

KM wrestlers win WL tournament

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers won the West Lincoln Dual Team Wrestling Tournament Saturday at West Lincoln High School.

The Mountaineers, ranked second in the state 3-A poll, defeated South Caldwell 64-10, St. Stephens 41-19 and East Lincoln 48-20 to run their dual record to 6-0.

Kings Mountain's Robbie Ruff was voted the tournament's most valuable player. He ran his season's record to 12-0 and picked up his second MVP award in three tournaments. Ruff, a senior, now has 87 career victories and needs just eight more wins to break Tony Young's school record.

Heavyweight Shon Byers also remained undefeated for the Mountaineers, running his record to 9-0. Byers won his first eight matches this year on first period pins but East Lincoln's Vernon Skidmore took Byers two periods before having his shoulders pinned to the mat in the championship match.

East Lincoln, which is the state's eight-ranked 3-A team, finished second, followed by St. Stephens and West Lincoln.

The Mountaineers are idle until January 2 when they travel to Crest for the Cleveland County Quads. The Mountaineers open Southwestern 3-A Conference action on January 5 at Shelby.

KM 41, S. CALDWELL 10
103 - Steven Lemons (KM) won by forfeit; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) pinned Billy Morfield 2nd period; 119 - Keith Berry (SC) major dec. Kenny Bridges 11-2; 125 - Derek Houser (KM) forfeit; 130 - Thong Chanthaphang (KM) major dec. Steve Smith 13-1; 135 - John Enameit (SC) pinned Michael Bell 2nd; 140 - Bo Phongs (KM) forfeit; 145 - Robbie Ruff (KM) pinned Andy McClure 1st; 152 - Antwaine Brown (KM) forfeit; 160 - Chad Adams (KM) forfeit; 171 - Bron Smart (KM) forfeit; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) won by default over Charlie Stringfield; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) pinned Billy Miller 1st.

KM 41, ST. STEPHENS 19
103 - Steven Lemons (KM) dec. Jason Watts 11-9; 112 - Billy Dellinger (SS) pinned Binh Davis 3rd; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) major dec. Steve Keller 13-0; 125 - Derek Houser (KM) pinned Shawn Jeffries 2nd; 130 - Thong Chanthaphang (KM) pinned Wes Jeffries 2nd; 135 - Robbie Lail (SS) dec. Michael Bell 10-4; 140 - Bo Phongs (KM) major dec. Clay Swift 12-2; 145 - Robbie Ruff (KM) pinned John Kidd 1st; 152 - Antwaine Brown (KM) dec. Shawn Allred 3-1 (OT); 161 - Phillip Wells (SS) major dec. Chad Allen

KM ranked second

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers are ranked #2 in the first state 3-A poll released last week by The Mat News.

Sun Valley holds down the top ranking in 3-A. Davie County is ranked first in 4-A, followed by defending state champion East Gaston which will visit the Kings Mountain gym on January 6. Ashe Central is ranked #1 in the 1-A/2-A poll.

4-A
1 - Davie County; 2 - East Gaston; 3 - Anson County; 4 - Durham Riversdale; 5 - Hillsborough Orange; 6 - Cary; 7 - Gastonia Ashbrook; 8 -

Fayetteville 71st; 9 - North Forsyth; 10 - Wilmington Laney.

3-A
1 - Sun Valley; 2 - Kings Mountain; 3 - Eastern Randolph; 4 - Wake Forest; 5 - Canton Pisgah; 6 - Northwest Guilford; 7 - Southwest Guilford; 8 - East Lincoln; 9 - South Iredell; 10 - High Point Andrews.

1-A/2-A
1 - Ashe Central; 2 - Currituck; 3 - East Davidson; 4 - Mt. Pleasant; 5 - North Wilkes; 6 - Dixon; 7 - Surry Central; 8 - West Lincoln; 9 - Swannanoa Owen; 10 - Manteo.

10-1; 171 - Bron Smart (KM) dec. Jerry Carswell 5-3; 189 - Carlos Allred (SS) won by forfeit; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) pinned David Miller 1st.

KM 48, E. LINCOLN 20
103 - Bobby Reed (EL) pinned Steven Lemmons 1st; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) won by forfeit; 119 - Gary Hughes (KM) dec. Shawn Willis 8-7; 125 - Kenny Bridges (KM) forfeit; 130 - Derek Houser

(KM) pinned Matt Clark 1st; 135 - Thong Chanthaphang (KM) major dec. Jonathan Grabants 13-0; 145 - Robbie Ruff (KM) pinned Matt Weaver 1st; 152 - Mike Pelphrey (EL) dec. Antwaine Brown 2-1; 160 - Mike Anders (EL) pinned Chad Adams 1st; 171 - Ben Lukowski (EL) pinned Bron Smart 2nd; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) pinned Matt Watson 1st; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) pinned Vernon Skidmore 2nd.

KMHS cagers sweet East Lincoln

Kings Mountain High's basketball teams posted their first sweep of the season Friday night at East Lincoln.

The Lady Mountaineers came from nine points down in the fourth quarter to post their second victory, 42-41, and the Mountaineers grabbed the lead early in the second quarter and were never headed in a 76-67 waltz past the Mustangs.

The Mountaineers, 3-3, will compete in the annual Shelby Star Holiday Tournament next Monday and Tuesday at Gardner-Webb College. The Mountaineers face Olympic's Trojans in the opening round at 7:30 Monday. The Kings Mountain girls are idle until January 5 when they host Lincolnton.

Tony Leigh's ladies hit just one

of their first 23 shots as they fell behind 8-1 after the first period and 20-12 at halftime. East Lincoln was still on top 31-22 going into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Mountaineers used a full-court trap to force East Lincoln into numerous turnovers in the fourth quarter. Christy McCleary's three-point play with 3:44 left cut the East Lincoln lead to 37-36 and Tonia Barrett tied the score with a free throw with 3:32 remaining.

Tameeka Anderson, who led the KM scoring with 12 points, stole the ball and hit a short jumper to give the KM ladies their first lead at 39-37, and Amanda Halmess hit a free throw to put the game on ice. The victory was the second in six decisions for Kings Mountain.

■ Balanced scoring was the key

for Larry Sipe's Mountaineers, who evened their season's record at 3-3.

For the first time this year, the Mountaineers were not in a come-from-behind situation in the second half. In losses to powerful Hunter Huss, the Mountaineers got behind early and couldn't quite come back, and in a pair of victories over a good Clover, S.C., team the Mountaineers fell behind by double digits in the first half but were able to come back to win in the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain broke away from a 16-16 tie at the end of the first quarter to lead by 38-30 at intermission. Quick baskets by Justin Jones and Calvin Mathis at the beginning of the third quarter broke the game open.

Bryan Leftwich led the KM scoring with 15 points, while Jones

and Marquiz Williamson added 14 each and Mathis 12.

Jeff Bean led East Lincoln, 2-5, with 21 points.

GIRLS GAME

KM (42) - Halmess 8, Anderson 12, Goforth 3, McCleary 6, Smart 3, Harrison 5, Barnett 1, Champion 2.

EL (41) - Martin 2, Gaskill 6, Gibson 12, Jordan 14, Cornwell 1, Gaskill 2, Vinson 2, Lynch 2.

BOYS GAME

KM (76) - Black 2, Leftwich 15, Williamson 14, Perkins 2, Alvarez 2, Nantz 5, Sellers 4, Jones 14, Vaughn 2, Bell 4, Mathis 12.

EL (67) - Lynch 10, Lawing 8, Aiken 1, Abraham 4, Boves 13, Bean 21, Roseboro 2, Lowery 3, Watson 5.

KMHS swimmers remain unbeaten

Kings Mountain High's swimmers remained undefeated Wednesday by defeating South Point, Chase and North Gaston at Neisler Natatorium.

The Kings Mountain ladies compiled 146 points to 96 for South Point, 30 for Chase and 27 for North Gaston. Marie Mayse, Katie Benton, Michelle Fujita, Paula Eckard and Holly Parker each won two events. They combined with Carrie Hardin to win the 200 medley and 400 free relays. In all, they captured seven of the 12 first places.

The Mountaineers scored 154 points to 55 for South Point, 42 for Chase and 15 for North Gaston. Led by double winner David Messenger, Kings Mountain swept nine of 12 first places including all three relays. Other individual winners included Rick Clary, Brian Wilson, Dan Messenger, Nathan Mayse and Israel Angeles and Lindsay Suber in the free relays.

Kings Mountain returns to action on January 6 at home against Asheville.

(Girls Results)

200 medley relay - Michelle Fujita, Holly Parker, Marie Mayse

and Paula Eckard, first; Nicki Gladden, Jennifer Lepors, Wendy Wright and Verena Bartsch, third.

200 free - Carrie Hardin, second; Fujita third; Amy Dixon fifth.

200 IM - Eckard second, Wright fourth.

50 free - Mayse first, Parker second, Gladden third, Monique Bakker fifth.

Diving - Katie Benton, first.

100 fly - Mayse second.

100 free - Fujita first, Bartsch third, Wright fifth.

500 free - Eckard first.

200 free relay - Gladden, Wright, Parker and Hardin second; Jenn Halter, Baker, Bartsch, Lepors third.

100 back - Gladden second, Dixon fourth, Benton fifth.

100 breast - Parker first, Bartsch second, Lepors fourth.

400 free relay - Fujita, Hardin, Eckard and Mayse, first.

(Boys Results)

200 medley relay - Dan Messenger, Nathan Mayse, Dave Messenger, Lindsay Suber first; O'Brian Wilson, Ty Ross, Chuck Kaylor, Israel Angeles third.

200 free - Rick Clary first, J. Sloan second.

200 IM - David Messenger first, Kaylor fourth.

50 free - Mayse first, Angeles fourth, Suber fifth.

Diving - Wilson first, Bergen Hall second, Jay Speight third, Antonio Budia fourth, Chris Waldt fifth.

100 fly - Suber second.

100 free - Angeles second, Dan Messenger third, Clary fourth, Kaylor fifth, Tim Stroup sixth.

500 free - David Messenger first.

200 free relay - Angeles, Clary, Wilson, Mayse first; Sloan, Ross, Stroup, Kaylor second.

100 back - Dan Messenger first, Sloan third.

100 breast - Mayse first, Ross third.

400 free relay - Suber, Clary, Dan Messenger, David Messenger, first.

200 IM - David Messenger first, Kaylor fourth.

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P & R plans scuba course

Kings Mountain Parks & Recreation Department, in conjunction with Scuba Ventures of Rock Hill, SC, will offer a basic scuba course beginning January 9 with registration and free introduction to the course.

Registration will be held Saturday, January 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Neisler Natatorium.

For more details contact David Hancock at the Parks & Recreation Department.

Christmas Day golf tourney set

A two-man Captain's Choice Golf Tournament will be held Christmas Day at Briarcreek Golf Course near Dallas.

Entry fee is \$20 per man. Tee times are 9:30 to 10 a.m.

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