Wrestlers win county title

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers ran their dual record to 9-0 Saturday by sweeping the Cleveland County Quads at Crest High School.

The Mountaineers defeated Shelby 58-12, Burns 64-9 and Crest 56-15 to win their second straight tournament crown. The Mountaineers won the West Lincoln Dual Team Tournament the week before Christmas.

Two Kings Mountain wrestlers kept their unbeaten records intact. Robbie Ruff took a hard-fought 10-9 decision over Fonzie Dawson of Shelby in the opening round and picked up forfeits in matches against Burns and Crest.

Heavyweight Shon Byers won three straight first period pins, keeping alive his streak of winning all of his matches this year on pins. Jay Stamper of Crest became the first wrestler this year to score a point against Byers.

KM 58, SHELBY 12

103 - Stephen Lemons (KM) won by forfeit; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) p. Jason Burris 2and; 119 -Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Ian Jones 2and; 125 - Michael Bell (KM)

Derek Houser (KM) p. Dennis Morgan 2and; 135 - Andre Lawrence (S) p. Jeremy Martin 1st; 140 - Bo Phongsa (KM) p. Tom Fletcher 1st; 145 - Robbie Ruff (KM) d. Fonzie Dawson 10-9; 152 - Chip Davis (KM) d. James Smith 18-13; 160 - Chad Adams (KM) p. Lamont Watson 1st; 171 - Michael Nelson (S) p. Jahi Smart 2and; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) p. Ronnie Whisnant 1st; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) p. Chip Sellers 1st.

KM 64, BURNS 9

103 - Stephen Lemons (KM) p. Rodney Roberts 2and; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) p. Tracy Walker 2and; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) won by forfeit; 125 - Michael Bell (KM) won by forfeit; 130 - Derek Houser (KM) p. Brian Peeler 1st; 135 -Jeremy Martin (KM) p. Antonio Ross 1st; 140 - Bo Phongsa (KM) won by forfeit; 145 - Robbie Ruff (KM) won by forfeit; 152 - Chip Davis (KM) major dec. Jud Wortman 14-5; 160 - Monrel Maddox (B) d. Chad Adams 3-2; 171 - Ernie Blanton (B) p. Jahi Smart 1st; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) p. Vali Murray 1st; Hwt. -

1st.

KM 56, CREST 15

103 - Stephen Lemons (KM) won by forfeit; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) major dec. Eric Hendricks 9-1; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Brandon Harrill 2and; 125 - Todd Camp (C) p. Michael Bell 3rd; 130- Derek Houser (KM) won by forfeit; 135 - Jeremy Martin (KM)

major dec. Jim Curtis 11-3; 130 - Shon Byers (KM) p. Naki Thomas p. B.J. Hunt 1st; 140 - Bo Phongsa (KM) major dec. Lance Champion 11-0; 145 - Robbie Ruff (KM) won by forfeit; 152 - Chip Davis (KM) p. Shon Lowery 2and; 160 - Chad Adams (KM) p. Stephen Houser 1st; 171 - Jason Cable (C) d. Chris Carrigan 10-8; 189 - Richard Strawn (C) p. Cedric Moore 1st; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) p. Jay Stamper 1st.



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KM wins SWO

Kings Mountain High's wrestling team opened defense of its Southwestern 3-A Conference championship Tuesday night with a

60-12 victory over Shelby. Steve Moffitt's charges carried a 1-0 conference and 10-0 overall mark into a home match last night against the unbeaten and two-time defending state champion East Gaston Warriors. East went into the match as the #2 ranked 4-A team in the state and Kings Mountain went into the battle as the #2 ranked 3-A team in the state.

The Mountaineers stay at home next Tuesday night to face South Point in a SWC match.

103 - Steven Lemons (KM) won by forfeit; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) p. Jerry Burris 3rd; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Ian Jones 2nd; 125 - Michael Bell (KM) won by disq. over Jim Curtis; 130 - Derek Houser (KM) p. Dennis Morgan 1st; 140 - Bo Phongsa (KM) p. Tim

KMHS cagers sweep Wolves

Kings Mountain High's basketball teams got the new year off to a good start Tuesday by sweeping Lincolnton in nonconference action at the KMHS gym.

The local teams remain at home tonight to face East Lincoln in their final nonconference action. They Southwestern Conference play Friday at home against East Rutherford's Cavaliers.

The KM girls, who hadn't played since the week before Christmas, broke the game open in the fourth quarter to run their record to 3-4. The KM defense held Lincolnton without a field goal in the fourth quarter and ran up a 17-4 advan-

Kings Mountain had led 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, 19-11 at the half and 28-17 going into the fourth quarter.

Heather Harrison led the KM offense with 11 points and Tameeka Anderson added 10.

Justin Jones sank two free throws in the final seconds to lift the Mountaineers to a 67-64 victory in the nightcap. The win boosted KM's record to 6-4 and avenged an earlier loss at Lincolnton.

The game was close throughout, with Lincolnton holding an 18-17 lead after one quarter and the teams tied at 33-all at the half and 47-all going into the fourth quarter.

The Wolves, trailing 65-64, turned the ball over twice in the final 23 seconds and were forced to foul Jones as the clock wound down.

Marquiz Williams led the Mountaineers with 19 points, Jones added 17 and Bryan Leftwich 10. Charles Briggs scored 18 for Lincolnton, Aaron Grooms added 13, Allen Wilson 11 and Kelly Bess 10.

GIRLS GAME

Linc. (21) - Foster 1, Bostic 3, McKinney 2, Lowe 3, Boyles 4, Smith 3, McLean 5.

KM (45) - Halmess 2, Anderson 10, Goforth 7, McCleary 5, Smart 2, Queen 4, Harrison 11, Champion 2, Wilson 2.

BOYS GAME

Linc. (64) - Bess 10, Grooms 13, Arias 2, Wilson 11, Briggs 18, Friday 4, Littlejohn 2, Easter 4.

KM (67) - Black 4, Leftwich 10, Williamson 19, Nantz 4, Jones 17, Vaughn 2, Bell 7, Mathis 4.

(KM) d. Fonzie Dawson 5-2; 152 -Antwaine Brown (KM) d. James Smith 12-10; 160 - Chad Adams (KM) p. Eddie Ransom 1st; 171 -Michael Nelson (S) p. Chris Carrigan 1st; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) p. Ronnie Whisnant 1st; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) p. Chris Sellers 1st.

Fletcher 2nd; 145 - Robbie Ruff

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