

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Thursday, April 26

3 p.m. - High school golf, Kings Mountain in SWC match at Deer Brook.

4:15 - Middle school baseball, Kings Mountain at Pumpkin Center (last regular season game).

Friday, April 27

4 p.m. - High school baseball, Victory Christian Center at Hope Christian (at Tryon Park).

4:30 - High school JV baseball, Kings Mountain at Shelby.

5 p.m. - High school women's soccer, Ashbrook at Kings Mountain (JV/varsity DH).

7 p.m. - High school baseball, Shelby at Kings Mountain.

Saturday, April 28

2 p.m. - High school softball, Ronald Reagan at Kings Mountain.

Monday, April 30

3 p.m. - High school golf, Kings Mountain in final SWC match at Rutherford/Spindale City Course.

4 p.m. - High school baseball, Mt. View at Hope Christian Academy (at Tryon Park).

4 p.m. - Kings Mountain in SWC men's tennis championship (site TBA, continues through May 2).

4 p.m. - Kings Mountain in SWC men's and women's track championships (sites TBA).

6 p.m. - High school women's soccer, Kings Mountain at R-S Central.

Tuesday, May 1

4 p.m. - High school baseball, Hope Christian at Grace Academy, Matthews.

4:30 - High school JV baseball, Kings Mountain at East Rutherford.

6 p.m. - High school women's soccer, Burns at Kings Mountain (Senior Night and last regular season home game).

7 p.m. - High school baseball, East Rutherford at Kings Mountain.

Golf tourney to raise funds for American Legion team

A Captain's Choice golf tournament to raise funds to help sponsor the Kings Mountain American Legion baseball team will be held April 28 at Pine Grove Golf Course near Shelby.

The cost is \$45 per player (\$190 per team) and includes green fee, cart fee and one muligan per player on each side. There will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Awards will be given for first place. There will also be a \$350 birdhouse or bird feeder awarded for a hole-in-one on any par three hole. There will also be awards for closest to the pin on all par three holes.

Hole sponsorships are \$50 and signs will be posted on the tee boxes.

There will also be a meal at the American Legion building between 6-8 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn for players attending the meal. A ticket will be given at the entry door.

To enter, call the American Legion at 704-739-6387 or Jerry Ross at 704-616-3391. Golfers may put together their own foursome or call the American Legion to register and have the legion place them in a foursome.

Note to coaches

Report sports results to The Herald by bringing them by the office at 824-1 East King Street, phone 704-739-7496, fax 704-739-0611 or Email gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com.



GARY STEWART / HERALD
Morgan Childers, above, threw a no-hitter Friday at Chase. Kristin Cogdill, right, cracked a pair of doubles in win over Shelby.

Childers no-hits Chase, leads plate assault in win over Shelby

On the mound or at the plate, Morgan Childers each had a hit. is tough.

During the past week, she used her exceptional talent at both places to lead Kings Mountain High's women's softball team to victories over Chase and Shelby.

Childers pitched a no-hitter and struck out 11 of the 15 batters she faced as the Lady Mountaineers blanked Chase 11-0 in five innings Friday.

The only Chase batter to reach base was in the bottom of the fifth inning on an error. She was then thrown out trying to steal second base.

Catcher Courtney Tate went 3-for-3 with two runs and two stolen bases, and shortstop Casey Camp slammed two home runs to lead the KM plate attack.

Kristin Cogdill went 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBIs. Chasiti Falls also had a triple and two RBIs, and Jessica Yarbro and Megan Hoyle

■ Tuesday night at Lancaster Field, Childers went 3-for-3 with a home run and three runs batted in to lead the Lady Mountaineers to a 15-1 4 1/2-inning victory over the Golden Lions.

With a perfect 12-0 conference and 15-2 overall mark, the Mountaineers are closing in on another SWC regular season crown. They were scheduled to host East Rutherford Wednesday and with a win would clinch at least a tie for first place.

Childers had plenty of help at the plate Tuesday as Kristin Cogdill smashed a pair of doubles and Courtney Tate contributed two singles.

Childers started on the mound, pitching two innings and striking out five of the six batters she faced.

Her sister, Jordan Childers, pitched the final three innings, holding Shelby to just one hit while walking one and striking out four.



Champs Again

KM blanks Shelby to wrap up SWC

Kings Mountain High's women's soccer team wrapped up its second straight Southwestern 2A/3A Conference championship Monday at Shelby with a 2-0 victory.

The Lady Mountaineers carried a 5-0 conference and 16-2 overall record into a game last night against East Rutherford. The KM ladies host Ashbrook in a non-conference game Friday. JV action begins at 5 p.m. followed by the varsity at 6:30.

With a blustery wind at their backs, Kings Mountain's ladies didn't take long finding the nets Monday as Katie Cooke slid a pass to the right side of the penalty area to Meagan Reynolds. Reynolds prepared the ball for the ensuing blast to the near post just 1:30 into the match to put the Mountaineers on top 1-0.

The Mounties would control most of the ball possession and would extend their lead at the 16-minute mark. Ramey Kerns played a cross in from

the left flank that was deflected up in the air near the Lions' goal. A Shelby defender tried to clear the ball with her head but deflected the ball toward the center of the goal. Cooke pounced on the ball and slid a left footer to the back of the post for a 2-0 lead.

The Mountaineers would continue to pressure the Lions' goal throughout the half, but would not penetrate the goal again.

Outshot by 11-2, the Lions looked to improve on the second half possession and increase their scoring opportunities. The second half saw the game open up a bit more, but neither team could rip the nets.

Heather Stevens came in to replace Lauren Suber in the Mountaineer goal and preserved the shutout.

Kings Mountain will play its final regular season home match next Tuesday at 6 p.m. against Burns. The eight senior members of the KM team will be honored.



JOSEPH BRYMER / HERALD
Megan Loftin (10) advances the ball downfield for Kings Mountain High's soccer team.

Mounties stun 10th-ranked Asheville 4-3

Meagan Reynolds scored with 1:23 remaining to give Kings Mountain High's 15th ranked soccer team a 4-3 victory over 10th ranked Asheville Friday night in Asheville in a game KM Coach Dan Potter said "had all the feel of a playoff match."

Both teams came out with a lot of intensity and had many early scoring opportunities, but nerves won out.

At the 12-minute mark, Asheville got on the scoreboard off a deflected shot in the box by Gibby Grasso just eight yards from the KM goal.

KM's Ramey Kerns later tied the score with a left-footed blast from 18 yards out off an assist from Bennett Suber.

Lauren Suber made a couple of big saves near the end of the half to keep the score knotted at halftime.

"Without a doubt, playing on their artificial turf took a little time for our girls to adjust,"

said Potter. The second half was full of fireworks. Bennett Suber beat the Asheville keeper to a perfectly played diagonal pass from Tayler Deaton just three minutes into the half and scored to put KM up 2-1.

Asheville answered the bell just 30 seconds later on a goal by Amber Sherrill.

Midway through the half, Reynolds blasted a 35-yard direct kick that traveled just under the crossbar. Jessamyn Weis, the Asheville keeper, deflected the shot but Katie Cooke was at the right place at the right time and tapped in the goal to put KM up 3-2.

Lauren Suber made several more key saves as the half wore on and with the help of her sister, Caitlyn, stopper Kelli Bolt and sweeper Jennifer Lingg, held down the potent Asheville attack.

The match then turned very physical. With 18 minutes left,

Bennett Suber suffered an ankle injury and had to leave the match. With 15 minutes left, Asheville's Carrie Kubitschek received a yellow caution flag for a serious foul on Tayler Deaton that took her out of the match.

But KM made some good adjustments with Brittany McClain in back, Chelsea Champion up front, and Alex Edwards and Megan Loftin in the midfield.

Just when it appeared the Mounties had the game in hand, Asheville was awarded a penalty kick and scored with six minutes left to tie the game.

But Ashley Witherspoon played a diagonal ball behind the Asheville back line to a streaking Reynolds, who put in the game winner.

"This was a fantastic match - one the girls will never forget as they battled a fine Asheville team," Potter said.



JOSEPH BRYMER / HERALD
Tayler Deaton "heads" the ball back up field for Kings Mountain High's soccer team.

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