

Has 18-Game Win Streak Junior High Wins Two

Kings Mountain Junior High's defending Foothills Conference champions opened their 1977 conference campaign last week with impressive victories over East Rutherford and R-S Central.

The Patriots were scheduled to play county rival Burns in a home game Monday. They travel to Lincolnton Thursday and host East Lincoln in a doubleheader Monday beginning at 4 p. m.

Coach Ken Napier's charges stormed past East Rutherford 58-39 in their

opener last Wednesday in Forest City, then outclassed a super-tough R-S Central team 59-42 in their home opener on Thursday.

The two victories ran KM's winning streak to 18 games tracing back to the 1975 season. The Patriots have now won nine straight

road games and nine in a row at home.

The Patriots had a balanced scoring attack in both victories. Kenny Guinn led the way at East Rutherford with 16 points, eighth grader Dennis McGill added 15 and Eric Dixon and Jeff Cloninger

had eight apiece.

"Our kids were a little tight at the beginning," noted Napier, "but that's to be expected in your opening game. Defensively, we played real good in the first half, giving up only 27 points. Our reserves played most of the second quarter.

"Offensively," he added, "we left a lot to be desired. We missed several easy layups underneath the basket, but I was pleased with our overall performance."

The Patriots shot 37 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the line.

The Patriots came out smoking Thursday at home against a tall and talented R-S Central team which a day earlier had taken pre-season favorite Shelby into overtime before losing by two points.

Kings Mountain built up a 23-8 first quarter margin and held a comfortable lead the remainder of the game.

"Our defense played with more intensity and emotion," noted Napier. "Todd Friday did an excellent job in controlling the tempo of our quick-break."

Dixon led the scoring with 16 points, Guinn added 12 and McGill 10. McGill and Guinn had 12 and 10 rebounds, respectively.

"Our reserves, especially Jeff Cloninger and James Miller, did a super job," added Napier. "I was also pleased with Bobby Bell's hustle. It was an excellent team effort."

The Patriots hit 50 percent from the field and 52 percent from the free throw line.



Photo By Gary Stewart

HIGH SCORER — Eric Dixon (43) goes up for two of his game-high 16 points in Kings Mountain Junior High's 59-42 Foothills Conference victory over R-S Central Thursday. The Patriots won their first two games of '77 to run their winning streak to 18 straight

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Defeat BCHS

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overtime in their first league game back on December 9.

Coach Dennis Dukes said he wasn't pleased with his team's performance Friday at Bessemer City and said the Little Mountaineers would have to play much better if they expect to stay in a tie with Shelby for the SWC lead.

"That was the third straight game we hadn't played well against those weaker teams," noted Dukes. "I just hope it doesn't backfire on us when we play the better teams."

Thomas McClain played a super game Friday, leading the KMHS scoring with 17 points and pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds. Darryl Friday was the only other player in double figures with 11. Robert Reid of Bessemer City was the game's top scorer with 22 points.

The Little Mountaineers go head to head against Shelby Monday night at home and also have tough league games remaining against Chase, Burns and Crest.

Recreation Basketball

OVER 30 LEAGUE (Jan. 10)

SEC. BAP. 45, TEMPLE 39
Sec.—Lawrence Bolin 18, Ken Cash 16.
First—Mike Ballard 12, Gary Bryant 12.

TUESDAY LEAGUE (Jan. 11)

sec. bap. 63, TEMPLE 39
Sec. — Jim Jolly 18.
Temple Frank Morehead 9.
FIRST PRES. 49, CENTRAL 46
First—H. B. Phillips 14, Mike Ballard 14.
Central — Anderson 21.

MACEDONIA 76, ALLEN 32
Mac. — Anderson 18.
Allen—Robbie Moore 12.

DAVID 41, RESSURECTION 37
David—Bart George 18.
Res.—Bill Bridges 14.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Jan. 10)

SECOND 28, LOVE VALLEY 16
Sec.—Linda Moss 10, Penny Blanton 10.
LV—Gloria Owensby 8.
MACEDONIA 38, EL BETHEL 29

Mac. — Becky Summitt 16
EB — Cheryl Lutz 11.

FRIDAY NIGHT (Jan. 7)

MARY'S GROVE 67, LOVE VALLEY 48
MG—Mitchell 14.
LV—Darrell Black 19.
EL BETHEL 56, FIRST BAP. 36
EB — Glenn Perkins 15.
FB—Butch Pearson 13.
PATT. GROVE 48, BETH. 47
PG—Tommy Hamrick 18.
Beth.—Darrell Van Dyke 11, Allen Carter 11.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE (Jan. 7)

KINMONT 85, DUPLEX 74
Kin. — Goldie Byers 29.
Dup. — Danny McDowell 31.

Patriots Wrestle At Shelby

Kings Mountain and Shelby junior highs will put perfect wrestling records on the line Wednesday in Shelby in the first match of a sports tripleheader at the Shelby Junior High gym.

Both clubs have 4-0 records heading into the 3 p. m. bout. Following the wrestling match, the two Shelby Junior High basketball teams will be in action.

The Patriots of Coach Steve Moffitt recorded their fourth straight victory last Wednesday at Hudson, defeating a good Hornet team 41-20.

THE RESULTS

90 Pd. — Terry McClain (KM) and Danny Laws (H) drew.

100 — Robert Oates (KM) pinned Rodney Beam.

107 — Bernard Womack (KM) pinned Hatfield.

114 — Green (H) pinned Scott Cabanis.

121 — Johnny Ross (KM) pinned Griffin.

128 — Jeff Rowell (KM) pinned Wallace.

134 — Simmons (H) pinned Robert Sheffield.

140 — Bumgarner (H) dec. Todd Bell.

147 — Maurice Jamerson (KM) pinned Simmons.

157 — Kenny Womack (KM) pinned Willis.

169 — Darryl Brown (KM) dec. Crane.

Unl. — Westmoreland (H) dec. Lenny Thompson.



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Recreation Basketball Schedules

MIDGET LEAGUE

Jan. 22
FUNBank vs. Optimist
Plonk Bros. vs. Police
Jan. 26
Police vs. FUNBank
Plonk vs. Optimist
Jan. 29
Optimist vs. Police
Plonk vs. FUNBank
Feb. 2
Plonk vs. Police
FUNBank vs. Optimist
Feb. 9
Plonk vs. Optimist
Police vs. FUNBank
Feb. 12
FUNBank vs. Plonk
Optimist vs. Police
Feb. 18
FUNBank vs. Optimist
Plonk vs. Police
Feb. 23
League tournament
Feb. 26
League Tournament

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