



BIG CATCH - Bobby Green, left, and Keith Cobb are pictured with two of the big fish they caught Saturday at a lake in Chester, SC. Green holds the biggest of the bunch, a nine pound, 10-ounce largemouth bass, and Cobb has a 3 1/2-pound largemouth.

KM swimmers win again

Kings Mountain High's swim teams continued their winning streaks last Wednesday by defeating McDowell 121-66 in the boys and 104-44 in the girls.

Benji Davis and Dave Messenger led the boys with four wins each while Aaron Allen and Jonathan Jones captured firsts in two events. Other winners included Brian Wilson, Chuck Kaylor, James Faust, Patrick Frei, Lindsay Suber and Israel Angeles.

The girls were paced by triple winners Sara Dilling, Marie Mayse, Paula Eckard and Michelle Fujita. The Mountaineers also scored well with Leigh Kendrick and Carrie Hardin each gaining double victories and Gail Hardin and Tandra Leftwich capturing one win each.

The Mounties are now 8-0 in the boys division and 7-1 in the girls. They were scheduled to host Salisbury yesterday and will host Hendersonville and Chase next Wednesday.

(Boys Results)

200 free - Benji Davis first (2:06.27), Chuck Kaylor third (2:22.11), Ty Ross fourth (2:26.95).

200 IM - Lindsay Suber second (2:37.20), Dan Messenger third (2:44.12), Jay Sloan fourth (3:15.32).

50 Free - Dave Messenger first (23.46), Israel Angeles third (26.49), Jonathan Jones fifth (28.05), Patrick Frei sixth (28.42).

Diving - Brian Wilson first (80.25), Jeff Benton second (78.25), Mark Blanton third (71.75).

100 fly - Aaron Allen second (1:04.53), James Faust third (1:11.24), Ty Ross fourth (1:18.05).

100 free - Lindsay Suber second (57.52), Israel Angeles third (58.94), Jonathan Jones fifth (1:02.91), Lewis Nantz sixth (1:07.02).

500 free - Chuck Kaylor first (6:28.74), Jay Sloan second (6:55.41).

100 back - Benji Davis first (1:02.55), Aaron Allen third (1:07.75), Dan Messenger fourth (1:17.12).

100 breast - David Messenger first (1:10.01), James Faust third (1:18.82), Brian Wilson fourth (1:19.70), Patrick Frei fifth (1:27.06), Jeff Taylor sixth (1:28.56).

(Girls Results)

200 free - Marie Mayse first (2:08.75), Michelle Fujita third (2:34.17).

200 IM - Sarah Dilling first (2:39.74).

50 free - Paula Eckard second (29.59), Gail Hardin third (31.42), Wendy Wright fourth (32.41), Becky Anderson sixth (40.60).

Diving - Tandra Leftwich first (78.25), Jennifer Phifer second (76.65), Angie Blanton third (70.05), Paige Brown fourth (64.7).

100 fly - Leigh Kendrick first (1:24.14), Genora Taylor second (1:39.19).

100 free - Sarah Dilling second (1:05.25).

500 free - Paula Eckard first (5:58.54).

100 back - Michelle Fujita first (1:18.97), Gail Hardin second (1:20.57), Becky Anderson third (1:55.71).

100 breast - Marie Mayse second (1:18.47), Wendy Wright third (1:29.70), Leigh Kendrick fourth (1:33.70).

KM bowlers win in Eden tourney

Kings Mountain bowlers fared well in the Open Handicap Tournament last weekend at Shag's Draper Bowling Lanes in Eden.

John Dilling won the men's singles with a 517 series. He had a high game of 172 and his scratch set was 426. Jack Barrett was 24th with a 427.

Lib Gault finished third in women's singles with a 481 series.

In mixed doubles, Gault and Barrett finished 13th with a 894 series and Gault and Dilling were 15th with a 866.

Free throw contest set

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 10-14 January 25 at 1 p.m. at the St. Michael's gym in Gastonia.

For more information call Mitch Foreman at 922-0707 after 6 p.m.

Wrestlers whip R-S

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers won their third straight Southwestern 3-A Conference match and their ninth straight overall Friday at R-S Central, 49-14.

THE RESULTS

103 - Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Chris Lancaster 1st; 112 - Michael Bell d. Jay Howell 53; 119 - Derek Houser d. Darren Hill 5-4; 125 - Brent Campbell (RS) p. Thong Qhantaphang 1st; 130 - Bo Phongsā (KM) major dec. over

Zack Patterson 15-3; 135 - Robbie Ruff (KM) p. Nathan Maggard 2nd; 140 - Sheldon Smith (KM) p. Steve Martin 3rd; 145 - Greg Clark (RS) p. Antwan Brown 3rd; 152 - Chad Adams (KM) d. John Harris 4-1; 160 - Matt Reynolds (KM) and Jason Waddingham (RS) tied 5-5; 171 - Cedric Moore (KM) p. Guy Shearer 1st; 189 - Jermaine Grier (KM) major dec. over Mike McCollum; Hwt. - Tony Young (KM) p. David Huss 2nd.

PARIS

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Paris hopes to be a Honey Bee for a long time. However, she warned, she must win her place on the team every year through more tryouts.

"The tryouts are tough," she said. "They had a trial dance team last year which I didn't know anything about. A lot of those girls came back and tried out. There were a lot of girls with different kinds of dance styles. The competition was really tough because you really didn't know what the judges were looking for at first."

"I plan to try out again next year," she said. "I really enjoy working with everybody and meeting the people. I'm looking for a full-time job in Charlotte since I'm over there every night anyway."

Paris says she believes the Honey Bees have added a lot of excitement to Hornets' games. "The

crowds seem really excited about it," she said. "That's one of the main reasons we're performing at all the home games now."

Dancing is nothing new to Paris, who started taking ballet at age three and has continued until now, except for a brief stint in junior high school when she stopped dancing to take piano lessons.

At Carolina, she was a member of the nationally-ranked High Kicking Heels for four years. They performed at all the Tar Heel football games, at about half of the basketball games, and also took part in national competition.

"Dancing is something I've just always loved to do," she says. "This is the first time I've ever done it professionally. It's a lot of fun but it's hard at this level. We have to learn two dances every week and it's rough on people who are working full-time and going to school. We try to do different dances at every game. If we ever repeat one it's one that we did early in the season."

ROBINSON

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Robinson recalled that the Negro League was a thriving enterprise for owners, but players got very little of the money. His first contract called for a salary of \$325 a month from May through September.

"But the owners made plenty of money," he said. "Ours was a popular league. We played in the same parks as the major league teams and in a lot of cases we drew better attendance. When our players started going into the majors our attendance dropped and that eventually meant the end of the league." The Homestead Braves, based in Washington, D.C., had a working agreement with the Braves and sent several players to the majors, but other major league clubs wouldn't follow suit.

Robinson recalled that many of the Negro League clubs wanted to remain and Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick was asked to be the commissioner of both leagues. "He said he would if our owners would turn over all the proceeds to him," he said. "The owners wouldn't do it because they knew Ford Frick would give our players their fair share."

So, Negro League players who weren't picked up by major league teams wound up playing in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada and other countries.

Robinson had a couple of his best years after going to Canada in '52, hitting .325 and .349.

"It was probably much tougher to play in the Negro League than in the majors," Robinson said. "We didn't have the same quality equipment as they had. And our guys would throw at you pretty hard. Sam Jones was wild. You'd give him part of the plate or you'd get hurt. He pitched three or four no-hitters after he went up with the Giants."

Robinson, who still watches baseball every chance he gets, says today's average players don't compare with the major league or Negro League players of the past.

"We had to play hurt and sick," he noted. "They get a cramp now and they have to sit down. If we were able to get out on the field we had to perform."

"The average player today won't hustle like a Pete Rose. In our day, every player hustled like Rose. He'd play if he had a leg broken. And, now players get more in one season than we got in a lifetime. It's all business now."

Boys Club Basketball

(Kings Mountain Boys Club Basketball League results. All games played at Central School gym).

January 14

12-Under League

Hawks 45, Lakers 38

Hawks - Joseph Caldwell 12, Cash Nixon 10, Joseph Williams 10.

Lakers - Benji Fowler 13, Clint Logan 11.

Pistons 44, Rockets 43

Pistons - marlon Byers 20, Kenny Moore 12.

Rockets - Gary Hensley 11, Eric Boyd 10

January 16

12-Under League

Magic 47, Bulls 46 (2 OT)

Magic - Justin Starr 10, Kenneth Williams 10.

Bulls - Kevin Henderson 24, Cornelius Matthews 10.

Trail Blazers 62, Spurs 60

TB - Shawn Adams 16, Lamar Adams 16, Corey McCray 10.

Spurs - Ralphel Williams 41, Rodman Simmons 10.

January 18

12 Under League

Hawks 60, Rockets 59 (OT)

Hawks - Jawan McCree 21, Cash Nixon 10, Mariko Feemster 10, Tirce Byers 10.

Rockets - Antwaine Adams 10, Julius Matthews 10.

Lakers 38, Pistons 37

Lakers - Benji Fowler 16, Clint Logan 14.

Pistons - Kenny Moore 16, Matt Johnson 10.

Rockets 56, 76ers 51

Rockets - Ralphel Williams 21, Kevin Henderson 20.

76ers - Terrence James 20, Teris Black 10.

(16-Under League)

Duke 79, Georgetown 26

Duke - Stanker Williams 25, Tim Moore 10, Calvin Whitner 10, Leon Ross 10.

Georgetown - Chris Williams 16, Eugene Steveson 10.

UNLV 82, Carolina 34

UNLV - Kasey Holland 12, John Adams 12, Shorty Bell 11, Rodney Falls 11, Sherman Witcher 10.

Carolina - David Bell 13, Mike Odum 11, Tico Crocker 10.

Kansas 63, Arkansas 61

Kansas - Alex Burris 10, Joe Adams 10.

Arkansas - Todd Byers 12, Derrick Jones 11.

Player of the Week - Kenny Moore (12-under), Chris Williams (16-under).

Academic Player of the Week - Rodman Simmons.

Boy of the Week - Gary Hensley.

12-Under Standings: Trail Blazers 3-0, Bulls 2-1, Magic 2-1, Hawks 2-1, Pistons 1-2, Lakers 1-2, Spurs 1-2, Rockets 1-3, 76ers 1-3, Celtics 0-3.

16-Under Standings: Duke 2-0, UNLV 2-0, Arkansas 1-0, Kansas 0-1, Carolina 0-2, Georgetown 0-2.

This Week's Games:

Thursday - Pistons vs. Magic (5:30), Lakers vs. Bulls (6:30).

Saturday - Rockets vs. Spurs (11:30), Hawks vs. Trail Blazers (12:30), 13-15 year old all-star game (1:30).

Tuesday - Bulls vs. Rockets (5:30), Pistons vs. Trail Blazers (6:30).

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