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To purchase a card or for more information, call or email Anne Gamble.

Middle school softball practice begins Aug. 25

A meeting will be held after school on Monday, August 25, 2008 for those interested in playing softball at Kings Mountain Middle School. Practice will start on August 26, 2008.

For more information, call Coach Don Sweezey at 704-538-3253.

Registration for KM YMCA sports available through August 29

Registration for T-Ball (ages 4-6), Baseball (ages 7-12), Softball (ages 7-15), and Youth Spring Soccer (ages 3-13) is available through August 29 at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA.

Financial assistance to participate is available upon request and need. For more information, contact the YMCA at 704-739-9631 or visit www.clevecoymca.org

Men's open fall softball league is now accepting teams

The Men's Open Fall Softball League is now accepting teams. The first eight teams with rosters of no more than 30 men, will be accepted.

Games will start the first week of September at Double Shoals Ballfield. Three games with an hour and 15 minute time limit will be held each night on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The entry fee to participate is \$425. For more information or to schedule a team, call Michael Howard at 704-482-0422 or 704-477-2021.

SPORTS

KM kickers to open season

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Sports Editor

Kings Mountain High's new men's soccer coach, Daniel Wydo, is putting out a plea for more players.

Not that he is not pleased with the ones he has. They are good athletes that are progressing well. But, there's just not enough of them.

Wydo, whose team opens its regular season Monday night at 6 p.m. against Hunter Huss at John Gamble Stadium, has only 14 players. Although he's confident he can put a good team on the field, over a 20-game regular season, especially if injuries set in, depth will be a problem.

Wydo welcomes all high school boys to come out for the team, either by showing up at practice each weekday afternoon at 6 p.m. or by contacting the school to get his telephone number and giving him a call. He said players are also welcome to come out after school starts on Monday, August 25.

Wydo, who has seven years of coaching in Gaston County, has only three seniors from last year's KM team that qualified for the state 3A playoffs. Nine seniors graduated. Most of this year's players so far are freshmen.

Four players that either started or saw a lot of playing time last year are Tony Chanthaphaeng, Brannigan Wheeler, Kyle Jarrell, and Tanner Deaton. Those four, along with senior Max Dove,

will be looked upon to provide outstanding play and leadership.

Joining the team this year is sophomore Jonathon Brucker, who played at Hope Christian last year, Matthew Hord and sophomore Reggie Pina, who moved to Kings Mountain from Florida. Other members of the team are Adam Bridges, Jordan Stowe, Derek Thammavosonga, Durham Harmon and David Dettloff.

"We're very young," Wydo says. "We will be limited in a lot of things. We have such a small squad. We have only 14 players and we're interested in picking up a few more. Being a new coach it's hard for me because I don't have any teaching experience at the school and don't know who to ask to come out. I want everyone who's interested in playing to know that they

can still come out for the team.

"I've talked to the boys straight up," he added. "We know it will be a rebuilding year. But we have a good solid starting squad. It'll be hard to tackle a 20-game schedule with 14 players. The key to our success will be if we pick up some more players. I believe we have a pretty solid lineup but if someone goes down to injury he will be hard to replace. We need to pick up three or four more players."

Wydo fully expects his team to improve as the season progresses. By mid to late season, after he's had the opportunity to work with the younger players, he says the Mountaineers could be a very good squad.

The Mountaineers should have one of the top players in the region in junior Tony Chanthaphaeng. Wydo calls

him a college prospect.

"He's an amazing player, definitely one of the best players in our region. He's one of the best I've seen. He's very solid," Wydo said.

Brucker also is very solid, and in time Wydo said he will also be a college prospect.

"From coaching in Gaston County for so long, I know all of the players over there," he said. "Tony's definitely right up there with them."

The Mountaineers will get a tough test at home on Tuesday, Sept. 2 when they host Ashbrook, then they will play away games against Hunter Huss, South Point and Crest before returning home on September 22 to host Chase in their first Southwestern Conference game.

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