

18 Sharks score at Isothermal

Eighteen Shark swimmers scored at the Western Carolina Championships over the weekend at Isothermal Community College. Nine-year-old Kelly Hendrick led the way by winning five individual events. Kelly's sister, Amy, was close behind with three wins while Jayme Bridges and Denise Stamey each captured two events. Michele Grose and Nathan Mayse rounded out the Sharks' winners, adding a single victory to the team's total. Eleven other Sharks scored in 45 events to bring the team total to 59 places. The Sharks next meet will be the North Carolina Age Group Championships at Charlotte January 31-February 2.

THE RESULTS

(10-under Girls)
Angela Strahler - Fourth in 50 breast (44.02), fourth 50 free (33.03), fifth 100 IM (1:26.52).
(11-12 Girls)
Amy Hendrick - First 100 breast (1:21.90), first 50 breast (37.13), first 100 free (1:03.83), fourth 200 free (2:25.37), sixth 100 fly (1:18.49).
Michelle Grose - First 100 back (1:13.83), second 200 IM (2:45.04), fourth 100 IM (1:15.29), sixth 200 free (2:30.77).
Hanson Mabry - Second 100 back (1:14.60), second 50 back (35.02), sixth 50 free (30.53).
(13-14 Girls)
Jayme Bridges - First 200 free (2:09.58), first 100 back (1:09.95), third 200 back (2:28.08), third 50 free (28.14), third 100 free (1:00.31).
(15-18 Girls)

Denise Stamey - First 200 back (2:23.50), first 100 back (1:06.17), second 100 breast (1:18.12).
Marie Mayse - Fifth 50 free (28.59), fifth 100 free (1:01.24), sixth 200 free (2:14.71).
Paula Eckard - Second 1650 free (20:28.54), sixth 500 free (6:06.62).

(10-under Boys)

Kelly Hendrick - First 200 free (2:49.91), first 50 free (32.18), first 100 back (1:20.45), first 100 IM (1:20.44), first 100 fly (1:23.80), second 200 IM (3:04.31).
Wilkes Strain - Second 50 free (32.68), second 50 fly (37.93), third 100 free (1:13.27).

(11-12 Boys)

Josh Kienlen - Second 200 free (2:25.66), third 100 fly (1:17.73), sixth 50 fly (35.02).

Greg Croft - Third 50 breast (37.63), fourth 100 breast (1:23.66).

Matt Borders - Fifth 200 free (2:36.92).

(13-14 Boys)

Nathan Mayse - First 100 breast (1:15.41), second 200 breast (2:39.77), third 200 IM (2:28.77), third 50 free (26.05), fifth 100 free (59.55).

James Faust - Third 100 breast (1:15.41), third 100 free (58.63), third 200 breast (2:46.75), fourth 50 free (26.31), sixth 100 fly (1:12.31).

Israel Angeles - Second 50 free (26.05), fourth 100 breast (1:16.88), fourth 100 free (58.92).

Spencer Borders - fourth 200 breast (2:47.64), fifth 500 free (6:15.88).

(15-18 Boys)

Lindsay Suber - Third 50 free (26.61).



JERRY BLACK
Helps lead KM to win

Mounties top Bulldogs 78-57

Even in the midst of a recent five-game losing streak, KMHS basketball coach Larry Sipe said he could "feel" the improvement in his team and knew it would be just a matter of time before the Mountaineers broke out of their slump.

The Mounties did it Tuesday night at home against Burns, blasting the Bulldogs 78-57 for their first Southwest 3-A Conference victory. The Mountaineers, now 1-3 in league play and 5-9 overall, are idle Friday and travel to Shelby next Tuesday.

"Burns was a little short-handed because they were playing without their All-Conference forward Shion Strong," Sipe said. "But, even with that, I thought our guys were deserving of the victory."

The Mountaineers jumped out front and were never headed. They led 18-12 at the quarter break, 31-22 at halftime and 51-37 going into the fourth quarter.

Led by junior All-Conference star Marquize Williamson, who had 25 points and six rebounds, the Mountaineers shot a sizzling 56 percent from the floor, including 6-of-10 from three-point range. And, for the first time this year, they out-rebounded their opponent, if just by one rebound.

"Our guys have really been practicing extremely hard and I continued to have good feelings about this team even during that five-game losing streak," Sipe said. "And, I will continue to feel good about them the rest of the year because we do have some good athletes and most of those kids have a really big heart."

Justin Jones chipped in 17 points Tuesday and sophomore Sharee Hopper added 12 points and five boards.

"Hoper has improved every time he's gone out on the floor," Sipe said. "Through 14 games he's shooting 61 percent from the floor."

The Mountaineers' shooting performance Tuesday was the best it's been and the defense continued to play well. KM's pressing defense has resulted in an average of 24 turnovers per game for the opposition.

"We feel like we have to force turnovers to equal out our rebounding disadvantage," Sipe said. "We shot the ball better from the perimeter than we have in the last five games. We've got to shoot it well."

"For some mysterious reason, our perimeter shooting left us during that five-game losing streak," he added. "But even during that time I could see good things. I could see the size of the heart those kids have. We're like a flock of geese. We've got to hang together and stay in formation and have to have someone at the point that's going to lead us."

With the first SWC victory in the bag, Sipe says his team will be concentrating on placing in the top four in the conference and qualifying for the state playoffs for the ninth straight year.

"Right now, South Point hasn't won a game and we're one of three others that have won one," he said. "When report cards come out it

could injure some of the other teams. Shelby was hit hard, losing three starters and two off the bench, and Burns was hit hard with the loss of Strong."

"The way this ball bounces, sometimes it's a little strange and anything can happen. If we continue shooting it well and our inside people continue to improve we can look to be in the playoffs. That's certainly one of our goals and it's not out of the realm of possibility."

Kings Mountain's girls fell behind early and couldn't catch up in losing their third game in four outings, 48-43. Burns improved to 3-0 in the conference.

Natasha Lawrence scored 14 points and Natasha McIntosh 12 for the Lady Bulldogs. Freshman Tameeka Anderson led the Mountaineers with 13, followed by Dawn Hardin with 12 and Christy McCleary with 10.

GIRLS GAME

KM (43) - Anderson 13, Hardin 12, McCleary 10, Goforth 4, Wilson 1, Champion 1.

B (48) - McIntosh 12, Lawrence 14, Privett 9, Webber 6, Frazier 5, Gant 2.

BOYS GAME

KM (78) - Black 2, Leftwich 9, Williamson 25, Bell 4, Sellers 2, Jones 17, Washington 2, Hopper 12, Adams 3, Mathis 2.

B (57) - Scott 1, Lockhart 2, Pruet 7, Brown 2, Clark 18, Lovelace 3, Phelps 7, Vinson 17.

Jayvees whip R-S and Burns

Kings Mountain High's JV basketball team broke a two-game losing streak during the past week with victories over R-S Central and Burns.

Ronny Funderburke's Mountaineers whipped R-S 88-78 Friday afternoon and came from behind in the fourth quarter to beat Burns 63-58 Tuesday.

Rodney Falls scored 35 points, Jarvis Bell 13, Steve Surratt 11 and Marcus Bell 9 in the win over R-S. "Steve Surratt had his best game of the year on both offense and defense," Funderburke said. "Marcus Bell controlled the boards for us and Rodney Falls had another good offensive night."

Kings Mountain jumped to a 17-15 lead in the first quarter and led by 49-32 at the half and 69-48 going into the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain trailed Burns 48-45 after three periods Tuesday but came back to win behind a balanced scoring and rebounding game.

Falls led the way on offense with 17 points, Jarvis Bell had 14, Marcus Bell 10 and Surratt 8. Marcus Bell had 10 rebounds and Surratt 7.

The Mountaineers, 2-2 in the Southwest Conference and 5-6 overall, travel to Shelby Tuesday.

Mom's Morning Out planned

Kings Mountain High basketball coach Larry Sipe will host his annual "Mom's Morning Out" on the first three Saturdays in February (Feb. 1, 8 and 15) at the KMHS gym.

Each morning from 10 a.m. until noon, parents may drop their youngsters in grades one through

six at the high school gym for two hours of fun and basketball instruction. Sipe and KMHS players will help the children run station drills, shooting drills, and other competition.

The program is free. All the child needs to take is a basketball and gym shoes.

KM Recreation Activities

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department has announced the following programs. All programs are at the Community Center unless otherwise noted. For information or to register, call the Community Center at 739-9361 or 734-0449.

■ Aerobics - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:40-9:40 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 for inside city residents and \$15 for outside city residents. Registration is between the 1st and 5th of each month.

■ Water aerobics - Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-12 noon at Neisler

Natorium. The fee is \$10 for senior citizens \$15 for inside city residents and \$22.50 for outside city residents.

■ Open Basketball League - The league is being organized now and will play on Wednesday nights. Any teams interested in participating should call the center immediately.

■ Basketball Tournament - An Open League tournament will be held March 5-7. Any teams interested should contact the center immediately. The fee is \$75 per team.

■ Walkers - Due to cold weather the Community Center gym will be open Monday-Friday from 8-11 a.m. for anyone wishing to walk.

KM City Basketball

(Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department Youth Basketball League results).

7-9 Years Old
Custom Metal 34, AAA Sports 7
CM - Zack George 20, Daniel Walker 6.
AAA - Justin Clark 5.
KM Chiropractic 28, Bucks 23
KM - Brian Center 12, Jason Bridges 9.
Bucks - Brian Thornburg 10, Evan Osteen 5.

10-12 Years Old
KM Optimist 33, First Carolina 23
Opt. - Jason Putnam 14, Ty Toney 8.
FC - Ricky Southard 9, Collin Goforth 8.
First Union 46, The Door 27
Door - Johnathan Rhodes 18, Kendrick Bell 3.

Grover Basketball

(Grover Youth Basketball League results).

January 13
Tarheels 9, Golden Fried 4
Heels - Andy Montgomery 4,
Michael Huffstickler 5.
GF - Charles Accor 2, Jaime Tessner 2.
Grover Industries 36, Molars 31
Grover - John David Ledford 18,
John McDaniel 18.
Molars - Keith Smith 11, Josh Rountree 7, Lacy Wallace 6, Travis Patterson 5.

January 14
Wolves 12, Panthers 4
Wolves - Kenny Sheppard 6, Brian Houze 2, Alan Gibson 2, Wesley Caldwell 2.
Panthers - Steven Lancaster 2,
Kaynez Roberts 1, Landy Williams 1.
Hornets 24, Bulls 22
Hornets - Michael Jolly 9, Andy Leigh 8, Julius Curry 3.
Bulls - Carey Caldwell 9, Joe Page 4, Jeremy Wallace 4, Felicia Nieves 3.

Johnny Dye wins title in Mixed Bowling League

With second place John Dilling applying the pressure by sweeping four games from R.W. Hullender, Johnny Dye swept four from Mark Midgette to win the first half title in the Mixed Duckpin Bowling League Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

The sweep left Dye with a 45-27 record, compared to Dilling's 44-28 mark. Hullender finished at 32-40 and Midgette 23-49.

Dye led the way for his group with a 140 line and 391 set, and

Bill Parker added a 129-357. Mark Midgette led his team with a 134-368.

Lib Gault rolled a q35 line and 356 set and John Dilling added a 121-346 to lead Dilling over Hullender. R.W. Hullender had a 132 line and Jack Barrett added a 350 set for the losers.

Second half action begins next Tuesday night at Dilling Heating. Two bowlers are needed. Anyone interested may contact John Dilling at Dilling Heating.

Tailenders lose three games but hold onto bowling lead

The Tailenders lost three of four games to the Spades but managed to cling to the lead in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

The Tailenders are now 5-3, followed by the Rednecks and Spades at 4-4 each, and the Duckpins at 3-5.

Allen Myers' 119 line and 344 set led the Spades' win Thursday. Joann Myers had a 118 line and

Bill Myers a 289 set for the Tailenders.

The Rednecks pulled into a tie for second by sweeping four games from the Duckpins. Tommy Barrett rolled a 136 line and 369 set to lead the Rednecks. Sally Grant added a 136-329 and Jack Barrett had a 111-314. Bob Rathbone had a 110-314, John Caveny a 108-310 and Margaret Dilling a 112-301 for the Duckpins.

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