

Coaching changes at KMHS

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Sports Editor

Several coaching changes have been announced at Kings Mountain High School for the 2009-10 school year.

The most notable change is in women's soccer, where veteran head coach Dan Potter has retired from coaching and East Elementary teacher Lauren Sochacki has

been hired as his replacement.

Potter built both the men's and women's programs from the ground up. His teams produced numerous conference championships. His 2009 team won the Southwestern Conference for four straight years and advanced all the way to the 2009 state championship game.

Sochacki played high school and elite soccer in New Jersey and earned a full scholarship to Gard-

ner-Webb University. She played for the Lady Bulldogs for two years before suffering a career-ending injury.

She will be assisted by one of Potter's assistants, David Bumgardner, and newcomer Eli Wortman. Wortman will also be head cross country coach.

Wortman graduated from Crest High School, where he played soccer. He has been teaching in the

Raleigh area and will come to KMHS to teach math.

KMHS women's volleyball coach Brian Grant will take over as head coach of the JV women's soccer team. Grant has playing and coaching experience in soccer, having played high school soccer in his native New York. He played intramural soccer in college as his college did not offer competitive soccer. He previously coached the

JV men's team and KMHS.

Grayson Pierce is transferring to a history teaching position at KMHS after teaching at Crest last year. He will serve as head coach of the JV men's basketball and varsity men's tennis teams.

Pierce assisted John Wall with the Crest varsity men's basketball team last year. He is a Crest graduate and played basketball at Lees-McRae.

Potter

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"I never thought this day would come," Potter said. "I loved playing soccer and I loved coaching soccer. I really loved helping my kids love the game as much as I did, and all of them played at a pretty high level. I cherish that, now more than ever."

Potter said he would now be a "Lone Stranger" as far as sports is concerned. Because of his love for - and involvement in - soccer since eighth grade, he never played another sport.

"I will continue to teach," he said, "and, who knows, this may not be forever. It may just be a break but at this time it was the thing to do. I know I'm going to have the best garden in town."

Potter said he appreciated all of the support of his players, the administration and the athletic department at KMHS.

"I was thinking the other day about all the different principal I have worked under, and they were all so supportive," he said. "The current athletic department has been most supportive. Kevin Cruise (Assistant AD) went out of his way to get our stadium ready to play after that big rain left it standing in water, and Suzanne Grayson has been golden."

"I thank them and the players. Without players you don't have anything. It was a lot of joy."

Potter said he will continue his summer soccer camps in Kings Mountain and Shelby, and he won't be a stranger to John Gamble Stadium on game nights.

"I won't be out there every day at practice," he said, "but it sure will be fun watching them play."

End of year Bethware awards

Kindergarten - Reading - Shaylynn Sharpe, Randy Lyles, Brandon Bullock, Brandon Williams, and Jordan Stacks; Math - Ryne Smith, Nick Burrows, Seth Henson, Dustin Putnam, and Joshua Anderson; Writing - Marcus Odums, Kennedy Barnes, Austin Brown, Riddick Phonphet, and Andrew Mannino; Improvement - Orlando Odums, Blake Davis, Danielle Dedonning, Jon Hamrick, Lucy Cao, Daniel Thomas, Josh Giles, Nick Gibbs, Michael Meeler, and Tessa Hamrick; Character Education Students of the Year - Jordan Parker, Olivia Green, Isaiah Gregory, Tucker Leatherman, Grace Clark, Adam Metts, Gricelda Mayo, Cam Vongphakdy, Ashlynn Marr, and Nickolas Wright.

First Grade - Reading - Joey Stalker, Keaton Berryman, Amber Hall, Zachary Petras, and Nia Smith; Math - Lucy Northcutt, McKenzie Easler, Eli Radford, Bryce Fisher, and Nicholas Falls; Writing - Adam Green, Allie Darnell, Anazer Stephens, Alley Ogle, and Luke Johnson; Improvement - Alex Rhames, Kushel Koneni, nyla Scott, Haylee Ruff, Austin Ashe, Bryce Ball, Dylan Williams, Timothy Sisk, and Josh Visoso; Character Education Students of the Year - Josh Ball, Alissa Hunter, Abigail Donu, Matthew Allen,

Macie Sims, Randy Horn, Payton Goforth, Abby Aldridge, Stephanie Ramsey, and Issac Watson.

Second Grade - Reading - Ashlee Anthony, Robert Harmon, Alyssa Thompson, and Harley Jones; Math - Caleb Mayes, Anne Scott Baker, Katherine Yarulin, and Karmen Houser; Writing - Emily Johnson, Eleyna D'Angelo, Joshua Toppel, and Dustin Parker; Improvement - Thai Tuttanon, Bella Sherrin, Tyanna Sloan, Joshua Ledford, Mahogany Brown, Andrew Castellano, Laniasia Hamrick, and Cheyenne Daugherty; Character Education Students of the Year - Jasmine Guy, Deon Folsom, Kendra Thompson, Isaiah Dato, Serita Pegram, Haley Mabe, Caroline Ross, and Cassey Jones.

Third Grade - Reading - Ethan Brooks, Frank Stump, Ame Hall Emilee Cloninger, and Hunter Blanton; Math - Jada Roberts, Breaunna Broome, Makenzie Wright, India Patterson, and Travis Wright; Writing - Layne Galway, Peyton Green, Kaniya McClain, Jordan Chapman, and Paloma Dettloff; Improvement - Alex Chanthavong, Michael Brown, A'Kira Duncan, Nic Morris, Jarrod Wright, Drew Gibbs, Cameron Johnson, Kayla McClain, Justin Watkins, and

Tori Halvorson; Character Education Students of the Year - Daisy Mayo, Megan Ashe, Skylar Smith, Cailey Sheppard, Sammy Moore, Morgan Lanier, Mackenzie Ramsey, Paige Rollins, Phithamae Perry, and Kenny Ledbetter.

Fourth Grade - Reading - Brooke Patterson, Levi Johnson, Ashton Withers, Carmen Henson, and Zachary MacDougall; Math - Carl Balberan, Carrigan Leatherman, Trevor Rhea, Emily Parker, and Johnny Lopez; Writing - Deveon Gamble, Destiny NeeSmith, Landon Ervin, Elliott Mann, and Cassidy Rudnick; Improvement - Karly Floyd, Jacob Smith, Gavin Shockley, Traci Stewart, Cody Butler, Matthew Scoggins, Jessica Harmon, Joshua Jackson, Solita Pegram, and Alexis Conner; Character Education Students of the Year - Stephanie Berard, Makayla Bradley, Tamara Adams, Macey Bridges, Kassidy Hamrick, Reginald Wells, Lea Hamm, Alex Thomas, Jessica Dulin, and Dylan Thrift; Star Students - Darian McClain, Nathan Holland, Jessica McClure, Altrean Chapman, Darin Phaengkhamhak, Travis Green, and Dev Patel; Star Reading Students - Anna Blanton, Clemente Solis, Jaylee Mills, and Orlandus Gamble.

Art - Grady Hopper, Myla Athitang, Abigail Pennington, Victoria Brooks, and Hidi Green.

Music - Emma White, Hannah Neely, Baylee Marr, Natalie Hammett, and Kayla Capps.

Physical Education - Noah Moore, Hannah Leming, Justyn Friday, Ruthie Dover, Michael Grissom, Emily Graham, Harley Bradley, Charneice Crocker, Jacob Merchant, and Emily Graham.

DAR Good Citizen - Madalyn Harrill. Bethware Good Citizens - Kennedy Barnes, Bryce Fisher, Josh Toppel, Paloma Dettloff, and Octavio Perez.

Bethware Fair Queen - Evelyn Mayes. Buccaneer Spirit Award - Carrigan Leatherman. Bethware Leadership Award - Jacob Merchant.

Principals Awards - Isaiah Gregory, Anazet Stephens, Robert Harmon, Jada Roberts, and Elliott Mann.

EOG Awards - Highest Developmental Scores - Paloma Dettloff, Levi Johnson, Johnny Lopez, and Ame Hall; Greatest Gain - Mackenzie Ramsey, Jacob Smith, Ethan Brooks, Karly Floyd, and Ty'Nesha Smith; Perfect Scores - Ame Hall, Levi Johnson, and Johnny Lopez.

Bethware students win awards for 4th grading period

Bethware students won awards for the 4th nine weeks grading period at awards day recently.

Character Trait - Good Judgment - Joshua Fowler, Emma White, Nate Singletary, Olivia Moss, Ashlynn Marr, Ruthie Dover, Tyler Huntsinger, Austin Ashe, Hannah Neely, Nicholas Falls, Brian Ledbetter, Raegan Buchanan, Andrew Castellano, Hailey Nance, Ambria Edmondson, Frank Stump, Jarrod Wright, Landon Skidmore, Kayla Yarbrow, Stephanie Berard, Melissa Stacy, Trevor Rhea, Gabrielle Carter, and Paul Gamble.

Character Trait - Perseverance - Justin Borgo, Jordan Williamson, Rylie Carroll, Josh Giles, Andrew Mannino, Keyana Moore, Bridgett Lawson, Kylie Bearfield, Gage Baugham, Malaysia Roberts, Justin Gregory, Shane Shuler, Michael Rumpfelt, Kristina Mauney, Isaiah Dunovant, Michael Coomey, Morgan Lanier, Quincey Grier, Tori Halvorson, Brittney Walker, Gordon Varner, Matthew Scoggins, Lea Hamm, and Alexis Conner.

Handwriting - Aden Darnell, Nick Burrows, Savannah Byers, Gricelda Mayo, Samuel Goins, Keyana Moore, Abigail Donu, Luke Godfrey, Madison Philbeck, Malaysia Roberts, Morgan Bell, Georgia Moss, Kayla Ruiz, Gisselle Duran, Ethan Brooks, Niecey Springs, Jeromie Millwood, Ryley Brown, Cherlissa Barnes, Makayla Bradley, Makenzie Lawson, Matthew Scoggins, Megan Allen, and Alexis Conner.

Kindergarten Most Cooperative - James Moss, Randy Lyles, Tyanne Kelly, Josh Giles, and Selena Rivas.

Kindergarten Most Improved - Ethan Greene, Jordan Williamson, Heather Hill, Hannah Spencer, and Tyshawn Crocker.

Kindergarten Listener - Braeden Henson, Kennedy Barnes, Brianna Reid, Kenli Withers, and Jordan Stacks.

Top Buccaneers - Logan Cook, Kaniya Thompson, Key'Shawn Clark, Floey Sharpe, Valey Rivera, Tyler Dormeus, Madison Smith, Katelyn Randle, Talaysia Watson, Jon Hamrick, Alayah Dellinger, Donna Albea, Gracie Brown, Alex Nivens, Madisyn Shipman, Joshua Anderson, Mikayla Dudley, Kalb Peterson, Katlynn Barnette, Kushal Koneni, Leah Dudley, Wendy Mendez, Vince Mann, Janiya Black, Noah Dettloff, Destiny Best, Christopher Gray, Lucas Goforth, Anne Scott Baker, Eleyna D'Angelo, and Stephanie Lawson.

Christopher Reid, LaNasia Hamrick, Nathan Parker, Micah Randall, Julie Merritt, Makensi Corn, Tre' Crocker, Katura Pickney, Tevin Perry, Nathan Lease, Parker Rollins, Cooper Scarborough, Caleb Smith, Emily Maples, Evelyn Mayes, Gordon Varner, Brian Jenkins, Jake Merchant, Landon Ervin, Jessica Harmon, Gabrielle Carter, Cassidy Rudnick, Diamond Wesley, Barbie Trahan, Nathan Holland, Kaitlyn Fuqua, Darian McClain, Tommy Edwards, and Stephanie Berard.

Terrific Kids - Joshua Fowler, Hannah Leming, Tanner Lockhart, Elizabeth Coomey, Luke Bridges, Dylan Kitchin, Dev Patel, Jesse Yarbrow, Bailey Dulin, Destiny Adams, Kody Phillips, Ruthie Dover, Joshua McGinnis, Allie Darnell, Jacob Woods, Kylie Bearfield, Khia King, Angelica Harmon, Josh Visoso, McKenzie Williams, Alexander Stephens, Cameron Strickland, Shane Shuler, Brady Williams, Jacob Sherrill, Mahogany Brown, Hailey Nance, Caleb Watkins, Ambria Edmondson, Victoria Brooks, Michael Coomey, Hunter Cody, and Ame Hall.

Brandon Biddy, Alissa Bouttavong, Natasha Crawford, Kenny Ledbetter, Natalie Hammett, Austin Biddy, Jazz Vickers, Melissa Stacy, Deyawna Rollinson, Kaitlyn Moss, Cody Butler, Jessica McClure, Matthew Weaver,

Orlandus Gamble, and Solita Pegram.

Principal's Awards - Cayden McCuen, Nick Burrows, Alyssa Sims, Olivia Moss, Addy Hudachko, Josh Ball, Bridgett Lawson, Austin Ashe, Derek Acuff, Dawson Bledsoe, Sallie Presnell, Abigail Pennington, Dakota Stacey, Henry Varner, Daisy Hernandez Mayo, Ezyia Woods, Madison Shubert, Austin Sperling, Paris Stevens, Christian Parsley, Grayson Carter, Trevor Rhea, Brendan Ivester, and Zachary MacDougall.

AB Honor Roll - First Grade - Michael Thomas, Tristan Blanton, Bridgett Lawson, Jaylin Odum, Katlynn Barnette, Kushel Koneni, Tyler Hayes, Luke Godfrey, Sarah Phelps, Austin Ashe, Galand Yancey, Kantavyious Williams, Janiya Black, Dontae Burries, Vince Mann, Dylan Williams, Jozie Nail, Myla Athitang, Destiny Best, Justyn Friday, Tristan Henson, Kelsey Mertz, Stephanie Ramsey, Timothy Sisk, and Nia Smith.

Second Grade - Kelsie Allen, Sallie Presnell, Bella Sherrin, Thai Tuttanon, Shannon Smith, Patrick Butler, Dre'Shaun Davis, Kaylee Ashe, Raegan Buchanan, Shane Shuler, Tyanna Sloan, Daniel Morton, Haylee Pearson, Richard Perry, Stephanie Lawson, Mahogany Brown, Christopher Reid, Christian Godwin, LaNasia Hamrick,

Kristian Mauney, Caleb Walkins, Brady Williams, and Latasha Burns.

Third Grade - Layne Galway, Ethan Brooks, Daisy Mayo, Dina Phaengkhamak, Michael Brown, Jordan Goins, Julie Merritt, Sierra Suffecool, Micah Randall, Ezyia Woods, Harley Bradley, Hayley Spurlin, Maurissia Springs, Nicholas Morris, Breaunna Broome, A'Kira Duncan, Peyton Green, Drew Gibbs, Madison Shubert, Makenzie Wright, Ryley Brown, Cameron Johnson, India Patterson, Mackenzie Ramsey, Paige Rollins, Parker Rollins, Landon Skidmore, Austin Sperling, Tiger, Tuttanon, Natalie Hammett, Clemente Solis, Kenny Ledbetter, Holden Bullock, Phithamae Perry, Anna Blanton, Rebecca Smith, Justin Watkins, Caleb Smith, Tori Halvorson, and Kayla Yarbrow.

Fourth Grade - Stephanie Berard, Karly Floyd, Darin Guffey, Evelyn Mayes, Jazmyn Vickers, Deveon Gamble, Jaylee Mills, Ryan Randle, Deyawna Rollinson, Gavin Shockley, Melissa Stacey, Kelsi Withers, Karen Gray, Brianna Greene, Kaitlyn Moss, Mikayla Pearson, Matthew Scoggins, Reggie Wells, Alex Jenkins, Alexis Conner, Dylan Thrift, Johnny Lopez, Makayla Wilson, Octavio Perez, Paul Gamble, Garret Allen, Brandon Ball, Destiny Fuqua, Jessica Har-

mon, Joshua Jackson, Jessica McClure, and Chelsea Wray.

A Honor Roll - First Grade - Josh Ball, Sammy Campbell, Mikayla Dudley, Ruthie Dover, Adam Green, Mary Lowrance, Lucy Northcutt, Kaleb Peterson, Joseph Stalker, Abigail Donu, Allie Darnell, Keaton Berryman, McKenzie, Easler, Wendy Mendez, Anazet Stephens, Isaiah Cremeans, Eli Radford, Kylie Bearfield, Randy Horn, Macie Sims, Jacob Woods, Amber Hall, Leah Dudley, Derek Acuff, Abby Aldridge, Gage Baugham, Bryce Fisher, Payton Goforth, Jessica Sanchez, Caleb Jackson, Khia King, Hanah Neely, Alley Ogle, Zachary Petras, Madison Philbeck, Noah Dettloff, Nicholas Falls, Luke Johnson, and McKenzie Williams.

Second Grade - Ashlee Anthony, Morgan Bell, Lucas Goforth, Emily Graham, Christopher Grey, Emily Johnson, Caleb Mayes, Deon Folsom, Jasmine Guy, Anne Scott Baker, Eleyna D'Angelo, Robert Harmon, Georgia Moss, Jami Nivens, James Parsons, Abigail Pennington, Kayla Ruiz, Katherine Yarluin, Joshua Toppel, Chloe Thomas, Alyssa

Thompson, Gisselle Duran, Cassey Jones, Harley Jones, Karmen Houser, Baylee Marr, Dustin Parker, Caroline Ross, and Morgan Vongphakdy.

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