

Mountaineers win SWC track championship

Kings Mountain High's men's track team ran away with the Southwestern 2A/3A Conference championship Wednesday and set several records during the process.

The Mountaineers scored 173 points to beat Shelby (158), East Rutherford (91), R-S Central (74), Chase (29) and Burns (26).

Darrick Marable of the Mountaineers was voted Track MVP. He won the 100 and 200-meter dashes, ran anchor on the 4x100 relay team which finished second, and finished second in the long jump.

Bill Smothers of the Mountaineers was voted SWC Coach of the Year.

Marable ran the 100 meter dash in 11.16 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 22.45 seconds.

Other first place winners for Kings Mountain were Mike Roberts in the long jump (19'10.5"), Christian Lail in the shot put (39'5"), and Brent Reid

in the triple jump (41'5.5").

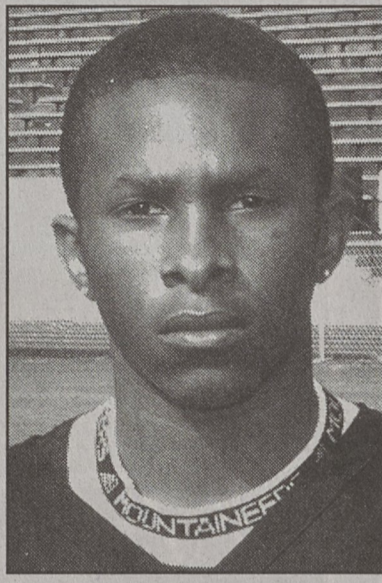
Tory Belcher set a new school record in the 400-meter dash with a second place time of 52.28 seconds. The old mark was 52.9 set in 2002.

Brent Reid set a new school record in the 300 hurdles (4.025), breaking the old mark of 40.80 set in 1998.

Other second place finishers for the Mounties were Reid in the 100 meter high hurdles (15.59), Tyler Hellstrand in the 1600 meter run (4:57) and 3200 meters (11:20), Stacey Crawford in the pole vault (12'), Eric Pardo in the discus (111'4"), Neal Scott in the triple jump (40'11") the 4x100 relay team (44.68) and 4x200 meter relay team (1:35.68).

Third were Jaye Jackson in the pole vault and the 4x800 relay team.

Fourth were the 4x400 relay team, Scott in the long jump, Pardo in the shot put, Matt Turner in the pole vault and



DARRICK MARABLE

Roger McClain in the 300 meter hurdles.

Taylor Gettys was fifth in the 800 meter run and Trevaris Crosby was sixth in the discus.

Marable, Reid win Western Regional

Three Kings Mountain High track standouts won championships in the Western 3A Regional Meet Saturday at Western Carolina University.

Darrick Marable and Brent Reid won individual championships in leading the KMHS men's track team to a second place finish in the 16-team event.

Even though the KM ladies scored only 16 points as a team, Whitney Staton won the long jump with a jump of 15'6".

Marable won the 200 meter dash in 22.63 seconds and Reid

won the 300 meter hurdles in 41.03 seconds.

The Mountaineers compiled 73 points to finish second to T.C. Roberson (120), Asheville (71) was third and Enka (40) fourth. The only other Southwestern 3A Conference team to place was R-S Central, which was 13th.

Marable also had a second place in the 100 meter dash (11.14) and ran a leg on the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams which finished second. Other members of the 4x100 team, which ran in 45.08 seconds, were Antwain Ross, Joe Chambers and Neil Scott. The 4x200 team ran second in 1:33.61 and joining Marable on that team were Tory Belcher, Ross and Tony Barnette.

Reid also finished second in the 110 meter hurdles in 15.84 seconds.

Mike Roberts was third in the long jump with a jump 20 feet even, and Jaye Jackson was third in the pole vault with a leap of 11'6".

Reid was fifth in the triple jump (40'1"), Eric Pardo was fifth in the discus (121 feet even), Antwain Ross fifth in the 100 meter dash (11.48 seconds) and the 4x400 relay team was fifth in 3:41.87. Members were Belcher, Tyler Hellstrand, Roger McClain and Roberts.

In girls action, Kings Mountain's 4x110 relay team finished fifth. Members were Whitney Staton, Tierra Watkins, Antonia Garriett and Delauren McKnight.

The 4x200 relay team finished sixth. Members were Watkins, Garriett, Felicia Poole and McKnight.



Kings Mountain High's senior baseball players were honored before last week's final home game with East Rutherford. Left to right are head coach Eric King, Alan Breakfield, Cole Moore, Adam Sellers, Daniel Humphries and assistant coach Kenneth Pasour.

Patriots beat East Lincoln to advance to league title game

Kings Mountain Middle School defeated East Lincoln 11-7 last Tuesday in a special playoff game for the Tri-County East Division title and a berth in the overall conference championship game at Crest yesterday.

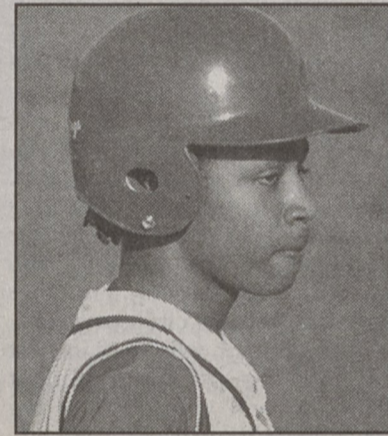
"It was a pretty intense game," said Coach Monty Deaton. "The fans and umpires were right in the game."

Brian Brown pitched five innings to get the win. He gave up five hits, two earned runs and struck out eight. Casey Hutchins pitched the final two innings, giving up one hit, one earned run and fanning two.

Clint Johnson and Trey Funderburke led the hitting with 3-for-4. Brown was 2-for-2 with two intentional walks, Hutchins was 2-for-3 and Brandon Gantt, Dustin Stone and Stuart Smith were 1-for-3 each.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Brown tripled off the fence and scored on a single by Johnson. Funderburke followed with a single and Johnson and Funderburke both scored on a throwing error.

The Patriots added three more runs in the third inning. Brown hit a line-drive double to the fence. Johnson singled Brown home for a 4-0 lead. After Gantt



BRIAN BROWN

walked, Stone ripped a 2-run single to make the score 6-0.

East Lincoln took advantage of three KM errors to cut the margin to 6-5 in the top of the fourth. In the bottom of the fourth, KM scored five more runs to take an 11-5 lead. Hutchins led off with a single and an error and intentional walk to Brown loaded the bases. Johnson ripped a two-run double and Funderburke had a two-run single.

East Lincoln scored its final two runs in the top of the fifth as Brown, who had pitched the pre-

vious day to force a playoff, began to fire.

Hutchins came in and got out of the sixth with an inning-ending double play. East put two runners on with one out in the seventh, but a runner attempting to steal third was called out because of interference by the batter, and Hutchins got the batter to fly out to end the game.

"It was a good game, back and forth," noted Coach Deaton. "There were a lot of tight situations for both teams. We made some mistakes but we overcame four errors. They also had four errors so everything sort of washed out there. We just hit the ball more than they did. They did have some good hits too, and rallies. We just never relinquished the momentum. The kids stayed in the game and played hard. It was one of our better games."

The win gave the Patriots their fourth straight division title and put them in the conference championship game for the third time - every year since the conference has held an overall championship game.

Mounties fall to R-S, Burns; bomb West Lincoln in finale

Kings Mountain High's baseball team dropped its final two Southwestern 2A/3A Conference games of the season, losing on the road to R-S Central 6-3 Friday and Burns 5-1 in eight innings Monday but ended their season on a positive note Tuesday with a 16-4, five-inning win over non-conference foe West Lincoln.

Brantley Blalock's solo home run in the first inning put the Mounties on top at West Lincoln, and a nine-run explosion in the second put the game in the bag.

Jeffrey Howell pitched the first four innings to get the win. Daniel Humphries recorded two outs in the bottom of the fifth and Adam Sellers came on to record the final out.

Tyler Ross led the KM plate assault with three hits, including a home run. Blalock had another hit to go with his home run.

Humphries, Luke Proctor, Rai Robinson, Howell, Alan

Breakfield and Blake Glass had a hit apiece.

Aaron Haynes' grand slam home run with one out in the bottom of the eighth won Tuesday's game for Burns. KM had led 1-0 until the bottom of the sixth.

Southpaw Cole Moore went the distance for the Mountaineers, giving up only three hits and striking out five.

Burns led off the eighth with a double and the Mountaineers intentionally walked the second and third-place hitters to get to clean-up hitter, Haynes.

The Mountaineers had taken a 1-0 lead in the second inning on Moore's RBI single. Moore had two hits and Humphries and Proctor added one each for the Mountaineers.

Eric Shuford was the winning pitcher.

Friday at R-S, the Hilltoppers took a 5-0 lead before KM scored three runs in the top of the sixth

inning.

Howell and Sellers led the KM plate attack with two hits each. Humphries, Blalock and Moore had one each.

Howell went the distance on the mound, scattering five hits and fanning five.

Ryan Arrowood was the winning pitcher.

The Mountaineers finished last in the conference with a 2-13 record, with their only wins coming against Burns and Chase.

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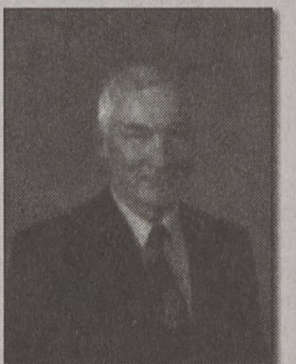
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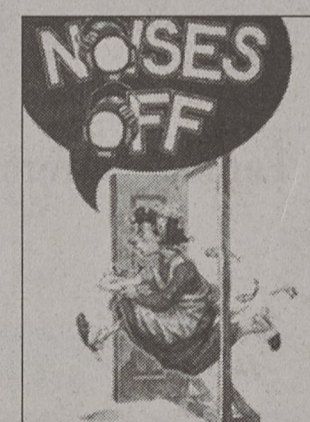


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