

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### KM Patriots win three in a row

Kings Mountain Middle School's boys basketball team won three games last week to run their record to 7-2 in the Tri-County Conference and 7-6 overall.

The Patriots defeated East Lincoln 50-25 as Cedric Roberts scored 12 points.

Roberts scored 18 points to lead the Pats to a 48-30 win over Pumpkin Center.

The Patriots defeated West Lincoln 41-24. Sharrif Burris scored 17 points and Tyvegas Goode 12.

### KM cheerleaders go for state title

The Kings Mountain High School co-ed cheerleading team will compete at the NC High School State Cheerleading Championships Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Cabarrus Arena in Concord.

The KM co-ed team has won first place at the All-Day Invitational Championship and first place at the COA Regional Championship.

A first place win in Concord would give the team its first state championship.

### KM Hall of Fame to meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame will meet Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain YMCA. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

### Spring sports registration set

Spring baseball, softball and soccer registration is under way at the Kings Mountain YMCA.

Baseball and softball registration is open through March 5.

For T-Ball, registration is \$24 for members and city residents, and \$38 for non-members and non residents.

For age 7-high school boys, the fee is \$29 and \$43.

For girls ages 7-15, the fee is \$29 and \$43.

Financial assistance is available upon request (must apply by March 3).

Soccer registration will be held through March 12.

For ages 3-10 coed, the fee is \$24 for members and city residents, and \$38 for non members and non residents.

Financial assistance is available upon request (must apply by March 10).

For more information on any of the above programs, call 739-9631.

### Evans bowls 447 in Tuesday loop

Greg Evans was back in top form in duckpin bowling league action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating, rolling a 447 three-game set to lead Quack Attack to a sweep of the Duck Douters.

Evans had single games of 154, 165 and 128 as the last place Quack Attack improved its record to 20-36. Despite the loss, Jomaz held onto first place with a 34-22 mark.

Pernell Byars added a 132 line and 321 set for the Quackers. Mark Abernathy had a 144 line and 391 set, and Zeke Rybczyk added a 123-325 for Jomaz.

Duck Douters (30-26) took over second place with a 6-2 win over It Doesn't Matter (28-28). Russ Armstrong led the Ducks with a 133 line and 353 set, and Ed Philbeck added a 135-341. Mark Midgette led It Doesn't Matter with a 122 line and 349 st, and Joey Whitaker added a 111-310.

### Myers bowls 414 for Alley Cats

It would have taken a strict leash law to control Allen Myers and the Alley Cats in mixed duckpin bowling league action Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

Myers had one of his best nights of the season, rolling a 143 line and 414 series to lead the Cats into first place with a 6-2 win over No Prisoners.

The Cats improved their record to 26-14 while No Prisoners dropped into second place with a 22-18 mark. Pernell Byars led the Prisoners with a 126 line and 328 set.

The Alley Rats moved into a tie for third by knocking off Dilling's Demons 8-0. Both teams are now 16-24.

Zeke Rybczyk led the Rats with a 128 line and 365 set and Tommy Barrett added a 136-332. John Dilling had a 118 line and 293 set for the Demons.



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Kings Mountain High's men's swim team finished second in last week's State Championship Meet in Chapel Hill. Front row, left to right, Coach Janet Resetar, James Gladden, Michael Allen, Charlie Jones, Colby Wollak, Michael Sabetti, and Coach Dave Messenger. Back row, Travis McDaniel and Yuuki Nishiyama.

# Swimmers 2nd in State, Allen wins freestyle event

After a disappointing second place finish to Matthews Weddington in the 3A Western Regional swim meet, the Kings Mountain men rebounded last weekend for a second place finish in the NCHSAA Championship Meet in Chapel Hill.

East Chapel Hill won its seventh straight championship, racking up 257 points. Kings Mountain was second with 184.5, and Weddington third with 180.5.

Top individual performers for the Mountaineers were Michael Allen, who won the 500 yard freestyle in 4:54.21; Yuuki Nishiyama, who was third in the 50 yard freestyle in 23.44; and Steven Hall, who tied for second in 1-meter

diving.

Other performers included James Gladden, who placed 12th in the 200 yard freestyle and 11th in the 100 yard freestyle; Colby Wollak, who placed 12th in 200 yard individual medley and sixth in the 100 yard backstroke; Charlie Jones, who placed 16th in 500 yard free; and Alex Childers, who was ninth in 1-meter diving.

Allen also placed 11th in the 200 yard individual medley and Nishiyama was 10th in the 100 yard butterfly.

The 200 yard medley relay team, composed of Allen, Wollak, Nishiyama and Gladden, finished fourth; the 200 yard freestyle relay of Wollak, Jones,

Travis McDaniel and Michael Sabetti finished ninth; and the 400 yard freestyle relay of Gladden Sabetti, Nishiyama and Allen, finished third.

The Kings Mountain women's team finished in 12th place.

Individually, Hayley Flynn was fifth in the 100 yard freestyle and 13th in the 200 yard freestyle.

Lorin Plyler was 12th in the 500 yard freestyle, and 15th in the 100 yard breaststroke.

The 200 yard medley relay team of Phaedra Mangan, Plyler, Flynn and Jessica Yarboro finished 10th. The 200 yard freestyle relay team of Yarboro, Plyler, Michelle Jones and Flynn, placed seventh.

## PLAYOFFS

From 6A

face a conference foe in each of their playoff games.

"Last year we were in separate brackets, but this year the conference teams are in the same bracket," McDowell said.

"That's going to be tough. Just think about it, you're playing some of the same teams in the tournament that you may have beaten three or four times in the regular season. The way the brackets are set up only one team from our conference can qualify for the Regionals. Last year we didn't face a team from our conference in the playoffs."

Kings Mountain took a 15-9 overall record into last night's game. Five of their losses came to three of the top ten ranked 4A teams in the state - one game to Freedom and two each to Myers Park and West Charlotte.

McDowell's philosophy of playing tough non-conference opponents to prepare for a run at the conference championship paid off as the Mounties followed up a 4-8 non-conference record with an 11-1 conference mark and their third straight SWFH championship.

■ Kings Mountain's girls lost their first round SWFH tournament game Tuesday night at St. Stephens, 48-25. The loss ended the Lady Mountaineers' season with a 0-12 conference and 1-20 overall mark.

Kirsten Diessel scored 11 points and Katie Forbes and Holly Krogman 10 each to



Kings Mountain's David McClish (33) fires a pass inside

lead the Lady Indians. Karen Butler, Gerica Vinson and Natasha Cannedy scored six each for Kings Mountain.

**GIRLS GAME**  
KM (25) - Butler 6, Jarvis 2, Smith 5, Vinson 6,

Cannedy 6.  
SS (48) - Herman 2, Queen 5, Diessel 11, Pendleton 4, Forbes 10, Parkham 4,

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