KM Teams Will Be In Sectionals

For the first time this year, the N.C. High School Athletic Association is using a format similar to the NCAA to decide its finalists for the state tournaments.

There will be eight Sectional Tournaments played around the state in each of the four classifications (1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A) and the winners of all those events will qualify for the state tournament.

In the 3-A division, seven boys and seven girls teams from the Southwestern 3-A Conference will qualify for Sectional Tournaments, but they will not be assigned to the same Sectional.

Sectional action will begin next week. The first two rounds of the sectionals will be played at various high schools around the state. Semi-finals and finals action will be played at previously-designated schools. In Western 3-A action, those previously-designated courts are at Gardner-Webb College, and Asheville, Statesville and Hickory high schools.

Kings Mountain's boys, fourth place finishers in the SWC, are scheduled to play their first game at the home court of the Big Six Conference's number two team. The winner of that game will advance against the winner of the game between the Foothills Conference number two and South Piedmont Conference number five teams.

The Kings Mountain girls, fifth place finishers in the SWC, are scheduled to travel and play the number two team from the Western Athletic Conference. The winner of that gme will advance against the winner of the SWC's number one and Big Six number five team.

The only thing that can change either of the KM team's present seeding would be if one of the eighth place teams from the SWC would win this week's conference tournament at North Gaston. If that should happen, the eighth place team would earn a Sectional berth and the seventh place team would not.

If that doesn't happen, Kings Mountain's boys, should they win their first two rounds and advance to the Sectional semi-finals, would play in the Hickory Sectional. They KM girls, if they should win their first two games and qualify for the Sectional semis, would play in the Gardner-Webb sectionals.

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KM Boys Club Basketball Results

Boys Club Basketball League results:

Wednesday - Tigers 66, 76ers 62. Gary Carteat scored 16 points and Dennis Gordon 14 for the Tigers. Jake Robinson scored 17 and Pete Rozzell 13 for the 76ers.

Thursday - Tigers 44, Rockets 44. Gary Carteat scored 16 points and Randy Cunningham 11 as the Tigers upset the league leader. Marquiz Williams scored 34 for the Rockets.

Saturday - 76ers 54, Bulls 52. Jake Robinson scored 23, Pete Rozzell 15 and Shawn Davis 10 for the 76ers. Sheldon Thompson scored 21, Jerry Black 12 and Jermaine Greer 10 for the Bulls.

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The East defeated the West 31-30 in the Gaston Boys Club 10-under all-star game last week. Marques Lynch scored 12 points, Marquis Adams 10 and Joel Rozzell eight for the East. Rodney Brown had 12, Don Graham eight and Mark Jennings six for the West.

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The East defeated the West 79-65 in the 12-under all-star game. Pete Rozzell and Jake Robinson scored 11 each and Sheldon Thompson, Jermaine Greer and Hoppie Wright scored 10 each for the East. Stanker Williams scored 12, Marquiz Williams 11 and Rodney Falls and Freddie Adams 10 each for the West.

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Kings Mountain defeated Bessemer City 63-12 in a game Saturday at Ashley Junior High School in Gastonia. Marquiz Williams and Stanker Williams scored 12 each, Rodney Falls 10 and Sheldon Thompson and Jerry Black eight each for KM.

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In Gaston League play last week, KM Number 1 defeated Georgetown 64-38 and KM Number 2 defeated UNLV 58-41. Marquiz Williams scored 16 points, Rodney Falls 12 and Diron Bell 11 for Number 1 and Stanker Williams had 18, Sheldon Thompson 14 and Freddie Adams 10 for Number 2.

Standings: KM League, Rockets 9-3, Pistons 8-4, Bulls 6-6, Hawks 4-7, Lakers 4-7, 76ers 4-8. Gaston League: KM Number 1 11-0, KM Number 2 10-1.

Players of the Week - Sheldon Thompson and Jermaine Greer.

Games this week - League games Wednesday and Thursday. KM at the Tennessee-Virginia Invitational this weekend.

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KM To Play In Tourney

Kings Mountain Boys Club basketball teams will participate in the Sun Drop Shootout Tournament March 6-7.

Kings Mountain will sponsor teams in seven age divisions in the North Carolina Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics. Team selections will be by competitive tryouts on the following days at the Central gym:

Sat., Mar. 14 at 1:30 p.m. - 14 year olds.

Sat., Mar. 14 at 3 p.m. - 15 year olds.

Sat., Mar. 21 at 1:30 p.m. - 17 year olds.

Sat., Mar. 21 at 3 p.m. - 19 year olds.

For more information, call Tom Bennett at 739-3667 or Danny McDowell at 739-7026.

AAU coaches this year will be Jimmy Brown, former KMHS basketballer who played at Limestone College and is now employed by the Gaston Boys Club; Butch Blalock, KM High's all-time scoring king who later played at Tennessee Tech and is now coaching at W.C. Friday Junior High in Dallas; Ronnie Funderburke, who played at East Rutherford High and Western Carolina and is now head jayvee coach at KMHS; Tom Bennett, Bobby Bell and Jewel Watson of the Boys Club program; and cooperative support from KMHS head coach Larry Sipe.

R-S Central Clubs Sweep Mounties Wednesday Night

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up in running their SWC record to 12-1 in the opener. Tammy Hunt scored 18 points, Hattie Young 12 and Felicia Twitty 11 to lead the winners. Regina Brown scored 13 and Sharon Melton 10 for Kings Mountain.

R-S held an 11-6 lead after the first period and a 33-16 advantage at halftime. Kings Mountain was held to seven points in the third quarter as the Lady Hilltoppers increased their lead to 48-23.

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Kings Mountain's jayvees came from behind in the fourth quarter to edge the jayvee Hilltoppers 68-67 in an afternoon game. The victory ran KM's record to 12-1 in the SWC.

R-S Central held a 16-10 lead after the first quarter, a 42-32 margin at halftime and a 54-49 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Five players scored in double figures for the Mountaineers, led by John Hill with 17 points. Patrick Odems, Brad Wilson, Robbie Edgerton and Bernard Thompson added 10 points each.

GIRLS GAME

KM (33) - Epps 5, Melton 10, Brown 13, Woods 5.

RS (60) - Hunt 18, Williams 8, Young 12, Wilmore 2, Kincaid 4, Twitty 11, Barnes 1, Hamilton 4.

BOYS GAME

KM (67) - Jordan 18, Meeks 9, Woods 14, Rayford 6, Hollifield 8, Crocker 2, Smith 2, Byers 4, Goode 2, Bagwell 2.

RS (77) - Mayse 5, Logan 23, Harding 10, Ross 2, Rucker 6, Bright 2, Twitty 10, Ledbetter 11, Lynch 6, Martin 2.

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