

## Hutchins tourney Saturday

The annual Mary Ann Hutchins Memorial Captain's Choice Golf Tournament - Tee Off For A Cure - will be held June 3 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Lunch will begin at 11 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$50 per person and includes green fee, cart and lunch. All profits will be presented to a senior or seniors who are pursuing a career in the medical field. The scholarships are given in memory of Mary Ann Hutchins, who lost a five-year battle with breast cancer.

All contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Mary Ann Hutchins MSF.

For more information call Johnny Hutchins at 739-5757 or Buffy H. Murphey at 739-0031.

## Tennis camps set in June at KM High

The 2006 Mountaineer Tennis Camp will be held June 12-16 (K-4) and June 19-23 (5-9) at the Kings Mountain High School tennis courts.

The first week will take place from 9-11 a.m. and the second from 9 a.m.-12 noon. The camp will focus on fundamentals such as forehands, backhands, volleys, singles and doubles play.

The week will end with a tournament and trophies will be awarded to the winners.

The cost is \$50. For more information call KMHS tennis coach Chris Bennett at 704-477-6483 or Email cbennett@clevelandcountyschools.org.

## KM athletes win in weight lifting

Kings Mountain High won a three-team weight lifting competition Friday at KMHS.

The Mountaineers compiled 176 points to 42 for Hendersonville and 40 for West Henderson. Approximately 100 people competed in eight weight classes.

Kings Mountain winners included Torrance Davis in the bench and cling; Andrew Bunch in the bench; Ryan Skibo in the bench and cling; Christian Lail in the bench and cling; Antwaan Ross in the bench; Roger McClain in the cling; and Larry Benton in the cling.



Bill Smothers has been named defensive coordinator of the Kings Mountain High football team.

## KMHS names offensive, defensive coordinators

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Kings Mountain High School will have a new offensive and defensive coordinator when the Mountaineers open pre-season football practice August 1.

Bill Smothers, a 25-year coaching veteran and former head coach at East Rutherford and North Buncombe High Schools, will assume the defensive coordinator's role. For the past two seasons he has coached Mountaineer defensive backs.

Rich Hargitt, a former head coach in Illinois and Indiana, will be joining the team as offensive coordinator. He replaces Jon Fleisher, who will become assistant principal at West Lincoln High School.

KMHS is advertising for three assistant coaches but as yet has not been able to find coaches who qualify for KMHS teaching vacancies. Mountaineer line coach Mike Willbanks is leaving Kings Mountain to coach in Shelby, and assistant line coach Alfred Ash has resigned his coaching duties. Defensive coordinator Brian Thompson is also leaving KMHS.

Head coach and athletic director Dave Farquharson said he will assume the line coaching duties. Chris Carrigan, a non-teaching assistant, will work with the line and assistants Kenny Bridges and Amos Miles will work with linebackers and defensive backs, respectively.

Both new coordinators say they hope to bring a lot of excitement to their side of the football.

"I want to get the kids moving a little quicker than what I've seen them move and get to the football," Smothers said.

Smothers said another goal is "to change the mentality and expectations" of the defense.

"I'm excited about the young kids," he said. "We had a good JV team. Thursday and

Friday nights are two different ball games, but a lot of the young kids like the game and that makes coaching it a lot more fun."

Hargitt will be beginning his sixth year of coaching, with the last four being as a head coach. His team last year at Brown County High School in Nashville, IN finished 3-7.

Hargitt was an all-conference and all-area center and defensive tackle in high school in Illinois. He did not play college ball.

He said the offense will run a spread option similar to Clemson and the University of Florida.

"We will have a good run-pass mix," he said. "I like to run the option - triple option and double option. And we will throw the ball quite a bit."

Hargitt said his team last year at Brown County gained 1,300 yards passing and 2,100 yards rushing and finished second in the conference in passing yardage and completion percentage.

Hargitt has seen some of his players in the weight room and on film, and said he is impressed with the talent.

"I think we have some great young athletes to work with," he said. "I've met with the coaching staff and everybody seems to be excited about the football program. I'm happy to be a part of it. People should be able to expect an exciting, wide open offense that will be a lot of fun for people to come out and see it. My wife and I are excited to be a part of the community and look forward to a great football season."

Coach Farquharson said the team is through with spring practice and will begin summer weight lifting June 12 from 8:30-11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Weight lifting is mandatory for all football players. Individual group practice will also be held during that timeframe.

The team will go to Wake Forest University July 15 for a passing league tournament. Official practice begins August 1.

## Post 155 beats Denver, hosts Steele Creek

After a slow start Kings Mountain Post 155 is heating up in Area IV legion play.

Chuck Austin's crew defeated Denver 7-3 Monday night for its second straight win. Deavin Shuford notched the win, giving up two unearned runs in six innings of work.

Josh Hendricks led the hitting with 3-for-5 and Trey Robinson went 2-for-4 with a home run.

Post 155 blasted Cherryville 16-5 Friday at home for its first win. Kevin Bell pitched five innings to get the win. He gave up three runs and five hits.

Kings Mountain collected 18 hits with Isaac Proctor leading the way with 4-for-5. Josh Hendricks was 3-for-5 and Zach Williams was 2-for-4 with two home runs. Both of Williams' blasts came in the first inning, when Post 155 batted around. He led off with a home run, then came back up later and hit a grad slam. He also scored four runs.

Luke Proctor was 2-for-4 with a home run, and Jordan Bingham and Ross Bailes each had two hits.

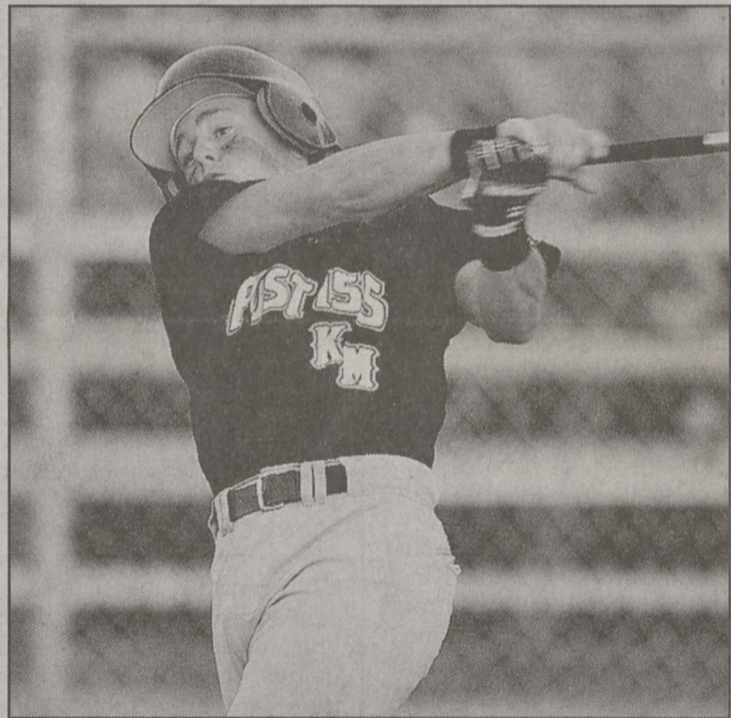
Last week the Juniors lost to the Gaston Braves 14-4 and 11-10 in 10 innings, and dropped a 9-5 game to Henderson County in a non-division game.

In the first game with the Braves, Hendricks hit two home runs and scored three runs.


Against Henderson, Isaac Proctor was 3-for-5 and Zach Williams and Luke Proctor each had two hits.

In the second loss to the Braves, Post 155 led 10-4 after four innings but couldn't score again. Trey Robinson went 3-for-5 with a home run, Cody Barrett was 3-for-5, and Josh Hendricks 2-for-4 with a home run. Steven Holland, Ross Bailes, Jordan Bingham and Isaac Proctor added two hits each.

Kings Mountain travels to Charlotte tonight and hosts Steele Creek Saturday at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Field. KM travels to Steele Creek Sunday and goes to Gastonia Tuesday. Post 155 returns home on Wednesday, June 7 to host Gastonia.



KM's Zach Williams hit two home runs in one inning in last week's game with Cherryville.




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