

KMHS Tennis Team Drops Three Matches

Kings Mountain High's tennis team dropped three matches during the past week to fall to 0-1 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 1-6 overall.

Coach Ed Guy's charges lost their opening conference match to Shelby, 9-0, and lost non-conference decisions to Newton-Conover 5-4 and Charlotte Latin's B team, 5-1. The Latin match was called after singles action because of rain.

The Mounties were scheduled to face East Gaston yesterday and they face West Lincoln on the road today. They travel to East Lincoln next Tuesday.

SHELBY MATCH (Singles)

Brad Rosenkamp (S) def. Jay Schronce 6-2, 6-3.
Rusty Woy (S) def. John Barnette 6-2, 6-1.
Darr Keiger (S) def. Chris Barnette 6-0, 6-1.

David Dowdy (S) def. Eddie Greene 6-2, 6-0.
Jeff Miller (S) def. Howard Allen 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.
Seth Lackey (S) def. Scott Shaw 7-5, 6-2.

(Doubles)

Keiger-Dowdy (S) def. Barnette-Barnette 8-0.
Rosenkamp-Woy (S) def. Schronce-Greene 8-4.
Breeick-Goforth (S) def. Bob Smith-Mike Bowles 8-4.

NEWTON MATCH (Singles)

Jay Schronce (KM) def. Brian Tate 6-2, 7-5.
John Barnette (KM) def. Arthur Lynn 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Weidne Abernathy (N) def. Chris Barnette 6-2, 6-3.
Jeff Lynn (N) def. Eddie Greene 7-6, 6-3.
Mike Abernathy (N) def. Howard Allen 6-2, 6-0.

Mike Sowers (N) def. Scott Shaw 6-3, 6-3.

(Doubles)

Schronce-Greene (KM) def. Tate-Abernathy 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
Barnette-Barnette (KM) def. Hennegar-Lynn 6-4, 6-1.
Sowers-Hoepf (N) def. Allen-Shaw 6-4, 7-5.

LATIN MATCH (Singles)

John Stoeber (L) def. Jay Schronce 6-3, 6-3.
John Barnette (KM) def. Scott Bivens 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
Britt McMaster (L) def. Chris Barnette 6-2, 6-2.
Boo Wihlbrick (L) def. Eddie Greene 6-4, 1-6, 7-6.
Jimmy Elliott (L) def. Howard Allen 6-2, 6-1.
Kent Alphin (L) def. Scott Shaw 6-2, 6-4.

Lady Patriots Win Second

Kings Mountain Junior High's girls softball team posted its second straight Western Association victory Thursday, 14-9 over West McDowell.

Susie Moore hurled the victory, scattering 13 hits. The Lady Patriots committed six errors.

Leanne Gann led the KM plate attack with 4-for-4 and Joanna Boheler and Sylvia White hit home runs.

The KM girls travel to East McDowell Thursday.

KMHS Girls Whip Raiders

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team evened its Southwestern Conference record at 4-4 and its overall mark at 6-6 Tuesday with a 13-4 victory over South Point.

Dana Blalock hurled the win and Tina Gregory and Tippi Curry led the hitting with 3-for-4 each. Lisa Wright and Heidi Hagans added two hits each and Pat Davis, Dawn Morris, Ronda Kimble and Tammy Bolton had one hit each. Bolton's was a home run.

In a game last Thursday, the Mountaintees fell to unbeaten East Rutherford, 9-6.

Davis led the hitting with 3-for-4 and Morris, Wright, Blalock and Tina Forbes added two hits each. Melinda Roberts hit a home run.

The Mountaintees host East Gaston Thursday at 4 p.m.

Top Athlete

Priscilla Rickenbacker, second baseman on the North Carolina Wesleyan women's softball team, has been selected as Day's Trophy House-Wesleyan College Athlete of the Week.

The Grover resident and Kings Mountain High graduate had a double, triple and two runs batted in last week as Wesleyan went 4-2 for the week and ran their season's record to 6-2.

Cavaliers Knock KM Out Of Tie For First

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers were knocked out of a share of the Southwestern Conference Eastern Division lead Friday night at Lancaster Field when they fell to East Rutherford's Cavaliers, 16-4.

The loss left the Mounties at 4-2 in the conference and in a tie for second place with Shelby and South Point. East Gaston took over sole possession of first place with a 5-1 record.

Kings Mountain held the lead at 3-2 after three innings, but the Cavalier bats came to life in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. The visitors struck for six runs in the fourth off KM relief pitchers David Looney and Tommy Batchler, added three more in the fifth and five in the sixth.

All four of the Mountaineer runs were driven in by senior standout Robert Anderson, who slammed a three-run homer in the third and plated the fourth run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth. He was officially 2-for-2 for the night. The homer was his third of the year.

Righthander Leard Keeter worked the first three innings for the Mounties. Looney, Batchler, Anderson and Phillip Campbell pitched in relief.

Benji Camp went the route for the Cavaliers, scattering six hits. East Rutherford collected 13 hits and also took advantage of six KM errors. Chuck Surratt was 3-for-4, including a homer, and Camp was 2-for-4, including a homer, for the Cavaliers.

John Yarbrow's walk, Terry Bullock's sacrifice and an East

Rutherford error set the stage for Anderson's three-run homer in the third, which erased a 2-0 East lead and put KM on top for the only time.

Back-to-back walks to Bullock and Brent Bell, and an infield out set the stage for Anderson's sacrifice fly to deep centerfield in the fifth.

The Mounties are scheduled to host East Gaston Friday and North Gaston Tuesday. The game originally scheduled for Fri., Apr. 16 at Shelby has been moved to Wed., April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

THE LINESCORE

By innings: R H E
ER 101 835 0 16 13 1
KM 003 010 0 4 6 6
Camp and Surratt;
Keeter, Looney (4), Batchler (4), Batchler (4), Anderson (5), Campbell (6) and Yarbrow, Keeter (4).
WP - Camp.
LP - Looney.

Finish Second

Kings Mountain Junior High's golfers finished second in a three-team Western Association match Thursday at Pine Grove Golf Club.

Shelby won the match with a 172 score. Kings Mountain shot 175 and Burns 193.

Mark Davis of Shelby was medalist with a 37.

Steve Plonk led the Patriots with a 39. He was followed by Brian Bickley 43, Wesley Thompson 46 and Robert Appling 47.

KM Baseball Team Falls 3-2 Tuesday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers dropped their second straight game Tuesday afternoon in Belmont, falling 3-2 to South Point in a key Eastern Division contest.

The loss dropped the Mounties to 4-3 and out of a tie with South Point and Shelby for second place in the division.

The Mounties held a 2-0 lead until the bottom of the fifth, when the Raiders scored all three of their runs on two RBI singles and an error.

Tommy Batchler went the distance for KMHS. He was working on a two-hitter until the

fifth and finished with a five-hitter. Marshall Willis went the route for the Raiders. He scattered eight hits, fanned 10 and struck out the side twice.

The Mounties twice left the bases loaded and left nine men on for the game. Robert Anderson, Kevin Echols and Terry Bullock led the hitting with two hits each.

Echols scored on Mark Champion's single to give the Mounties a 1-0 edge in the fourth, and Bullock scored on an infield hit by Anderson to make it 2-0 in the top of the fifth.

RBI singles by Brian Huffstetler and Jeff Spargo and an error following Spargo's hit accounted for the winning runs for South Point in the bottom of the fifth.

The Munties return home Friday to host East Gaston at 7:30, and North Gaston comes to Lancaster Field next Tuesday at 7:30.

THE LINESCORE

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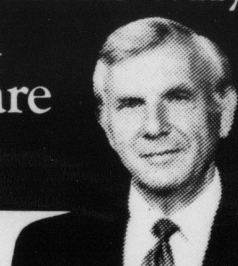
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