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Lady Patriots end season with 7-5 mark

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls basketball team ended its season last week with a pair of wins.

KMMS defeated Lincolnton 40-33 as Kristin Hardin scored 13 points and Crystal Miller 11.

The Lady Patriots defeated East Lincoln 40-31. Ashley Leigh scored 17 points, Crystal Miller 12, and Kristin Hardin 9.

The Lady Patriots finished with a 7-5 record.

Eighth graders who will be leaving the team are Crystal Miller, Ashley Leigh, Kristin Hardin, Georgia Dawson, Stephanie Moore, Meghan Potter, Laquita Curry and Sherrica Cole.

"I appreciate everyone's hard work and great attitudes all the team members had throughout the season," said Coach Candy Albergine. "I think we really improved the second half of our season and played our best basketball the last two games against Lincolnton and East Lincoln.



MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS - Kings Mountain Middle School's girls basketball team recently completed Bi-County Conference play with a 7-5 record. Team members include, front row, left to right, Jackie Jarvis (manager), Lesley Potter, Amy Robinson, L'tisha Bell and Jessica Dams (manager). Second row, Sherrica Cole, Stephanie Moore, Laquita Curry, Latoya McClain, Georgia Dawson, Rachel Hughes. Back row, Meghan Potter, Pam Parker, Crystal Miller, Kristen Hardin, Ashley Leigh, Shonda Cole and Coach Candy Albergine.

Sports Briefs

KM girls eliminated from SWC tournament

Kings Mountain High's girls defeated South Point 46-39 in the first round but then lost to regular season champion North Gaston 69-43 in the Southwestern 3A Conference basketball tournament last week.

The first round game, played at Burns, saw the KM ladies go on a 7-0 run at the end of the third quarter to break a 29-29 tie. Kings Mountain held on at the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Renee Hall led the scoring with 12 points, and Jacquie Hall added 10 as the Lady Mountaineers posted their third straight win. They had ended their regular season the week before with back-to-back wins over R-S Central and South Point.

The KM ladies were no match for North Gaston in second round action Thursday at the KMHS gym. The Lady Wildcats broke out to a 13-6 first quarter lead and led by 32-13 at the half and 45-26 going into the fourth period.

Rebecca Boone led four doubledigit scorers for North Gaston with 15 points. Danielle Hunter scored 11 and Nikki Ingram 10 for Kings Mountain which ended its year with a 5-19 record.

7-8 at 3 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Boys and Girls Club at Central School.

For more information, call Marvin Holder at 861-9074 after 5, Tom Bennett at 739-3667 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or 739-7026 after 3:30.

Baseball/softball sign-up at KM Community Center

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for its youth baseball and softball leagues through March 24 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Boys ages 5-16 and girls ages 5-18 may sign-up from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

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

Softball tournament set in Lancaster, SC

An open men's softball tournament will be played March 13-14 at South Complex in Langaster, SC.

Entry fee is \$100.

For more information call 1-803-289-6536 or 1-803-285-5827.

Scoreboard

Rec Basketball

(Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Basketball results).

9-10 TOURNAMENT (First round Feb. 26) Stanley 32, KM Black 29 KM Red 26, Boger City 17 (Second round Feb. 27) KM Black 36, Boger City 17 Stanley 35, KM Red 21 (Second round Feb. 28) KM Black 42, KM Red 20 (Finals, Feb. 28)

Stanley 40, KM Black 30

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE Roechling 83, Parkdale #5 62 Roechling - John Penley 21. PD Derrick McDaniel 17. Reliance 61, Spectrum 59

Rel. - Curtis Degree 15. Bali 77, Harris Welco 68

Bali - Mike Helms 32. HW - Larry Carroll 16. Anvil 68, Bali 58

Anvil - Patrick Jones 24. Bali Mike Helms 21.

Mayflower 67, Hayward Pool 41 Mayflower - Vince McCluney 21. Hayward- Demetris Bess 19.

Roechling 82, Reliance 73 Roechling - Roderick McClain 26.

Rel. - Curtis Degree 26. Hayward 61, Spectrum 54 Hayward - B. Wilson 18.

Mayflower 65, Roechling 62 Mayflower - Vince McCluney 20. Roechling - Roderick McClain 16. Anvil 58, Reliance 54

Anvil - Roberts 14. Rel. - Degree 18. Hayward 62, Anvil 61 Hayward - D. Bess 28. Anvil -

Morgan 14. Hayward 65, Roechling 56 Hayward - B. Wilson 21. Roechling

- J. Penley 18. **Duckpin Bowling**

(Tuesday Night Mixed League, Dilling Heating)

Lame Ducks 6, Lucky Ducks 2 Lame Ducks - R.W. Hullender 142 line, 391 set. Lucky Ducks -Mark Midgette 116 line, 318 set. Dead Ducks 6, Headpinners 2 Dead Ducks - John Dilling 116 line, 337 set, Mack Ramsey 119 line, 303 set. HP - Chuck Ruley 112 line, 286 set.

Standings - Lame Ducks 6-2, Dead Ducks 6-2, Lucky Ducks 2-6, Headpinners 2-6.

(Thursday Night Mixed League, Dilling Heating). Deadwood 6, M.R. Ducks 2

Dead Wood - Tommy Barrett 139

Dead Wood - Tommy Barrett 139 line, 361 set, Zeke Rybczyk 122 line, 329 set. M.R. Ducks - R.W. Hullender, 130 line, 362 set. Duck Masters 4, Mighty Ducks 4 Duck Masters - John Dilling 118 line, 310 set; Chuck Ruley, 113°Fme, 310 set. Mighty Ducks - Bobby Rathbone 104 line, 283 set. Standings - Deadwood 34-22

Standings - Deadwood 34-22, Mighty Ducks 32-24 Duck Masters 25-31, M.R. Ducks 21-35.

Girls softball season to open

softball team has been impressive in early practices and hopes to improve on its third place finish of a once we start it's 'go' the whole year ago in the Southwestern 3A Conference.

Coach Susie Hughes has 15 of her 18 players returning, but with only two seniors on the roster the Lady Mountaineers still will be considered a young team.

"I've been impressed with what I've seen," says Hughes. "They have a good attitude. They want to be the best team they can be. They've worked hard.'

The Mountaineers will compete in an 8-team scrimmage Saturday at Crest, and then open regular season play Tuesday afternoon at Ashbrook. At Crest, KM will face Freedom at 11 a.m., Crest at noon, East Rutherford at 3 and North Gaston at 5.

"I kind of have an idea who's going to play where, but Saturday will be an opportunity to see how we've progressed and will also be a chance to see some other teams from our conference," Hughes said. Although the Mountaineers will miss all three of last year's seniors, this year's crop of players include one senior and six juniors who were starters last year, and another senior, pitcher Kim Parker, who played as a sophomore but sat out last year.

"I expect some good things from us," Hughes said. "We'll get better and better."

Centerfielder Amy Pearson is the only returning senior starter. Returning juniors are All-Conference catcher D Chapman, shortstop Toni Loftin, DH Julie Robbins, outfielder Emily Ballard, second baseman Kate Pascoe, and pitcher Amanda Johnsonbaugh who has been moved to the infield.

Six sophomores also return including outfielders Csherian Coleman and Tabitha Goode, infielder Ashley Starrett, pitcher Ashley Wilson, and outfielders Jennifer Towery and Christie Worcester.

Four freshmen join the team and Hughes said they bring talent and a good knowledge of the game. They include infielder Beth Bumgardner, utility player Laura Propst, infielder Anna Ramey and outfielder Hannah Ware.

'I've been impressed with what

Kings Mountain High's girls there's no more down time practice for us. We play at least two times a week, and sometimes three. So time."

THE SCHEDULE MARCH

7 - Scrimmage at Crest; 10 - at Ashbrook 4; 12 - at Shelby 4; 17 - R-SCentral 4; 19 - at Burns 4; 21 -Cleveland Co. Invitational at Crest TBA; 24 - South Point 4; 26 - at E. Ruth. 4; 31 - at N. Gaston 4.

APRIL 2 - at R-S Central 4; 7 - Burns 4; 8 -Ashbrook 4; 9 - at S. Point 4; 21 - N. Gaston 4:30; 22 - E. Ruth. 4:30; 23 -R-S 4:30; 28 - at Burns 4:30; 29 Shelby 4:30; 30 - S. Point 4:30. MAY

5 - at E. Ruth. 4:30; 7 - at N. Gaston 4:30.

IN CONCERT: **DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER** Also Guest: CAROLINA CROSSFIRE Roland R. Morgan Auditorium 659 E. Center Street Mooresville, NC March 14, 1998 7:30PM Tickets: \$12.00 For info.: Craig P. Gates 800-734-0428 or 704-735-0428 Cross Country Campground 704-483-5897 www.craigpgates.com Upcoming Shows: 4th Annual Spring Fiddler Convention; Sat., April 11, 1998 7:15PM Jim & Jessie Sat. April 18, 1998 7:30PM



FIRST ROUND South Point (39) - Gurganus 10, Fleming 8, Smith 6, Williams 5, Atkins 4, Feimster 4, Cloninger 2.

Kings Mountain (46) - R. Hall 12, J. Hall 10, Hunter 8, Dawson 5, Pearson 4, Currence 3, Ramey 3, Ingram 1.

SECOND ROUND

North Gaston (69) - Norwood 3, Saunders 9, McLeod 12, Atchley 14, Welcome 10, Norwood 5, Cloninger 1, Boone 15.

KM (43) - Dawson 4, Pearson 2. Hunter 11, Ingram 10, J. Hall 8, R. Hall 1, Ramey 2, Currence 4, Cole 1.

Wrestling Saturday at KM National Guard

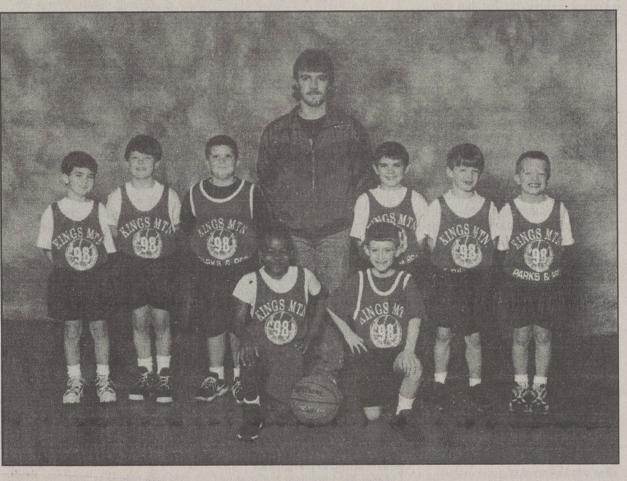
The Professional Wrestling Federation will be at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory Saturday at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$7 at the Armory. Tickets a the door are \$8. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free.

For more information call 739-4741.

Kings Mountain AAU basketball tryout set

Tryouts for the Kings Mountain 14-year-old/8th grade AAU Junior Olympic basketball team will be held Saturday and Sunday, March



LOOK OUT FOR THE BULLS - The Kings Mountain Bulls finished second in the 7-8-year-old basketball league at the Kings Mountain Recreation Department. Standing, left to right, are Tyler Ross, Shannon Johnson, Dustin Ramsey, Coach Johnny Nations, Anthony Nations, Fletcher Webster and Austin Stacy. Kneeling are Cedric Roberts and Kyle Richards. The team had a 6-2 record.



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