

**MOUNTAINEERS: sweep opening season track meet, men and women leave field victorious**



Kings Mountain's Tyler Ward hands the baton to teammate Logan McGill in relay race during Thursday's track meet at Gamble Stadium.

GARY STEWART/HERALD Erica Carpenter and Chelsea George lead the way in the hurdles for Kings Mountain's track team in Thursday's meet at Gamble Stadium.



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George finished third in the 200 meter dash. Hutchens was sixth and White seventh. Mackenzie Smith was second in the 3200 meter run and Cordell was fourth. Sarah Scism and Brezaira Saenz finished second and third, respectively, to teammate Brittany Poeng in the long jump. Williams, Green and Poeng were 2-3-4 in the high jump. Scism was third in the triple jump. Brown was fourth. Whiteside finished second to Stephens in the shot put. Weaver was fourth. The Kings Mountain men were strong in the relays, winning both the 4x200 and 4x100 and finishing second in the 4x800 and 4x400. Members of the winning 4x100 team were John Robbs, Tico Crocker, Jacob Lineberer and Jordan Ford. Members of the 4x200 team were Robbs, Xavier Johnson, Lineberger and Ford. Members of the second place 4x400 team were Baron Crawford, Ford, Riley Brock and Zack Grant. Members of the second place 4x800 team were Rae'Quan Allen, Will

Boyles, Tyler Ward and Logan McGill. Jason Dawkins won the 110 high hurdles in 20.93 seconds. Logan McGill won the 1600 meter run in 5:34, followed closely by teammate Rae'Quan Allen in 5:39. Collins Foster won the 3200 meter run in 12:16, with Allen finishing second at 12:25. Will Boyles was fifth in 13:20. Kings Mountain took four of the five places in the triple jump, led by Wesley's Smith winning jump of 39 feet even. Justice Taylor was second, Keeneh Dimetros fourth and Joshua Beheler fifth. Jonathan Boone won the pole vault with a leap of 8'6". McGill finished third. Jake Lancaster won the discus with a throw of 134 feet even. Kaven Swann was fourth. Baron Crawford finished fifth in the 400 meter run, Dawkins was fourth in the 300 hurdles and Smith and Collins Pressley finished third and fourth, respectively, in the long jump. Smith was second, Pressley fourth and Xavier Johnson fifth in the high jump. Lancaster was third and Matt Turner fifth in the shot put.

**Rotary golf tourney April 20**

The Kings Mountain Rotary Club will hold its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, April 20, at the Kings Mountain Country Club, starting with lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:45 followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The deadline to enter in the four golfer captains choice tournament is 6 p.m. April 19. The entry fee, including lunch, is \$240 per team or \$60 per golfer. Team cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place and individual prizes for hole-in-one, closest to the pins, longest drive and a putting contest. Door prizes will also be awarded. Proceeds will benefit the KM Rotary Club's educational scholarships. For more information, call Jim Champion at 704-692-2897.

**IN COLLEGE SPORTS**

**Robinson leads Bears in hitting**

After 22 games, Kings Mountain's Rai Robinson leads the Lenoir-Rhyne baseball team in four offensive categories. Robinson is the Bears' leading hitter with a .346 average and also leads the team in at-bats (81), hits (28) and runs batted in (20). In addition, he has six doubles and two home runs.



GARY STEWART/HERALD Kings Mountain's Dallas Conner rounds third and heads home with a run in the first inning of Friday's win over Burns.

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Andrew Moore added a hit apiece. Brandon Alexander had two doubles for the Bulldogs, the latter driving in Josh Beam, who had reached on an infield hit in the top of the seventh. After that hit, King struck out his mound opponent, Black, to end the game. Kings Mountain grabbed the early lead at Shelby Wednesday, and scored in the top of the 10th to go up 4-3 before Shelby rallied to score two runs with two outs in the bottom of the inning. Alston Bridges' single to right off KM relief pitcher Wil Sellers plated the winning run for the Lions. Michael Spakes' RBI single tied the game. Mitchell Cloninger singled and scored on a single by Alex Reynolds to give the Mountaineers the lead in the top of the inning. Reynolds, Chris Webster and Tyler Gilliam had two hits each to lead the Mountaineer offense. Dallas Conner started for the Mountaineers and allowed only two hits while striking out eight over the first six innings. Two of the three runs off him were unearned. The Mountaineers' scheduled JV/varsity doubleheader with Fred T. Foard Saturday was rained out and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 21. JV action begins at 4:30 and varsity at 7 p.m. The Mountaineers were scheduled to face Hickory High School at the Hickory Crawdads Stadium Tuesday. They host West Lincoln in a JV/varsity doubleheader today at 4 p.m. and get a re-match with Shelby Friday at 5 p.m. at Lancaster Field. They open Big South Conference play Tuesday at 7 p.m. at South Point.

**KM Middle falls to Crest**

Kings Mountain Middle School's tennis team lost to Crest 7-2 Monday. Kings Mountain winners were Dylan Ervin in singles and Gibson Conner and Carrigan Leatherman in doubles.

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