

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Mounties beat R-S, host St. Stephens Friday**

Kings Mountain High's basketball teams swept R-S Central Tuesday night and will play their final regular season home games Friday against St. Stephens.

The Mountaineers, who defeated R-S 77-42, take a 9-1 conference record and share of first place in the Southwestern Foothills into the final two regular season games. The Mountaineers close out the regular season Tuesday night against co-leader Hickory in Hickory.

The KM girls defeated R-S 39-29 to run their conference record to 4-5, but unless they pull upsets in their final two games they would have to win the upcoming conference tournament to qualify for the State playoffs.

Josh Gash scored 15 points, Derrick Smith 12 and DeShawn Young 10 to lead the Mountaineers to victory over the Hilltoppers. KM led by only

9-6 after the first quarter but increased the margin to 28-17 at halftime and 41-27 going into the fourth quarter.

Coach Danny McDowell played all of his players, and all of them took part in the balanced scoring attack.

"That was the good thing about this game," McDowell said. "We didn't play well overall, but we played well in spurts and everybody got to play."

McDowell said his team can't afford a letdown Friday if they want to make sure next Tuesday's game at Hickory is for the conference championship.

"That's the way it's supposed to be," he said. "You don't want to dodge anybody. You want to play the best."

Kings Mountain's girls fell behind early and trailed R-S 12-7 after the first quarter and 20-16 at the half. But they regrouped at intermission and took a 29-27 lead going into the fourth quarter. They outscored R-S 10-2 over the final eight minutes.

Shonda Cole led the KM scoring with 18 points.

**GIRLS GAME**  
KM (39) - Bell 2, Miller 5, Leigh 3, Cole 18, Dee 5, McClain 4.  
RS (29) - Ford 7, Henry 5, Wilkerson 8, Tate 4, Beaver 4.

**BOYS GAME**  
KM (77) - Gash 15, D. Smith 12, Young 10, Burris 9, Houze 7, G. Blair 6, Roebuck 6, C. Smith 5, Johnson 4, S. Blair 2, Hardin 1.  
RS (42) - Roach 12, Critcher 8, Watson 6, Fisher 6, Harrill 4, Epley 4, Foster 2.

**Evans' 378 leads Strike Force victory**

Greg Evans bowled a 133 line and 378 set Thursday night to lead Strike Force to a 6-2 win over Ed's Raiders in mixed duckpin bowling league action at Dilling Heating. Allen Myers had a 128-347 and Ed Philbeck a 137-335 for the Raiders.

Chris Hullender bowled a 133 line and 358 set and John Dilling added a 127-333 to lead Hard 8 to a sweep over the All-Americans. Tommy Barrett led

the All-Americans with a 134 line and 360 set.

Hard 8 leads the league with a 21-11 record, followed by Strike Force 20-12, All-Americans 16-16 and Ed Raiders' 7-25.

In Tuesday night action, KM Warriors defeated R2 6-2 and No Prisoners split with S&M.

Chris Hullender rolled a 145 line and 376 to lead the Warriors (24-8). Zeke Rybczyk had a 114-341 for R2 (10-22).

John Dilling's 122 line and 306 set led S&M (12-20) to its split with No Prisoners (18-14). Colleen Philbeck led No Prisoners with a 102 line and 286 set.

**Woodbridge ladies to meet on March 6**

The Woodbridge Ladies Golf Association will hold its annual meeting March 6 at 9 a.m. at Woodbridge Golf Links, 1107 New Camp Creek Church Road, Kings Mountain. They will play golf after the meeting.

Any ladies interested in playing golf with the association

every Wednesday should attend the meeting. For more information call Trudy Shuford at 865-8223 or 813-9679.

**Linwood ladies to meet March 7**

The Linwood Ladies Golf Association will have its annual meeting Thursday, March 7 at 9 a.m. at Linwood Springs golf Course, Linwood Road, Gastonia. They will play golf after the meeting.

Any ladies interested in joining the league on Thursdays should attend the meeting. For more information call Trudy Shuford at 865-8223 or 813-9679.

**Evans bowls 414 set in KM duckpin league**

Greg Evans bowled a 161 line and 414 set last week to lead his Strike Force team to a 6-2 win over All-Americans at Dilling Heating.

Tommy Barrett rolled a 150 line and 360 set, and Mark Abernathy added a 136-355 for

the All-Americans. In another match, Chris Hullender rolled a 128-344 and Zeke Rybczyk rolled a 115-336 to lead Hard 8 to a 7-1 win over Ed's Raiders. Ed Philbeck led the Raiders with a 120 line and 309 set.

**Midgette hits 7-10 in duckpin league**

Making a 7-10 split in bowling is one of the toughest accomplishments in sports, but Mark Midgette did it in Duckpin League action last Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

The split for a spare in the 10th frame helped him bowl a 122 line and 366 set, tops for his No Prisoners team in a 6-2 loss to the KM Warriors. Chris Hullender had a 134-348 and Ed Philbeck added a 133-348 for the Warriors.

In another match, Zeke Rybczyk rolled a 123-325 and Irene Ruley added a 118-312 to lead R2 to a 6-2 win over S&M. Mark Abernathy led S&M with a 128-330.

**WEATHERS**

From 2B

Most of this will be forgotten when the wrestler literally inhales the pre-match meals totaling approximately 34 hero sandwiches, 32 cans of soda, 81 cupcakes, 42 oranges, and 32 candy bars.

This can be a way of life for the wrestler during the wrestling season. But, all the sacrifices make up the average wrestler with an average season record of 12 wins and 8 losses. Just imagine the sacrifice to earn the undefeated record, but then again he's not average. He's the champion. (Author unknown).

(Phil Weathers is Director of Student Services for Kings Mountain Schools and former KM Junior High wrestling coach).

**No decision yet on baseball field house**

Quick kicks:

East Burke High School ended a lengthy search for a new head football coach last week when they hired former R-S Central and Freedom head coach Mike Biggerstaff. Biggerstaff has been out of coaching for the past 15 years. He replaces Tom Harper, who was dismissed after going 8-24 over the past three seasons...

Look for Mark Latham to do a bang-up job as head coach of the East Gaston Warriors. The

Warriors were 8-24 the past three years under Ron Froneberger but Latham will bring a lot of enthusiasm to the program. He will also reap the benefits of players coming up from a JV team that finished 8-2 last fall. In a few years he will be getting players off the Stanley Middle School team which won the Gaston County Conference last year...

KMHS will soon be interviewing candidates for the defensive coordinator's position, which

was vacated when Latham signed on as the new East Gaston coach. We hope the School System is actively recruiting qualified Black candidates to apply for that position...

The KM School Board did not take any action on a proposed baseball/softball field house during Friday's work session. The Board still has some questions



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about the best way to provide a sewage system, and about the location of the facility. The parents group requesting the field house had suggested that it be connected to the home dugout.

However, some people feel it would block fans' view of part of the playing field and would be better located behind the batting cage. Also, the

School System's architect, Roger Holland, is working on a drawing of the proposed facility...

University of Tennessee football coach Phil Fulmer was at Crest High School Thursday to speak at the Chargers' football banquet. Tennessee is one of numerous Division I schools recruiting the Chargers' 6-5, 265-pound All-American guard Brandon Jefferies. Jefferies was scheduled to make a trip to UNC last week, and N.C. State and several other big time schools are

courting him. Although they've been getting verbal commitments for several months now, Wednesday was the first day colleges could actually sign a player...

Crest end Monte Smith, the defensive player of the year in the Southwestern Foothills 3A, Wednesday signed to play for Appalachian State. With all the talk going around about Kings Mountain players transferring to Crest, it's good to see a Crest player become a Mountaineer.

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