

Hall of Fame induction set for Saturday

The 28th annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony will be held Saturday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church on South Piedmont Avenue.



Leigh



Rickenbacker



Childers



Hollifield

Distinguished Service Awards, in appreciation of their longtime support of Kings Mountain youth

athletics, will be presented to Bob Smith, Catherine Hicks, Paul Ingram and the late Dale Putnam. Putnam's award will be accepted by his brother, Philip Putnam.

In addition, numerous Kings Mountain High seniors will receive college scholarships. Scholarships are sponsored by the Hall of Fame, KMHS Booster Club, the City of Kings Mountain and Punch Parker in memory of his dad and former Mountaineer basketball coach Don Parker.

All four inductees enjoyed stellar careers at Kings Mountain High and beyond.

Morgan Childers Caddell set numerous pitching records in softball, both at KMHS and USC Upstate. She also played a year of professional softball with the Akron Racers.

Childers pitched the Lady Mountaineers to back-to-back state 3A championships in 2005 and 2006 and was the State MVP both years. Among others, she holds career records at KMHS and Upstate in career wins and strikeouts. Childers will be inducted by her high school coach, Suzanne Grayson.

Rickenbacker was a standout basketball, softball, tennis and volleyball player at KMHS in the late 1970s.

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Kings Mountain High honors its senior softball players prior to Friday's home game with Shelby. Left to right are Kayla Skidmore, Mikeala Bell, Leah Herndon, Emily Hester and Sarah Scism. (Photos by KM Herald)

KM softball routs Shelby to wrap up SMAC title



Kings Mountain's Ashton Withers rounds third and heads for home following one of her two home runs in Friday's win over Shelby.

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team ran its South Mountain Athletic Conference winning streak to 14 games Friday at home with an 11-1 six-inning victory over Shelby's Lady Lions.

The victory gave the Lady Mountaineers their first conference championship since 2007. They were scheduled to play Chase in a makeup game Monday and will travel to East Burke for their final conference game Friday.

Kings Mountain holds a full two-game lead over its nearest competitor, East Rutherford. The Lady Cavaliers would have to win their final two games and KM lose their last two to

force a tie; however, KM would own the tie-breaker for having beaten the Lady Cavaliers twice.

After Friday, the Lady Mountaineers will await their seeding for the upcoming state 3A playoffs. They should be a high seed and hopefully host a lot of playoff games. The NCHSAA is scheduled to seed teams on May 9 and first round games are scheduled for May 13. Other game dates are May 16, 18 and 22. The Regional rounds are May 26-30 and the state championship June 5-6.

The KM gals ran up an early 8-0 lead, then put the game away on the mercy

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Touchdown Club golf tourney slated Friday

The annual Kings Mountain Touchdown Club golf tournament will be held Friday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The 32-team, captain's choice event raises funds for the new Brinkley Field House at Kings Mountain High School.

The field house was dedicated a year ago this week and has served not only as a field house for athletes but also as a quiet place for end of grade testing.

Golfers will gather around 11:30 a.m. for a meal and teams will tee off around 1 p.m.

The tournament this year has drawn more excitement than ever as the 32 playing spots were sold in a matter of days.

In addition to prizes offered to the top teams, there will be raffles and drawings for numerous prizes.

Many former Mountaineers will be returning home to play in the golf tournament, including 1979 football star Kevin Mack. Mack played fullback on Clemson's 1982 national championship team and was AFC Rookie of the Year and a two-time All-Pro with

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Kings Mountain's graduating seniors were honored prior to Thursday's baseball game with Chase at Lancaster Field. Front row, left to right, Shawn Adams, Logan Stevens, Colby Crisp and Robbie Lysek. Back row, left to right, Jacob Lainhart, Brandon Bell and Cameron Ramsey. (Photo by KM Herald)

Mountaineers win three, eye possible at-large bid

Kings Mountain's of their SMAC baseball Mountaineers won all three games last week to keep

alive their hope of making the upcoming state 3A playoffs.

The wins over R-S Central (3-1), Shelby (20-0) and Chase (2-1) improved the Mountaineers' record to 8-7 in the SMAC and 9-10 overall heading into the final week of the regular season.

Kings Mountain is scheduled to host Hunter Huss in a non-conference game tonight before traveling to East Burke for their final conference game on Thursday. The Mountaineers will close out the regular season Friday with a non-conference game at South Point.

Aided by three route-go-

ing pitching performances and good defense, the Mountaineers used big innings to win all three of their games last week.

Tuesday at R-S Central, they scored all three of their runs in the second inning and then held off a Hilltopper rally in the seventh.

Colby Crisp followed a walk to John Bell and single by Robbie Lysek with a two-run single in the second inning to account for the winning run. Thomas Lavin followed with a RBI single to make the score 3-0.

The Hilltoppers pushed across an unearned run in

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Kings Mountain Mountaineers Athlete of the Week



Ashton Withers Softball

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