

Juniors home for final two regular season games

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors play their final regular season home games this week but will enter the Area IV playoffs next Tuesday night.

All teams advance to the post-season. A meeting will be held Sunday night to determine the pairings.

Post 155 hosts Stanley Friday and Rutherford County Saturday in their final regular season games.

In action this past week, Tony Leigh's charges fell to East Catawba 15-5 Saturday night, defeated Gastonia 7-5 Sunday night, and then lost a heart-breaker to Shelby 7-6 Monday night.

Kings Mountain had an early 3-0 lead against East Catawba, but the visitors battled back to tie the score at 3-3 after four innings, and broke the game open in the late innings.

RBI singles by Robin Perkins and Rusty Putnam put KM on top 2-0 in the first, and a double by Brandon Putnam and single by John

McMackin made it 3-0 in the second.

But East Catawba picked up a run without the benefit of a hit in the third inning, and then tied the game in the top of the fourth on solo home runs by Abernathy and Sain.

East Catawba scored two runs after two were out in the top of the fifth to take a 5-3 lead against KM starter Seth Denton. Two singles, a walk and a balk did the damage.

Three more runs in the sixth made the score 6-3, and three more in the seventh increased the margin to 9-3.

Kings Mountain finally scored two more runs in the bottom of the seventh to cut the lead to 9-5. Perkins was hit by a pitched ball and Rusty Putnam walked. Perkins later scored on a bases-loaded walk to Matt Bridges, and Putnam scored on a wild pitch.

Eric Boyd retired six straight batters in the seventh and eighth innings as KM tried to get back in the ball game, but East Catawba broke the

game open with six runs in the top of the ninth off Andy Cauble.

McMackin gave up just three hits and struck out 14 batters in 6 2/3 innings of relief Sunday night to beat Gaston Post 23. Boyd started for Post 155 and left in the third with the score tied 3-3.

Kings Mountain scored three runs in the top of the first on a walk to Andy Leigh, single by Chad Jones, walk to Tyler Falls, and a double by Jason Bridges.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 4-3 lead in the top of the sixth as McMackin reached base on an error and later scored on a single by Perkins. Post 155 increased the margin to 7-3 in the top of the seventh, scoring three more runs on a single by Brandon Putnam, sacrifice by Leigh, walk to Falls, and McMackin's two-run double.

Post 155 had a 6-2 lead going into the bottom of the ninth inning Monday night at Shelby, but Post 48 came up with five runs to win 7-6. Rusty

Putnam pitched the first 8 1/3 innings and was cruising until running into control problems in the ninth.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first. Jason Bridges singled, Kendrick Bell was hit by a pitched ball, Brandon Putnam walked to load the bases, and Bridges scored when Andy Leigh was hit by a pitched ball.

Kendrick Bell hit his first of two triples and scored on a fielder's choice to put KM up 2-0 in the second.

Shelby picked up a run off Putnam in the fifth to cut the margin to 2-1, but KM scored two in the seventh on Perkins' home run, Bell's second triple, and singles by Rusty Putnam and Brandon Putnam.

Post 155 added two more runs in the top of the eighth on Jason Bridges' single, Bell's double, and a single by Rusty Putnam.

Putnam issued all three of his walks in the bottom of the ninth as Shelby rallied to win.

Summer tennis schedule announced

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department recently sponsored its second annual tennis carnival to kick off this summer's tennis clinics and league play. Over 40 children attended the event.

This summer, Parks and Recreation will offer tennis clinics throughout the summer. Ron Humphries will be the teacher and will have help from area volunteers and high school tennis players. The Parks and Recreation Department also has

plans for a Junior Tennis League, NCTA Tennis Jamboree, AAU Junior Olympics and a Junior Novice Tournament.

The department will also begin this summer with the 1-2-3 Tennis for Kids Program. The program will introduce players to the game and get them hooked on tennis; provide weekly clinics; create adult leagues; promote and develop the growth of tennis; provide professional education with detailed curriculum for coaches; provide positive and exciting clinics to insure success for the future of tennis in Kings Mountain; provide a rotating system for each participant so

he or she can see improvement; develop a work ethic and discipline for kids involved; and develop social skills and fun.

For more information about the tennis program, contact Tripp Hord at 734-0449.

Summer schedule:
Starting June 13 - free junior tennis clinics.

Saturdays - Red division 9 a.m.-10:15; white division, 10:45-12 noon; blue division, 12:30-1:45 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - White division, 5-6:15; blue division, 6:30-7:45.

(Red division is for ages 5-12; white division is for intermediate players JNTRP 3.0 and below; blue division is for advanced players JNTRP 3.5 and above).

Starting July 11 - Junior team tennis leagues, matches to be played on Saturday afternoon.

July 25 - NCTA JTT Jamboree, Greensboro.

First week in August - AAU Junior Olympics, Norfolk, VA.

July or August - Junior Novice Tournament.

September - Cleveland County Open (proceeds to Hospice).



7-8 YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONS - M&D Quick Stop won the recent 7-8 year-old Kings Mountain parks and Recreation Department baseball tournament. Team members are, front row, left to right, Daniel Humphries, Corey Dills, Chris Whisnant, Timothy Gaddy, Tyler Murray, Jamie York. Second row, Kristin Cogdill, Chad Malone, Justin Ramsey, Brittney Whittington, Aaron Bradley, Brandon Mitchell. Back row, coaches Lawrence Humphries, Timothy Gaddy, and John Murray.



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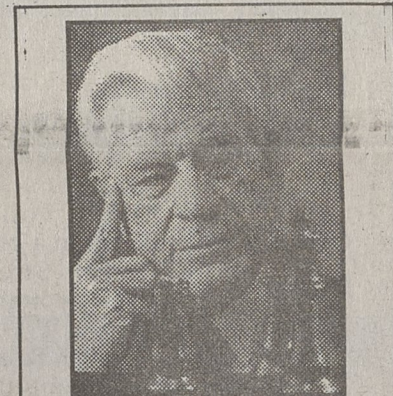
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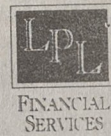
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Sports Briefs

M&D Quick Stop wins 7-8 year-old tourney

M&D Quick Stop won the recent 7-8 year-old baseball tournament at Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department.

M&D had a record of 6-3 during the regular season. They defeated the Aqua Sox 9-1, Katz 11-5, Cardinals 22-5, Bi-Lo 14-7, Braves 10-7, and Angels 20-7. They lost to the Marlins 8-6, Orioles 21-12, and Knights 20-14.

In tournament action, M&D defeated the Marlins 5-4, Cardinals 9-8 and Orioles 5-4.

Beat Cancer golf tourney in Gastonia

The Connie Ashley "Beat the Cancer" golf tournament will be played July 17 at Crowder's Mountain Golf Course in Gastonia.

There will be a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee for the four-person Captain's Choice event is \$50 per player.

For more information call Larry Lee at (864) 488-1618.

Old-timers game set June 27 at KM High

The Kings Mountain High Booster Club is planning its annual old timers game June 27 at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Field.

Practice will be on Sunday before the game.

Any former Mountaineer players interested in participating should call Glenn Perkins at 435-0287, Tommy Barrett at 739-7378 or Scott Ellis at 937-9691.

Tourney to raise funds for research

The Killian Harris Memorial Golf Tournament will be played

Monday, June 29 at Woodbridge Golf Links in Kings Mountain.

All proceeds will go toward the research of umbilical cord accidents that cause the death of over 5,000 babies each year. All entries and sponsors are tax deductible.

The four-man Captain's Choice will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$60 per player and includes green and cart fees, unlimited range balls, lunch and drinks, prizes, and one entry to a raffle.

Hole sponsors are also needed. The cost is \$60 or \$110 for a sponsorship and tournament entry.

Over \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded. A 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix from Sale Auto Mall will be given for a hole-in-one and prizes will be given to closest to the pin, longest drive, and most accurate drive.

For more information, call

Woodbridge Golf Links at 482-0353.

Pro wrestling slated at KM National Guard

The Professional Wrestling Federation will be at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m.

Heavyweight champion Gorgeous George South will battle The Black Angel, and the 310-pound, 6-11 The Body Guard (Rob Walton) will be in a handicap match against two wrestlers.

The Overlord Ripper will be in a special challenge match with the American G.I. for the Eastern States title, and the new PWF tag team champions the Italian Stallion and Brutus McNasty the Breeze will battle The Lewis Brothers with Summer.

Scoreboard

(Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department baseball and softball league results)

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE
Wirtz 19, Parkdale 3
Wirtz - Robbie Ruff 3-for-4; Parkdale - Loy 2-for-3.
City of KM 12, Harris-Welco 5
KM - Timmy Adams 3-for-4; HW - Larry Carroll 2-for-3.
Commercial 24, Anvil 19
Commercial - Mike Clary 5-for-5.
Anvil - Patrick Jones 4-for-5.
KM 20, Parkdale 10
City - Joey Proctor 3-for-3.
Commercial 20, Harris-Welco 13
Commercial - Gene Whetstone 5-for-5; HW - Shannon Marr 4-for-4.
Harris-Welco 17, Anvil 11
HW - Larry Carroll 4-for-5; Anvil - Melton 4-for-4.
Commercial 24, Parkdale 8
Commercial - Steve Lail 4-for-4.

CHURCH LEAGUE
Harvest Time 19, Oak View 4
OV - Needlands 2-for-2.

11-12 BOYS
Braves 12, Legion 6
Braves - Phillip Bunch. Legion - Lee Smith.
B&A Sox 16, Angels 6
B&A - Josh Melton, Matthew Henson. Angels - Kirk Bumgardner.
B&A Sox 14, Braves 10
B&A - Drew Gibson. Braves - Phillip Bunch.
Legion 5, Optimist 4
Legion - Tyler Leach.
Angels 8, Legion 2

Angels - Josh Ethers, John Herndon. Legion - Russ Putnam.
Braves 8, Optimist 4
Braves - Derrick Smith. Optimist - Jake Lowery.

9-10 YEARS OLD
Yankees 13, Carolina Tree 2
Carolina - J. Todd
VFW 15, Bandits 2
Amvets 10, Cardinals 5
Cardinals - B. King.
Cannonballs 10, The Door 9
Cannonballs - Tyler Cannon.
Cardinals 9, Bandits 4
Cardinals - A. Childers, A. Dixon.
VFW 22, Carolina Tree 0
VFW - Ryan Leach. Carolina - No hits.
Amvets 14, The Door 3
Amvets - Josh Hendricks. The Door - Josh Richardson.
Yankees 12, Cannonballs 2
Cannonballs - Tyler Cannon.

10-12 SOFTBALL
Honeybees 7, Slammers 2
Honeybees - Kirsten Martin. Slammers - Ashley McDaniel.
Optimist 12, Stars 11
Optimist - Katie Bennett. Stars - Brooke Blackburn, J. Baisden.
Honeybees 9, Stingers 8
Honeybees - Stacey Spicer. Stingers - Erin Dover, L. Johnsonbaugh.
Slammers 12, Honeybees 9
Slammers - Ashley McDaniel, Stacey Phillips. Honeybees - Allison Hoppes.
Optimist 12, Stars 4
Optimist - Katie Bennett, Lauren Home. Stars - Brook Blackburn.

13-15 SOFTBALL
KM #2 12, KM #1 11
KM #2 - Anna Ramey. KM #1 - Meredith Ware, Beth Bumgardner.
Stars 12, Slammers 7
Stars - Jamie Baisden. Slammers - K. Butler.
Boiling Springs #2 10, KM Silver Bullets 2
KM - Anna Ramey.
Silver Bullets - 16, Stanley #2 1
Silver Bullets - Carrie Brinkley.

SCHEDULES (Church League)
June 18 - First Wesleyan vs. First Baptist 6 p.m., Oak View vs. Harvest Time 7 p.m.
June 22 - First Baptist vs. Harvest Time 8 p.m.
June 23 - Oak View vs. First Wesleyan 6 p.m.
June 25 - Oak View vs. First Baptist 6 p.m., First Wesleyan vs. Harvest Time 7 p.m.
June 29 - First Baptist vs. First Wesleyan 7 p.m., June 30 - Harvest Time vs. Oak View 7 p.m.
July 2 - Harvest Time vs. First Baptist 6 p.m., First Wesleyan vs. Oak View 8 p.m.
July 3 - First Baptist vs. Oak View 6 p.m.
July 4 - Harvest Time vs. First Wesleyan 7 p.m.
July 6 - First Wesleyan vs. First Baptist 6 p.m., Oak View vs. Harvest Time 8 p.m.
July 20 - First Baptist vs. Harvest Time 6 p.m.
July 21 - Oak View vs. First Wesleyan 6 p.m.

July 23 - Oak View vs. First Baptist 6 p.m., First Wesleyan vs. Harvest Time 7 p.m.
July 27 - First Baptist vs. First Wesleyan 9 p.m.
July 28 - Harvest Time vs. First Baptist 6 p.m., Harvest Time vs. Oak View 7 p.m., First Wesleyan vs. Oak View 8 p.m.

(Industrial League)
July 18 - City vs. Harris-Welco 8 p.m.
June 22 - Parkdale vs. City 6 p.m., Harris Welco vs. Commercial 7 p.m., Anvil vs. Wirtz 9 p.m.
June 23 - City vs. Wirtz 7 0.m., Harris Welco vs. Anvil 8 p.m.
June 25 - Commercial vs. Parkdale 8 p.m.
June 29 - Wirtz vs. Commercial 6 p.m., Anvil vs. City 8 p.m., Parkdale vs. Harris Welco 9 p.m.
June 30 - Wirtz vs. Harris Welco 6 p.m., Parkdale vs. Anvil 8 p.m.
July 2 - Commercial vs. City 6 p.m., Parkdale vs. Anvil 8 p.m.
July 3 - Wirtz vs. City 7 p.m., Parkdale vs. Commercial 8 p.m., Anvil vs. Harris Welco 9 p.m.
July 4 - Commercial vs. Wirtz 6 p.m., City vs. Anvil 8 p.m.
July 16 - Harris Welco vs. Parkdale 7 p.m.
July 20 - Parkdale vs. Wirtz 7 p.m., Harris Welco vs. City 8 p.m., Anvil vs. Commercial 9 p.m.
July 21 - City vs. Parkdale 7 p.m., Commercial vs. Harris Welco 8 p.m.
July 23 - Wirtz vs. Anvil 8 p.m.
July 27 - Harris Welco vs. Wirtz 6 p.m., City vs. Commercial 7 p.m., Anvil vs. Parkdale 8 p.m.

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