

Baseball and softball registration at Center

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is holding baseball and softball registration through March 3 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Ages 5-18 may sign up. Registration will be held from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. There is a \$10 late registration fee after March 3.

For more information, call the Center at 739-9631 or 734-0449.

BURNS

From 8-A

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the home gym of the #1 seed.

All four of the leaders will advance to the state tournament unless a team that finished lower than fourth wins the tourney. In that case, the #4 seed will stay at home.

The Mountaineers got off to a quick start against Burns and ran their overall record to 14-7.

Marlon Byers hit three 3-pointers and a two-point field goal to score 11 of the Mountaineers' first quarter points as they broke out to a 19-14 lead. KM was on top 34-23 at halftime and 46-39 going into the fourth quarter.

Byers led the scoring with 18 points, Alex Burris came off the bench to score 16 points and block three shots, and Bryan Odums added eight points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Sidney Crocker had a big game with four points and four assists, Burris had two steals and Jawan McCree blocked three shots.

The Mountaineers weren't up to par defensively and at the foul line. KM hit only 34 percent of its free throws (8 of 22) while Burns hit 56 percent (10 of 18).

"Our free throw shooting was horrendous," said Sipe. "That's something that hasn't been a constant for us. We've been up and down."

"But we did good offensively. Marlon Byers got us off to a hot start, and then we went to the bench and brought in Alex Burris and he had 16 points. He has really been a big spark for us in the games that we've won. To be able to go to the bench like that and bring an offensive player in."

The Mountaineers' starting point guard, Marcus Smith, had to leave the game with an injury in the fourth quarter, and Burris was sidelined with four fouls, and Sipe moved forward Joseph Bell to the point guard.

"He did a great job running the point for about a two-minute stretch until we could get some time off the clock and get Alex back in the game," Sipe said.

■ Kings Mountain got off to a slow start in the girls game and dropped a 53-48 decision despite playing a tremendous second half.

Burns led 25-15 at intermission but Kings Mountain came back to cut the margin to 34-32 at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Mountaineers took the lead with four minutes to play but Burns iced the game at the foul line.

"We played them close the second half," said Coach Tony Leigh. "If we had played four quarters like we did the third and fourth it would have been a different ball game."

Narissa Lockhart of Burns led all scorers with 29 points. KM had one of its most balanced scoring attacks of the season with Jacquie Hall scoring 19 points, Nikki Ingram 12 and Kisha Hamrick 10.

The loss left the Lady Mountaineers alone in fifth place in the SWC standings. They will have to win the SWC tournament to qualify for the state playoffs. The tourney will begin Tuesday night at the home gym of the #2 seed (probably North Gaston).

GIRLS GAME

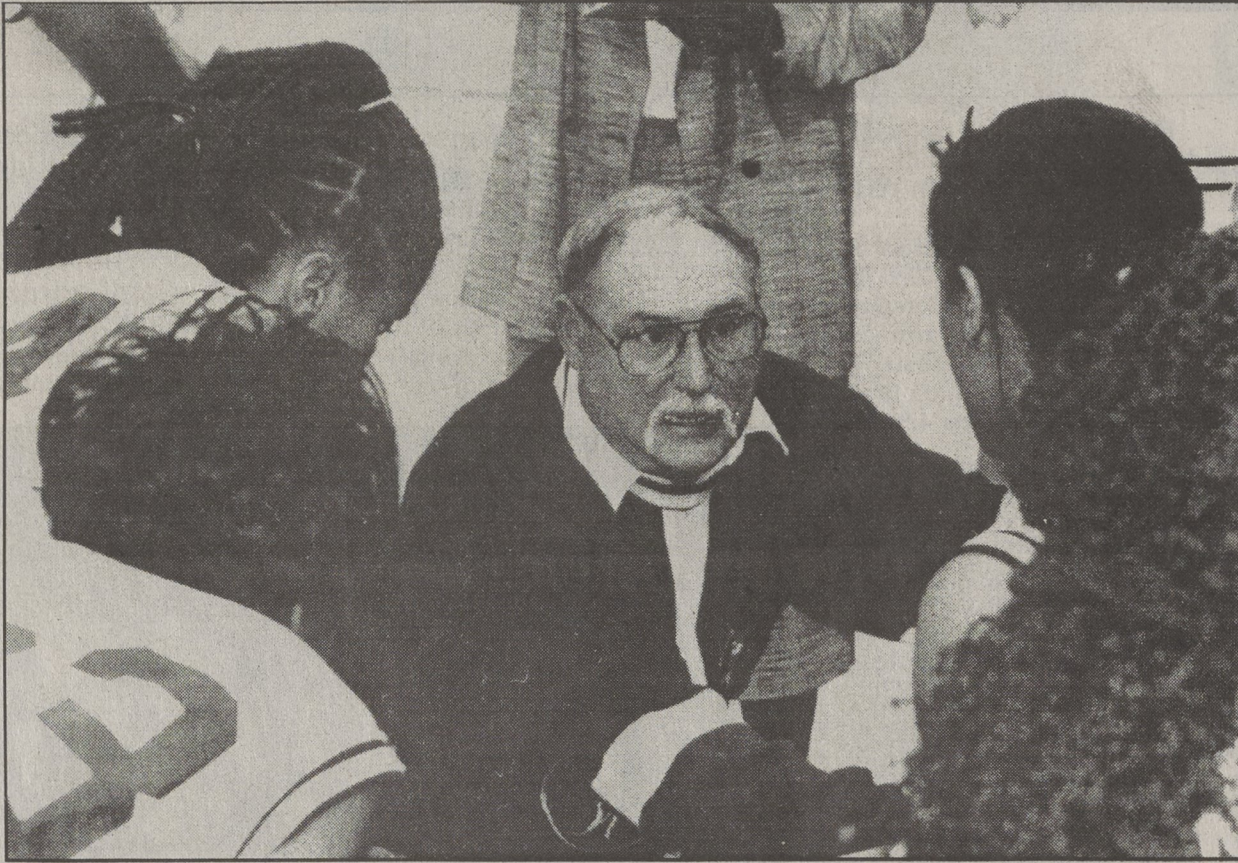
KM (48) - Hall 19, Ingram 12, Hamrick 10, Brinkley 5, Putnam 1, Pearson 1.

Burns (53) - Lockhart 29, Parker 14, Bess 8, Green 2.

BOYS GAME

KM (61) - Smith 4, Byers 18, Bell 5, Burris 16, Crocker 4, McCree 6, Odums 8.

Burns (50) - Logan 4, Mitchell 8, Bradshaw 6, Baxter 3, Godbey 11, Green 7, Phelps 4, Walker 7.



MOUNTAINEER TIMEOUT - Kings Mountain girls basketball coach Tony Leigh talks to his team during a timeout of recent Southwest Conference game at the KMHS gym. Time is running out on the Lady Mountaineers, who are in fifth place in the SWC and must win next week's conference tournament to qualify for the state playoffs.

The Scoreboard

Kings Mountain Boys and Girls Club basketball results.

KM - Derick Marble 8, Kalem Johnson 6.

12-UNDER

Lakers 59, Knicks 57
Lakers - Chris Jacobs 12, J.V. Wilson 11. Knicks - Derrick Smith 11, Cortney Smith 11.

10-UNDER
KM 36, Erwin Center 10
KM - A.J. Link 14, Orlando Curry 12, Dennis Moore 11.

17-UNDER

Bulls 62, Heat 59
Bulls - Jermaine Smith 12, Chris Burris 10. Heat - Gary Wade 12, William Moore 11.

KM 96, Southeast 70
KM - Ralphie Williams 46, Kareem Marshall 11, Kevin Henderson 10.

Magic 43, Sonics 39

Magic - Colby Wollak 12, Troy Link 10. Sonics - Austin Link 13, Chris Jones 10.

Players of the Week - Kyle Johnson (7-under), Darren Dawkins (9-under), Derrick Smith (10-under), Brandon Houze (12-under).

Hornets 61, Warriors 54

Hornets - Kareem Odums 23, Joram Young 18. Warriors - Eli Wilson 13, Sedrick Young 11.

Academic player of the week - Colby Wollak.
Rookie of the week - Tommy Malaythong.

Lakers 66, Bulls 64

Lakers - Pierre Owens 18, Joe Leach 15, J.V. Wilson 10. Bulls - Orlando Curry 12, Jermaine Smith 11.

12-under standings - Lakers 8-0, Bulls 6-2, Magic 6-2, Knicks 5-2, Raptors 4-4, Warriors 3-4, 76ers 3-4, Heat 2-6, Hornets 2-6, Sonics 0-8.

Magic 51, Raptors 49

Magic - Brandon Roberts 12, Cedric Hunter 11. Raptors - Crystal Miller 11, Steve McCleave 10.

This week's games:
Friday - 5-7 year olds vs. Gaston Boys Club; 8-10 year olds vs. Gaston Boys Club; 11-12 year olds vs. Gaston Boys Club; 15-16 year olds vs. United Center.

Heat 66, Sonics 60

Heat - Tony Thombs 22, A.J. Link 16. Sonics - Ronald Goode 15, Joe Adams 12.


Saturday - Magic vs. Lakers 11:30; Heat vs. Raptors 12:30; Sonics vs. Bulls 1:30; 13-14 AAU tryouts 3 p.m.

7-UNDER


KM 18, Erwin Center 0

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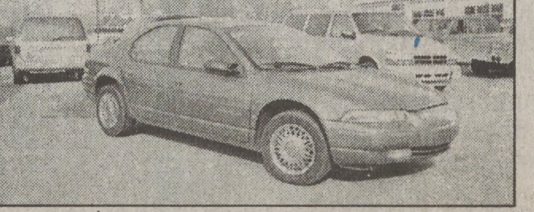
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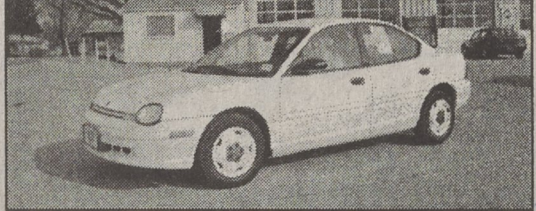
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