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KM bats silent in Big South losses

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers went into last week with a team batting average of .336 and eight of their nine starters hitting over .300.

But the bats fell silent in back-to-back losses to Forestview and South Point on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The results dropped the Mountaineers out of sole possession of third place into a four-way tie for third with a 2-3 conference record.

The Mountaineers were victims of a no-hitter by Forestview's Reilly Hovis in a 10-0 loss Wednesday night at Lancaster Field. The Mountaineers had some scoring chances due to Forestview errors and bases on balls, but couldn't put the ball between the outfielders.

The Forestview defense pulled several hit-saving plays to allow the sophomore right hander to pull off the no-hitter. The game was called after five innings on the 10-run mercy rule.

Forestview rolled to a 9-0 lead after two innings. Starter Chris Allen took the loss. Cody Austin and Wayne Dover pitched in relief.

Kings Mountain managed only three hits in a 6-1 loss at South Point Thursday night. Dallas Conner's home run accounted for the only run. Dylan Smith had two hits.

Kings Mountain is participating in the Shelby Easter Tournament this week. The Mountaineers resume Big South Conference play at home Tuesday against North Gaston.

Mountaineers win 25-0 over West Virginia team

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers stepped out of conference Monday afternoon to break their recent two-game losing streak.

After getting only three hits in back-to-back losses to Forestview and South Point in Big South 3A games Wednesday and Thursday, the Mountaineers exploded for 10 runs in the first inning en route to a 25-0, five-inning win over Scott High of West Virginia in the opening game of the Shelby Easter Tournament.

The win moves the Mountaineers into a semifinal round game Wednesday at 4p.m. against Clover, SC, an 8-7 winner over Shelby Monday night. Clover is coached by former KMHS athlete Darrell Van Dyke.

Brian Brown's triple ignited the big first inning rally by the Mountaineers. Dylan Smith hit a two-run home run and Cody Austin added a two-run double.

The Mountaineers collected 22 hits - their biggest output of the season - with Austin and Chris Allen leading the way with four hits each. Brown, Smith and Dallas Conner had three-hits apiece. Smith finished with six RBIs and Brown had four.

Austin, Wayne Dover and Wil Sellers shared pitching duties for the Mountaineers with Dover getting the win. Austin pitched the first inning but was lifted after the Mountaineers put 10 runs on the board in the bottom of the first.

Dover worked the next three innings, giving up the next Scott hit. Sellers, who was called up from the JV team, pitched the fifth inning and struck out the side.

Scholar athletes, teams honored

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has honored eight Kings Mountain High teams and 261 individual athletes for outstanding scholastic achievement during the fall and winter sports seasons.

To receive a team award, the team must achieve at least a 3.1 unweighted GPA. Individuals must achieve a 3.5 weighted GPA.

Teams receiving awards included:
Women's tennis - Elizabeth Baker, Morgan Burns, Casey DeVane, Katie Holland, Kimberly Luangrath, Emily Peeler, Brandie Penner, Diana Phanthalack, Michelle Philavong, Awanda Rithiphong, Vina Sananikone, Amara Sourisoud, Hunter Summitt, Jennifer Vasey, Morgan Weeks, Elizabeth Wells.

Men's soccer - Robert Bridges, William Bridges, Jonathan Brucker, Tony Chanthaphaeng, Tanner Deaton, Michael Early, Jose Gomez Cantarero, David Hanline, Walter Harmon, Devin Hullender, Ryan Hullender, Jordan Stowe, Keegan Sylvester, Derrick Thammavongsa, Carver Warren.
Volleyball - Sarah Blackburn, Jessica Burton, Sarah Fedyschyn, Nicole Ford, Emily Gates, Victoria Glass, Hayley Hoyle, Megan Hoyle, Cailyn Hughes, Tiara McClain, Kirstin Postell, Morgan Robinson, Emily Yarbro.
Cross Country - Jacob Boyd, Jared Boyd, Brian Edwards, Seth Ferrell, Adam Gardner, Taylor Gettys, Brandon Gilbert, Tyler Herndon, William McGill.
Cheerleading - Wendi Belt, Heather Black, Victoria Black, Kristen Boone, Emily Campfield, Aaron Conner, Lakia Cooper, Teal Curry, Ashley Frazier, Kirstin Gilbert, Kaitlin Goodson, Ellen Hall, Samantha Haskett, Savannah Horne, Sarah Jackson, Sofia Lopez, Ashton Orders, Meshala Pendergrass, La'Kendra Roberts, Alicia Watkins, Kylee Wideman, Destiny Williams, Ariana Wingo.
Basketball - Akua Adams, Myesha Black, Evan Bragg, Savannah Cash, Caroline Chambers, Trisha Davis, Rashaida Dimetros, Brandi Falls, Lakita Knox, Tiara McClain, Brittnee Roberts, Raven Thomas.

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Childers all-time wins leader at USC Upstate

Kings Mountain's Morgan Childers hurled three more victories last week to become the all-time leader in wins for the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Childers, a junior right hander, now has 70 wins, breaking the old mark of 69 set by Upstate Hall of Famer Kristy Middaugh.

And, Childers broke the record in typical Childers fashion, hurling a one-hitter and striking out 13 batters in a 7-2 win over Stetson.

"I'm really excited," Childers said about breaking Middaugh's win record. "But, honestly, I can't win these games without the team behind me. We win these games. Having the team behind me makes we want to win even more."

The game featured the top two pitchers in the A-Sun with Childers facing off against Amanda Lindsey of Stetson. Lindsey was the loser but came back in the second game of the doubleheader to pitch Stetson to a 1-0 victory.

Childers is now 20-3 on the season and the Spartans are 24-7 overall and 5-3 in the A-Sun. Childers is the team leader and among the nation's leaders in all pitching categories.

She has a 0.62 ERA and has struck out 261 batters and will soon top her school single season record of 277 which she set last year. She is already the school's all-time career strikeout leader with 761.

With 20 regular season games remaining - plus the post-season A-Sun tournament - it is conceivable that Childers could flirt with 40 victories and 400 strikeouts based on her averages thus far.

To date she has appeared in 24 games, including 19 starts and 17 complete games, and has worked 145.2 innings. Her opponents' batting average is one of the lowest in the nation at .105.

Childers started her final push for the win record last Tuesday at Gardner-Webb, where many of her family members and friends from Kings Mountain watched her pitch a three-hit, 6-1 win for her 68th career victory.

She had a shutout going into the bottom of the seventh, when Gardner-Webb got two of its three hits to score its only run. Childers struck out nine.

She tied the career record Friday on the Spartans' Cyrill Stadium field with a 3-0 win over Florida Gulf Coast. She again gave up only three hits and struck out nine.

Childers did not allow a base runner to get past second - and only three to even get that far.

Smith to sponsor baseball camp at KM

KMHS senior Dylan Smith's favorite school sport is baseball so choosing a new scoreboard as a senior project was a natural.

Smith, son of Eddie and Lisa Smith, will sponsor a baseball camp for students in grades 2-6 at the high school April 17. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and hitting and position instruction will be given by KMHS players and area college players from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The \$20 fee will also include lunch afterwards.

Call 704-689-4997 and leave a message for registration and more information.



GARY STEWART/HERALD
Torrey Belcher (behind) hands the baton to Shelton Watson in relay event in recent track meet at John Gamble Stadium.

Track teams sweep again

Kings Mountain High's track teams swept their fifth straight meet Tuesday.

The girls compiled 114 points to easily defeat Burns (46) and Crest (20). The boys won with 89 points, followed by Crest (76) and Burns (16).

Trey Edgerton and Cameron Harris were double winners for Dave Minnich's Mountaineers. Edgerton won the 400 and 200 meter runs and Harris won the discus and shot put.

John Robbs won the 300 intermediate hurdles, Tim Hines won the long jump and Josh Haraszkiwicz won the pole vault.

Alyssa White led the Lady Mountaineers with wins in the 400 meter (1:05.25), 800 meter (2:45.27) and 1600 meter (6:29) runs.

Sarah Fedyschyn and Brittnee Roberts were double winners for the KM ladies. Fedyschyn won the 300 meters (58.43) and triple jump (30'2"). Roberts won the long jump (14'9") and 100 meter dash (12.61).

Rashaida Dimetros won the shot (24'10"), Tiara McClain won the high jump (4'8"), Aneisy Cardon won the pole vault (6'6") and KM runners swept the 4x1, 4x2, 4x4 and 4x8 relays.

Paisley Williams and Fedyschyn finished 2-3 in the hurdles; Bell, Cooper and Gill were 2-3-4 in the 300 meters, Akua Adams was second in the 200 meters and Holmes, Williams and Boakye were 2-3-4 in the 400 meters.

Smith was third and Cardo fourth in the 800 meters. Cardo was second in the 3200 meters and Boakye was fourth in the 1600 meters.

Williams and Edwards were 2-3 in the high jump; McClain and Teal Curry were 3-4 in the triple jump; Destiny Williams was fourth in the long jump and Dimetros and Dawkins were 3-4 in the discus.

Kings Mountain's next meet is April 13 at Ashbrook.

Jared Boyd leads KM in golf match

Jared Boyd shot a 90 to lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in a Big South 3A golf match Thursday at Green Meadows in Stanley.

The match was originally scheduled for March 29 but was moved to Thursday because the course was under water from heavy rains on Tuesday.

The March 22 match at North Gaston was rained out and rescheduled for April 15.

Forestview won the match with a 285, followed by Ashbrook 303, Crest 312, South Point 316, North Gaston 351, KM 369 and Hunter Huss 369.

Other KM scores were Tray Sellers 91, Timmy Moore 92 and Devin Heath 96.

Kings Mountain's next match is April 12 at Gastonia Municipal. The Mountaineers will compete in the Cleveland County meet April 22 at Pine Grove.



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