

sports briefs...

Mountaineer netters beat Bulldogs 8-1

Kings Mountain defeated Burns 8-1 in a SWC tennis match Monday.

Singles

Chaney Barnes (KM) d. Michael Putnam 4-6, 6-1, 10-3; Matt Gray (KM) d. Isaac Xiong 6-2, 6-3; Davis Phanthalack (KM) d. Tony Davis 6-1, 6-1; Zach Proctor (B) d. Will Dixon 6-2, 6-4; Tanner Deaton (KM) d. Preston Thrift 6-1, 6-2; John Rabb (KM) d. Zach Blanton 6-1, 6-1;

Doubles

Gray/Phanthalack (KM) d. Putnam/Davis 8-5; Barnes/Dixon (KM) d. Xiong/Proctor 8-1; Deaton/Daniel Christenbury 8-6.

KM JV kickers beat South Point

Kings Mountain High's JV soccer team defeated South Point 3-1 Monday.

Whitney Moss scored two goals and Caroline Baker one for the Lady Mountaineers. KM travels to Asheville Friday.

JV baseball team loses to R-S Central

Kings Mountain's JV baseball team lost its first SWC game Monday, 4-1 to R-S Central.

Dallas Conner took the loss despite a complete game five-hitter. KM took a 1-0 lead in the first when Tyler Gilliam singled, was sacrificed to second by Kanaan Greene and scored on a hit by Conner.

Gilliam led the KM plate attack with 2-for-3. KM, 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference, plays at Chase Friday.

Young, team shine in season-opening track meet

By GARY STEWART
Sports Editor

Kings Mountain junior Terrance Young finished first in three individual field events and also ran a leg on the winning 4 x 100 meter relay team as Kings Mountain's Mountaineers opened their track and field season Tuesday with a win over Forestview, East Lincoln, South Point and North Gaston at Forestview's stadium.

Young won the triple jump (43'2"), the long jump (20'3.5") and the high jump (5'8"). He teamed with Courtland Cansler, Torrey Belcher and Trey Edgerton to win the 400 meter relay in 3:40.

Matt Bryan Turner won the pole vault with a jump of 10 and one-half feet.

Anthony McDonald won the 100 meter dash in 11.09 seconds and Torrey Belcher won the 400 meter dash in 52.34 seconds.

Shelton Watson, Tim Hines, Anthony McDonald and Chris Dye won the 4 x 100 in 44.79 seconds.

KMHS finished second in the 4 x 200 meter relay. McDonald was second in the 200 meter dash and Edgerton was second in the 400 meter dash.

Finishing third for the Mountaineers were Tim Hines in the long jump, Cameron Harris in the discus, and Justin Boyd in the 3200 meters.

Fourth were Xavier Jefferies in the triple jump, Chris Dye in the 200 meter dash and 100 meter dash, and the 4 x 800 relay team.

Fifth were Jake Lancaster in the discus and Boyd in the 1600 meter run.

Kings Mountain travels to R-S Central Thursday and the boys and girls teams will go to Burns Monday, April 6 for the annual Cleveland County Meet. Action begins at 4 p.m.

Patriots blank Lincoln for 1st win

By GARY STEWART
Sports Editor

Kings Mountain Middle's baseball team posted its first win of the season last Monday at Lincolnton, 18-0.

The Patriots put the game away with six runs in the top of the first inning. Wil Sellers and Addison Stinnett drew back-to-back walks to open the game. After a double steal Andrew Moore singled home Sellers with the first run.

A single by John Day and Alex

Grooms made the score 3-0. William Ruffalo added a two-run single and Colby Bailey singled home Ruffalo.

KM went on to score three more runs in the second, six in the third and three in the fourth to end the game in the fifth inning.

Sellers pitched perfect ball over the first three innings to get the win. He struck out three. Day pitched the final two innings and gave up two hits and fanned three.

KM finished with 16 hits and seven walks.

"The ball just bounced our way today with the hits just going between or falling just before they were able to make a play on the ball," noted KM Coach Monty Deaton.

Grooms led the attack with 4-for-4. Stinnett, Ruffalo, Sellers, Day, Moore and Bailey added two hits each.

"This was a much needed win and a confidence booster," said Deaton. "Hopefully we can take this momentum to the rest of the season."

Soccer

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Keeper Heather Stevens recorded the fourth shutout of the season.

"I was pleased with the effort of all players as they showed a lot of class," Potter said. "Chase really impressed my players with their development from their first season in 2008."

KM plays at sixth-ranked Asheville Friday.

KM Touchdown Club golf tourney April 17

The second annual KM Touchdown Club Golf Tournament will be played Friday, April 17 at Woodbridge. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start but all golfers will be served lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$50 per person. The format is four-person teams, Captain's Choice. The field is limited to 36 teams.

Red tees and mulligans are available for purchase. There will be prizes to the overall winners, as well as closest to the pin on par 3's and longest drive for men, women and seniors (age 60+).

Individual and business sponsorships are available for \$100, \$50 and \$25. All sponsors will be listed on the sponsor board which hangs permanently in the KMHS weight room.

All proceeds will go toward continued renovation of the KMHS weight room, which is used by all athletes and P.E. students at the school.

For more information contact Larry Hamrick at 704-739-3611 or email larry@warlickandhamrick-insurance.com

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING WORKSHOP, DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING AND TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE US 74 SHELBY BYPASS AND THE COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE US 74 IMPROVEMENTS IN MOORESBORO

TIP Project NO. R-2707 & R-4045 Cleveland County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Design Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at Cleveland Community College, located at 137 South Post Road, Shelby.

NCDOT representatives will be available at a Pre-Hearing Open House in the Auditorium on the campus of Cleveland Community College between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed projects. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours.

The formal public hearing for the proposed projects will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium on the campus of Cleveland Community College. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed design, and right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions, and/or comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

Anyone wishing to speak at the formal hearing may register to do so at the pre-hearing workshop, immediately prior to the formal hearing by calling Mr. Jamielle Robbins at (919) 431-6500. Speakers will be called in the order they registered. A five-minute time limit will be imposed for speaking in order to allow a fair opportunity for all those wishing to do so. Additional spoken comments will be received after those who registered have finished their comments.

Under TIP Project No. R-2707, NCDOT proposes to construct an 18.6 mile controlled-access freeway on new location to bypass Shelby. Bypass alternative 21 was chosen as the preferred alternative based on public comments received at the Corridor Public Hearing (January 26, 1999), comments made upon review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and agency coordination. The purpose of the project is to improve the traffic carrying capacity of the US 74 Corridor, thereby reducing the potential for future traffic congestion and improving safety.

Under TIP Project R-4045, NCDOT proposed to upgrade US 74 to full control of access from Mooresboro to the proposed Shelby Bypass (TIP NO R-2707). The project also proposes to replace the at-grade intersection of US 74 and US 74 Business (Elenboro Road) with an interchange. Full control of access means that preference is given to through traffic by providing access to a highway only at interchanges. There will be no intersecting roads or direct private driveway connections to US 74.

The public hearing will also serve as a Transportation Corridor Official Map Act Public Hearing for the US 74 Shelby Bypass in Cleveland County. Under this General Statute, building permits will be restricted within the protected corridor. The law does not allow building permits to be issued within the boundaries of the corridor for a period of three years after the application for the building permit is submitted.

Maps displaying the location and design of the projects and copies of the environmental documents, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and the Federal Record of Decision (ROD) for TIP NO. R-2707 and the Environmental Assessment (EA) for TIP NO. R-4045, are available for public review at the City of Shelby - City Manager's Office located at 300 S. Washington Street, Shelby NC 28151 and at the NCDOT Division Engineer's Office - Highway Division 12 located at 1710 E. Marion Street (US 74 Business), Shelby NC 28151. The maps are also available online at <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmapsbycounty/>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Jamielle Robbins, Human Environment Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1598, phone (919) 431-6500, or email: jarobbins@ncdot.gov. Additional written comments may be submitted to Mr. Robbins until May 14, 2009.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and serviced under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.