

Heavy Spring Sports Schedule For Preps

After a layoff of over a week for Easter holidays, Kings Mountain's spring sports teams will resume this week with a full slate of contests. The KM High golfers will travel to River Bend Golf Course in Shelby for a Southwestern Conference match with North Gaston and Crest and Coach Bob Jones' linksmen will be seeking their second straight victory.

The golf team hasn't played a match since March 28 when the Mountaineers defeated Lincoln and Burns in a SWC match at Kings Mountain Country Club. They had one match at North Gaston rained out and missed another match in Cherryville because the Mountaineers weren't advised of a change in the playing date.

With senior Tony Beam grabbing medalist honors in every match, the Mountaineers have posted one victory and two second place finishes in three outings. Others who have performed well for the Mountaineers include Johnny Gamble, Jim Lybrand, Gary and Mitch Howze and Tom Tate.

The KMHS track team is at Crest this afternoon for a meet with the host Chargers, Shelby and Lincoln. All three of those clubs are perennial toughies in the SWC and will be favored over the Mountaineers.

Coach Steve Baker has gotten good performances from Roy Putnam, Jim Thompson, Rusty Cloninger, Tab Bridges and Carl Roseboro as the Mountaineers have finished second in a couple of events. Thompson recently turned in the best time of any SWC trackster in the 100 yard dash, running a 9.9 for a new KMHS record.

The KMHS girls tennis team will face its biggest task ever Friday afternoon when it takes on SWC leader Shelby on the road. The Mountaineers have performed well in their first year of play but Shelby will be highly favored. The Mountaineers are scheduled to travel to Freedom High in Morganton Tuesday.

Jane Tate, Kathy Ledford, Terry Atkinson, Barbara Medlin, Cindy Robinson and Myra McGinnis play the six regular positions for the Mountaineers.

The boys tennis team travels to East Gaston Friday, then return home next Tuesday for a big match with South Point's Red Raiders. The Mountaineers are also off to a good start, sparked by the likes of Eddie Mauney, Terry Franks, and others.

Kings Mountain Junior High opens Tri-County Conference baseball action Friday at Shelby, then plays its first home conference game Monday afternoon at City Stadium.

Coach Porter Griggs' charges won two of three non-conference games, splitting a pair with Mt. Holly and topping Lowell Holbrook in a single contest.

Shelby is regarded as the favorite in the Tri-County loop but KM is also expected to give a run for the title in its first year of official junior high play.

The junior high track team, coached by Steve Moffitt, is host to Lincoln and Ashley next Wednesday at John Gamble Stadium.

Netters Shutout ER 9-0

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers tightened their grip on second place in the Southwestern Conference tennis race Tuesday at home with an impressive 9-0 victory over East Rutherford.

The Mountaineers, who have lost only to defending champion and unbeaten Shelby, now sport a 4-1 record in SWC warfare. The Mounties travel to East Gaston Friday. The KMHS girls go to Shelby today and host R-S Central Friday.

Kings Mountain won every match in two sets Tuesday and the visiting Cavaliers failed to score a point in three of the nine matches.

SINGLES
Eddie Mauney (KM) def. Rodney McCracken (ER) 6-2, 6-0.

Joey Wells (KM) def. Broddy Hamrick (ER) 6-0, 6-2.
Terry Franks (KM) def. Bruce Huntley (ER) 6-0, 6-3.
Claude Suber (KM) def. John Brickman (ER) 6-0, 6-0.
Ricky Henderson (KM) def. Elizabeth Horner (ER) 6-2, 6-0.

Kenny Mauney (KM) def. Gary Warlick (ER) 6-3, 6-0.

DOUBLES
Eddie Mauney-Mark Eaker (KM) def. Rodney McCracken-Broddy Hamrick (ER) 6-0, 6-0.

Terry Franks-Claude Suber (KM) def. Elizabeth Horner-Bruce Huntley (ER) 6-0, 6-0.
Billy Cashion-Warren Falls (KM) def. John Brickman-Kevin Carroll (ER) 6-1, 6-0.

SPORTS



GIRLS NETTERS - Here's the Kings Mountain High girls tennis team which is performing well in its first year in Southwestern Conference competition. First row, left to right, are Terry Atkinson, Barbara Medlin and Kathy Ledford. Back row, Myra McGinnis, Cindy Robinson and Jane Tate.



KMHS NETTERS - Here's the Kings Mountain High tennis team which hopes to make a strong showing in Southwestern Conference warfare this spring. Front row, left to right, are Dale Boyd, Eddie Mauney, Mark Eaker, Terry Franks, Ricky Henderson and Joey Wells. Back row, same order, Billy Cashion, Warren Falls, Claude Suber, Scott Brodnax, Roger Eaker and Kenny Mauney.

Basketball, Wrestling... Kiwanis Fete Tonight

The ninth annual Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club basketball-wrestling banquet is on tap for 6:30 tonight at the Woman's Club building.

The fete honors the varsity boys and girls basketball and wrestling squads at Kings Mountain High School.

Terry Holland, who recently resigned as head basketball coach at Davidson College to accept the same job at the University of Virginia, will be

guest speaker for the event.

Highlight of the night will be presentation of most valuable player awards in both sports, as well as best free throw shooter awards in basketball. Letters, All-Southwestern Conference certificates and senior plaques will also be presented.

All-Conference performers who will be recognized include

basketballers Butch Blalock, Kathy Ledford and Sandra Byers and wrestlers Hal Glass and Ronnie Terry.

Holland, a 31-year-old Clinton native, no doubt will have a lot to say about his new job at Virginia, where he hopes to make a name for himself and the Cavaliers in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference.

A former Davidson cager, Holland coached the Wildcats five years after serving as Lefty Driesell's top assistant. He was named Southern Conference coach of the year three times.

Holland is married to the former Ann Johnson of Clinton and is the father of one child, Katie Gray, who was born last summer.

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