Sports

Wingate Coach Joe Reich to speak at Touchdown Club Awards Night

Wingate University head football coach Joe Reich will speak at the third annual Kings Mountain Touchdown Club Football Awards Night Thursday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public. No meal will be served.

The event honors the members of the 2010 Kings Mountain High School football teams who combined for a 14-8 record.

The varsity Mountaineers finished 7-5 overall and tied for second in the Big South 3A Conference and the junior varsity team went 7-3 overall and second in the Big South.

A number of awards and trophies will be presented, and the Touchdown Club's announced.

Trophies to be presented include best defensive lineman, best linebacker, best defensive back, Dr. George Plonk Outstanding Defensive Player, best receiver, best offensive back, Fred Plonk Blocking Award, most outstanding offensive player, Iron Man Award, and KMTC Weightlifter of the

Varsity players that were selected to the All-Big South 3A Conference team will be recognized and certificates of participation will be given to players.

Coach Reich recently completed his 10th season as Wingate's head coach by leading the Bulldogs to their first-ever appearance and

scholarship recipient will be first win in the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Bulldogs finished 9-3 overall.

Reich has compiled a 66-43 record at Wingate after taking over a team in 2001 that finished 1-10 the year before. His 2010 team broke 35 school records on offense and special teams. The Bulldogs won their first playoff game ever 63-41 over Morehouse College.

The 2010 senior class posted 31 career victories, which is a school record. This year marked the fourth year in a row that the Bulldogs' senior class has matched or exceeded the previous senior class's

Under Reich's leadership, Wingate has been ranked in both the AFCA and D2Football.com polls at various times during every season since 2004.

Before taking over the Wingate program, Reich spent eight years as an assistant coach at the University of Buffalo. He was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Gettysburg College, and was a graduate assistant coach at Georgia Tech under Bobby

Reich was defensive coordinator at Buffalo during its transition from Division I-AA to Division I. His Buffalo defense recorded the school's first shutout in 10 yeas during the 1999 season. During the 1996 season Buffalo achieved its first-ever national ranking in the Sports Network Top 25 poll. The Bulls were ranked 25



JOE REICH

for two consecutive weeks.

His 1998 punt return unit led the nation in average per

Reich's first team at Wingate (2001) went 4-7 and the Bulldogs improved to 5-6 in 2002 and 2003. The Bulldogs went 8-3 in 2004, 5-5 in 2005, 8-3 in 2006, 7-4 in 2007, 8-3 in 2008 and 7-3 in 2009.

His 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2009 teams received votes in the final NCAA polls and his 2010 team probably will as well.

Two of Reich's players offensive lineman Casey Cogdill and defensive lineman Josh Yon - are former Kings Mountain Mountaineers. They will be returning to the Bulldogs next year as red shirt seniors.

Swimmers beat Shelby, Crest

Kings Mountain swept Shelby, Hunter Huss and Crest in a three-way meet last Tuesday at Neisler Natato-

The KM girls posted 125 points to edge Shelby with 122. Crest scored 29 and Huss 20.

The KM boys far out-distanced its competition, scoring 118 points to 58

Kings Mountain finished first in eight events. Alyssa White led the way with wins in the 200 meter individual medley (2:31.63) and the 100 meter breaststroke (1:18.60).

Abby Bragg, Taylor Pearson and Morgan Burns won the 200 meter medley relay in 2:18.22. Adam Brock, Stetfor Shelby, 43 for Huss and 20 for son Grigg, Johnathon Brucker and

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Austin Toney won the 200 meter medley relay in 1:58.47 and Brock, Grigg, Toney and Josh Barrett won the 400 meter freestyle relay in 4:00.24.

Devin Heath won the 200 freestyle in 2:36.32, Toney won the 200 IM in 2:19.36, and Grigg won the 50 free in

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King Pins 8, Killers Krew 0 KP - John Wilfong 122 game, John Schroter 326 set; KK -Zeke Rybczyk 100 game, 282

Just Got Whipped 6, Lucky Strike 2 LS - Mike Newton 110 game, 308 set; JGW - Gail Gybczyk 118 game, 329 set.

Standings: Lucky Strike 36-20, King Pins 30-26, Just Got Whipped 28-28, Killers Krew 18-38.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Blondie & The Bowlers 8, MR Ducks 0 Blondie - Joy Barrett 148 game, Bob Paramore 330 set. Ducks - Greg Evans 155 game, 414 set.

RJ's 8, KM Warriors 0 * RJ's - Jessy Wright 131 game, 366 set. Warriors -Tommy Barrett 137 game, 364 set.

Standings -KM Warriors 30-18, Blondie & The Bowlers 26-22, MR Ducks 20-28, RJ's 20-28.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Just Got Whipped 8, Killers Krew 0 JGW - Wilma Wilfong 112 game, 294 set. KK - Zeke Rybczyk 113 game, 297 set.

Lucky Strike 6, King Pins 2 LS - Ed Philbeck 135 game, 346 set; King Pins - John Wilfong 136 game, 324 set.

Thursday, Dec. 9

KM Warriors 6, MR Ducks 2 Warriors - Tommy Barrett 115 game, 321 set. Ducks - Greg Evans 130 game, 360 set.

RJ's 6, Blondie & The Bowlers 2 RJ - Jessy Wright 116 game, Ed Philbeck 327 set. Blondie -Bob Paramore 111 game, Allen Myers 310 set.

Thursday, Dec. 2

KM Warriors 8, Blondie & The Bowlers 0 Warriors - Tommy Barrett 131 game, 352 set. Blondie - Allen Myers 128 game, 337 set.

MR Ducks 4, RJ's 4 Ducks - Greg Evans 138 game, 366 set. RJ - Ed Philbeck 128 game, 330 set

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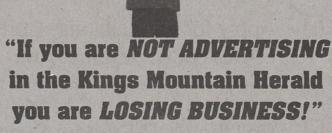
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