

KM place for Lloyds

Football season is still four months away but it's again time to get excited in Kings Mountain.

The Mountaineers have been going through weight training for several weeks and now are beginning to get outside to work on skill development.

Small groups - no more than 21 a day - go out about three times a week. Before long it will be time for mini-camp, then summer 7-on-7 competition, and finally, on August 1, official practice will begin.

It's good to see the Mountaineers outside, and it's good to see head coach Greg Lloyd out there, too.

As most of you know by now, Lloyd's alma mater, Crest, lost head coach Roy Kirby to Dutch Fork, SC about a month ago and since that time there has been speculation that Lloyd could be the Chargers' next coach.

Lloyd ended that speculation last week when he declined an offer from Crest to succeed Kirby as the Chargers' head coach.

That had to be a tough decision for Lloyd since he grew up in the Crest community, played sports there and was an assistant coach there for several years. Lloyd was the offensive coordinator for two Crest state championship teams before landing his first head coaching job at East Gaston in 2005.

Lloyd recently completed his third year with the Mountaineers and that short stretch has already produced one of the best teams in school history. The 2008 Mountaineers finished 11-4 and fell just one game short of playing for the state championship. Lloyd is excited about the prospects for the Mountaineers in 2010 and well into the future.

As it should be, Crest made Lloyd its number one priority in its coaching search. Lloyd was willing to interview because he will always love Crest and has all the respect in the world for the people there. He was officially offered the job last Wednesday. He and his family discussed the matter for a couple of days, and on Friday Lloyd declined.

It had to be a gut-wrenching time for the popular KM mentor and his family, but the Lloyds have grown to love Kings Mountain and Kings Mountain has grown to love the Lloyds. Lloyd said there was a time when he would have said yes to Crest. Now is not the time.

"It's the only job I would ever consider leaving Kings Mountain for," he said. "Crest is first class and does things right. But Kings Mountain is the best place for Greg Lloyd and his family."

We wish Crest the best as their search continues. They will land a good coach and their football tradition will continue. But, as far as I'm concerned the big winner in this coaching search is Kings Mountain.



GARY STEWART
Sports Editor

Lady Mountaineers win Forestview Invitational

Kings Mountain High's women's track team won its second Invitational meet of the season and ran its overall record to 7-0 Tuesday with a victory over six area teams in the Forestview Invitational.

Crystal Miller's and Hailey Separman's Lady Mountaineers scored 141 points to defeat Forestview with 125, Hunter Huss 72, North Gaston 69, Shelby 45, South Point 38 and Bessemer City 19.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to run at South Point yesterday.

The Lady Mountaineers won only

two events but piled up the points by placing in the top five in 14 of the 17 events.

Brittnee Roberts won the long jump with a jump of 14.5" and the Mountaineers' 4 x 200 relay team finished first in 1:54.59.

Ak Boakye finished second, Tiara McClain third and Teal Curry fifth in the high jump.

McClain finished fourth and Destiny Williams fifth in the long jump.

Paisley Williams finished third and McClain fourth in the high jump.

Paisley Williams ran third in the

100 and 300 hurdles and Bell finished fifth in the 300 hurdles.

D. Adams ran third in the 100 meter dash and A. Adams was second, I. Edgerton fourth and L. Keith fifth in the 200 meter dash. Am Boakye was third and Holmes fourth in the 400 meter dash. Alyssa Smith was second and Aneisy Cardo third in the 800 meter run. Am Boakye was fourth in the 1600 meter run.

Cardo was fourth in the 3200 meter run. KM was third in the 4 x 400 relay and second in the 4 x 800 relay.

Sports briefs...

KM kickers beat Huss 6-1

Kings Mountain rebounded from a couple of recent non-conference losses to defeat Hunter Huss 6-1 in a Big South 3A soccer game Tuesday night.

Megan Loftin scored a hat trick for the Lady Mountaineers, who improved to 6-1 in the conference and 10-5 overall. Meagan Reynolds scored two goals and Chelsea Champion scored on a penalty kick.

Reynolds had three assists and Caroline Baker and Courtneigh Bumgardner had one each.

Patriot netters win division

Kings Mountain Middle's tennis team defeated Shelby 7-2 Tuesday to wrap up the Eastern Division championship in the Tri-County Conference.

The Patriots were scheduled to host Shelby, the Western Division champ, at 4 p.m. Monday for the overall league title.

Singles
Isaiah Cole (KM) won by forfeit; Arrick Rithiphong (KM) d. Hill Morgan 8-1; Donnie Malaythong (KM) d. Alex Nanney 8-3; Madison Lutz (KM) d. Chelsea Lee 8-3; Hannah Christenbury (KM) d. Kerri Byrd 8-0.

Doubles
Bean/Lee (S) d. Cole/Carisma 8-3; Dixon/Morgan (S) d. Devin Ayscue/Mason Dellinger 8-2; Alyssa Greene/Alex Martin (KM) d. Nanney/Byrd 8-2.

Patriot netters Whip R-S Central

Kings Mountain defeated R-S Central 6-3 in a Tri-County Middle School tennis match Thursday. The Patriots wrapped up the match early by winning five of the six singles matches.

Singles
Isaiah Cole (KM) d. Colnot 8-1; Raphael Carisma (KM) d. Sickle 8-6; Arrick Rithiphong (KM) d. Clark 8-1; Hines (RS) d. Donnie Malaythong 9-7; Madison Lutz (KM) d. Tomberlin 8-5; Hannah Christenbury (KM) d. Rector 8-3.

Doubles

Cole/Carisma (KM) d. Colnot/Sickle 8-6; Clark/Hines (RS) d. Rithiphong/Malaythong in a tie-breaker; Tomberlin/Rector (RS) d. Devin Ayscue/Mason Dellinger 8-5.

KMMS defeats Burns in tennis

Kings Mountain defeated Burns 6-3 in a Tri-County tennis match Wednesday.

Singles
Page (B) d. Isaiah Cole 8-2; Raphael Carisma (KM) d. Coats 8-5; Arrick Rithiphong (KM) d. Warren 8-2; Donnie Malaythong (KM) d. Fulbright 8-2; Madison Lutz (KM) d. Williams 8-2; Branch (B) d. Hannah Christenbury in a tie-breaker.

Doubles
Page/Coats (B) d. Cole/Carisma 8-6; Rithiphong/Malaythong (KM) d. Williams/Turner 8-1; Lutz/Christenbury (KM) d. Fulbright/Hamrick 9-7.

Patriots edge NL 7-6 in 9 innings

Kings Mountain Middle School wrapped up a share of first place in the Eastern Division of the Tri-County Conference Thursday with a 7-6, 9-inning win over North Lincoln.

The Patriots were scheduled to host Burns in a special playoff game for the Eastern Division crown Monday at Lancaster Field #2. The winner will advance to the conference championship game against Western winner Shelby.

Timmy Baucom and Daniel Barrett led the KM hitting attack and Landon Bolin was the winning pitcher.

Patriot kickers Win East division

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls soccer team defeated North Lincoln 3-0 Thursday to win the Tri-County Eastern Division with a 10-0-2 record. The Lady Patriots were scheduled to play Shelby Monday for the overall Tri-County championship.

Taylor Sanders, Lyndsey Barnes and Jamie Slater scored one goal each for KM. Courtney Johnson and Mikayla Price had one assist each.

KM fourth in County golf

Kings Mountain finished fourth in the annual Cleveland County Golf Tournament Thursday at Pine Grove.

Shelby won the event with a 289 score, followed by Crest 312, Burns 332 and KM 354.

Tray Sellers led the Mountaineers with an 84. Tim Moore shot 87, Stuart Smith 89 and Ryan Green 94.

Co-medalists were Spencer Jones and Cody Dellinger of Shelby, who shot 68.

KM golfers 7th at River Bend

Kings Mountain finished seventh in a Big South 3A golf match Wednesday at River Bend.

Forestview easily won the match with a low score of 280. James Chapman led the Jaguars with a 3-under-par 69.

Crest finished second at 334, followed by Ashbrook 335, South Point 345, North Gaston 350, Hunter Huss 379 and KM 382.

Timmy Moore led the Mountaineers with an 88. Tray Sellers shot 97, Nathan Fore 98 and Stuart Smith 99.

Legion baseball golf tourney set

Kings Mountain American Legion baseball will hold its fifth annual golf tournament May 22 at Woodbridge Golf Links.

Lunch will be provided for all players. Cash and prizes will be awarded to first and second places. There will also be a closest to the pin on all par three holes and long drive contest.

The cost is \$50 per player or \$200 per four-person team.

All proceeds will benefit the 2010 American Legion baseball team.

Booster Club BBQ May 7 at KMHS

The annual Kings Mountain High Booster Club barbecue will be held Friday, May 7 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the high school. All proceeds go to the KMHS athletic programs.

KM Hospice House has 'wish list' of items needed for opening

Kings Mountain Hospice House has announced a "wish list" in preparation for its opening.

All donations will be accepted at the Shelby Hospice administrative office until after the new facility opens in Kings Mountain.

The list includes:
Rubbermaid or plastic storage containers to store food and other items

Digital oral/axillary thermometers, tympanic thermometers

Two large coolers on wheels, two smaller coolers (a little larger than a six pack cooler)

Bath towels, washcloths, Kleenex, liquid anti-microbial hand soap, unscented lotion and baby wipes, denture cleaning tablets, hair dryer, curling iron

Twin size sheets, extra long with deep pockets, twin size blankets

Dish drainers for family kitchen and patient kitchen, detergent for hand washing and dishwasher, dishtowels, pot holders, dishcloths

Paper products, plates, cups, napkins of all sizes, plastic spoons, forks, and knives, paper towels, flexible straws, sippy cups, individually wrapped snack items and with expiration date a year out

Puzzles, games, DVDs—Disney or family oriented, toys for children's play area, bird feed

Monetary donations for medical grade equipment and appliances, and other needs as they arise. Piano for chapel must be in perfect condition; TVs for patient rooms.



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