



ALL-STARS - These eight, nine and 10-year-olds will represent the city in the Little Tar Heel State Classic basketball tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Kings Mountain Community Center. The players were chosen from the local midlevel league. Team members include, front row, left to right,

Dewayne Brooks, Sidney Brown, Brent Bagwell, Peanut Jordan and Walt Lewis. Back row, Coach Will Sanders, Tim Sanders, Denorris Wilson, Darold Burris, Brian Adams, Bobby Pearson, Bryant Guest and coach David Clippard.

Three All-Conference

Kings Mountain High placed three players on the All-Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball teams announced over the weekend.

Priscilla Rickenbacker was a repeater on the girls team which was led by four South Point performers. Named to the boys team

were Vernon Bell, also a repeater, and Timmy Adams.

The Mountaineers, even though they finished sixth in the SWC race, tied for most all-conference players with champion R-S Central and runner-up South Point with two apiece.

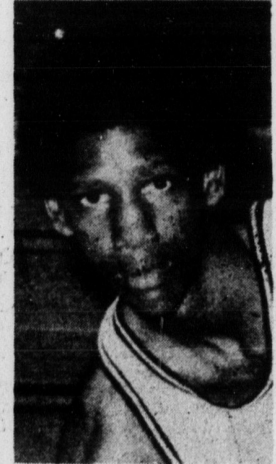
Other boys selections included Vincent Hamilton and Chris Michael of R-S, Jimmy Reeves and Steve Ward of South Point, Ronnie Saunders of North Gaston, Freddie Petty of East Gaston, Chuck McSwain of Chase, Bobby Huskey of Crest and John Toms of Shelby. Burns, which won the District Seven title and represented the SWC in the state tournament, failed to land a player on the team, as did East Rutherford.

Other girls selections included Wanda Grier, Sheila Williamson, Melinda Buchanan and Punkie Mills of South

Point, Gila Miller of North Gaston, Glenda Harris of Crest, Varmessa Simmons and Denise Thurman of Burns and Paulette McDowell and Traci Dewberry of Chase.



PRISCILLA RICKENBACKER



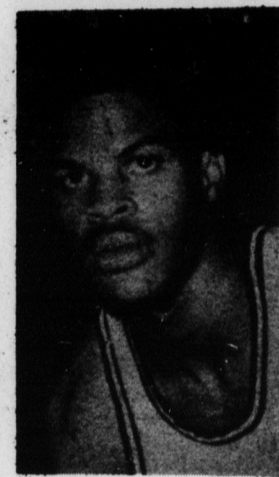
TIMMY ADAMS

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CHIPS TO TWO - Kings Mountain High golfer Deik Haigler hits a short chip shot to the number two green at Kings Mountain Country Club in high school golf match last Thursday. The Southwestern 3-A Conference opener between the Mountaineers, Shelby and Crest was rained out after five holes.

Kings Mountain youth basketball teams are preparing for two state tournaments to be played at the Kings Mountain Community Center and sponsored by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club.

The Tar Heel State Classic for boys ages eight through 10 will be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday with games in the afternoon and night.

The local team, coached by Will Sanders and David Clippard, is made up of the best players from the city league, which completed season's play with its annual tournament last week at the National Guard Armory. Kings Mountain all-stars include Dewayne Brooks, Sidney Brown, Brent Bagwell, Peanut Jordan, Walt Lewis, Tim Sanders, Denorris Wilson, Darold Burris, Brian Adams, Bobby Pearson and Bryant Guest.

Any local teams interested in entering the double-elimination tourney may contact George Adams at the Kings Mountain Recreation Department (739-3549). Entry fee is \$30 per team.

The second annual State Tar Heel Classic for boys ages 11-12 will be held at the community center March 23-25 and some of the top teams in North Carolina have already entered that event.

The KM all-stars will be coached by Jim Littlejohn and Bob Maner. Players include Keefe Ballew, Richie Gold, John Pettis, Rocky Lutz, Lavar Curry, Curt Presley, Charles Brown, Heath Chapman, Tyrone Grier, David Pettis, Brad Reynolds, and Arnold Jordan. Manager is Kenny Wilson.

It will also be a double elimination event. Entry fee is \$25 per team.

Any teams still wishing to enter the tourney may see Jim Littlejohn, Dan Bagwell or George Adams, or call Adams at the recreation department.

Admission will be one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Booster Club

Plans Cookout

The Kings Mountain High School Mountaineer Club will sponsor a "meet the baseball team" cookout Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at Lancaster Field. All parents of baseball players, members of the booster's club and all other persons interested in KMHS baseball are invited to the event.

Rain Halts Golf Opener

Kings Mountain High's golfers had their opening match last Thursday rained out after five holes and the Mountaineers will try again for their first victory this Thursday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Last week's match, originally scheduled to be played on Burns' home course, was moved to Kings Mountain as the

Bulldogs were still involved in the state basketball playoffs.

The Mountaineers, Shelby and Crest braved a light rain and thunder for five holes but when it began to rain harder and storm louder, the three Cleveland County rivals called it a day.

No official scores were turned in but Shelby, which has all of its players back

from last year and is the favorite to win the conference, was leading by a healthy margin. Shelby's David Cash was the individual leader at even par and KM's Darrell Austin was next at two over.

The Mountaineers will host Chase, South Point and East Rutherford this Thursday at 1:30. Last week's match will not be made up.

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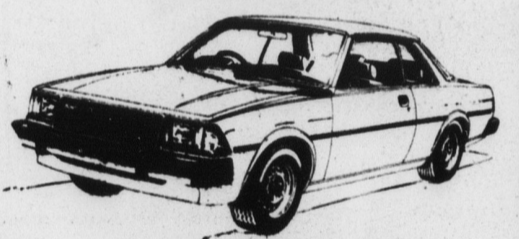
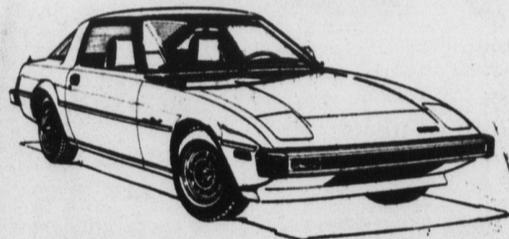
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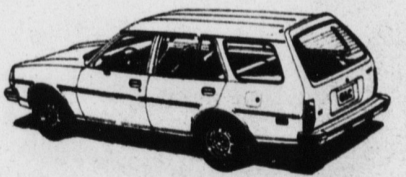
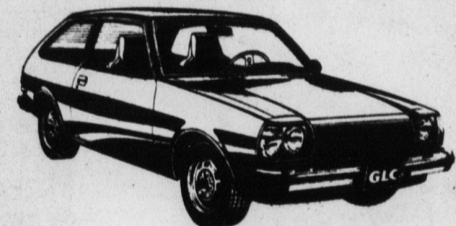
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