

Middle School girls lose two

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls lost a pair of Bi-County Conference games during the past week, falling to Burns 53-25 Thursday and East Lincoln 40-34 Monday.

Burns jumped to a 16-6 first quarter lead and never looked back. Jacquie Hall led the KM scoring with 10 points and also had nine rebounds. Lee Putnam had five points and nine rebounds.

"Burns was by far the best team we've played all year," said Coach Candy Albergine. "We were never in this game. Burns out-hustled and out-played us from the opening tip. They played the type of basketball we're capable of playing when our girls learn to play with confidence and composure. We're hoping to play them a much tougher game when we

go to Burns. This game was certainly a character builder."

Kings Mountain fell behind 19-10 in the first quarter at East Lincoln and had to play catch-up the rest of the game. KM pulled to within 23-19 at the half but fell behind 36-22 going into the fourth quarter.

"We decided to start our younger players to reward them for their hustle and hard work in our game with Burns," Albergine said. "Again, we played tough in the fourth quarter, outscoring East Lincoln 12-4, but it wasn't enough."

Hall led the Lady Patriots with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Putnam and Tina Guest had eight points each and Putnam also had 11 rebounds.

Kings Mountain travels to Lincolnton Thursday and returns home Monday to face R-S Central.



Robbie Dalton competes for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in the 119-pound weight class in Saturday's Southwestern 3-A Conference wrestling tournament at the KMHS gym. Kings Mountain finished third behind North Gaston and R-S Central.

Spring soccer registration underway

Registration for spring soccer is currently in progress.

Forms to play in the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association can be picked up at the Kings Mountain Community Center. Girls and boys will participate in under six, under 8, under 10, under 13 and under 15 age divisions.

Completed registration forms along with a copy of the player's birth certificate should be

mailed into the league office by February 10. Games will begin the first week in March and the season will conclude the last week in April. The season was moved up a week so that children playing baseball in the spring may also participate in soccer. Most games will be played at Davidson Park in Kings Mountain on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Pro wrestling February 11 at Armory

The N.A.W.A. returns to the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory February 11 at 8 p.m. for a big night of pro wrestling.

In the main event, Kings Mountain's American G.I. and Dozer will take on the Texas Outlaws in a cage match. The only way to win is to make your opponent quit.

Also in action will be Demolition Ax, Iron Shiek,

Brian Lee, George South, Thunderfoot, Kevin Kirby, Super Rocker, and others.

Tickets are \$7 at the door and \$6 in advance. Advance tickets are available at Floating Affections. Children age 6-12 will be admitted for \$4 and children under six will be admitted free.

For more information, call 739-8564.

Hullender increases lead in duckpins

R.W. Hullender put more distance between himself and second place John Dilling in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

Hullender, the season-long leader, defeated Dilling 6-2 to move his record for the second quarter to 30-10. Dilling fell to 20-20. Jack Barrett, who lost 8-0 to Mark Midgett, is third with a 18-22 mark, followed by Midgett at 12-28.

Hullender turned in one of the top performances of the year, rolling a 145 line and 414 set. Chris Hullender added a 122-313 and Chuck Ruley had a 109-303. Robbie Hullender had a 127 line and 349 set to lead Dilling. Dilling added a 138-342 and Carol Quinn had a 122-313.

Robert Titus rolled a 118 line and 297 set to lead Midgett over Barrett. Margo Spargo led the losers with a 122-315.

North Gaston wins wrestling tournament

North Gaston's Wildcats ran away with the Southwestern 3-A Conference wrestling tournament championship Saturday at the Kings Mountain High gym.

The Wildcats, who had shared the regular season crown with KM and R-S Central, all with 4-1 records, compiled 193 points to out-distance R-S with 159 and KM with 151. Shelby finished fourth with 93 1/2, followed by South Point 79 1/2, and Burns 52.

The Mountaineers, who have either won or shared 10 of the past 18 SWC championships, got individual titles from Gary Hughes at 125 pounds and Kenny Bridges at 140 pounds. Bridges, who completed his fourth season unbeaten against SWC opponents, was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

103 - Derrick Chapman (SP) p. Stephen Lemmons (KM) 1:59 1st; 112 - Travis Norman (NG) p. Sok Phongsa (KM) 1:46 2nd; 119 - Tommy Bratton (NG) d. Chris Lancaster (RS) 6-0; 125 - Gary Hughes (KM) d. JoJo Whiteside (RS) 15-6; 130 - Kyle Hawkins (RS) d. Dale Barnette (NG) 12-11; 135 - Clint Atchley (RS) p. Mike Chapman (B) 1:58 1st; 140 - Kenny Bridges (KM) d. J.R. Mouck (RS) 8-4; 145 - Nathan Maggard (RS) d. Jim Curtis (S) 8-3; 152 - Matt Astroth (B) p. Eric Smith (NG) 1:24 2nd; 160 - Andre Lawrence (S) p. Mark Schmidt (NG) 1:12 1st; 171 - Eddie Rempson (S) d. Jeff Parker (NG) 3-1; 189 - Michael Nelson (S) d. Guy Shearer (RS) 8-6; Hwt. Fred Watson (NG) d. Jahi Smart (KM) 13-3.

Middle School boys beat Burns

Kings Mountain Middle School's boys basketball team knocked off once-beaten Burns 53-43 Thursday in Bi-County Conference action.

The Patriots had dropped three games in a row going into the contest, but got 17 points from Andy Leigh and 14 from Kendrick Bell to pull off the upset. Orlando Odums also had a big game with 14 rebounds.

Monday afternoon, the Patriots apparently lost to East Lincoln 43-42 but upon reviewing the game film Coach Rick Fortner said the score was actually 42-41, KM. He lodged a

protest which has not been settled.

Leigh and Odums led the Patriots with 12 points each. Robin Perkins added 11 and Brad Short seven.

In games last week, KM fell to West Lincoln 43-27 and Shelby 39-31.

Against West, the Patriots had their coldest shooting day of the year, hitting only 8 of 61 shots (17 percent). But they got an outstanding rebounding performance from Clay Phillips, who had a career high 24. Kendrick Bell led the scoring with nine points.



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