

Sports Briefs

AAU basketball tryouts this weekend at Boys Club

Tryouts for Kings Mountain's 16-17 year olds AAU Olympics basketball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Boys Club.

A player's age as of September determines their eligibility.

For more information, call Danny McDowell at 739-7026 after 3:30 p.m., Tom Bennett at 739-3667 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., R.A. Bell at 739-0102 after 5 p.m., Jerome Parker at 739-1867 after 5 p.m., Jimmy Poole at 937-9814 after 5 p.m., and Sam Smith at 867-5686 after 5 p.m.

Middle School wins final game

Kings Mountain Middle School's boys basketball team defeated Crest 65-44 in its final Bi-County Conference game Thursday at Crest.

First-year Coach Monty Deaton's Patriots ended their season with a 10-4 record and third place in the conference.

A 26-point third quarter outburst broke a 19-19 halftime tie and sparked the KM victory. Brad Short scored eight of his game-high 15 points in the third period, and Brian Houze and Shawn Adams each scored all eight of their points in the third quarter. Qwenshon Goode added 10 points.

SCOREBOARD

(Kings Mountain Boys and Girls Club basketball results).

12-UNDER

Hornets 40, Bullets 38
Hornets - Tony Thombs 14, Micah Burris 10, Bullets - Jeffery Currence 10, Vince Young 10.

Suns 53, Heat 51

Suns - Cahari Poole 14, A.J. Link 14, Heat - Shamar Crocker 12, John Currence 10.

Jazz 43, Bullets 41

Jazz - Matt Hardin 10, Pablo Peralta 10, Bullets - Vince Young 16, DaShawn Young 14.

Lakers 42, Heat 40

Lakers - Toni Adams 10, Crystal Miller 10, Tisha McCleave 10, Heat - Brandon Roberts 12, Jermaine Smith 11.

Magic 37, Rockets 33

Magic - Brandon Roberts 11, Jason Nichols 10, Rockets - Pierre Owens 11, Joe Leach 10.

Jazz 59, Hornets 42

Jazz - Matt Hardin 15, Pablo Peralta 12, Hornets - Maurice Hunt 12, Micah Burris 10.

6-UNDER

KM 25, Gastonia 10
KM - Chavis Poole 10, Kelsey Adams 6, Marcus Poole 6.

9-UNDER

KM 46, Gastonia 21
KM - Orlando Curry 12, Kendrick Burris 9, A.J. Link 8.

*Both 6-under KM teams finished with perfect 10-0 records in the Gastonia League.

Players of the week - Kellum Johnson (7-under), Orlando Curry (9-under), Adrian Parker (11-under), Toni Adams (12-under), Joe Leach (13-under).

Academic player of the week - Justin Weaver.

Rookie of the week - Dustin Beam.

12-under standings - Magic 9-1, Jazz 8-3, Sonics 7-2, Lakers 7-3, Rockets 6-4, Bulls 5-4, Suns 3-7, Hornets 3-8, Heat 2-8, Bullets 2-9.

This week's games - Dallas Tournament and Gastonia YMCA tournament.

TRACK

From Page 9-A give him reason to be optimistic.

In the hurdles, Bumgardner should have two of the top performers in the conference in Daniel Gardner and Shane Logan. Both made it to the regionals last year and Logan was a state qualifier. Newcomers Anthony Ash, Lee Barnes and Landon Benton also look good.

State qualifiers R.J. Barnes and Corey Jones head a good group of sprinters. Jones was seventh in the state in the 100 meters last year and Bumgardner predicts he will be in the top five this year. Chad Reid, Cedric Smith and Marcus Smith also return.

Newcomers in he sprints are Joseph Bell, Vernus Bell, Lewis Brown, Alex Burris, Ron Feemster, J.W. Garner, Lance McClain, T.J. McClain, Thomas McClain, Tario Campbell, David Turner and Kevin Young.

Bumgardner expects the Mountaineers to be very competitive in the relays.

"The kids seem to be working real hard so far," said Bumgardner. "We started practice on February 12 and we had a couple days of bad weather but we've done pretty good. We just have to keep focused and improve a little every week."

Neisler named Orioles scout

Kings Mountain's Hayne Neisler has been named an associate scout by the Baltimore Orioles baseball club.

Neisler's territory includes western North and South Carolina. His responsibilities with the Orioles will begin March 15.

Neisler is one of 14 new associate scouts hired by new scouting supervisor Kevin Malone.

Neisler has been active in Kings Mountain youth baseball and is president of the Babe Ruth organization in Cleveland County.

JV Mountaineers edge Hilltoppers

Kings Mountain High's JV boys basketball team ended its season last week with a 67-62 victory over R-S Central.

Marlon Byers scored 21 points to lead the Mountaineers of Coach Aubrey Hollifield. Joseph Bell added 17 points, six steals and three assists, Kelee Thompson had eight points and seven rebounds, Ty Toney five rebounds and three steals, and Kendrick Bell three assists.

KMHS sports fete Monday, March 11

The Kings Mountain High School winter sports banquet will be held March 11 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the school office or at the door.

The basketball, wrestling and swim teams, and cheerleaders, will be recognized.

Local anglers win in Red Man event

Mike Seawright of Kings Mountain finished sixth and Allen Eaker of Cherryville tied for ninth in the recent Red Man Carolina Division season opener at Santee Cooper.

Randy Dorman of Manning, SC won the event with a catch of five bass weighing 24 pounds, 15 ounces. He collected \$4,600. A total purse of \$19,090 was divided among anglers finishing in the top ten.

Seawright caught five bass weighing 19 pounds, 6 ounces and collected \$730. Eaker caught five bass weighing 18 pounds, 7 ounces and won \$416.

Softball, baseball registration to end

Registration for youth baseball and softball programs sponsored by Kings Mountain Recreation Department will end Friday, March 8.

Players may sign up at the Community Center Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. or Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 734-0449.

Baseball leagues include Tee League (ages 5-6), Coach Pitch (ages 7-8), Minor League (ages 9-10), Major League (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys (ages 13-14), and Pre Majors (ages 15-16).

Softball leagues include Angels (ages 7-9), Ponytails (ages 10-12), Belles (ages 13-15) and Debs (ages 16-18).



BIG FISH - Billy Hughes, David Hughes and Eugene Goforth, left to right, came back with a big stringer of bass from a fishing trip to Gaffney, SC last week. The fish held by Billy Hughes at left weighed 11 pounds and they caught several others in the 3-to-4 pound range.

Industrial, church coach meetings set

Mandatory organizational meetings for coaches in the Industrial and Church slow-pitch softball leagues will be held March 19 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The church league meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., and the industrial league meeting will be at 7:30.

Coaches will discuss rule changes, entry fee and important dates. Applications will also be filled out.

For more information, call Paul Neisler at the Community Center at 739-9631.

Dream Team holds to lead in duckpins

The Dream Team defeated Family Affair 6-2 Tuesday night to maintain its one-game lead over Bullwinkle 'N Friends in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action at Dilling Heating.

Team captain Mark Midgette bowled a 155 line and 406 set to lead the Dreamers (12-4). Chris Hullender added a 138 line and 351 set. R.W. Hullender had a 119 line and Debbie Hullender added a 317 set for Family Affair (5-11).

Bullwinkle (11-5) defeated the Antiques 6-2 behind Robbie Hullender's 137 line and 351 set. Chuck Ruley added a 121-313 and John Dilling had a 102-290 for the Antiques (5-11).

Moose Heads take early duckpin lead

The Moose Heads defeated Thunder 6-2 to grab the lead after the first week of action in the fourth quarter of the Mixed Duckpin Bowling League race at Dilling Heating.

John Dilling's 120 line and 332 set led the way. Irene Ruley bowled a 117 line and 302 set and Robbie Hullender added a 109 line and 301 set for Thunder.

In another match, the Alley Rats and Lightning split 4-4. Tommy Barrett led Lightning with a 120 line and 349 set and Chris Hullender led the Rats with a 106 line and 294 set.

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