Kings Mountain Duckpin Bowling League got its fourth and final quarter of action underway Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

The Blind Ducks grabbed the early lead with a 6-2 win over

S&M. John Dilling led the winners with a 104 game and 280 set. Mark Abernathy of S&M was top scorer for the match with a 120 line and 329 series. Robert Titus added a 115-301.

In other action, Zeke's Zingers edged Dead Ducks 5-3. Zeke Ryczyk led the way with a 124 line and 333 set but Ed Philbeck was close behind with a pair of 114 games and a 327

series. Mark Midgett of the Dead Ducks led all bowlers with a 134 line and 374 set and Pernel Byars added a 118-314.

KM defeats East Gaston in first game

Kings Mountain High's baseball team opened its season Tuesday afternoon with a 12-4 win over East Gaston in Mount Holly.

Senior southpaw Trey Glass hurled the victory for Eric King's Mountaineers and senior infielder Cody Barrett slammed a home run.

The Mountaineers were in control all the way. They grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first inning and led 5-2 after three. They then put the game away with four runs in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Kings Mountain out-hit the Warriors 14-7 with Isaac Proctor going 4-for-5. Proctor was seeing his first action on the baseball field after competing in the State 3A wrestling tournament last weekend.

Patrick Armstrong led the Warriors with 2-for-3 and two runs batted in.

East Gaston won the JV game 9-5.

Kings Mountain travels to South Point Friday for a 4:30 game and plays its first home game Monday at 5 p.m. against Crest. They Mountaineers will compete in a JV/varsity dou-



Cody Barrett slammed a home run to help lead Kings Mountain over East Gaston in the Mounties' opening season baseball game.

bleheader at Ashbrook next Wednesday at 4 p.m. before opening Southwestern 2A/3A Conference play at home on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. against Chase.

HOW THEY DID IT

Scoring averages for the 2005-2006 Kings Mountain High girls basketball team:

Player	Pts.	Avg.
Angel Smith	343	13.2
Marshia Meeks	245	9.4
Gericia Vinson	151	5.8
Angel Burris	91	4.0
Brittany McClain	91	3.5
Lucy Cleveland	80	3.2
LaRonda McClain	77	3.0
Brooke Avery	71	5.5
Natasha Cannady	64	5.3
Jordan Doty	50	3.8
Amber Willis	14	2.0
Chaquita Sims	14	0.7
Julia Wyatt	12	0.8
Kelisha Goodson	5	0.6
Jalisa Pettis	3	0.4
Nikita Scotland	2	0.8
Sam Doe	2	0.3
Angel Watson	0	0
Diamond Adams	0	0

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kings Mountain Area Church Softball leagues are organizing. Any churches interested in participating should call Dean Creighton at 937-7274 or 678-4339.

Angel Smith and Marshia Meeks of Kings Mountain High have been named to the All-Southwestern 2A/3A Conference basketball team. The duo led the Lady Mountaineers to an 11-15 overall record and the SWC tournament championship.

Dan Childress of Kings Mountain recently caught a 47-pound Flathead Catfish at Santee Cooper Lakes, SC. The fish has been registered in the Santee Cooper Trophy Five Award program. Childress will receive

a parchment signed by the Honorable Mark Sanford, governor of South Carolina. He caught the fish in Lake Marion, using Shad for bait.

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