

Patriots Go Into Christmas Break Undeclared

Kings Mountain Junior High's Patriots defeated West McDowell 60-50 Wednesday in Marion to close out the 1979 portion of their 1979-80 campaign with a perfect 4-0 record. The KMJH girls knocked off previously unbeaten West McDowell 47-38 to give them a 3-1 record going into the Christmas break.

Frank Parker led the KM scoring with a game-high 25 points, David Hager added 13 and Avery Grier 11. Hager had nine rebounds and Parker seven.

The Patriots hit 50 percent from the floor, sinking 20 of 40 shots, and only 47 percent from the foul line. On the year,

they're shooting 64 percent from the floor and 54 from the foul line.

"At this point, I had no idea we'd be undefeated," said Napier, "simply because of the rash of injuries that we've had. But every man has contributed a hundred percent during practice and that has enabled us to go to our bench early in the season. "David Hager, Chris Champion and Bo Thompson have been surprises for us," he added. "They really have come through. We're getting a real fine job of leadership from David Peeler. He doesn't score many points but it's like having a coach of the floor when he's out there.

"The toughest part of our season is coming after Christmas," he said. "We hope to have Kenny Camp and Mark Champion back from the injured

list. They will add a lot of strength to our bench. I'm proud of all of the guys for giving a fine effort so far and hope they can keep it up and bring the school another championship."

The girls trailed throughout the first three periods but came storming back in the fourth period to post their third win in four decisions.

West McDowell came out smoking and led 17-9 after the first quarter and 26-18 at half-time. KM chipped away at the lead and cut it to five going into the fourth period.

Kings Mountain outscored West 21-7 in the fourth quarter to win going away. West McDowell managed only three field goals in the second half.

Trina Hamrick led the Lady Patriots with 17 points and Arjuana Curry, who hit six of seven field goal attempts, added

12. Teresa Freeman and Angie Adams played well defensively and Rene Campbell was a key spark coming off the bench.

"The team showed great character coming from 13 points down to win," said Coach Candy Albergine. "The defense was the difference in the second half. West was bothered continuously by our press and we were able to take advantage of their turnovers and turn them into layups."

The jayvee girls posted their third win in four outings Thursday at home over West, 32-24, but the boys dropped their first game in four decisions, 39-36.

The girls led the entire game but saw a 14-point lead cut to six in the fourth period.

"I think the girls got a little lax, especially on defense," said Coach Becky Summitt. "West

McDowell came into the fourth quarter with a lot of hustle and determination. They scored 10 of their 24 points in the fourth quarter."

Lisa Ingram scored 10 points to lead the KM offensive attack and Sonja McClain and Tippy Curry added eight and seven, respectively. Curry led the rebounding with nine and McClain added seven.

"We still have a lot of improvement to make before we begin our division games in January," Summitt said. "Our toughest games are yet to come."

The jayvees resume action on January 7 at home against Burns while the varsity teams travel to Burns.

Baba Curry tossed in 18 points in the jayvee boys' 39-36 loss to West. Brad Reynolds added eight and Arnold Jordan seven.

Patriot Wrestlers Win Third Straight

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers ran their Western Junior High Association record to 3-0 Wednesday at Hickory with a 78-6 victory over Grandview.

The Patriots of Coach Phil Weathers now take a Christmas break before returning to action on January 2 against undefeated Crest.

The KM-Crest match, to be held at Crest, should decide the Association title. KM has won it the past two years.

"I feel like that match will be settled by six points either way," said Coach Weathers.

"They have an outstanding team and I feel like if we beat them we'll have a good shot at the championship.

"I hope we'll have a lot of support up there," he added. "We're going to work hard over the holidays and hope to be ready."

Kings Mountain recorded nine pins Wednesday at Grandview and Jimmy Wadkins, Mike Smith, Roger McClain and Randy Whitaker all recorded their third pin in a row.

"Overall, we had a good match," said Weathers. "Our takedowns were effective.

That's been a big key for us so far."

Kings Mountain's only loss came at 128 pounds where the Patriots forfeited.

THE RESULTS

78 Pd. - Lewis Huskey (KM) won by forfeit.

86 - Larry Logan (KM) won by forfeit.

92 - Todd Cloninger (KM) dec. Lineberger.

98 - Tim Hamrick (KM) pinned Huffman.

104 - Roger McClain (KM) pinned Pruitt.

110 - Rocky Lutz (KM) dec. Hunt.

116 - Mike Smith (KM) pinned Dula.

122 - Danny Caldwell (KM) pinned Keys.

128 - Hertford (GV) won by forfeit.

134 - David Bradley (KM) won by forfeit.

140 - Jimmy Wadkins (KM) pinned Casper.

148 - Tommy Welch (KM) pinned Fegan.

155 - David Parker (KM) pinned Bellege.

165 - Randy Whitaker (KM) pinned Bentley.

Unl. - Dale Moore (KM) pinned Rowe.

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