

SPORTS



Kings Mountain High's senior soccer players were honored at halftime of last week's game with Burns. Left to right are Taylor Deaton, Katy Cooke, Jennifer Lingg, Brittany McClain, Vanessa Sivadong, Lauren Suber, Bennett Suber and Caitlin Suber. The Mounties were scheduled to open state playoff action at home last night and will play all of their games at home until the Western finals.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Home, charter, private school students eligible to play football at Hope

Hope Christian Academy is looking for home school students and students at other private or charter schools that are interested in playing high school football.

Any home school or private/charter school student that attends a school that does not have a football team is eligible to play for Hope Christian.

For more information call head coach Jeff Putnam at 704-460-6637.

Philavong and Henson qualify for Regionals

Paul Philavong and Matt Henson of Kings Mountain High School qualified for this week's 3A West Regional tennis tournament by winning the consolation match in last week's Southwestern 2A/3A Conference tournament at Shelby.

The Mountaineer duo defeated John Dew and Jake Dew of Burns 6-1, 6-0 to advance to the Regionals at Charlotte Catholic High School Friday and Saturday, May 11-12.

The Dewes defeated Matt Gray and Davis Phanthalack of Kings Mountain in the first round, 6-3, 6-4. Philavong and Henson lost to Michael Putnam and Kyle Upchurch of Burns in the second round, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3. The Burns duo advanced to the Regionals along with Philavong and Henson and the SWC championship team of Alexander Byers and Andrew Parrish of R-S Central.

In singles competition, Kings Mountain's two entries lost out in the first round. Josh Vassef fell to Zeke Stephenson of R-S 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 and Fletcher Webster of KM lost to Wesley Clark of Burns 6-3, 6-3.

KM golfers qualify for Regional Tournament

Kings Mountain High finished fourth in the final SWC golf

match April 30 at Forest City Golf Course, and also completed the season fourth place in the six-team conference.

Shelby won the match with a 294 score and also won the SWC championship with an aggregate score of 1,816 for six matches. East Rutherford was second in the match at 301, R-S Central third at 302, KM fourth with 316, Chase fifth with 344 and Burns last with 364.

Richard Allen of R-S was medalist with a 70. KM was led by Camden DeVane with 77, followed by Andy Allen 78, Jared Spicer 80, Jake Allen 81, Hogan Sellers 84 and Reid Smith 85. Andy Allen, Reid Smith, Jake Allen and Hogan Sellers qualified for this week's Western Regional Tournament at Municipal Golf Course in Asheville.

R-S was second place in the league with an aggregate score of 1,827, followed by East 1,916, KM 1,959, Chase 2,125 and Burns 2,205.

Optimists to present Bibles to graduates

Kings Mountain Optimist Club has an annual Bible program where it recognizes any graduating senior football player or cheerleader that are former KM Optimist football players and cheerleaders.

This year the presentation will include Kings Mountain High and Hope Christian Academy seniors and will be held Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Patrick Center.

Bethlehem Baptist sets golf touney for missions

Bethlehem Baptist Church will host its 7th annual Missions for Christ Golf Tournament May 19 at Pine Grove Golf Club.

It is a Captain's Choice format. The entry fee is \$45 per person (groups of four) and hole sponsorships are \$100.

Tee time is 8:30 a.m. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded as well as door prizes, longest drive and closest to the pin.

For more information call

Lawrence Bolin at 629-5444, Dena Allen at 739-6461 or the church office at 739-7487.

Basketball camp set at KM Middle School

The Mountaineer School of Hoops will be held at Kings Mountain Middle School June 25-28.

The camp will be directed by KMHS coach Ric Franklin and is for boys ages 10-14. The cost is \$55.

For more information and a free brochure, call 704-860-2308 or email rfranklin@cleveland-countyschools.org.

HALL OF FAME

From 1A

High School.

Van Dyke, who won over 360 games in 27 seasons as head coach at East Gaston, is now the head baseball coach at Clover, SC. He will be inducted by Jerry Adams, who gave him his start in coaching at East Gaston.

The Mountaineer football team, which played for the state championship after winning the Western NC championship, will be inducted by its coach, Ron Massey, now head football coach and athletic director at A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis.

The Mountaineer volleyball team will be inducted by its coach, Diana Bridges, who is now principal at Shelby High School.

Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained in advance at The Herald or from any member of the Hall of Fame Committee. Tickets which are not sold in advance will be available at the door as long as they last.

NOTE TO COACHES

Report your scores to The Herald by bringing them by our office at 824-1 East King Street; call 704-739-7496, fax 704-739-0611 or Email gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com

Childers hurls perfect game, state playoffs open Tuesday

Kings Mountain High's women's softball team was scheduled to complete its conference season yesterday at R-S Central and will face non-conference foe West Lincoln in a doubleheader Saturday at 12 noon before turning their thoughts to defending their state 3A championship.

Playoff action begins Tuesday, May 15 with the Mountaineers hosting a team (probably South Point) from the Big South 3A. The game is set for 7 p.m. but will be changed to 6 p.m. if approved by the NCSAAA. The second playoff game is May 18, and the third on May 25. All games would be played at Kings Mountain if the Lady Mountaineers continue to advance.

Tuesday's game has been designated as Senior Night and all senior players will be recognized.

The Lady Mountaineers tuned up for the stretch run during the past week with impressive victories over East Gaston and Chase to run their record to 14-0 in the Southwestern 2A/3A Conference and 19-2 overall.

Morgan Childers pitched a perfect game and Kristin Cogdill scored the only run of the game on an error in the bottom of the sixth inning to give Kings Mountain a 1-0 victory over a strong East Gaston team Wednesday at Lancaster Field.

Childers struck out 17 of the 21



Morgan Childers hurled perfect game against East Gaston last week.

batters she faced.

With one out in the bottom of the sixth, Cogdill singled. She broke for second base and Haley Barrett singled to right field. The throw to third base got away from the East Gaston third baseman allowing Cogdill to score.

Kings Mountain collected only five hits. Casey Camp went 3-for-3 with two doubles.

Tuesday at Chase, Childers pitched a two-hitter and struck out 10 as the KM ladies ended the game after five innings on the 10-run rule, 11-0.

KM scored four runs in the

first inning, added a singleton in the second and struck for six in the fourth.

Tate continued her torrid hitting spree of late with 3-for-3, including two RBIs and one run. She also had a sacrifice.

Camp, Childers, Jessica Yarbro, Chasiti Falls and Hayley Hoyle added two hits apiece. Camp had two triples, two RBIs and two runs; Childers had a double and two RBIs; Yarbro had a double and three RBIs; and Falls had an RBI.

Cogdill, Barrett and Megan Hoyle each had a single.

Thunderbolts beat Mt. View

Hope Christian Academy's baseball team split two games last week, defeating Mt. View Christian of Cowpens, SC 5-2 and losing to Union Academy of Matthews 23-19.

Taylor Brewer (2-3) pitched a complete game and struck out 11 to beat Mt. View.

Hope scored three runs in the third inning on singles by Tyler Shores, Brewer, Chad Mashburn and Taylor Putnam.

"Taylor pitched another strong game," said Coach Richard Shores. "We played very good defense behind him. This was a close, tough game and our kids hung in there and made plays at the crucial time."

Hope fell behind Union 18-8 after 4 1/2 innings but made things interesting by sending 14 men to the plate and scoring 10 runs in the bottom of the fifth. Jarred Whitlock, Josh Burgess

and Craig Huffstetler each had two hits during inning.

Whitlock finished the game with 4-for-5, including two balls off the center field fence. Brewer was 3-for-5 including a 325-foot home run over the left-center field fence. Shores was 3-for-5 and Burgess 4-for-5.

"I was proud of the way our guys fought back from the hole they dug," Coach Shores said.

Players, cheerleaders make All-American

Numerous Kings Mountain Optimist Club football players and cheerleaders received scholastic awards recently.

Pop Warner requires that all football players and cheerleaders maintain a 2.0 or a minimum of 70% grade point average to participate. Students exceeding the requirement qualify for scholastic recognition. First, participants must qualify within their conference by maintaining an average GPA of 96 or higher for the previous school year.

The following 14 KM Optimist participants were chosen for the Greater Gaston All-Americans and were invited to a banquet in Winston Salem on April 1.

First team - Emily Dover, Mason Fleischer, Carsyn Bolin, Taylor Blanton.

Second team - Zachary Spencer, Wilson Rikard, Phillip Quinn, Travis Oates, DeAngelo Guinn, Samuel Baker, Hannah Chapman, Jada Mauney, Lauren Biggers, Zachary Wilson.

The winners are then selected for National All American teams and are invited to an awards banquet at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA May 25-26. The following were selected to the Scholastic Mid-South All-American team:

First team - Emily Dover.

Second team - Zachary Spencer, Wilson Rikard, Mason Fleischer, DeAngelo Guinn, Zachary Wilson, Travis Oates, Carsyn Bolin, Hannah Chapman, Lauren Biggers, Jada Mauney, Taylor Blanton.

Honorable mention - Samuel Baker, Phillip Quinn.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Kings Mountain City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday My 29, 2007 beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the City Hall. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, especially through Economic Development program. These funds are generally available to assist new or expanding businesses with infrastructure improvements that result in the creation or retention of qualifying jobs.

CDBG funds are provided to the state by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They are administered at the state level by the NC Department of Commerce through the Division of Community Assistance and the Commerce Finance Center.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Persons with disabilities who need assistance in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact the City Hall at least 24 hours before the meeting, so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

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