



Kings Mountain Middle School's golf team repeated as Tri-County Conference champions in last week's conference match at Lincoln Country Club. Left to right are Chase Johnson, Logan Fleming, Blake Reynolds, Coach David McDonald, Micah Randall, Harrison Conner, Alex Goff, Trenton Carson, Natalie Lutz and Tyler Withers.

## Patriot golfers repeat as conference champs

Kings Mountain Middle School's golf team successfully defended its Tri-County Conference championship in last week's conference match at Lincoln Country Club.

The Patriots now have an unbeaten streak of 43-0, going 22-0 last season and 19-0 this year.

This year's team had three returning players - Harrison Conner, Tyler Withers and Alex Goff.

"I have three players that I know can shoot under 40 on nine holes every time out," said Coach David McDonald. "Also, I have been blessed with a couple of seventh graders along with a few eighth graders who did not play last year. They have all stepped up to add to our depth."

"I have been very fortunate to have the talent and the skilled players that I have had. I remember the first day of practice. I felt like we had a shot at doing it again. I told them every day that each shot counts."

Last week's conference match consisted of nine teams from Cleveland, Rutherford and Lincoln County. Each team was allowed to play six players with the lowest four scores being counted.

The conference match is different than regular season matches as it is 18 holes instead of nine. After all 54 players had finished the back side at Lincoln Country Club twice, KMMS turned in a winning score of 317 to beat second place Crest (336) by 19 strokes. North Lincoln finished third at 345, followed by East Lincoln 354, West Lincoln 363, Shelby 374, Rutherford County 400, Burns 404 and Lincoln 416.

Medalist was Kings Mountain's Alex Goff who shot an even par 72, one shot better than East Lincoln's Lance Rowe.

"I knew Alex bogeyed the first hole; however, he came back and birdied the second," McDonald said. "That is just who he is. He just gets it. After he finished he was a little bothered that he did not shoot in the 60s, which he could have. He has a great future."

Tyler Withers came in fourth with a 76.

"That is one kid who has come a long way from last year," McDonald said. "He has worked very hard. He is a well rounded, great kid."

KM's other two recorded scores were by seventh graders Trenton Carson with an 83 and Natalie Lutz with an 86.

"Trenton played out of this world," McDonald said. "He made three birdies. Kings Mountain Country Club said he was there all summer working on his game. After practice, he would stay with his father and play until dark. It paid



Alex Goff tees off on hole #11 at Lincoln Country Club.

off for him.

"Natalie has been so consistent all year. She is just an overall good athlete. I expect both of them to get a lot better for next year."

At the end of the day, McDonald said the team knew what hard work will do.

"We want to thank the Kings Mountain Country Club for all their assistance this year and their willingness to allow the golf team to practice there," he said. "I also want to thank the parents and especially the golf team for another great year. I just want the community of Kings Mountain to know what kind of job the parents have done raising their children. Almost every one of the golfers are not just getting in done on the golf course, they are straight A students who are respectable and who do it the right way."

Kings Mountain Middle's golf team includes Natalie Lutz, Trenton Carson, Tyler Withers, Logan Fleming, Blake Reynolds, Micah



Tyler Withers putts for Patriots.

Randall, Harrison Conner, Chase Johnson and Alex Goff.

## Rec Soccer results

U8 - RestCo 12, Champion Studios 0

Goals: RestCo: Nate Bookout 4, Carson Barnett 3, Henry Gil 1, Mallory Drum 1, Landon Cloninger 3

Jones Family Practice 5, American Restoration 0

Goals: Jones Family Practice: Max Martin 1, Grady Morgan 1, Charlie Schweppe 2, Hunter Plaster 1

CookOut 7, Roger's Automotive 3

Goals: CookOut: Braeden Bostic 1, Ramsey Brooks 1, Mary Hogue 3, Melia Myers 2

Goals: Roger's Automotive: Cadance Setzer 1, Logan Granniss 1, Cayson Sloan 1

U12- SouthEastern Products 2, North Point Custom Builders 0

Goals: SouthEastern Products: Molly Pruitt 1, Leslie Gonzalez 1

Baldor 6, Boys and Girls Clubs 0

Goals: Baldor: Keely Bryant 1, Noah Manske 1, Drew Robertson 1, Colby Silva 3

U14- Computer Connections 3, McIntyre Law Firm/Monroe Tire 1

Goals: Computer Connections: Myles Summey 2, Reynolds Montgomery 1

Goals: McIntyre Law Firm/Monroe Tire - Hart Bridges 1

U16 - Morris Scrap Metal 1, Fuzzy Peach 0

Goals: Morris Scrap Metal: Tony Yanez 1



An A.C. Reynolds defender tries to block a kill attempt by Kings Mountain's Natalie Fedyschyn in last week's NCHSAA volleyball playoff game at the KMHS gym.

## KMHS: spikers defeat Reynolds, fall to St. Stephens

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of the match." Kings Mountain scored the last six points of the first set to take the victory, with the last four points coming on three serving aces from Logan Smith and a set-ending kill from Bolt.

Kings Mountain fell behind again early in the second set. Smith broke a 12-12 tie to give the Mountaineers the lead for good. With KM up 18-13, Reynolds took a time out but KM came back and run the lead to 21-13 on a kill by Sarah Blalock.

Kings Mountain got off to a slow start at St. Stephens, losing the first set 25-14. They rallied in set two, falling by just 25-23, but the Lady Indians finished strong with a 25-11 win in the third set.

"When we lost the second set by just two points, I had all the confidence in the world that we would at last

either beat them or at least give them a run for their money," said Coach Pridgeon, who had seen her team lose twice to the Hickory school in the regular season.

"In the third set they built a big lead and I think we realized they were going to win. They're a really tough team all around. But we gave a valiant effort."

The Lady Mountaineers, champions of the SMAC 2A/3A Conference, ended their season with a 18-5 record.

"I am very pleased for the girls and all they accomplished," Pridgeon said. "It was an awesome feeling this year. W started off rocky, going five sets with some teams we probably shouldn't have. But we got stronger as we went along, which is what you want to do. I probably did my least amount of coaching from the sidelines."

## KM: falls late to Chase, idle this week

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"It was good to see Xavier Johnson play," Lloyd said. "He was probably about 70 percent. He's not well but he wanted to play and it was good to have him out there."

"The offensive line did a good job. Cory Hester at center had a really good game."

At this time, Lloyd said Merchant is a question mark for the East Burke game. One thing on his side is that the game is over a week away.

"His ankle's not broken but it's a bad sprain," Lloyd said. "But I wouldn't rule him out. It's a good thing we

have a week off. We need him. Losing him is like losing two guys because he starts on both sides of the ball. Hopefully Jake can play and Xavier should be a lot better by then. We need both of them out there."

Several other Mountaineers, including freshman running back Darian McClain who has missed the last two games, are out for the season.

"If you have a certain amount of bad luck for a lifetime and can use it up, I sure hope we've used it up in one full swoop," Lloyd said.

The Mountaineers will practice three days this week and go heavy next week to

get ready for East Burke, which is also seeking its first SMAC win.

"It's important that we win," Lloyd said. "We want our seniors to go out with a win and we don't want to take a losing streak into next year. We're going to work hard to win this last game."

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