



CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM-The Kings Mountain Boys Club's 13-year-old basketball team won the state championship recently. Members of the team, not in order pictured, are Bean Robinson, Kevin Clary, Jarvis Bell, Steve Surratt, Shanas Gordon, Robert Williams, Sharee Hopper, Troy Phillips and Jovan Bell. Not pictured are David Taylor, Terence Roseboro, Ian Adams and Jason Rayford.

KM Boys Club Cagers Win State Tournament

The Kings Mountain Boys Club 13-year-old AAU all-stars won the state championship last weekend in Concord and will play in the national tournament in July in Indiana.

This marks the third straight year a KMBC team has qualified for the national tournament. KM teams finished second and third in the nation the last two years.

Kings Mountain defeated Gastonia 88-40, Raleigh 95-43 and the Charlotte Royals 88-79 to win the state. Raleigh defeated the Charlotte Royals in overtime for second place and will also advance to the national tournament.

Jovan Bell and Robert Williams scored 12 points each and Troy Phillips, Sharee Hopper, Ian Adams and Jason Rayford added 10 each in the victory over Gastonia.

Adams scored 16 points, Bell 12, Williams 11, and Rayford, Hopper and Tank Roseboro 10 each in the semi-finals win over Raleigh. Phillips, Adams and Bell scored 11 each and Rayford, Williams, Roseboro and Hopper added 10 points in the championship win over Charlotte.

KM advanced to the state tournament by winning four straight games in the West Regionals at Wilkesboro. KM defeated Foothills 90-40, Alexander County 95-38, Charlotte Sonics 105-32 and Avery County 116-13.

Bell scored 12, Williams and Roseboro 11 each, and Phillips,

Tourney Here This Weekend

Kings Mountain Boys Club will host the West Regional 15-17 AAU Basketball Tournament April 12-15 at Kings Mountain High School, Kings Mountain Junior High and the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The top 15, 16 and 17 year old basketball players in this end of the state will be competing for the right to play in next week's state championship tournament.

Action gets underway Thursday at 5 p.m.

Hopper and Shanas Gordon 10 each in the win over Foothills.

Adams scored 13, Rayford 12, Hopper and Bell 11 each, and Williams, Roseboro and Phillips 10 each in the win over Alexander County.

Rayford, Adams and Bell had 11 each and Hopper, Williams, Roseboro, Phillips and David Taylor 10 each in the win over Charlotte.

Taylor scored 15 points, Gordon and Phillips 13 each, Rayford 11, and Hopper, Bell, Williams and Adams 10 each in the win over Avery County.

Kings Mountain's 11-year-old team also won the state game and will play in the national tournament in Orlando, Fla. in July.

Girls Track Team Second In SW Meet

Kings Mountain High's girls track team finished second in a three-team Southwestern 3-A Conference meet Wednesday.

Shelby won the event with 106 pints, followed by KM with 44 and South Point with 11.

Kings Mountain picked up two first place finishes. Neek Moore won the 100 meter hurdles in 18.95 seconds, and Angie Blanton won the 300 meter high hurdles in 58.86 seconds.

Finishing second were Blanton in the high jump (4'4"); Pam Martin, Kimberly Hoyle, Emily Campbell and Doung Mounghane in the 3200 meter relay (13:54.00);

Tonya Walls in the 100 meter hurdles (19.25); Doung Mounghane in the 3200 meter run (17:28); and Tikki Thomas in the 200 meter run (28.86).

Finishing third were Kelly Hardy in the long jump (13'4"); and Christy McClary in the 200 meter run (29.22).

Finishing fourth were Blanton in the triple jump (27' 1/2"); Keisha Coulter in the 100 meter hurdles (20.27); Emily Campbell in the 1600 meter run (7:17); Tonya Hall in the 400 meter run (88.31); Bridget Williams in the 300 meter high hurdles (60.62); and Dawn Hardin in the 800 meter run (2:56).

KM Tennis Team Drops 3 Matches

Kings Mountain High's tennis team dropped 9-0 decisions to Ashbrook and Myers Park and fell to Concord 7-0 in a rain-shortened match last week.

The Mountaineers are scheduled to open Southwestern 3-A Conference action Thursday at R-S Central. They will host North Gaston Tuesday, April 24.

ASHBROOK 9, KM 0

(Singles)
Bharin Mikta (A) def. Jay Hendricks 6-0, 6-2; Banks Bostian (A) def. Scott Layton 6-2, 6-1; Ahlyen Tuttle (A) def. Kevin Bess 6-3, 6-1; Jeff Hanna (A) def. Brad Benton 6-3, 6-2; Sean Ayers (A) def. Jimbo Thompson 6-3, 6-2; Danny Hite (A) def. Brandon Morgan 6-1, 6-0.

Baseball

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The winner of the KM-North and East-BC games will meet Tuesday at 5:30, following a game between the losers of those two games. Shelby will battle Hunter Huss at 8 p.m.

Games will be played Wednesday at 5:30 and 8 p.m., Thursday at 5:30 and 8 p.m., and Friday at 5:30 and 8 p.m.

"This will be a good way for the people in the area to see some great ball games," said Coach Clark. "This is really a big tournament, probably the biggest high school baseball tournament in this area. It's a lot of fun for the kids and they get to be exposed to a lot of different media. I think Kings Mountain will show itself well."

Each school is guaranteed \$250 by the sponsoring Gaston Observer, and as host Kings Mountain will get to keep all the concession monies.

"This should be an exciting tournament because there are several top-notch teams involved," Clark said. "We're really excited about playing in it and also maybe making some money for our program."

FRIDAY GAME

By innings: R-H-E
KM 214 004 6 17-14-4
RS 400 021 1 8-11-1

Allen and Brannon; Baynard and Goode.

MONDAY GAME

By innings: R-H-E
KM 182 213 x 17-12-1
CR 001 002 x 3-4-5

Chad Plonk, Chris Plonk (4), Rogers (5) and Brannon; King, Newton (2) and Vinesett.

Girls Softball

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Coach Tony Leigh's ladies improved their record to 3-1 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 5-1 overall. They resume conference play April 20 at Shelby.

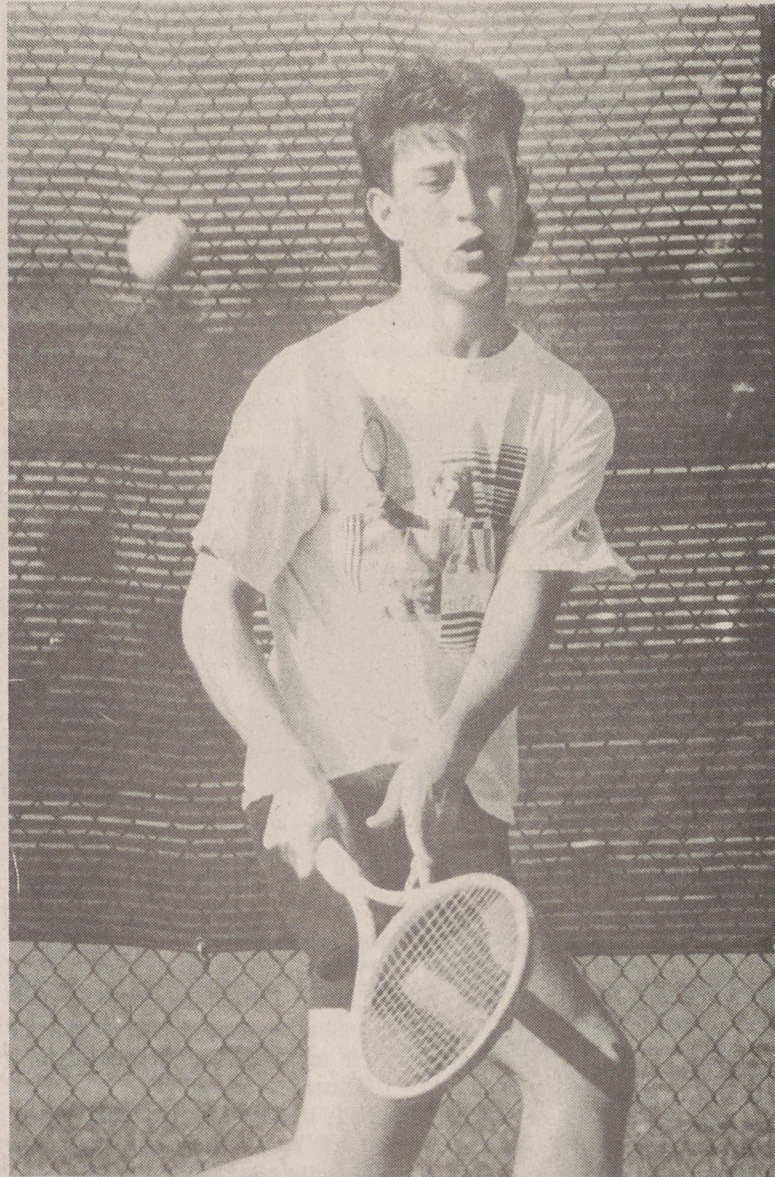
Carmen Smith hurled the victory and Tandra Leftwich earned a save.

Paula Morris led the KM plate attack with 2-for-2 and three runs batted in, and Angela Whitaker was 2-for-2 with one RBI.

Tony Leigh

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Leigh said he hopes to work closely with the junior high program to build a successful program at KMHS.



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