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**Du-Court Baseball  
Team Organized**

Du-Court Mills, Inc., will sponsor a baseball team here this summer, with the outfit likely representing Kings Mountain in the recently formed Gaston county industrial league, according to an announcement by team officials this week.

All baseball players interested in playing with the club are urged to get in touch with one of the team officials, with every applicant getting a tryout for a team berth.

Frank (China) Davis, old-time baseball player, has been named playing manager of the club, with Jim Conner acting as business manager.

Application for admission in the Gaston loop is expected to be approved at the next meeting of the organization.

Players already listed as candidates for the local semi-pro team include Charles Bowen, William Ford, Audrey Tignor, Jim Connor, Jim Lybrand, Wallace Shockley, Grayson Brown, and Marcus Rollins.

Fire is the worst enemy of the woodlot. It not only destroys the protective layer of leaf mold but kills all the seedlings and saplings above ground, and, if severe enough causes serious damage to the butts of mature trees.

**Central Cagers Defeat Caroleen;  
Lose To Cliffside, Bessemer City**

Central high school boys and girls basketball teams dropped a pair of Western conference games to Cliffside there Friday night, the girls 18-28, and boys 23-37, and returned to the home court Monday night for a pair of victories over Tri High of Caroleen, the girls winning 38-26 behind the accurate tossing of Mary Lou Barnette, and the boys, 38-23, as Herman Mauney led the way with 17 points.

Tuesday night the local teams dropped a pair of non-conference games to Bessemer City, the girls 34-36, and the boys 41-43.

Both Tuesday night games were thrill-packed and the local teams trailed at the half by one point each. Center Herman Mauney tallied 16 points for Coach Don Parker's quint, running his total points up to 123 for the season in 12 games, an average of 10.3 points per game. Bill Amos had 10.

Mary Lou Barnette, scoring punch of Coach Mabel Carpenter's sextet, tallied 29 points against the Bessemer sextet.

The lineups:

**Cliffside Game  
GIRLS**

<b>KM (18)</b>	<b>C (28)</b>
Barnette, 6	Bostic, 5
Roberts, 2	D. Raines, 5
Harrison, 7	Houser, 11
Cody	Dixon
Hoyle	D. Crocker
Jackson	Scruggs

Half score: Kings Mountain 6, Cliffside 14.

Subs — KM: Floyd 3, Howell. C: Pendergrass 1, McMurray 2, Greene 3, Kendrick, Goode, Abernathy, Jones, N. Crocker, Forbes, B. Raines.

**Boys**

<b>KM (23)</b>	<b>C (37)</b>
Ruth, 6	J. Swing, 5
Medlin, 10	Humphries, 8
Mauney, 4	Scruggs, 2
Huffstetler, 1	Webb
Amos, 2	H. Padgett, 19

Half score: Kings Mountain 4, Cliffside 17.

Subs — KM: None. C: Pendergrass 3.

Officials: O. O. Connor and F. Hoyle, Shelby.

**Tri High Game  
GIRLS**

<b>KM (38)</b>	<b>Tri Hi (26)</b>
Barnette, 15	Garren, 15
Roberts	Hall, 6
Harrison, 1	Callahan, 4
Cody	Underwood
Jackson	Newton
Howell	Jolley

Half score: Kings Mountain 12, Tri High 11.

Subs — KM: Floyd 11, Reynolds, 11, Goforth, Hoyle. Tri Hi: Harrill, Ray, Hall 1, Byars, Melton, Jackson, Womack, Wilson.

**Boys**

<b>KM (38)</b>	<b>Tri High (23)</b>
Ruth, 3	R. Huskey, 10
Medlin, 7	Packard, 5
Mauney, 17	Laws, 1
Huffstetler, 2	Costner, 5
Amos, 8	Womack

Half score: Kings Mountain 12, Tri Hi 6.

Subs — KM: Hudgens 1. Tri Hi: Millwood, Huskey, Gibbons 2.

Officials — O. O. Connor and Max Putnam, Shelby.

**Bessemer City Game  
GIRLS**

<b>KM (34)</b>	<b>BC (36)</b>
Barnette, 20	Summitt, 14
Harrison, 2	Portenbury, 17
Roberts, 4	Fran'lin 3
Jackson	Carroll
Cody	W. Hook
Hoyle	Thomas

Half score: Kings Mountain 16, Bessemer City 17.

Subs — KM: Reynolds 6, Floyd 2. BC: Simmons, E. Hook 2.

**Boys**

<b>KM (41)</b>	<b>BC (43)</b>
Ruth, 2	Noblitt, 6

**Boys Face Ramblers Here Tonight**

Kings Mountain Central high school cagers begin the windup of the 1948 basketball schedule tonight (Friday) here in a pair of non-conference games with Belmont Abbey Ramblers. The first game is scheduled to get underway at 7:30, with the local "B" squad opposing the Rambler "B" team.

Both the boys and girls teams swing back into conference play in Lincolnton Tuesday night with the Wolves and Wolverines. In the second meeting of the two schools this year, Lincolnton won the double bill here Jan. 29, boys 39 to 31 and girls 28 to 24.

The varsity teams end the conference slate next Friday night in Central gymnasium, tackling the strong Shelby high school teams.

Coach Don Parker's boys team will meet Belmont Abbey in Belmont March 2 in a return game postponed from Feb. 10. Coach John Rudisill's "B" boys squad is expected to return the game to the Abbey "B" squad.

On Monday March 1, the boys team will play in Gastonia in a return game with the Boys Club team there.

**Central Schedule**

Feb. 20—Belmont Abbey—Home.

Feb. 24—Lincolnton—Away.

Feb. 27—Shelby—Home.

Mar. 1—Gastonia—Away.

Mar. 2—Belmont Abbey—Away.

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