

KM to host state tournament

Kings Mountain Recreation Department is preparing to host the annual Dixie Youth Minor League (AAA) baseball tournament July 24-30 at Deal Street Park.

Recreation Director David Hancock attended a state Dixie Youth meeting last weekend in Pinehurst where he presented final plans for the event.

Ten teams, including the host Kings Mountain team, will compete in the double-elimination event which is expected to draw 500 people per night. Regional champions will come from such areas as Dallas, Charlotte, Reidsville, Troy, Whiteville, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Wallace and Clarkton.

This is the first time Kings Mountain has hosted the state tournament since 1974, when NBA basketball star Michael Jordan competed for the Wilmington all-stars.

A big opening ceremony will be held on Friday, July 23 for players, coaches and families and will include a cookout, music and other entertainment. Play begins on Saturday, July 24 at 2 p.m. Kings Mountain will play its first game

Registration scheduled

If you love to play sports, the Kings Mountain Recreation Department has a special deal for you.

Recreation Director David Hancock announced today that baseball registration will be held at the Community Center February 15-27; and anyone who registers for baseball/softball, basketball and soccer at the same time will be given a 20 percent discount on registration fees. For all three sports, the normal registration fee would be \$25 for inside city residents and

\$37.50 for outside city residents, but with the discount inside city residents would pay only \$20 and outside residents \$30.

According to Hancock, the fee would be paid at baseball/softball registration and would not cover costs for supplemental insurance.

Hancock said that since baseball is the department's biggest sport, offering the registration discount would not only be a savings for parents but would save the recreation staff time in registering players for other sports.

Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Recreation Department is seeking volunteers from the community to help sell advertisements for programs, work the concession stands and gates, and help with other services. Anyone willing to help in any way may contact David Hancock or Denise Falls at the Community Center.

"We hope this will truly be a

community effort," said Hancock. "The economic impact will be great because we will have nine teams coming here and every team will have 13 players with coaches, parents and other family members and friends needing a place to stay and other services offered by the town."

In addition to lining up volunteers to help plan the tournament, Hancock said the Recreation

Department is also busy getting the playing field ready for the tournament as well as for local league play. The city is in the process of sewing a grass infield and installing a sprinkler head.

Hancock said advertising space is also available for the outfield fence, and that a warning track is being added at the foot of the fence for appearance and safety reasons. A press box was recently constructed and the department also plans improvements to the lighting system and concession stand.

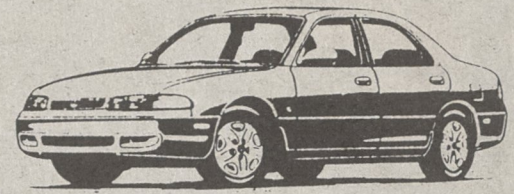
Hancock said the city will be utilizing five area school fields this year for practice, including two at East, two at North and one at Central. The city is footing the bill of \$475 for moving a backstop at East.

Hancock said he would give a status report to the Recreation Commission at its February 16 meeting and to City Council at its February 23 meeting.

"Everything's going real well," he said. "We're all excited and expect to have a great tournament."

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The Scoreboard

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

12 & Under League

Suns 64, Lakers 62
Suns - Antwaine Owens 10, Cash Nixon 10, Alex Burris 10, Rodney Smarr 10, Lakers - Codi Reid 15, Cornelius Matthews 10, Antonio Crocker 10, Jamaal Byers 10.

Wolves 55, Rockets 53

Wolves - Nathan Gillespie 14, Terrence Black 10, Corey McCrary 10, Rockets - Corey Bennett 12, Kevin Henderson 11, Landon Benton 10.

Wolves 62, Hornets 59

Wolves - Nathan Gillespie 14, Three Byers 12, Kelee Thompson 11, Hornets - Anthony Smith 14, Mike Gillespie 11, Danny Wright 10.

Traillblazers 53, Lakers 49

Traillblazers - Gerald Smith 12, Lamar Adams 10, Shawn Adams 10, Lakers - Kesano Adams 11, Antonio Crocker 10, Kevin Henderson 10.

Spurs 67, Rockets 62

Spurs - Anthony Smarr 14, Torrey Curton 12, Rockets - Cornelius Matthews 12, Mike Adams 11.

Celtics 60, Magic 51

Celtics - Ralphel Williams 16, Travis Watson 11, Jamaal Byers 10, Magic - Jeff Canipe 12, Lance McClain 11, Sterling Bess 10.

10-11-12 All-Star Game

West 72, East 62
West - Lamar Adams 21, Nathan Gillespie 20, Torez Leach 11, Landon Benton 10, East - Shawn Adams 20, Steven Hopper 16, Brandon Lovelace 14, Nick Hopper 10.

Players of the Week

Michael Adams (10-under), Gerald Smith (12-under), Brandon Lovelace (all-star), Nick Hopper (academic).

12-Under Standings: Traillblazers 5-0, Celtics 4-1, Magic 3-2, Spurs 3-2, Wolves 3-2, Suns 2-2, Hornets 2-3, Bulls 1-3, Rockets 1-4, Lakers 0-5.

16-Under Standings: Kentucky 3-1, Carolina 3-1, Kansas 2-1, Georgia Tech 2-1, Michigan 1-3, Duke 1-3, Indiana 1-3, Oklahoma 0-3.

This Week's Games

Thursday - Lakers vs. Magic (5:30), Hornets vs. Rockets (6:30).

Friday - 13-15 and 16-18 year old teams at Erwin Center.

Saturday - Wolves vs. Bulls (11:30), Celtics vs. Suns (12:30), 13-15 year old all-star game (1:30).

Tuesday - Lakers vs. Wolves (5:30), Traillblazers s. Suns (6:30).

13-15 Year Old League

Little Dan's 39, Parker's Amoco 36, KMG 49, D&M 40, Little Dan's 47, KM Chiropractic 35

Parker's Amoco 41, KMG 40, KMG 47, D&M 32, Parker's Amoco 41, KM Chiropractic 33, T. Jeffers 50, KM Chiropractic 41, Parker's Amoco 41, American Legion 40, Little Dan's 43, KMG 37

Standings: Little Dan's 3-0, Parker's Amoco 3-1, KMG 2-2, D&M 0-2, KM Chiropractic 0-3.

Leading scorers: D. Ewisenburg (D&M) 16; J. Green (KM Chiropractic) 15.7; C. Falls (Parker's) 13.3; Wyont (Little Dan's) 9.7; Sizemore (KMG) 8.8.

10-12 Year Old League

Optimist 36, Tarheels 18, Tigers 41, Blue Devils 23, Optimist 29, Blue Devils 15, Tigers 33, Tarheels 32, Tarheels 38, Blue Devils 25, Tigers 43, Optimist 25, Tigers 58, Blue Devils 41, Tarheels 27, Optimist 20

Standings: Tigers 4-0, Tarheels 2-2, Optimist 2-2, Blue Devils 0-4.

Leading scorers: K. Bell (Tigers) 15.2; C. Phillips (Tigers) 13.3; K. Houston (Blue Devils) 10; B. Center (Tarheels) 7; T. Sims (Optimist) 6.3.

7-9 Year Old League

Hornets 35, Lakers 27, Bulls 14, Mounties 8, Lakers 20, Bulls 10, Hornets 26, Mounties 12, Hornets 29, Bulls 10, Mounties 17, Lakers 16

Standings: Hornets 3-0, Mounties 1-2, Lakers 1-2, Bulls 1-2.

Top scorers: M. Bridges (Hornets) 24.7; A. Rammie (Lakers) 10; J. Clark (Lakers) 9; T. Falls (Bulls) 8; B. Goforth (Mounties) 6.

Church League

Mt. Zion 63, First Baptist II 31, Midview 62, Oak Grove 33, First Baptist I 60, Patterson Grove 36, First Presbyterian 63, Resurrection 60, First Presbyterian 52, Oak Grove 8, Pleasant Hill 44, First Baptist II 34

Resurrection 66, Patterson Grove 41, Mt. Zion 47, First Baptist I 42, Mt. Zion 68, First Presbyterian 58, Patterson Grove 50, Pleasant Hill 34, Resurrection 97, Pleasant Hill 55, Mt. Zion 92, Patterson Grove 41, First Baptist I 79, First Baptist II 28, First Presbyterian 66, Midview 45

Standings: Mount Zion 4-0, First Presbyterian 3-1, Resurrection 2-1, First Baptist 2-1, Midview 1-1, Pleasant Hill 1-2, Patterson Grove 1-3, Oak Grove 0-2, First Baptist 0-3.

Leading scorers - C. Smith (Mt. Zion) 29.5; S. Thomas (Midview) 24; T. Bullock (Resurrection) 21; K. Clontz (Pleasant Hill) 20; R. Gold (Resurrection) 16.7; Tom Leach (First Presbyterian) 16.5; Rusty Bumgardner (Resurrection) 16; L. Bell (Oak Grove) 16; Tate (Patterson Grove) 14.3; Tim Leach (First Presbyterian) 11.5.

Midgette still leads in bowling

Mark Midgette held to his five-game lead in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating. Midgette won three of four games from Jack Barrett while second place John Dilling won three of four from R.W. Hullender.

Midgette had the biggest set of the second half, combining single games of 126, 164 and 133 for a 429 series. Jack Barrett led his team with a 133 line and 348 set.

John Dilling rolled a 134 line and 388 set to lead his group over R.W. Hullender. Hullender led his team with a 152 line and 393 set.

Standings: Midgette 17-7, Dilling 12-12, Barrett 10-14, Hullender 9-15.

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