



Coach Craig Short congratulates Emily Hester on first inning home run against Burns.

## KM softball beats Burns and Ashbrook

Kings Mountain High's softball team defeated 11-2 and Ashbrook 10-0 last week but was upset by last place Shelby 6-5 in a SMAC game Friday night.

A four-run first inning sparked the Lady Mountaineers over Burns Tuesday at Lancaster Field #3. Emily Hester's two-run home run increased the margin to 8-0 after two innings.

Hester finished with 3-for-3 with a single, home run and double, and drove in four runs. Miranda Ellis was 3-for-3, Mikeala Bell 2-for-3 with one RBI, and Leah Herndon had a double to lead off the four-run first inning. Cassidy Hamrick went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Hester went the distance on the mound, allowing only two runs on five hits. She walked four and struck out six.

The KM ladies went out of conference Wednesday to

battle their former Big South 3A opponent Ashbrook in Gastonia.

Hester again had a big day, going 2-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs. She pitched the first five innings to get the win. She gave up no runs, no walks and only two hits. She fanned six.

Kassidy Hamrick had another big day at the plate, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Mikeala Bell had two hits and one RBI, and Molly Short was 2-for-3.

Shelby scored in the bottom of the seventh to break a 5-5 tie and earn their first SMAC win after conference losses Friday in Shelby.

Ellis led the Lady Mountaineers with three hits. Hester, Bell and Short had two each.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to host Draughn last night and will play its final pre-Easter game Thursday at 6 p.m. at Crest.

# Track ladies win at Forestview

Kings Mountain's girls scored 148 points to defeat six other schools and win their fourth straight Forestview Invitational Thursday at Forestview.

Following the Mountaineers were Shelby with 142 points, Forestview 81, South Point 67, North Gaston 33, Burns 25 and Hunter Huss 25.

The Mountaineers got outstanding performances from:

-Emily Harris, who took second in the discus with a throw of 52'8.5".

-Brittany Poeng, who took first place in the high jump with a jump of 4'6".

-Betzaira Saenz, Sarah Scism and Brittany Poeng, who took third through fifth, respectively, in the long jump.

-Gwen Hopper (30'6"), Sarah Scism and Brittany Poeng who were second, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the triple jump.

-4x800m relay team of



Emily Harris throws the discus for KMHS women's track team.

Mariah Roberts, Mackenzie Smith, Montanna Smith and Cassie Morton, who took first with a time of 11:36.34. Erica Carpenter (18.90) and Ja'Myiah Pressley

(19.09), who took second and third, respectively, in the 100m hurdles.

-Sarah Bradshaw, who was fourth in the 400m dash with a time of 1:10.47.

-Tynesha Merriman, who ran first in the 200m dash in 26.72.

-4x100m relay team of Tyquassia Mackey, Ja'Myiah Pressley, Gwen Hopper and Tynesha Merriman with a time of 53.16.

-4x400m relay team of Mariah Roberts, Sarah Bradshaw, Tynesha Merriman, and Betzaira Saenz with a time of 4:35.

-Mackenzie Smith and Cassie Morton, who finished second and third, respectively, in the 3200m run.

The Lady Mountaineers were scheduled to go to Shelby yesterday for the SMAC Conference Throwing Championship. The remainder of the team will travel to Lenoir-Rhyne University today for the SMAC conference championship.

Kings Mountain is going after its third consecutive conference title, the previous two being in the Big South 3A.

# Mountaineers fall to Burns 10-8, defeat Shelby 4-2 in 10 innings

Kings Mountain fell to first place Burns 10-8 and defeated Shelby 4-2 in 10 innings in SMAC 2A/3A conference games last week.

Wednesday's makeup game at KM's Lancaster Field saw the Bulldogs hold on for victory after the Mountaineers rallied in the bottom of the seventh.

Burns built a 10-5 lead going into the bottom of the seventh but the Moun-

taineers closed the margin to 10-8 on a run-scoring double by Alex Reynolds and RBI singles by Daniel Barrett and Cameron Bullock. The Mountaineers had the potential tying runners on first and third when the Bulldogs recorded the final out.

Will Wilson led the KM offense with two doubles and two runs. Reynolds and Barrett also had two hits and

two RBI each.

Brandon Bell tripled home Reynolds with the winning run in the top of the 10th Friday at Shelby. Bell tallied an insurance run on a double by Alex Grooms.

Reynolds topped the rubber in the bottom of the inning and retired the Lions in order to seal the deal. He worked 3.2 innings in all, allowing just one hit and fanning five.

Landon Bolin worked the first 6.1 innings.

Bell, Grooms and Barrett led KM at the plate with two hits each.

The Mountaineers were scheduled to host Draughn last night and will host Crest in their final pre-Easter game Thursday. They will play in the annual Shelby Easter Tournament next week.

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## KM JV baseball wins 10th

Kings Mountain High's JV baseball team ran its record to 9-1 in the SMAC and 10-2 overall Wednesday with a 5-1 victory over Burns at Lancaster Field.

Bryson Bailey worked three innings on the mound. He allowed just three hits, no earned runs, walked one and struck out four. He also had two singles and a RBI double.

Hunter Cash went 2-for-3 for the Mountaineers.

## FOOD INSPECTIONS

The Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following facilities in the period between March 17 and March 28.

Blackwoods Drive-in: 97.0; Ingles Deli: 94.5; Kings Mountain Hospital: 98.0; Linwood Restaurant: 92.0; Mountain View Restaurant: 95.0; Swooger Shack: 97.0; Weiner Works: 95.5; Jan and Blecka's Catering: 98.0.

Smokin' Mountain Boys: 96.5; West Elementary: 99.5; Duke Energy cafeteria: 95.0; Griffin Drug Center: 94.5; Woodbridge Golf Club: 92.0; Food Lion 1320 Shelby Rd.: 98.0; Food Lion 1320 Meat Market 1320 Shelby Rd. 98.0.

Inspections March 31-April 4 included: Hardees of Kings Mountain 98; and Ingles 147 Meat Market 98.5.



Madelynn Frye and her doubles partner Alexis Galloway won the City of Statesville Junior Open Doubles Tennis Tournament on April 11-13. Madelynn, seeded #1, and Alexis, seeded #2, played a great match for the finals on Sunday. Madelynn then went on to win the girls 12 singles championship of the same open. Madelynn is the daughter of Wesley and Elicia Frye of Claremont and granddaughter of Lynda and Randy Frye of Kings Mountain. Alexis is the daughter of Patty and Keith Galloway of Charlotte.



Kings Mountain's Kimberlee Farris (7) battles against a Burns defender in last week's game. Burns won 2-1. Photo by Gary Smart