

King of the Mountain

It's always good to be The King, and now, there're even more perks. Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Pub in Berkeley Place has teamed up with BT to celebrate the best youth sports performances of the week. Each week, BT's King will earn a free meal at Beef's, a specially designed T-shirt and a picture on Beef's King of the Mountain wall.



April Cathcart, Bluffton PALS Soccer All Stars

It's been the same result every time we checked the game totals in PALS soccer this year: The 13-15 All Star was always listed under goal scorers. The competition might have gotten tougher at the PALS state tournament in Charleston, but Cathcart just stepped up her skills to another level. She scored two goals in a 6-0 win over Georgetown in the state semifinals and three more in the state title-clinching 5-0 win over North Myrtle Beach. Cathcart moves on to JV hoops now, but not before sewing up another trophy for Bluffton.

Cathcart



Jansen Hamilton, BHS boys' basketball

It's the first of what should be many hoops-related appearances for the 6-foot-5, 300-pounder we call "The Big Easy" - because he's big and he makes a hard game look connect-the-dots simple. Hamilton had a slow night (13 points) in the scoring column in the Bobcats' season-opening win but collected 23 rebounds against Jasper. Then he focused on scoring and netted 27 against South Effingham on Friday.

Hamilton



Nick Shappee, BHS wrestling

The senior has made an early-season move up to 152 pounds after spending most of the 2005 season at 145. And there's been no slowdown in Shappee's winning ways. He started with a methodical first period that turned into a go-for-the-kill second period pin in the team's season- and home opener against Beaufort on Nov. 30. Shappee followed that up with a win at 152 at the South Effingham tournament, defeating Matt Lebadin of SEHS in the third period. He's another who won't be a stranger to this space over the next couple months.

Shappee



Jenea Boni, BHS girls' basketball

The senior guard was an all-around contributor in Bluffton's season-opening 34-28 win over Jasper County, contributing a lot of hustle that translated into six steals in the stat book. Saturday, Boni spent the morning taking the SATs and came to the gym in a point-scoring state of mind, throwing in a team-high 13 in BHS' 35-30 home win over South Effingham.

Boni

Honorable climbers



Folan

That's when Folan put in two goals in Bluffton's 6-0 win at Orangeburg to clinch the district title. Next up is a trip to Rock Hill this weekend for the state tourney.



Brown

but with him at the point, BHS played arguably their most impressive game in school history against SEHS. Here's hoping for more of the same.



Rosenlieb

He was way beyond his years in middle school wrestling, taking title after title. Now the BHS freshman has to show he can hang with his new peers on the high school level. So far, so good. Rosenlieb started with a spirited loss to '05 state qualifier Daniel Fredell against Beaufort. Then, Rosenlieb finished second in the 160-pound division at last weekend's South Effingham tourney. He's a future star who might be expediting that timetable for stardom this year.

Tyler Rosenlieb, BHS wrestling

Justine Wilson, Bluffton PALS Soccer All Stars

We may be missing a picture of this 9-10 girls dynamo, but Wilson rarely missed the net last weekend to lead the team to a second straight state title. Wilson scored two goals in the team's 4-0 semifinal win over Georgetown. Then Wilson scored the game's lone goal on an assist from Zoe Mitchell in Bluffton's 1-0 win over Conway to once again earn the title of state champs.

