



Stacy Hopper hurls victory for KM Middle School, which is trying to finish the season undefeated

Three wins keep Patriots undefeated

Kings Mountain Middle School's baseball team clinched at least a tie for the Tri-County Conference championship last week by winning three games to run their record to 11-0.

Monty Deaton's Patriots defeated Shelby 16-3, Burns 14-2 and Lincolnton 12-1. All three games were called after six innings.

Four pitchers combined for a no-hitter in Monday's victory over Shelby. Trey Glass pitched two innings and struck out four; Junior Ruff pitched 2 1/3 innings and struck out seven; Kevin Bell pitched 2/3 of an inning and fanned one; and Adam Sellers pitched one inning and struck out three.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a walk and hits by Trey Robinson and Ryan Burton, added a run in the third, and then

broke the game open with seven runs in the fourth.

Glass went 3-for-4 to lead the Patriots at the plate. Cody Barrett and Ruff added two hits each and Sidney Goode, Robinson, Sellers, Burton, Isaac Proctor, Bell and Miles Galloway added one hit apiece. Ryan Leach walked three times and scored three runs.

Stacey Hopper went the distance and pitched a three-hitter in Wednesday's victory over Burns. He struck out eight.

Burns grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning but KM came back to tie the game on hits by Goode, Robinson and Hopper.

Burns regained the lead in the second inning 2-1, but KM came back to score two runs on an error and hits by Hopper and Proctor, then went on to

score seven more runs to take a 10-2 lead.

Goode led the hitting with 3-for-3 and Hopper and Proctor were each 2-for-4. Burton, Robinson, Leach, Drew Martin, Glass and Ryan Bolin added a hit each.

Against Lincolnton, Burton, Bell, Ruff and Leach combined for a three-hitter and 13 strikeouts.

KM broke the game open with six runs in the third inning to go up 9-1.

Burton and Galloway had two hits each and Goode, Proctor, Chris Miller, Ruff, Martin and Tyler Cannon added one each.

For the week, the Patriots outscored their opponents 40-6.

Heading into the final week of action the Patriots have a two-game lead with two games remaining.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Patriot netters beat R-S Central

Kings Mountain Middle School's tennis team defeated R-S Central 5-4 Thursday.

Singles winners for the Patriots were Kenneth Greason, Zach Putnam, Josh Griffin and Ryan Davis.

Putnam and Davis and Chelsea Chapman and Bradley Slayton won their doubles matches.

Four KM athletes earn scholarships

Four Kings Mountain High senior athletes received \$500 scholarships at Tuesday's KM Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Heather Kubu won the scholarship given by Carl and Pat Champion in honor of Hall of Fame President Gary Stewart.

LaDricus Gingles won the scholarship given by the KMHS Booster Club.

Matt Varner and Maegan Spicer won the two scholarships given by the City of Kings Mountain.

Softball camp set at KM High

The Kings Mountain High softball camp will be held May 27-30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The cost is \$40 if paid by May 15, or \$50 afterward.

Rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students are invited to participate.

KMHS women's softball coach Suzanne Grayson is camp director.

Brochures are available at Kings Mountain Middle School and KMHS. For more information, call Coach Grayson at 734-KMHS ext. 34.



The Carolina Sting recently won the Concord Super Regional Qualifier Tournament and will play in the national Championship in Florida July 11-20. Team members are, front row, left to right, Brandon Gantt, Damien Hill, Kyle Gates, Travis Blake, Samuel Dye and Dylan Smith. Back, Brian Brown, Ty Williams, Kaleb Earls, Tanner Ross, Trey Funderburke and Michael Homesley. Coaches, Tim Ross, Mike Homesley. Not pictured, Ronnie Funderburke.

Volleyball camp set at KM High

The 2002 KMHS volleyball camp will be held June 24-27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the school gym.

Rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students may participate.

Campers will be taught techniques and skills in setting, serving, hitting, passing, blocking and digging.

All proceeds will go toward the KMHS volleyball program. No money will go to camp staff.

The cost is \$40 prior to June 7 and \$50 afterward.

For more information call Suzanne Grayson at 482-5284 or 734-5647 ext. 34.

Basketball camp set at KM High

The Kings Mountain High School basketball camp will be held May 27-June 1 from 8 a.m.-12 noon. Boys and

girls ages 2-8 are eligible. The cost is \$50.

Each camper will receive a basketball, t-shirt, handbook and certificate. Trophies will be awarded to outstanding campers and obstacle course winners.

Applications are available from local physical education teachers or by calling Coach Danny McDowell at 734-5647 ext. 26 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or ext. 77 after 3 p.m. Deadline for applications is May 10.

All players are enrolled in a program with a corporate sponsor, who gives athletic or academic scholarships to select campers. Each participant will also compete in an invitation only basketball tournament.

Baseball camp set at KM High School

The 2002 Mountaineer Baseball Camp will be held June 3-6 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Lancaster Field.

The camp is open to rising second through 9th graders. The cost is \$50, half of which is due with the application and the other half being due on the first day of camp.

For additional members of the same family, the cost is \$40.

The fee includes instruction, insurance, a camp t-shirt, sill work, drill work and guest speakers. Base running, bunting, catching, fielding, hitting, pitching and throwing will be emphasized.

For more information, call Coach Tony Leigh at 734-5647 or 739-8373.

Mountie softball team drops pair

Kings Mountain High's women's softball team fell to Burns 9-0 and Crest 19-11 during the past week.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Mountaineers were limited to one hit - a single by Kristin Hardin - in a home

field loss to Foard.

Hardin pitched for KM and scattered nine hits.

Last Friday, KM fell to Crest 19-11 in a slugfest. KM collected 12 hits with L'Tisha Bell, Sarah Propst and Ashley Leigh getting two apiece, and Brooke Blackburn, Carrie Brinkley, Kristin Hardin, Rachel Hughes and Alicia Dodge adding one apiece.

Hard 8 leading duckpin bowling

Hard 8 swept Strike Force 8-0 Thursday night at Dilling Heating to maintain its 9-game lead over Ed's Raiders in mixed duckpin bowling league action.

Chris Hullender led Hard 8 with a 134 line and 383 set, but he had plenty of help from Joey Whitaker with a 120-357, Zeke Rybczyk with a 119-326 and John Dilling with a 105-306. Greg Evans led Strike Force with a 143 line and 389 set.

Ed Philbeck bowled a 132 line and 352 set and Bonnie Warren added a 125-331 to lead Ed's Raiders over the All-Americans. Tommy Barrett led the All-Americans with a 134 line and 364 set.

Standings: Hard 8 40-16, Ed's Raiders 31-25, Strike Force 21-35, All-Americans 20-36.

S&M takes lead in mixed league

S&M defeated the KM Warriors 6-2 Tuesday night at Dilling Heating to move into first place in the mixed duckpin bowling league race.

Mark Abernathy led S&M (31-25) with a 139 line and 394 set. John Dilling added a 110-302. Chris Hullender led the Warriors (27-29) with a 130 line and 384 set, and Ed Philbeck added a 110-320.

Second place No Prisoners (30-26) split with R2 (24-32). Colleen Philbeck led No Prisoners with a 116 line and 299 set, and Zeke Rybczyk led R2 with a 122 line and 347 set.

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