

# Late run lifts KM ladies over North Gaston

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Sports Editor

Kings Mountain pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth inning to defeat a good North Gaston team 1-0 in a Big South 3A Conference softball game last Tuesday night at Lancaster Field #3.

Sophomore southpaw Reagan Childers of the Mountaineers hooked up in a pitcher's duel with Sidney Mitchell of the Wildcats as both ladies pitched 5-hitters. Childers struck out nine in the first complete game performance of the year for a Mountaineer in BSC play.

Childers also got the winning rally going when she singled to center to lead off the bottom of the sixth. She was sacrificed to second by Taylor Faris, who was safe when the North first baseman dropped the ball.

Emily Bell went in to run for Childers. An out later, Caroline Chambers also gained life on an error and the bases were full of KM runners. After fouling off several pitches Caitlyn Brauns hit a routine grounder to second which was booted and Bell scored.

Childers issued her second walk of the game to North's leadoff batter in the seventh, but buckled down

to strike out the next two batters. Molly Morrow singled to right to put runners on first and second but Ashley Roper's grounder to third was handled cleanly by KM freshman Molly Short, who stepped on third for a force out to end the game.

Kings Mountain's defense played exceptionally well to back up Childers' strong pitching performance. Caroline Chambers and Tori Glass combined for a double play following a single by Mitchell in the fourth and Childers retired the next six batters in a row, including three by strikeouts, before issuing the leadoff walk to Burnell in the top of the seventh.

Brauns led the KM plate attack with 2-for-3 and Faris, Chambers and Childers added a hit apiece.



Kings Mountain's Taylor Faris slides around the tag to steal second base in the Mountaineers' 1-0 win over North Gaston.

## KM Middle falls to Burns

Kings Mountain fell to Burns 1-0 in a Tri-County Conference soccer match Monday.

The Lady Patriots were scheduled to play at West Lincoln yesterday and will host Lincoln in their final regular season game Thursday at 4 p.m.

## KM sports this week...

Wednesday, April 6

4 p.m. - Middle school tennis, Kings Mountain at Shelby

4 p.m. - Middle school soccer, Lincolnton at Kings Mountain.

4 p.m. - High school tennis, Crest at Kings Mountain.

5 p.m. - High school soccer, Kings Mountain at South Point (JV/V)

6 p.m. - High school softball, North Lincoln at Kings Mountain.

Thursday, April 7

1:30 - High school golf, all Big South teams at North Gaston (Briar-creek)

4 p.m. - Middle school baseball, Lincolnton at Kings Mountain.

4 p.m. - High school tennis, Kings Mountain at Forestview.

TBA - High school track, Kings Mountain in Shelby Invitational.

7 p.m. - JV baseball, South Point at Kings Mountain.

Friday, April 8

6 p.m. - High school softball, Kings Mountain at South Point

7 p.m. - High school baseball, Kings Mountain at South Point

Monday, April 11

4 p.m. - Middle school tennis, Kings Mountain at RS Central.

TBA - Middle school soccer, first round of Tri-County playoffs.

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5:15 - High school soccer, Statesville at Kings Mountain (JV/V)

Tuesday, April 12

TBA - High school track, Big South Conference meet at Crest (continues April 13).

## Duckpin Bowling

League results from Mountain Lanes Bowling Center:

Tuesday, March 29  
Killers Krew 6, Just Got Whipped 2  
Killers - Steve Newton 120 game, 313 set; JGW - Gail Rybczyk 111 game, 298 set.

Lucky Strike 4, King Pins 4  
LS - David Eades 115 game, 294 set; KP - John Schroter 132 game, 347 set.

Standings - Killers Krew 22-10, King Pins 16-16, Lucky Strike 14-18, Just Got Whipped 12-20.

Thursday, March 24  
Blondie & the Bowlers 8, RJ's 0  
Blondie - Allen Myers 133 game, 393 set; RJ - Ed Philbeck 132 game, Jessy Wright 333 set.

MR Ducks 6, KM Warriors 2  
Ducks - Colleen Philbeck 91 game, 264 set; Warriors - Tommy Barrett 142 game, 326 set.

Standings - Blondie 22-2, RJ 14-10, MR Ducks 8-16, KM Warriors 4-20.

## Hines named top scholar athlete

Tim Hines, Kings Mountain High School senior and son of Mitzi and Charles Hines of Kings Mountain, is McDonald's/WOHS Scholar Athlete of the Month for accomplishments not only in athletics but for achievements in the classroom and for overall school citizenship.

Hines has earned a 4.850 grade point average

at KMHS while taking numerous advanced placement classes including Calculus AB, Calculus BC, World History, English IV and Statistics. He serves as president of the Spanish Club and has tutored Middle School students.

A member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, he is a Building Wisdom Disciple and tutors younger children. He also sings in the

church choir and serves on the usher board. He works at McDonald's.

After high school graduation he plans to attend Davidson College and major in Biology or Psychology and become a forensic psychiatrist.

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