

KM Basketball Teams Lose In District Event

Kings Mountain High's basketball teams reached the end of the line last week in District 7 3-A Tournament action at Statesville High School.

The boys suffered a first round loss to Crest by a mere point. The girls, after opening with a victory over East Rutherford, lost to Mooresville 58-50 Saturday night in the semi-finals.

The Mountainettes, who won the regular season title in the Southwestern 3-A Conference, finished their season with an overall 22-5 record, best ever for a KMHS girls team.

Mooresville, from the Western Piedmont 3-A Conference, turned the game around in the second half after KM's junior forward, Sonya McClain, got into foul trouble and had to spend much of the time on the bench.

Kings Mountain jumped out to a quick start and held a 19-10 lead after the first period. Mooresville took the lead early in the second half, but despite McClain's foul problems, the Mountainettes battled back to take the lead at 49-48 with 1:31 to play. But, Kings Mountain was forced into a fouling situation after Mooresville's Sandy Westmoreland hit two free throws seconds later, and the Lady Blue Devils hit six straight foul shots in the final minute to ice the victory.

Trina Hamrick led the KM scoring with 21 points and McClain added 11.

The girls opened tournament action Thursday with a 71-59 victory over East Rutherford.

Kings Mountain led most of

the game but had to fight off a determined Cavalier rally in the second half.

The Mountainettes led by 16-11 after the first period and 35-21 at halftime, but the Lady Cavs came back in the third period to outscore the KM five 23-10 and cut the difference to 45-44 going into the fourth period.

McClain led the KM effort with 23 points. Hamrick added 17 and Tootie Roberts 13.

Frank Parker's shot at the buzzer bounded away as the Mounties fell a point shy of upsetting Crest in Thursday's opening round.

The Mounties, who finished 14-10 overall in their first season under Coach Charles Lockee, led

until Crest's Herbert Harbison drove the lane for a winning layup with four seconds left.

Three players scored in double figures for the Mounties, led by Parker with 14 points. David Hager scored 12 and Lavar Curry 11.

Crest led most of the ballgame but the Mounties took the lead with nine seconds left on a pair of free throws by Curry.

Todd Brown led the Chargers with 19 points.

SATURDAY BOX

KM (50) - McClain 11, Hamrick 21, Roberts 6, Ingram 6, Ware 4, Stowe 2.

M (58) - Phifer 12, Bridges 10, Smith 10, Morrison 8, Alexander 6, Westmoreland 6, R. Smith 6.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

(Girls Game)

KM (71) - Hamrick 17, Curry 4, Roberts 13, McClain 23,

Ware 8, Pettis 4, Campbell 2. ER (59) - Abbey 11, Sprat 2, Bridges 14, Smith 6, Byrd 8, Elmore 4, Yelton 2, Holiday 1, Griffith 2.

(Boys Game)

KM (61) - Parker 14, Hager 12, Curry 11, T. Grier 4, Crocker 8, A. Grier 4, Jordan 8.

C (62) - B. Brown 8, Harbison 6, T. Brown 19, Brooks 7, Petty 10, Roseboro 6, Spikes 2, Poston 4.

Boys Club Team Wins 11th

The Kings Mountain Boys Club senior team of coach Danny McDowell notched its eleventh victory of the season against only one defeat with a 58-54 decision over Concord

Saturday at Kings Mountain. This marks only the second time in four years the Concord team has tasted defeat, both losses coming this year at the hands of Kings Mountain. The Kings

Mountain team was led in scoring by Sam Brown with 28 and Jerry Jordan with 12. The senior team will be in action again this week at Columbia, S.C.

The Kings Mountain Boys Club Tarheels (ages 8,9,10) of coach Bobby Bell won two contests this week defeating Gastonia 46-44 in overtime and decisioning Grover 22-18. The K.M. team was led in scoring by Timmy McClain with 22 against Gastonia and by Spencer Brown and Tony Currence with 8 each against Grover. Grover was paced by J. Lockhart with 10.

The Kings Mountain Boys Club junior league all star team (ages 11,12,13) fell to Johnson City, Tenn. 69-68 in the Mid-south Classic Tournament in Bristol, Tenn. over the weekend. The Kings Mountain team was coached by Bobby Maner and Kenneth Wilson and was led in scoring by Joe McClain and Jamie Surratt. Players participating in the trip were: Steven Mauney, Paul Hendricks, Joe McClain, Derrick McClain, Joel Lineburger, Anthony Holland, Antonne Holland, Anthony Hillman, Jamie Surratt, Shawn Smith, Aaron Anderson, Chris Brown, Brad VanStory, Julius Pagan, Derrick Ware, Marcus Brooks, and Jamie Belcher.

Hoyle Winner

Coleman Hoyle won first place honors in the Cleveland County Bass Club's tournament Saturday at Santee Cooper.

He caught fish weighing a total of 12 pounds, 15 ounces.

Second place went to Rick LaMountain with catches totaling nine pounds, five ounces. Gary

Smart was third with a catch of seven pounds.

Hoyle and James Osborne tied for the big fish with six-pounders.

The members had a total catch of 63 pounds, eight ounces.

Spires Second

Stuart Spires of Kings Mountain finished second in his age division and ninth overall in the one-mile fun run in the fourth annual Wilmington Marathon Sunday.

Spires, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millage Spires, ran the course in 6:59.2.

The 12-year-old Central

School sixth grader competed in the 17-under age division.

A marathon, 5,000-meter run, 10,000-meter run and fun run were held. There were 37 runners in the fun run and 200 in the four events.

Spires plans to run in the Hickory Rotary Run in April.

Pythian Tournaments Planned In Cherryville

The annual Pythian Invitational Softball Tournament will be played April 15-17 and April 22-24 at City Park in Cherryville.

The men's tourney is slated for April 15-17. Entry fee is \$65 per team plus two new regulation softballs per game.

The women's tourney is slated April 22-24. Entry fee is \$50 per team plus two new regulation softballs per game.

To enter either tourney, send the entry fee to Knights of Pythias Softball Tournament, P.O. Box 292, Cherryville, N.C. 28021.

KM Fire Department To Sponsor Wrestling

The Kings Mountain Fire Department will sponsor Eastern Championship wrestling Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

Heavyweight, midget and women's matches are on the card.

and II, and Davey Jackson and Paul Anderson against the Enforcers. Jim Rhodes and Mike Ivey will battle in a Russian chain match.

Cindy Kay will wrestle Lady Tomahawk, and in midget action, Joe Goin will face Bad Boy Dula.

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and are available at the Kings Mountain Fire Department. Tickets at the door will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Eastern Championship Wrestling

Sat., March 12th At 8 P.M.

Kings Mtn. National Guard Armory

MAIN EVENT: Lumberjack Strut Match

Rusty Roberts V. Black Angel

TAG TEAM MATCH: Ironman Mark Davis

& Cowboy Young Vs.

The Islander One & Islander Two

SPECIAL MIDGET MATCH: Mighty Joe Goin Vs.

Bad Boy Dulan

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