

KM Cagers In District

Kings Mountain High's basketball teams open play in the District 7 3-A tournament Thursday in Statesville.

The top five teams (boys and girls) from the Southwestern 3-A Conference and the top three teams from the Western Piedmont 3-A Conference will battle for the right to advance to the Western Regionals next week at Hickory.

The two KM fives will be trying to rebound from losses suffered last week in the annual

SWC tournament at Gardner-Webb College. The boys fell in the first round to R-S Central and the girls lost in the finals to R-S Central.

The Mountaineers will battle SWC tournament champ and regular season tri-champ Crest Thursday at 8 p.m. The Mounties, who finished fifth in the SWC, carry a 14-9 overall record into the contest.

This is the third straight trip to the districts for the Mounties. Two years ago, they lost out in

the second round to Burns after winning the SWC crown, and last year they lost out to Shelby in a triple-overtime championship game after winning the regular season conference title.

Kings Mountain's girls, regular season SWC champion, battle East Rutherford Thursday at 5 p.m. The Mountainettes are 21-4 overall.

This is also the third straight trip to the district for the KM girls. They lost out in the first round two years ago and in the

second round last season.

The Mountainettes opened tournament action Tuesday with a come-from-behind 60-42 victory over eighth-place North Gaston, thus becoming the first KMHS girls team to win 20 games in a season. The victory improved the KM record to 20-3 overall.

North Gaston used a collaps-

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Church League Results

Results of the Church League Basketball Tournament through February 26:

Long Creek 76, Patterson Grove 39. LC - Billy Robinson 19. PG - Brian Webster 18.

First Presbyterian 52, First Baptist 40. FP - Hayne Neisler 17. FB - Robbie Wilson 12.

David Baptist 48, Macedonia 37. DB - Chris Barnette 23; M - Christ Barrett 20.

Boyce Memorial 41, First Wesleyan 35. BM - Roy Whitaker 17. FW - Jody Deaton 22.

El Bethel 34, Resurrection Lutheran 33. EB - Darrell Queen 12. RL - Bill Bridges 15.

Central Methodist 49, East Gold 43. CM - Kevin Tinsley 16. EG - Buchanan 14.

First Baptist 62, Patterson Grove 28. FB - Robbie Wilson 15. PG - Tim Jordan 10, D. Whetstone 10.

Macedonia 41, First Wesleyan 36. M - Chris Barrett 16. FW - Bart George 15.

First Presbyterian 59, Long Creek 56. FP - Sumner 17. LC - Mike Bridges 14.

East Gold 68, Resurrection 49. EG - Buchanan 26. R - Reggie Blalock 21.

Boyce Memorial 62, El Bethel 51. BM - Roy Whitaker 16. EB - Darrell Queen 16.

David Baptist 52, First Presbyterian 36. DB - Jeff Barnette 17. FP - Hayne Neisler 24.

First Baptist 46, Long Creek 45. FB - Robbie Wilson 21. LC - Billy Robinson 20.

Boyce Memorial 49, Central Methodist 38. BM - Roy Whitaker 12. CM - David Brinkley 17.

El Bethel 51, Macedonia 38. EB - Moss 25. M - Chris Barrett 16.

Final regular season games:
East Gold 62, El Bethel 48. EG - Jerry Jackson 23. EB - Gillespie 14, Moss 14.

Macedonia 56, First Presbyterian 47. M - Chris Barrett 28. FP - Sumner 29.

Boyce Memorial 63, Patterson Grove 20. BM - Mike Dixon 16. PG - Tim Jordan 6, Wade Cash 6.

East Gold 66, Macedonia 50. EG - Jerry Jackson 28. M - Chris Barrett 22.

Boyce Memorial 59, El Bethel 42. BM - Mike Dixon 16. EB - Gillespie 14.

First Presbyterian 56, Patterson Grove 34. FP - Smith 19. PG - Tim Jordan 11.

Final Standings, Tuesday Night League: Long Creek 9-1, David Baptist 7-3, First Baptist 6-4, Resurrection 3-7, Central Methodist 3-7, First Wesleyan 2-8.

Final Standings, Thursday Night League: Boyce Memorial 9-1, East Gold 7-3, El Bethel 5-5, First Presbyterian 5-5, Macedonia 3-7, Patterson Grove 0-10.

Leading scorers: Jerry Jackson, East Gold, 20.1; Jody Deaton, First Wesleyan 18.4; Chris Barrett, Macedonia, 16.5; David Brinkley, Central, 16.1; Robbie Wilson, First Baptist, 15.3; Bart George, First Wesleyan 14.0; Mark Champion, Macedonia, 13.5; Chris Barnette, David, 13.3; Bob Wyant, Long Creek, 13.2; T. Buchanan, East Gold, 13.1;

Also, Kevin Wheeler, East Gold, 12.8; Larry Hamrick, Central, 12.7; Mike Smith, Macedonia, 12.3; John Yarbrow, ARP, 11.7; Carpenter, Resurrection, 11.5; Mike Dixon, ARP, 11.5; Sumner, First Presbyterian, 11.5; Gillespie, El Bethel, 10.7; Parks Neisler, First Presbyterian, 10.5; Billy Robinson, Long Creek, 10.2.

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