



Kings Mountain National League Coach Jeff Putnam gives his team a pre-game pep talk during District Dixie Youth Minor baseball tournament Tuesday night at Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department.

KM all-stars lose in tourney.

Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth Minor League all-stars were eliminated from the District Tournament which continues through Friday at Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department.

The National League All-Stars lost-out in the third round Tuesday night to Stanley, 15-2. The NL stars eliminated the KM American Leaguers Sunday night, 19-8.

Stanley was to play the East Lincoln Nationals last night in subdivision A, and West Lincoln ws to face Dallas at 8 p.m. in sub-division B. The sub-division winners will play a best-of-three series beginning Thursday (or Friday if the teams from the loser's bracket win). The winner of the championship series will advance to the state tournament beginning July 23

in Fairmont.

The National Leaguers had little success against Stanley southpaw Shane Rimmer, who not only eliminated the KM team Tuesday night but also was the winning pitcher last Thursday as Stanley put KM in the loser's bracket, 11-9. A six-run third inning in which Kings Mountain committed some costly throwing errors was the big difference Thursday.

Zac Ramey was 3-for-3, Josh Patterson and Michael Rote added two hits each and Chad Yates had one to lead the KM offense.

The National Leaguers scored 15 runs in the fourth inning to eliminate the KM American Leaguers Sunday night.

Evan Ellis hurled the win and Adam Bolin took the loss.

Darrell Lawson, Zac Ramey and Michael Rote led the NL with two hits each, and Josh Patterson, Tanner Putnam, Lane Echols and Tyler McDaniel added one each. Casey Thacker was 3-for-4 and Brandon Roberts and Justin Roper added one each for the Americans.

The American Leaguers were put into the loser's bracket in an opening round game by East Lincoln, 17-16. East Lincoln scored six runs in the sixth inning to win.

Thacker led KM with two hits and Travis Robinson had one.

■ The Dixie Girls State Tournament for the 13-15 and 10-12 year-old divisions will be held in Kings Mountain beginning Friday.

Sharks win final swim meet

In the final competitive swim meet at the historic Shelby City Park pool, the Sharks Aquatics Club smashed rivals Rowan Aquatic Club and Rutherford County Swim Team. The Sharks closed out the regular long course season by tallying an impressive 824 points to Rowan Aquatic Club's 535 and Rutherford County's 186.

Pacing the Sharks were Jessica Koenig, Emily Griffin, and Clay Griffin with three first place wins each. Also contributing first place finishes were Wendy Neisler, Keisha Haynes, Amy Hendrick, Hanson Mabry, Christine Brackett, Amanda Powell, Alan McDaniel, Alex Queen, Kelly Hendrick, Matt Borders, Daniel Shuford and Nathan Mayse.

The Sharks' next meet will be the Western Carolina Swim Association Conference championships to be held in Lenoir July 15-16.

Girls results:

8-under - Leigh Spada, 2nd 50 free, 50 back and 50 fly; Lauren Dye, 2nd 50 breast, 4th 50 free and 50 back; Hannah Cudd, 5th 50 free, 6th 50 back; Lauri King, 3rd 50 breast; Lauren Philbeck, 4th 50 breast; Traci Morrison, King, Spada and Dye, 1st 200 medley relay; Dye, Cudd, King, Spada, 1st 200 free relay.

10-under - Jessica Koenig, 1st 50 breast, 50 fly and 200 IM; Lew Holman, 2nd 50 back and 50 fly, 3rd 200 IM; Chrissy Bolton, 2nd 50 free, 3rd 50 back and 50 breast; April Smith, 3rd 50 free, 4th 50 fly; Niki Smith, 4th 200 IM, 5th 50 free; Elizabeth Hoke, 4th 50 breast; 5th 50 fly; Megan Emery, 5th 50 back; Holman, Hoke, Koenig, A. Smith, 1st 200 medley; Emery, Angela Martin, N. Smith, Bolton, 3rd 200 medley; Bolton, A. Smith, Holman, Koenig, 1st 200 free; Hoke, Elizabeth Whisnant, Emery, N. Smith, 2nd 200 free; Amanda Hamrick, Olivia Howard, Niki Harmon, Martin, 3rd 200 free.

11-12 - Emily Griffin, 1st 200 IM, 50 free and 50 fly; Wendy Neisler, 1st 50 back, 3rd 200 IM, 6th 50 free; Keisha Haynes, 1st 50 breast; 4th 200 IM; Haley Hoke, 2nd 50 breast; 3rd 50 fly, 3rd 50 free; Deitra Haynes, 3rd 50 breast, 5th 50 back; Cassi Falls, 4th 50 back and 50 breast; Neisler, K. Haynes, Griffin, Hoke, 1st 200 medley and 200 free; Carly Rogers, D. Haynes, Falls, Dawn Hogan, 3rd 200 medley and 200 free.

13-14 - Amy Hendrick, 1st 200 IM and 200 fly, 2nd 100 breast; Hanson Mabry, 1st 100 back, 2nd 100 free, 3rd 200 IM; Angela Strahler, 3rd 100 free, 4th 100 back, 5th 200 IM; Sandy Terrell, 3rd 100 back, 4th 100 free, 5th 100 breast; Josephine Chan, 3rd 100 fly; Elise Mayse, 5th 100 back, 6th 100 free and 200 IM; Melissa Martin, 6th 100 breast; Mabry, Terrell, Hendrick, Strahler, 1st 200 medley.

15-18 - Christine Brackett, 1st 100 free and 100 fly, 3rd 100 back; Amanda Powell, 1st 100 back and 200 IM, 3rd 100 free; Jill Mabry, 4th 100 free and 100 back; Bethany Jimison, 4th 100 breast, 5th 200 IM; Katie Roebuck, 6th 100 back; Carrie Drake, 5th 100 fly; Susan Slaughter, 6th 100 breast; Roebuck, Powell, Brackett, Mabry, 1st 200 medley.

Boys results:

8-under - Alan McDaniel, 1st 50 back and 50 breast, 3rd 50 free; Alex Queen, 1st 50 free and 50 fly, 4th 50 breast; Douglas Spada, 4th

50 back, 5th 50 free and 50 breast; Jason Strahler, 5th 50 back, 6th 50 free; Charlie Jones, 6th 50 back; Strahler, Spada, Queen, McDaniel, 1st 200 medley.

10-under - Clay Griffin, 1st 50 free, 50 back and 50 fly; Matthew Cudd, 2nd 50 free and 50 back, 3rd 50 breast; Zack Stephens, 2nd 50 breast; 3rd 50 free and 50 back;

11-12 - Kelly Hendrick, 1st 50 fly and 200 IM, 3rd 50 free; Drew Thomas, 3rd 50 back, 4th 50 free, 6th 100 breast; Cameron Crawford, 4th 50 back; David Angeles, 6th 50 fly; 1st 50 free. Crawford, Thomas, Hendrick, Angeles, 2nd 200 medley and 200 free.

13-14 - Matt Borders, 1st 100 back and 200 IM, 2nd 100 fly; Chris Wilkes, 2nd 100 breast, 3rd 100 free, 4th 100 back; Justin Chan, 3rd 100 back and 100 breast; 4th 100 free; Nathan Mayse, 1st 100 breast, 2nd 200 IM, 6th 100 free; Spencer Borders, 2nd 100 back, 4th 200 IM; Billy Stewart, Shuford, Mayse, Borders, 1st 200 medley and 200 free.

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All in the Family



Photo by Shirley Austin

The Morris Sisters of Kings Mountain (left to right, Judy, Sylvia, Jane and Linda) lives hundreds of miles apart but when they do manage to get together they find time for a round of golf. They were all caught in the act this week at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Rudd wins first as driver/owner

LOUDON, NH - Ricky Rudd posted his first win as a car owner Sunday, edging Dale Earnhardt to win the Slick 50 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway.

In his first year as a NASCAR Winston Cup series owner and driver, Rudd completed a quick pit stop on lap 268, passed Earnhardt for the lead with six laps remaining and held on to win by 69-hundredths of a second.

Rudd has won at least one NASCAR event every year since 1983. His last victory was the Miller Genuine Draft 400 on June 20, 1993.

Crew Chief Bill Ingle called the two-tire only pit stop in a go for broke effort to get Rudd better track position over Earnhardt and Rusty Wallace, who made a four-tire change. The decision paid off as the Tide sponsored Ford Thunderbird moved from eighth to third place and in contention at the finish.

Rudd led early in the race and displayed patience as he kept his car in contention and avoided the many wrecks that brought out 17 caution flags.

Pole sitter Ernie Irvan led the most laps and appeared on his way to victory until wrecking with 25 laps to go. Irvan entered the race leading in the series point standings but left trailing Earnhardt by four points. Earnhardt gained 92 points by finishing second and Irvan 30th.

Rusty Wallace was third, with Mark Martin, Todd Bodine,



Morgan Shepherd, Ted Musgrave, Kyle Petty, Rick Mast and Sterling Marlin completing the top ten.

Rudd and Earnhardt have tangled often in the past but raced clean as they exchanged the lead in the closing lap.

Friday's racing results at Thunder Valley Speedway in Lawndale;

Limited Sportsman - 1, James Abernathy; 2, Ronnie Vaser; 3, Brian Fowler; 4, Chuck Pearson; 5, Lamar Jordan; 6, Donald Canipe; 7, Shine Wiggins; 8, Bobby McPeters; 9, Bob Pfister; 10, Robert Grigg.

Super Modified 4 - 1, Herbie

james; 2, Gene Norman; 3, Tony Adair; 4, Johnny Bridges.

Baby Bombers - 1, Tom Baxter; 2, Tim Bristol; 3, Mike Ledford; 4, Doug Patton; 5, Dale Petty; 6, J.P. Robbs; 7, Travis Brown; 8, Andy Ledford; 9, Worley Robbins; 10, Joe Blanton.

Super Stock - 1, Chad Drewery.

Stock 4 - 1, Steve McIntyre; 2, Scott Spangler; 3, Jim Blackburn; 4, Billy Joe Wilson; 5, Roger Smith; 6, Chan McGinnis; 7, Gary Floyd; 8, Brent Baity; 9, David Mosteller; 10, Alan Chapman.

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