



Photo by Dieter Melhorn
SWC CHAMPIONS - Kings Mountain High's Mountaineers won their first SWC championship in eight years this season and are now awaiting the SWC and state tournaments. Seated from left, Petie

McNeal, Shane Sessoms, Quan Smith, Daniel Honeycutt, Rodgerick McClain, Ryan Hollifield and Darian Hager. Standing, Darius Ross, Kevin Moss, Era Vaughn, Mark Byers, Scottie Hopper, and Tony Currence.

Mounties Eye SWC Tourney

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers have had a week to enjoy their Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball championship. Now, it's time for a new game to begin.

The Mountaineers now set their sights on post-season tournaments, beginning this week with the annual SWC tournament at Gardner-Webb College. The only thing at stake there is honor because the Mountaineers get the conference's top seed by winning the regular season.

After the three-day shootout at Gardner-Webb Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Mountaineers will enter the state playoffs. They will receive an opening round bye and will then host a second round game on Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the KMHS gym.

"As far as the conference tournament goes, I can't see any advantage because we finished number one," says KMHS Coach Larry Sipe. "The teams are so strong from top to bottom. You can't sit back and think about who you'd rather play because every team is strong."

The Mountaineers will receive a bye in the opening round and will battle the winner of the South Point-North Gaston game Friday at 6:30. The winner will advance to the championship game Saturday night.

Girls action got underway Tuesday night. Boys action gets underway tonight with South Point battling North Gaston, East Rutherford playing Shelby and R-S Central facing Burns.

Kings Mountain has been idle

KM Girls Eliminated In Tourney

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team saw its season end Tuesday night in the opening round of the Southwestern 3-A Conference tournament at Gardner-Webb College.

R-S Central pulled away in the fourth quarter to take a 49-32 victory and advance to Friday's semi-finals game against North Gaston. KM's final record dipped to 6-17.

Kings Mountain trailed most of the game but cut the R-S lead to 29-28 with 6:50 to play following a pair of free throws by Tessie Ruff. But R-S scored the next nine points and finished the game by outscoring KM 20-6 in the fourth quarter.

Tarah Miller and Becky Young scored 15 points each to lead the Hilltopper attack. Suzette Feemster led KM with 12.

TUESDAY GAME

KM (32) - Smith 6, Hardin 0, Ruff 4, Feemster 12, Roseboro 6, Barnes 4.

RS (49) - Hamilton 4, Miller q5, Young 15, Long 9, Logan 6.

Legion Baseball Meeting Monday

The Kings Mountain American Legion Baseball Booster's Club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion building.

The club has three fund-raising projects underway as it plans to re-enter a team in Area IV competition this summer.

The boosters are currently selling advertisements for a baseball program which will be distributed at the home games. The prices for ads are \$200 for a full page, \$100 for a half page, \$50 for a quarter

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High School Wrestlers Are Second In State 3-A

Kings Mountain High's wrestling team finished second in the State 3-A dual team tournament Saturday at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Mountaineers of Steve Moffitt won four straight matches, including one impressive win over previously unbeaten St. Stephens, to make it to the finals against three-time state champion High Point Andrews. KM lost to Andrews 51-10.

Kings Mountain finished with an 18-2 overall mark. The 18 wins represent a new school record for most wins in a season. The two losses were to state championship teams, to 4-A champion East Gaston in the regular season and to 3-A champ High Point Saturday.

"I'm really proud of our guys," said Coach Moffitt. "You never know how you're going to do in a

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