



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS - The Kings Mountain Boys Club basketball team, pictured above, won first place in the Junior Tournament last weekend in Bristol, Va. Front row, left to right, Jamie Surratte, Derik McCree, Chris Brown, Spencer Brown, Andre Bess and Tracy Wright. Back row, coach Bobby Bell, Shawn Smith, Thomas Feemster, John Hill, Joe McClain, Robbie Edgerton, Darren Hager and Coach Tommy Bennett. Not pictured, Allen Williams, Jeffrey Ross, Darius Ross, Brian Byers, James Roberts and Coach Kenneth Wilson.

KM Wins Tourney

All-star teams from the Kings Mountain and Shelby boys clubs went all the way to Bristol, Va., last weekend to play in the championship game of a tournament.

Kings Mountain defeated their county rivals 62-49 to win the annual Bristol, Va., Boys Club Junior Basketball Tournament.

Darius Ross led the KM scoring with 18 points, Alan Williams added 14 and John Hill 9.

In earlier games, the KM all-stars defeated Kingsport, Tn.,

66-39 and Morristown, Tn., 81-51.

Jamie Surratte scored 10 points, Shawn Smith 8 and James Roberts 7 to lead the win over Kingsport. Smith scored 13, Joe McClain 10 and Roberts 9 to

lead the win over Morristown. Kings Mountain's 14-16 year olds will play Gastonia's AAU Junior Olympic team Friday, and the Kings Mountain teams will host Concord's 8-10, 11-13 and 14-16 year old teams Saturday.

MEETING

Men's Church League basketball teams will meet at Second Baptist Church Sunday at 3 p.m. to draw pairings for the playoffs. Each team is expected to have a representative present.

SOFTBALL

Any area churches planning to enter a team in the men's or women's softball leagues this year should have a representative at a meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. at Second Baptist Church.

Three Share Lead

There's a three-way tie for first place in the 10-13 year old division of the Boys Club basketball race, and the Celtics hold a one-game lead over the Bucks in the 14-16 year old group.

The 76ers, Lakers and

Rockets share the lead in the 10-13 year old division with 8-6 records. The Hawks are 6-7 and the Bulls 5-8. In the 14-16 division, the Celtics are 9-6, Bucks 8-7, Spurs 7-8 and Trail Blazers 6-9.

In action last Tuesday, the Rockets edged the Bulls 51-50 and the Lakers outscored the 76ers 69-60. John Hill scored 16 points and Bernard Thompson 14 to lead the Rocket victory and Julius Pagan scored 17 and Anthony Hillman 14 for the Bulls. Brent Bagwell's 20 points and 15 by Jamie Surratte led the Lakers over the 76ers. Greg Young scored 33 points and Tony Williams 10 for the 76ers.

On Thursday, the Bucks edged the Spurs 60-58 and the Celtics defeated the Trail Blazers 84-80 in overtime. Derik Jordan, Jerry Jordan and Sidney Brown scored 12 points each to lead the Bucks. Eric Marble scored 23 and Targe Wofford 12 for the Spurs. Ronnie Frazier scored 30 points and Don Adams and Teddy Wilson added 22 each to lead the Celtics over the Trail Blazers. Dean Logan scored 32 and John Pettis 29 for the losers.

Players of the week were Greg Young of the 76ers, who averaged 26 points per game, and Dean Logan of the Trail Blazers, who averaged 28 points.

KMHS Teams Involved In District Tourney

Kings Mountain High's basketballers are competing this week in the District 7 3-A Tournament at Gardner-Webb College. The winners of both the boys and girls divisions advance to the Western Regional Tournament March 15-17 at Hickory High School.

The Mountaineers, seeded fourth from the Southwestern 3-A Conference, were scheduled to face North Iredell, the top seed from the Western Piedmont Conference Wednesday night.

The Kings Mountain girls, fifth seed from the SWC, will play top-seeded R-S Central Thursday at 5 p.m. The Mountaineers lost both games to the SWC champions during the regular season.

R-S Central is the top seeded team in the tournament because it won the regular season SWC championship. North Gaston, which came on strong to win the SWC tourney, is seeded number two. North Gaston's tournament victory bumped fifth place finisher Crest from the tournament field.

East Rutherford, runner-up to R-S in regular season, is seeded third, followed by Kings Mountain and Shelby. North Iredell, South Iredell and East Lincoln are representing the Western Piedmont Conference.

In the girls division, R-S, tournament champ Crest, South Point, Shelby and Kings Mountain are representing the SWC and North Iredell, Mooresville and Statesville are the entries from the WPC.

Winners of tournaments in districts 5 (North and South Piedmont Conferences), 6 (Northwest and Northwestern Conferences), 7 (Southwestern and Western Piedmont Conferences) and 8 (Big Mac and Ivy Conferences) will compete in Hickory. The winners there will advance to the state tournament at Elon College (girls) and the Greensboro Coliseum (boys) March 23-24.

Industrial Tournament Is Underway

The Kings Mountain Industrial League basketball tournament is underway this week at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Action got underway Wednesday night with Eaton playing Norick Brothers and Foote Mineral facing Anvil Knit.

Action continues Friday at 6 p.m. with Spectrum meeting the winner of the Eaton-Norick game, and at 7 p.m. with Commercial Shearing playing the winner of the Foote-Anvil game.

Losers of those two games will play for the third place trophy Saturday at 5 p.m. and the winners of those games will play at 6 p.m. Saturday for the championship.

Deacons, Blue Devils, Cars Win

The Deacons, Blue Devils and Cavaliers posted victories in 13-16 year old basketball action last week at the Community Center.

The Deacons defeated the Wolfpack 73-68 as David Lawson scored 22 points and Junior Melton added 21. Andrea Littlejohn scored 38 and Reginal Goode 13 for the Wolfpack.

The Blue Devils edged the Tar Heels 60-56. Tim Sanders scored 18 points and Sidney Brown 15 for the winners.

Brian Adams scored 24 points and Craig Queen added 14 to lead the Cavaliers to a 70-66 win over the Terps. Ronnie Carroll scored 23 points and Walter Lewis added 19 for the Terps.

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