



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS - The Sox won the tournament championship in the Dixie Youth Major League (11-12 years old). They defeated the Braves 9-3, KM Optimist 13-7 and the Angels 16-9. They completed the three-day tournament with only nine players. Team members include, front row, left to right, Jim Jolly, Brandon Bridges, Matt Henson, C.J. Austin, Adam Smith, Pete Watson, head coach Chuck Austin. Back row, Gib Gibson, Mason Dixon, Chris Jolly, Ross Ellis, David Brinkley, Drew Gibson, Victor Harbison, Wayne Bridges.



TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP - Kings Mountain's T-Ball all-stars finished second in the All-Star Tournament held last week in Boger City. Kings Mountain defeated Boger City in extra innings, defeated the Kings Mountain A all-stars, and defeated Bessemer City before losing to Boger City 14-12 in extra innings in the championship game. Kings Mountain won the sportsmanship award. Team members include, front row, left to right, Hogan Sellers, Cody Austin, Kyle Bell, Tony Davis, Timothy Gaddy and Stephen Butler. Second row, Jeffrey Howell, Brantly Blalock, Nick Saldo, Cody Smith, Tyler Ross, Sage Luley and Caleb Henderson. Back row, coaches Rodney Sellers, Mike Henderson, Shane Facemyer and Todd Blalock.

GWU names Haskins as basketball assistant
Gardner-Webb Men's Basketball Coach Rick Scruggs has named Joel Haskins, a former assistant at Campbell University, to his basketball staff.

Haskins, a 1982 graduate of Appalachian State, has served as an assistant coach at Anderson (SC) College, Samford University, and Campbell University before serving as an assistant at Harnett Central High School in Angier last season.

PLANTAIN

From 5-A
Plantain. Plantain is sold in bulk for making blends of specialty tea.

The effects of Digitalis may include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headache, confusion, low blood pressure, vision disturbance and abnormal heart rate and rhythm.

The FDA has also warned consumers against using Chomper, a herbal laxative and cleansing agent.

The agency continues to investigate the mislabeling of raw material labeled as Plantain and to work with manufacturers to identify any dietary supplement products that may contain Digitalis to ensure they are recalled from commercial channels.

Persons who have had adverse effects associated with the use of these products should see a doctor. Consumers and health professionals can report adverse events associated with the products to FDA's MedWatch 1-800-FDA-1088.

A local herb distributor said she was shocked to hear about the mislabeling of the product. "I have customers who really like the tea and all the books I have on Plantain report positive results."

LEGION

From 6-A
In the final first round game Wednesday night at Lancaster Field, Kings Mountain fell to Shelby 12-7 to finish the regular season with a 7-8 record.

Shelby put the game away early, scoring seven runs in the first inning. Shelby's leadoff batter, Josh Ferree, got the assault going with a home run over the center field fence, and John McSwain added a three-run homer later in the inning.

Norris Hopper went 5-for-5 to lead the visitors. Tony Stokes led KM with three hits, Scotty Martin had two, and Tony Stokes hit a three-run homer. Steven Boswell worked the first six innings to get the win for Shelby. Peanut McCracken, the first of three KM pitchers, took the loss.

Booster Club to host bus ride to scrimmage

Kings Mountain High's Booster Club will sponsor transportation to the Raleigh scrimmage August 16 at Carter-Finley Stadium on the campus of NC State University.

Twelve of the top 3-A and 4-A teams in North Carolina will participate in the benefit scrimmage. Seats on the bus are \$20 per person. Call Pam Leigh at 739-5463 or 739-8373 for reservations.

Departure time will be 12 noon. Kings Mountain is scheduled to take the field from 6-8 p.m. against Northern Durham, Fayetteville Byrd and Garner.

Registration under way for Hoops for Christ camp

Registration is now open for the 5th annual Ric Franklin Hoops for Christ Basketball Camp to be held in Gastonia, Stanley and Cowpens.

Boys and girls ages 7-18 are accepted. Camps are scheduled the weeks of July 7, July 21, July 28, August 4 and August 11.

For more information or a free brochure call 866-4131.

Mooresville won the trophy in the Western Piedmont 2-A with 63 points. Lincolnton was second with 61, followed by Charlotte Catholic 59, West Lincoln 52, Cherryville 36 and Bessemer City 25.

North Mecklenburg outdistanced the rest of the Me-GA Seven 4-A Conference with 195 points. Gastonia Ashbrook was second with 169.5, followed by West Mecklenburg 159.5, Harding 152, Olympic 151, East Gaston 150 and Hunter Huss 124.

Watauga won in the Northwestern 4-A with 81.5 points, followed by Freedom 70, East Burke 66, McDowell 58.5, Crest 53 and Alexander Central 45.

Mountaineer pitchers playing in State Games

Two Kings Mountain High and American Legion pitchers will be competing in the North Carolina State Games beginning tonight in Greensboro.

Junior Hunter Suber will be playing in the underclassmen division, and senior Rusty Putnam will be pitching in the senior division.

Sports Briefs

Split Makers grab share of bowling lead

The Split Makers knocked off league leader Ducks R Us 6-2 Tuesday night to grab a share of the lead after four weeks of action in the Summer Mixed Duckpin Bowling League at Dilling Heating.

Both teams now sport 18-14 records and hold a two-game lead over the Duck Dodgers (16-16), who won six games from the Holy Rollers (12-20).

Three bowlers topped the 300-set mark to lead the Split Makers' win. Mark Abernathy led with a 129 line and 373 set, Debbie Hullender had a 113 line and 326 set, and Zeke Rybezyk had a 133 line and 322 set. Ed Philbeck had a 119 line and Chris Hullender had a 304 set for Ducks R Us.

R.W. Hullender rolled a 142 line and 358 set and Dusty Helms added a 125-351 to lead the Duck Dodgers over the Holy Rollers. John Dilling led the Holy Rollers with a 118 line and 349 set.

Neisler rehired as Oriole scout

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

Neisler's scouting territory is the upstate of South Carolina and piedmont of North Carolina, focusing primarily on high school prospects. In this year's baseball draft held two weeks ago, Baltimore was voted as having the number one draft by Baseball America magazine.

Neisler's territorial supervisors are Terry Brewer of Charlotte and Mark Tramutta of Baltimore, Md.

Shelby edges Mounties in Wachovia Trophy race

Shelby compiled 136.5 points to win the Wachovia Trophy for the 1996-97 athletic year in the Southwestern 3-A Conference. The award is given each year to the school with the best overall sports program determined by a point system.

Kings Mountain finished second with 128.5 points, followed by R-S Central 128, North Gaston 110.5, East Rutherford 105.5, South Point 101 and Burns 88.

POOL

From 1-A

because their kids and grandkids play ball," said Robinson who agreed with Mike Smith that monies should go into a recreation fund from concessions, for instance, and then the fund be used for recreational needs.

"The money all goes into the city's general fund and there's no real incentive to raise money," she said.

After a lengthy discussion the Parks and Recreation Board voted Monday night to present a proposal to City Council which would include the recommendation for construction of a new pool and suggestions for improvements at the Center both in physical appearance of the facility and in services to kids.

"That's about all we can do as an advisory board," said Mike Bennett and then it's up to the Council. Bennett said he won't recommend "throwing good money after bad" and other members agreed that "bandaiding" the pool was not the way to go.

But Mike Smith said advisory members should speak out at City Council meetings.

"I commend City Council for taking a stand for Ingles but why has there been so much discussion about trees for these new businesses coming into town when the Community Center across the street from the new businesses is so neglected and a health hazard," he asked Council Tuesday night.

City Recreation Director Tripp Hord said Stacie Rhea of the Cleveland County Health

Department visited the Deal Street pool this week. Rhea said because the pool was built prior to 1993 the requirements for permitting are not as stringent as the newer pools. However, she said the wading pool can not be permitted without renovation and was closed in August 1994 because of a suction hazard created by the single drain circulation system.

The main pool shell is crumbling in many areas and one entire 10 15 foot section of the coping and gutter system has fallen off into the pool. The deep end of the pool shell appears to have collapsed and there is vegetation growing in the drain area.

Robinson said she is also concerned about the disrepair of the adjoining building.

"I'd like to see our Recreation Department second to none in the state and I'd hate to see you Council members lose your seats because of non-support to our recreation needs," said Smith Tuesday night.

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