



Assistant coach Michael Kennedy works with defensive linemen. (Photos by KM Herald)

FOOTBALL: spring practice over, summer drills begin June 15

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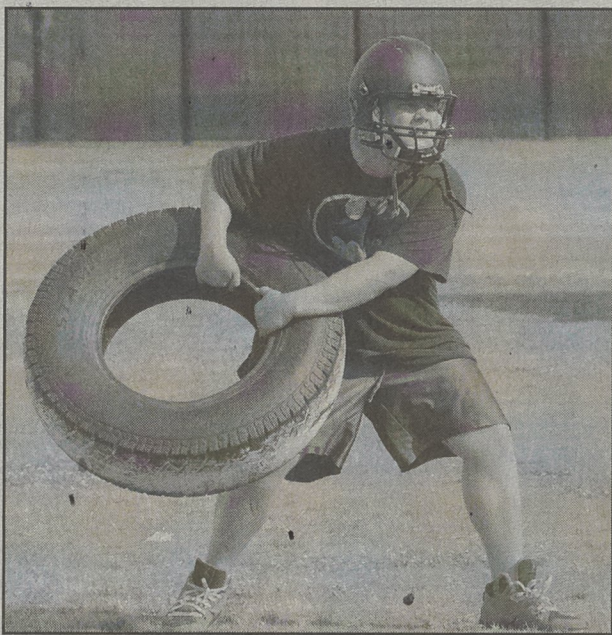
worked on fundamentals and letting the players get used to the new coaches."

Several new faces will be on the sidelines this fall. Longtime Hunter Huss assistant coaches Darryl Wilson and Michael Kennedy joined the team on the first day of practice. Wilson, who lived in Kings Mountain for years before moving to Gastonia, becomes the new defensive coordinator and Kennedy will coach the defensive line. Lloyd said he hopes to get two more coaches on board before summer workouts begin.

Other varsity coaches are Dustin Morehead, running backs; Tyrese Brooks, wide receivers, Kevin Cruise, offensive line; and Michael Roberts, quarterbacks.

Mike Harris will coordinate all special teams.

In addition to Wilson and Kennedy, defensive coaches include Mark Latham, de-



Josh Allen goes through conditioning drills.

fensive backs; and Jeff Putnam, linebackers.

Alex Randall is kicking coach.

JV coaches are Kenny Bridges, head coach; Matt Bridges, Brent Bagwell and Nathan Mellon.

"We've been working

really hard on fundamentals and zone coverage," Coach Lloyd noted. "We're looking for a fourth and fifth wide receiver and putting in one specialty team a day. We've been using our time wisely. We've had some good practices."



Brandon Paulson, Nicholas Burrows and DeShawn Dean, left to right, were honored for their scholastic achievement at a recent Pop Warner banquet and tribute in San Diego, California. (Photo submitted)

KM Pop Warner athletes honored at national banquet

Three Pop Warner athletes from Kings Mountain were honored for scholastic achievement at the Pop Warner banquet and tribute in San Diego, California.

Nicholas Burrows was honored as a first team All American, Brandon Paulson a second team All American and DeShawn Dean received honorable mention All American. Dean traveled with the Burrows family to San Diego.

To be considered for the honor the Pop Warner athletes had to have a 96 GPA last school year. The top 35 boys and girls are first team, then the next 65% are second team and honorable mentions are given.

Brandon and Nicholas are 6th graders and DeShawn is a 5th grader.

Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. is the only national youth sports organization in America that requires

its participants to perform adequately in the classroom before permitting them to play.

Each year the most academically accomplished Pop Warner Kids compete for academic All American status. This process begins at the association level and up through each of the eight Pop Warner regions to the national level.



Natalie Lutz, 14, won the USGA Kids Golf Tournament held at Dr. Charles Sifford Golf Course in Charlotte on May 31, 2015. She played in the girls 14 and under division. Natalie shot a four over par 76 that was the lowest score in the entire tournament. (Photo submitted)

Post 155 beats Rutherford

Kings Mountain Post 155 won its second game in five starts last week over Rutherford County, 12-7. The game was called by rain after five innings.

The difference came in the bottom of the fourth when Post 155 plated seven runs in its last at-bat to erase a 7-5 Rutherford County lead.

Southpaw Alex Grooms picked up his second win of the year, throwing a six-hitter.

Landon Bolin led the plate attack with two home runs.

Kings Mountain fell to Cherryville 10-6 Friday night in Cherryville.

Grooms and Austin Flemming led the hitting with two hits each. Austin Sellers pitched seven innings.

Kings Mountain led 5-2 before Cherryville scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Post 155 fell to Hickory 13-10 on May 22. Brandon Bell led the hitting with three hits and Logan Stevens drove in three runs.

Alex Reynolds and Austin Sellers shared pitching duties.

Kings Mountain's Junior team fell to Gaston Post 23 9-5 Thursday.

Daniel Bagwell had a hit and two RBIs and Landry Crawford had a hit and a RBI.

Bagwell and Hunter Cash shared pitching duties.

Kings Mountain led 4-1 after three innings but Gastonia took command with four runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth.

Diamond Dog Baseball Camp at Gardner-Webb

The dates for Diamond Dog Baseball Camp at Gardner-Webb University for the summer of 2015 will be Tuesday, June 16 and Thursday, June 18. Camp will be \$40 per day and campers are welcomed to attend both days. Both camps will be similar and will include hitting drills, stations, and situations. Also, throwing and fielding mechanics as well as specific defensive

positions (pitchers, catchers, infielders, and outfielders) will be emphasized. In addition, this year there will be a new feature, a session emphasizing athleticism, strength, and agility for young players. For more information visit www.gwubaseball.blogspot.com or email rstroupe@gardner-webb.edu

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COLLEGE: former KM players finish college year

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The 49ers finished 19-29 overall and 11-19 in Conference USA.

Wil Sellers had a good freshman year with the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs. He pitched in 17 games in relief and posted a 2.27 earned run average.

Sellers worked 31.2 innings and had a 2-1 record. He walked only five men and struck out 33. He gave up only 12 runs, four of which were unearned.

The Bulldogs got off to a fast start, winning their

first ten games, but fell to a 22-31 overall record and 7-17 in the Big South.

Former Mountaineer softball star Caroline Chambers finished her four-year at Appalachian State with a .289 batting mark. She slammed nine home runs and drove in 23. She started 44 of the Mountaineers' 45 games.

Freshman southpaw Alex Grooms went 1-3 at Guilford Tech. he pitched 10 games, including two starts, and posted a 7.71 ERA.

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