

Piedmont, Matthews, Lattimore Head Tourney Line-Up

3 Other Teams Definitely In

Three red-hot boys' basketball teams, Piedmont, Matthews, and Lattimore, have posted entry fees, and three others, Belmont Abbey Ramblers, No. Three, and North Brook, have acknowledged acceptance of invitations to compete in the American Legion high school cage classic to be held here in Central gymnasium March 12 through 15. Other teams expected to reply affirmatively to bids are Fallston and Stanley.

Included in the three teams already 'in' is the winner of the Valdese tournament held last month—Piedmont—and the runner-up in

tourney—Matthews. Rounding out the list of top boys' cage teams in this section are Fallston, runner-up at Valdese, and Stanley, winner of the Mid-Piedmont crown. No. Three

RESERVED TICKETS

Robert Miller, ticket sales chairman announced yesterday that about 700 reserved seat tickets for the four nights of play will go on sale at 1 p. m. Saturday afternoon at the Kings Mountain Drug company. A large demand has been made for the reserved seats and Mr. Miller stated that they will be sold on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

and North Brook, as well as Lattimore, have enviable records and Belmont Abbey Ramblers had a 16-game win streak snapped by Harding of Charlotte last week.

First entry fee received was from the high-flying Red Devils from Piedmont high school in Lawndale, with Matthew's fee arriving shortly thereafter. Fees from North Brook No. Three, and Belmont Abbey are expected to arrive today and the week's end should see Stanley and Fallston in the field, according to tourney officials.

Top award of the tournament is the sportsmanship award, given to the player adjudged to show the highest calibre of sportsmanship, the tourney rules stating that good sportsmanship among the players and the fans is the aim of the tournament. Under American Legion sponsorship, the event is being sponsored to further the same ideals as fostered in the Legion National Americanism committee's program of Junior Baseball.

First game of the tourney begins at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night with the second game of the double header to follow, with the same schedule on Thursday and Friday nights. Tournament finals will begin at 8 p. m. on Saturday.

Name	No. Games	No. Points	Game Average
Bill Putnam	20	134	6.70
Bob Neill	19	133	7.00
Bud Medlin	20	109	5.45
Don Glass	19	67	3.53
Jake Harry	20	60	3.00
Bill Dettmar	17	50	2.99
F. C. Humphries	16	40	2.50
Jhn Black	11	36	3.27
Bill Amos	6	4	0.66
Bob Huffstetler	2	4	2.00
Dwight Ware	6	2	0.33
Herman Jackson	1	1	1.00

Team points-per-game average—32 points.

Central Cagers Down Shelby Teams In Pair, Girls In First Loop Wins

Central high cagers, boys and girls, defeated the favored cage teams from Shelby high Fri. night in Central gymnasium in a Western conference double header, the girls winning their first loop victory 25 to 18, and the boys coming through a tight, hard-played game that went into an overtime period, on top of a 32 to 29 count. It was the season's finale for the local lads and lassies and the last game conference game for 11 graduating seniors, 7 boys and 4 girls.

Coach Mabel Goodman's charges went out after victory from the starting whistle, taking over a 6 to 3 quarter lead and never losing it. Ruth Ledford was the offensive light for the locals; on the receiving end of good passes all night, she scored 18 points for high scoring honors.

Feature of the scrap was the brilliant guarding of Dorcas Carpenter, Laverne White, Pauline Cody, and Peggy Jackson, Central guards, who held the usually high-scoring Shelby forwards, Lall and Riddle, to a total of 14 points. Seniors finishing up their high school play were Ledford, Carpenter, White and Mary Early.

Bob Neill, husky Central point-making ace, tossed in a total of 9 points to run his season total to 133, one point behind Bill Putnam's 134, high for the squad this year.

It was nip-and-tuck all the way, with Bud Medlin intercepting the initial center-jump and passing to Jim Black for an easy two-point lead. Shelby's first two points were good free throws and Don Glas tied it up again with 2-points McKee tossed in 2 and Neill sent locals in the lead with a good free toss after five minutes of play. Glass added 2 and Cheek's free shots ended the quarter KM 7, S 6. McKee added 2, Neill 1, Glass 2, Gene Turner 2, Loy Paige 2, and F. C. Humphries 2 points ran the score to 10-14 favor Shelby. Putnam and Black added free throws,

Paige, and Medlin added free tosses, before Turner tied it up at 26-26 with four minutes left. Bill Megginson put the Lions in the lead with 2 points and Neill missed two free throws. Glass came through with a game saving goal, then missed a free throw on a foul by Turner, McKee being tossed out of the game and Glass missing a free throw on the technical, as the fans groaned. There was no scoring the last minute and 40 seconds, Glass and Neill missing long shots in the last 15 seconds, the game ending at 28-all.

Paige sent the Lions out front on Glass's foul and Neill made it 30-29 with a minute remaining, and tossed in the final counter with 8-seconds left, giving the locals a 32 to 29 victory over their arch-rivals from the county capital.

It was the last high school loop game for Neill, Black, Jake Harry, Glass, Putnam, Bill Dettmar, and Dwight Ware.

INDEPENDENTS TRIP CCUNC QUINT, 51-48

Kings Mountain Independents defeated Charlotte Center UNC last Saturday night in Central Gym by a score of 51 to 48.

The box:
 Pos. KM (51) C (48)
 F—Hullender, 6 Hendrix, 12
 F—Black, 9 Barkley, 10
 G—Plonk, 2 Mendire, 19
 G—Neisler, H., 7 Foreman, 4
 G—Neill, 10 Mosely, 3
 Subs: KM—Herndon (11), Hooper (6), C. Neisler, C—Brice, York, Query, Watson, Jackson. Half—KM 26, C 21.

Pos. KM (32)	S (29)
F—Medlin, 1	Paige, 5
F—Neill, 9	McKee, 7
C—Black, 3	Turner, 5
G—Harry (Capt)	Cheek, 5
G—Glas, 8	Weaver (Capt)

Subs: KM—Putnam (7), Humphries (4); S—Bumgardner, Lane, Cooke, Megginson (2). Personal fouls—Medlin (3), Neill (4), Black (2), Harry (3), Putnam, Paige, McKee, Turner (2), Cheek, Weaver (5), Bumgardner, Cooke. Technical—McKee. Half—KM 16, S 17. Reg. game—28-all. Officials—James Justice, and Otho Lylerly, Charlotte.

Pos. KM (25)	S (18)
F—Ledford, 18	Lall, 9
F—Barnette, 3	Riddle, 5
F—Harison	Osborne
G—Jackson	MgeEllis, 2
G—Cody	MonEllis
G—White	Gray

Subs. KM—Reynolds (4) Carpenter (Capt), S—Moss (2), Weathers. Half—KM 17, S 10.

Turner 2 points for the Lions, Putnam 2, and Humphries two free shots ran the score 15-17 at the half. Black fouled Cheek who made his free shot and Putnam came through again to tie the score at 18-all. Neill added 2 and Cheek's 2 deadlocked the game again. Putnam added 2, Weaver 2, and Glas 2, Kings Mountain leading 24-22 after the goal swapping. Cheek sank a free throw and Neill,

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