



Jake Lancaster of Kings Mountain competes in the shot put during Thursday's track and field meet at John Gamble Stadium.

Photos by GARY STEWART

Kings Mountain swept South Point, Hunter Huss and North Gaston in the season-opening track and field meet Thursday at John Gamble Stadium.

The meet was originally scheduled to be held at South Point but was moved to KMHS because of bleacher concerns at South Point's Lineberger Stadium. This Thursday's meet between the same four teams, which was originally scheduled for KMHS, will be held at South Point.

The Kings Mountain men won eight of the 18 events to score 105 points and out-distance South Point's 76, North Gaston's 47 and Huss' 37.

The Lady Mountaineers ran away from the field with 136 points, followed by South Point 57, Huss 39 and North Gaston 12.

Mountaineers sweep opening season track meet



Kings Mountain's Brittany Poeng competes in the high jump in Thursday's track meet at John Gamble Stadium.

Cassie Morton and Brittany Poeng were double winners for the Kings Mountain ladies. Morton won the 1600 meter run in 6:13 and the 800 meter run in 2:38.52. Poeng won the long jump with a leap of 13'11" and the triple jump at 28'8.5"

Other first place winners were the 4x800, 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams; Erica Carpenter in the 300 meter hurdles (59.19); Aneisy Cardo in the pole vault (6'6"), Stephens in the shot put (27'1 3/4") and Dawkins in the discus (78'11 3/4").

Chelsea George was second in the 100 meter hurdles.

Carpenter was fourth, Wilson sixth and Gill seventh.

Mackey was third in the 100 meter dash, followed by Hutchens in fifth and Hunter in sixth.

Annamarie Fulbright ran third in the 100 meter run and R. Patel was fourth.

Green was third, Bradshaw fourth and Williams fifth in the 400 meter run.

Wilson was third in the 300 meter hurdles. Chapman, Cardo and Patel ran fourth, fifth and sixth respectively in the 800 meter run.

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KM nine fall to Lions in ten, beat Burns 4-1 in home opener

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Kings Mountain's Mountaineers opened their season last Wednesday at Shelby with a tough 5-4 loss in 10 innings but bounced back in their home opener Friday to take an impressive 4-1 win over the Burns Bulldogs.

The first five Mountaineer batters reached base safely in the bottom of the first - four on hits and one by error - and they took a 4-0 lead that held until the Bulldogs finally tallied in the top of the seventh.

Senior right hander Heath King held the Bulldogs hitless over the first three innings and finished with an

8-hitter and 10 strikeouts.

After the Bulldogs went down in order in the top of the first, Wil Sellers singled sharply to center to get the Mountaineer offense going. King reached on an error and Sellers scored on a single to right by Mitchell Cloninger to give the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead.

Dallas Conner followed with a run-scoring double and Alex Reynolds' run-scoring single made it 3-0 before Burns pitcher Philip Black finally recorded an out on Brian Webster's pop-up to first. KM's final run came on an infield out by Trey Fulbright.

Sellers went 3-for-3 and Conner 2-for-3 to pace a 8-

Hey Batter, Batter!



Kings Mountain's Heath King works on a victory over Burns in Mountaineers' home opener Friday at Lancaster Field.

hit Mountaineer attack. Cloninger, Reynolds and

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KM netters lose opener

Kings Mountain fell to Shelby 7-1 in its season-opening tennis match Tuesday in Shelby.

Alex Lovelace was KM's only winner, taking the #6 singles match over Alex Nanny of Shelby.

Singles

Reywebb Parker (S) d. Chaney Barnes 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Will Lutz (S) d. Isaiah Cole 6-1, 6-0; Miles Poage (S) d. Arrick Rithiphong 6-3, 6-2; Dennis Beam (S) d. Devin Ayscue 6-0, 6-0; Alex Tillman (S) d. Alex Martin 6-1, 6-1; Alex Lovelace (KM) d. Alex Nanny 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles

Lutz-Tillman (S) d. Rithiphong-Ayscue 8-0; Beam-Nanny (S) d. Martin-Jordan Bullins 8-1.

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