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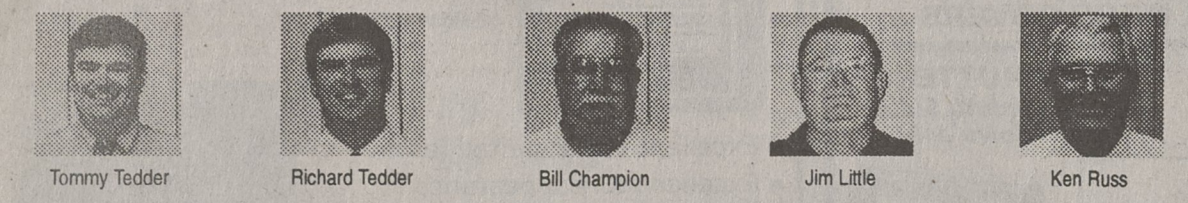
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LAKERS HAVE 12-3 SEASON - The Lakers, playing in the 7-8 year old basketball league, finished the season with a 12-3 record. Team members include, front row, left to right, Christopher Greene, Camden DeVane, Jordan Lakey, Lucas Long and DAvid Fredell. Second row, Ernest Simons, Luke Proctor, Tyler Dixon, and Drew Barnette. Back row, coaches David DeVane, Scott Lakey, and Kim DeVane.

Sports Briefs

Middle School girls beat Burns in finale

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls basketball team stunned previously undefeated Burns 40-42 in double overtime in their season's finale Thursday at the KMMS gym. The victory gave first year coach Bryan Feldman's team an 8-4 record and second place in the Tri-County Conference's Division I. Burns won the title with an 11-1 record.

Shonda Cole led the KM scoring with 21 points. Tisha Bell added 10 and Latoya McClain 9.

"It was by far the most aggressive game we've played this year," said Feldman.

The Lady Patriots won five of their last six games after going 3-3 in the first round.

"We really finished strong," Feldman said. "I was real proud of them."

The KM coach praised Roquitta Currence and Rachel Hughes for their defensive play.

"They shadowed Burns' best player, who had scored 15 points against us in our first game with them. But she had only three points," he said.

"This was one of the most exciting games I've ever been a part of," he added. "It was great for the kids and the school to be able to win a game like that and to beat an undefeated team in your last game."

KMHS sports awards ceremony is Tuesday

The winter sports awards ceremony for Kings Mountain High School will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and men's and women's swimming teams will be recognized and trophies presented to all athletes who were named to all-conference teams and received individual recognition past the conference level.

KMHS football video available to public

A highlight video of the 1999 Kings Mountain High School football season will be available beginning next week. The cost is \$20.

For more information call Coach Ron Massey at 734-KMHS ext. 35.

Kings Mountain AAU tryouts this weekend

Tryouts for the Kings Mountain 10th grade/16-under

AAU Junior Olympic basketball will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 6-7 at 3 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Boys Club. The club is located at Central School, Kings Mountain.

All players must take a birth certificate to the tryouts. For more information call Danny McDowell at 739-7026 after 4 p.m., Tom Bennett at 739-3667 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., R.A. Bell at 739-1002 after 5 p.m., and Jimmy Poole at 937-9814 after 5 p.m.

Ruley bowls 410 set in KM duckpin league

Chuck Ruley topped the 400-set mark for the second week in a row, rolling a 146 line and 410 series to lead the Pinseekers to an 8-0 sweep of the Robbers in Thursday Night League action at Dilling Heating.

Bonnie Warren added a 121-337, Mark abernathy a 106-316 and Ed Philbeck a 113-308 for the winners, who pulled within two games of the top with a 28-20 record. Bobby Rathbone had an 89 line and Dean Bowen had a 278 set for the Robbers (12-36).

Tommy Barrett's 139 line and 387 set led the first place Ducksters (30-18) to a 6-2 win over the Geesers (26-22). Mack Ramsey added a 122-318. Zeke Rybczyk had a 125-316 for the Geesers.

■ In action last week, Allen Myers rolled a 146 line and 396 set to lead the Robbers to a 6-2 win over the Ducksters. Mack Ramsey had a big night for the Ducksters with a 160 line and 380 set, and Tommy Barrett added 130-326.

Four bowlers topped the 300 set mark to lead the Geesers to a 6-2 win over the Pinseekers. Ed Philbeck had a 132-343, Mark Abernathy 119-327, Chuck Ruley 140-327, and Bonnie Warren 119-322. Zeke Rybczyk of the

Pinseekers led all bowlers with a 136 line and 375 set, and Ronnie Scruggs had a 126-348.

Raiders continue roll in Tuesday Night loop

The Raiders continued to pull away from the field in mixed duckpin bowling league action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

Mark Abernathy's 130 line and 369 set led the Raiders (48-16) to a 7-1 win over the Marauders (27-37). Greg Evans led the losers with a 116 line and 335 set.

In another match, the Checkers (29-35) defeated the Pushovers (24-40) 6-2. Margo Spargo ha a 118 line and 316 set for the winners and Colleen Philbeck led the Pushovers with a 129 line and 321 set.

■ In action last week, two bowlers topped the 400 set mark to lead Moose's Marauders to a 6-2 win over the Pushovers.

Greg Evans turned in the top mark of the season with single gams of 157 and 155, and a 440 series. Chuck Ruley added a 143 line and 410 set. Mack Ramsey had a 126-365 and John Dilling a 124-339 for the Pushovers.

Zeke Rybczyk rolled a 120 line and 331 set to lead the Raiders to a 4-4 split with the Checkers. Mark Abernathy had a 118-319, and Jack Barrett 120-311. Ed Philbeck led the Checkers with a 121 line and 322 set, and Mark Midgette added a 107-313.

CORRECTION
The Middle School basketball picture in last week's Herald identified as Warren Shirey was Caleb Williams.

GOLF

From 1B

"Gray Howard is an excellent player coming off that junior high team," Ballenger said. "Adam Maddox is a good player. They're pretty accomplished for ninth graders, and on their way to being real good."

Ballenger said the Mountaineers have been impressive in two scrimmages, and he looks forward to seeing how they do in head-to-head competition with Chesnee, SC in their season opener Tuesday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

"I've been real impressed with them so far," he said. "We've played pretty well in the scrimmages. We haven't had good weather for scoring, but we shot 155 the other day which is a good score. We should have some low scores this year."

Ballenger predicts it will take 18-hole scores of 300 to 310 to compete on the Regional and State level.

"It used to be 320 or better was considered good," he said. "But now I'm saying if you don't get it around 300 to 310 you're not going to be one of the best teams. Since I've been coaching in the last 10 years the scores have dropped about 10 shots over 18 holes. It shows you that a lot more people are playing and kids are getting better quicker."

If the Mountaineers do make it to the state tournament this year, local fans will have an excellent opportunity to see them compete. This year's state event will be at The Tradition in Charlotte since the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's home course, Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill, is undergoing major renovation.

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