



GEORGE ADAMS



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Christmas Tournament Set At Community Center

The second annual Kings Mountain Christmas Invitational basketball tournament will be played December 29-January 2 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Eight of the top industrial league teams in the area will be competing for the first place trophy. Action will begin at 6 o'clock each night.

Many of the teams have players on their roster who were standouts in college and pro ball.

One of the favorites will be the Charlotte Sonics, coached by former Wake Forest standout Tony Byers. Byers will also play for the Sonics along with such standouts as former San Francisco Warrior Bubba Wilson, former UNC-C 49er Roger Lankston, Red Leggett, and others.

Other teams entered include Pittsburgh Plate Glass of Shelby, Cleveland Memorial Hospital, the Kings Mountain All-Stars, Cleveland Tech, Fiber Industries, Concord All-Stars and two teams from Charlotte.

The PPG team includes a number of former area high school stars, including Jerry Hunt of Crest, Paul Gash, Dennis McKissick, Donald Gash and Larry Lynch.

The Cleveland Memorial team includes former Gardner-Webb standout Phil Cox, Floyd Bridges, Map Campbell and Will Lewis.

Some of the members of the Kings Mountain team are former KMHS standouts Vernon Bell, Timmy Adams, and Charles Curry, and Otis Young.

Joe Powell, former Barber-Scotia standout, is the leading scorer for the Concord team.

Three games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with two games on Thursday and Friday.

"We have some real good teams in the field," said George Adams, program director for the Kings Mountain Recreation Department, which is sponsoring the tournament. "We'd like to invite all basketball fans in Cleveland County to come out and see some good basketball."

Pairings were to be drawn at a coaches meeting at noon Tuesday.

Rec. Dept. Has Openings

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for various part-time instructor positions. Instructors are needed for morning, afternoon and evening adult as well as children's classes in the following areas: sewing, decoupage, personal law, budget planning, first aid, foreign languages, gymnastics, dramatics, arts and crafts, men's exercise, astronomy, income tax preparation, home fire protection, bread baking, drapery making, drawing, flower arranging, interior design, landscaping, pension planning.

For more information stop by the Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center at 208 North Cleveland Avenue, Room 102, or call 739-3549.

Bickley Finishes Basic Training

Army Private Lee Bickley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bickley of 1301 Wales Road, Kings Mountain, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, students receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesies, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Jayvees Run Record To 8-0

Kings Mountain High's jayvee basketballers ran their record to 8-0 Friday at East Rutherford with a 71-55 victory over the Little Cavaliers.

Four players scored in double figures for the Little Mounties. Avery Grier led the way with 26, followed by Frank Parker with 14 and David Hager and John Barnett with 11 each.

Grier and Hager also had a big day on the boards, pulling down eight and seven rebounds, respectively. Kevin Wheeler, a first-time starter, scored eight points and dished out six assists

and Parker added five assists. Kings Mountain opened the game with a man to man defense and ran up a 19-9 lead after the first period. The Mounties kept the pressure on in the second quarter and widened the margin to 47-21 at the half. The Mounties led 61-37 going into the fourth period.

East Rutherford made a late comeback bid and cut the margin to 14 points at one point.

"Kevin Wheeler had a very good game as a first time starter," said Coach Danny McDowell. "He had five steals to go along with his six assists and

eight points. John Barnett did an excellent job of running the offense from his point guard positions. Our point guards, John and David Peeler, really made our inside game go.

"That's where Grier comes in," McDowell added. "When he scores as many points as he did tonight, you know somebody did their job. Grier had a good game scoring and rebounding, as did Hager. Hager is the quiet player on this team. He's scoring and rebounding but you really don't notice it until the game is over.

"We played three perfect quarters tonight," he went on.

"We did what we were supposed to do. We were able to get all the players in the game and that's important to me. This was a good way to end the year. It was a nice win for us going into the Christmas break."

The Little Mountaineers return to action on January 6 against R-S Central.

THE RESULTS

KM (71) — Grier 26, Parker 14, Hager 11, Barnett 11, Wheeler 8, Peeler 3.

ER (55) — Fletcher 17, McEntyre 10, Jolley 10, Keith 8, McCoy 2.

Christmas Greetings



Join us, as we fill the air with a joyful hymn and heart-felt prayer of peace and good will for all. We sing out our thanks to you, dear friends, and pray that you will be blessed with happiness and harmony this festive season.

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