#### LOCAL

# North fourth grade students study famous baseball players

Students in the fourth grade at North Elementary School recently studied famous baseball players. Many aspects were covered, such as loyalty, courage, perseverance and self

Students were able to discover how Lou Gehrig, Roberto Clemente and Jackie Robinson used the above character traits to succeed in their life long dreams of becoming profession-al baseball players. Excelling in the traits also made them some of the elite.

Contributing to the class discussion and unit study was Kings Mountain's Tyler Leach. He shared with both fourth grade classes the trials and struggles he was confronted with during his middle and high school career. He shared some of the events leading to his decision to sign with the St. Louis Cardinals, even though Virginia Tech had offered him a package to attend that school. He said that having the courage not to follow the crowd and to stand on your own is hard, but he persevered.

For his success, he didn't take credit but gave all of that to God for the ability to play and have the talent.

Leach played the fall season with the Johnson City, TN team and then played the extended season in Florida. He is looking forward to following his dreams to the big leagues.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

Tyler Leach, professional baseball player from Kings Mountain, signs an autograph for North student Jonmark

## MCA BASKETBALL RESULTS

Kings Mountain YMCA youth basketball league results.

Tigers 13, Tarheels 4 Tigers - Lydianna Zwick 10, Tionja Crumpton 2, Jada McGill 1. Tarheels - Blair Hollifield 2, Tolajah Hutchins 2.

11-12 Boys

Pistons 34, Bulls 28 Pistons - Kevin Clyburn 13, Randall Smith 7, Jacob Cable 7, Taylor Adams 4, Ben Blackburn 2, David Mareda 1. Bulls -Caleb Hines 10, Samuel Dye 5, Mitchell Cloninger 4, Dequan Hutchins 4, Michael Bartholomew 4.

Gamecocks 37, Blue Devils

Gamecocks - Bendre Adams 8, Treyron Adams 8, Cameron restiand Ansie Alex Castellano 6, Stuart Smith 3, Will Dixon 2. Blue Devils -Cameron Pittman 12, Zack Smith 8, Blake Suess 5, Kanaan Greene 2, Chaney Barnes 2.

13-15 Boys Tar Heels 47, Clippers 44 Tar Heels - Zack Hayes 18, Josh Vassey 8, Matt Gray 8, Daniel Asgari 5, Tylor Ross 4, Daniel Moss 2, Jordon Roberts 2. Clippers - Jonathon Allen 13, Blake Hollifield 12, Tyler Williams 10, Austin Hunt 4, Chanenzo Knox 3, Dylan Bell 2. Miracles 53, Cavaliers 32

Miracles - Chris Perkins 15, Devin Streater 14, Adrian Foster 13, Blake Huskey 4, Cody Teague 2, Mike Grooms 2. Cavaliers - Justin Heinback 9, Brendon Grayson 6, Bickley Lovelace 6, Andrew Quinn 4, Blair Grayson 3.

**49ers 30, Tarheels 18** 49ers - Omar Petty 23, Shawn Burgess 4, Brandon Walters 2, Logan Warren 1. Tarheels -Austin Russell 8, Darian Hopper 4, Kaleb Tombleson 2, Jacob Margert 2, Julian Coulter

76ers 36, Bobcats 6

76ers - Chad Sanders 11, Alex Reynolds 8, Chaz Gamble 6, Reyshod Adams 5, Jonathan Clark 4, Allen Williams 2. Bobcats - Hunter Presnell 2, Jeremiah Early 2, Onterio Biggers 2.

Cavaliers 21, Tarheels 17 Cavaliers - Chris Montgomery 7, Nelson McClain 5, Landon Steptoe 5, Isaiah Cole 2. Tarheels - Tanner Orders 4, Jordan Ford 2, Christopher Robertson 1.

Tarheels 24, Lady Lions 16 Tarheels - Courtney Elmore 8, Nicole Ford 2, Ozonea Hadden 2, Camille Watson 2. Lady Breanna Stevens 10, Lea Zwick 4, Brittnee Roberts 2.

7-8 Boys

49ers 23, Bobcats 13 49ers - Omar Petty 23. Bobcats - Cedrick Wilson 4, Tanner Davis 3, Cameron Sarvis 2, Churail Hopper 2, Oreshaun

Wolfpack 9, Tarheels 4 Wolfpack - Matthew Absher 4, Tyler Barnett 3, Madisyn Bolin 2 - Tarheels - Julian Coulter 2, Caleb Edmonson 2.

13-15 Boys

Tardevils 48, Miracles 43 Tardevils - Daniel Asgari 21, Matthew Gray 12, Zach Hayes 9, Josh Vassey 4, Chris Jones 2. Miracles - Devin Steptoe 16, Anthony Hall 8, Chris Perkins 7, Micheal Grooms 5, Blake Huskey 4, Cody Teague 3.

Clippers 36, Cavaliers 17 Clippers - Blake Hollifield 16, Tyler Wilson 6, Chris Allen 6, Jonathan Allen 4, Lorenzo Know 2, Josh Greene 1, Austin Hunt 1. Cavaliers - Justin Heinback 8, Brandon Grayson 6, Marquiz Hutchins 2, Andrew Quinn 1.

Tigers 21, Wolfpack 12 Tigers - Jada McGill 15, Tionja Crumpton 4, Adrienne Green 2. Wolfpack - Jamie Bartholomae 6, Monique Petty

11-12 Boys

Gastonia 45, Gamecocks 23 Gastonia - CJ Addison 19, Thomas Goble 14, Zack Grapinski 5, Fushion Grillo 4, Lennetta Lucas 2. Gamecocks -Treyvon Adams 13, Deandre Adams 4, Courtland Cansler 4, Austin Ware 2.

9-10 Boys

76ers 25, Cavaliers 12 76ers - Alex Reynolds 8, Demery Moody 6, Reyshod Adams 4, Chaz Gamble 4. Cavaliers - Isaiah Cole 4, Nelson McClain 4. Chris Montgomery 4.

Tarheels 24, Bobcats 8 Tarheels - Donterius Adams 10, Christopher Roberts 6, Jordon Ford 4, Treven McNeal 4. Bobcats - Alex Grooms 4, Hunter Presnell 2, Vincent

9-11 Boys Tarheels 51, Pistons 30 Tarheels - Brian Byers 18, Jordan Huskey 10, Shelton Watson 8, Nick Byers 5, Tie Byers 4, Tyrece Crawford 4, Matthew Lovelace 2. Pistons -Kevin Clyburn 10, Randall Smith 8, Taylor Adams 7, Jacob Cook 3, David Macedo 2.

#### **Tryouts planned** for softball team

The Kings Mountain Bulldogs 10-under girls softball team will hold tryouts each Sunday in January and February at 2 p.m. at the YMCA. For more information call 739-9374.



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# **Evans bowls another 400 set**

Greg Evans turned in his second consecutive 400-plus set and several other bowlers flirted with the mark in mixed duckpin bowling league action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

Evans' 162 line and 420 series led the first place Blind Ducks (20-4) to a 4-4 split with Dead Ducks. Byars led the Dead

Ducks (12-12) with a 121-348. Ed Philbeck rolled a 140 line and 381 set and Zeke Rybczyk added a 137-376 to lead Zeke's Zingers (8-16) to a sweep of S&M (8-16). Mark Abernathy led S&M with a 137 line and

Thursday night, bowlers opened second quarter action with Buckshot Bowlers defeating KM Warriors 6-2 and Lucky

Ducks beating PJ's 5-3.
Bonnie Warren led Buckshot Bowlers with a 133 line and 316 set. Ed Philbeck had a 137-361

for the Warriors. John Dilling had a 98 line and 284 set for Lucky Ducks. Pernell Byars led PJ's with a

# JVs beat Chase, East Rutherford

Kings Mountain High's JV basketball team won two games and lost one in Southwestern 2A/3A Conference games last week.

Kings Mountain opened SWC play with a 43-29 win over Chase. Devin Thompson led the way with 13 points and Mike Roberts added eight. The Mountaineers fell to Shelby 58-47. Roberts led the Mounties with 12 points and Devin Tate added eight.

KM outscored East Rutherford 73-56 Friday behind Neil Scott's 21 points. Roberts added 16, John Young 14, Thompson 10 and Bryant Petty

In earlier games, KM fell to Hunter Huss 35-33 and Forestview 35-27, and defeated East Gaston 31-27.

Against Huss, Young scored 11 points and Scott 10. Against Forestview, Scott had eight and Thompson 6. Against East Gaston, Roberts scored 12 and Petty and Thompson had six.

#### **Girl Scouts taking orders for cookies**

Junior Girl Scout Troop 155 is taking orders for Girl Scout cookies to be shipped to the National Guard 505th Unit serving in Iraq. The group also

is seeking sponsors who will pay for shipping.

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