

Mountaineers beat Blacksburg in N-S Doubleheader

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers split their games with a pair of South Carolina schools in last weekend's North-South Doubleheader at the KMHS gym.

The Mountaineers lost to 4-A Boiling Springs 78-62 Friday night but bounced back Saturday to defeat Blacksburg 55-52.

Coach Larry Sipe's team now takes a two-week Christmas vacation and he said he'll use that time to work his newest players - members of the Mountaineer football team - into basketball shape.

"There are a lot of things that we're not doing well, but that's

understandable because we haven't had a lot of practice time with everybody," Sipe said. "We're going to get better as the season progresses."

Boiling Springs jumped out to a quick lead Friday night and was never headed. The visitors led 17-14 at the first quarter break, 40-27 at halftime and 59-41 going into the fourth quarter.

Blake Buchanan led the winners with 15 points, followed by Reggie Frye with 14, Travis Stevens 13, and Fabien Williams 11. Quenshon Goode, playing his first game after being a member of the KM football team, led the Mountaineers with 15 points eight rebounds.

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-Larry Sipe

Kevin Henderson added 14 points, and KeLee Thompson had nine rebounds. "They were a tall and athletic team," Sipe said of the Boiling Springs five.

"After two days of practice (with the whole team) our lineup was completely different from what we'd used in the first five games," Sipe said. "We said all along we'd have to get a lot of on-the-job training. We don't

have a lot of practice time, but I thought the effort those kids gave was good considering they had been playing football last Friday night and have to get their basketball legs, basketball ind, and basketball shooting eye back. The effort was good, especially against a good 4-A team like Boiling Springs."

The Mountaineers fell behind early against Saturday against Blacksburg, but heated up to trail by only 29-26 at halftime and lead 47-40 going into the fourth quarter.

But the Wildcats hit four straight 3-point field goals in the fourth quarter to grab a 53-52 lead with two minutes re-

maining. But the Mountaineers held them scoreless over the final two minutes, and Goode hit two key baskets for the victory.

"We didn't handle those last two minutes the way we should have," Sipe said. "In fact, Blacksburg had two shots in the last 15 seconds that could have gone in. Luckily, the didn't and we got the rebound."

Kevin Henderson led the KM scoring with 17 points, and Goode and Jamal Byers added 12 each. Thompson had nine rebounds, Goode eight and Byers six.

Ben Touchberry of Blacksburg led all scorers with 27 points.

FRIDAY'S GAME
BS (78) - Buchanan 15, Frye 14, Stevens 13, Williams 11, Caldwell 3, McCraw 2, Wilkes 3, Richard 3, Fullenwider 6, Davis 4, Mabry 2, Anderson 8.

KM (62) - Goode 15, Henderson 14, Adams 6, Williamson 2, Odell 3, Cureton 2, Byers 7, Houze 5, Thompson 8.

SATURDAY'S GAME
Blacksburg (52) - Touchberry 27, Rowe 8, Burris 8, Manning 3, Gibson 6.

KM (55) - Henderson 17, Byers 12, Goode 12, Adams 6, Cureton 2, Thompson 4, Young 2.

KM girls beat Blacksburg

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team posted its first win of the season Wednesday against Blacksburg, 73-33.

The Mountaineers, 1-5, blazed to a 21-6 first quarter lead and 35-15 halftime advantage. The Mountaineers led 53-20 going into the fourth quarter.

The Hall sisters had big games for the Mountaineers, with Jacquie leading all scorers with 22 points, and Renee adding 17. Anna Ramey added 13 points.

In action last Monday night, the KM ladies fell to Shelby 58-44. Shelby grabbed a 24-8 first quarter lead and was on top 39-20 at intermission.

Ken Hamilton led the Shelby

attack with 24 points. Jacquie Hall scored 20 for Kings Mountain.

MONDAY GAME

KM (44) - Brinkley 6, Cole 2, Moore 2, R. Hall 8, J. Hall 20, Leigh 4, Ramey 2.

Shelby (58) - Hamilton 24, Eberheart 6, Williams 12, Peterson 2, Weston 1, Cannon 7, Borders 6.

WEDNESDAY GAME

KM (73) - Brinkley 4, R. Hall 17, J. Hall 22, Leigh 7, Moore 4, Ramey 13, Cole 2, Hardin 2, Thomas 2.

Blacksburg (33) - Allison 4, Custer 2, Walker 1, Ross 2, Smith 5, Dawson 4, Lockhart 4, Bradley 11.

Leaders win in duckpins

Nothing changed in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night at Dilling Heating as the top two teams both posted 6-2 wins over the third and fourth place teams.

The league-leading Geezers (36-12) defeated the third place Pinseekers (22-26), and the second place Ducksters (28-20) defeated the fourth place Robbers (10-38).

Zeke Rybczyk bowled a 138 line and 364 set, Ronnie Scruggs had a 139 line and 360 set, and John Dilling added a 138 line and 358 set to lead the Geezers over the Pinseekers. Ed Philbeck led the Pinseekers with a 120 line and 332 set. Chuck Ruley added a 109-308 and Bonnie Warren had a 112-300.

Pro wrestling slated Saturday in Shelby

Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling returns Saturday to the Shelby Recreation Center for a huge holiday wrestling event. Doors open at 7 p.m. for an autograph party, and bell time is 8:15 p.m.

In the main event former WWF tag champion Ax of Demolition squares off against St. Craig "Pitbull" Pittman. Nature Boy Buddy Landell makes a return after many years to square off against Colt Steel in a long-awaited grudge match. Ricky Morton of the Rock and Roll Express, two-time NWA tag champions The Border Patrol, three-time NWA Junior Heavyweight champion Gary Royal, Mike Youngblood, and The American Eagle are also on the card.

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