

SPORTS



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The Kings Mountain Lakers recently won the 13-15 year-old division in the Cleveland County YMCA basketball tournament. Team members are Jarel Elmore, Houston Phillips, Dominique Littlejohn, Robert Davis, Dustin Harmon, Austin Hunt, Lorenzo Knox, Devonte Lyons, Tony Swaney, Cody Teague, Seth Brewer, head coach Jonathan Lyons and assistant coach Jarvis Giles.

Patriots beat Shelby 13-10

Kings Mountain Middle School opened its baseball season Friday with a 13-10 victory over Shelby.

Will Sellers went 2-for-4 and Taylor Cash, Mitchell Cloninger, Cameron Pittman, Matthew Moss, Trey Sellers, Logan McGill and Canaan Green had a hit apiece for the Patriots.

Trey Sellers, Matthew Moss, Will Sellers, Logan McGill, Taylor Cash and Cameron Pittman shared pitching duties.

Will Sellers scored on a fielder's choice and Trey Sellers singled in a run to give the Pats a 2-0 lead in the top of the first.

Shelby came back to take a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the inning, but KM went back on top for good with two runs in the top of the second. Tyler Gilliam reached on an error and scored on a hit by Taylor Cash to tie the game, and Cash later scored on a passed ball to put KM on top.

KM scored four in the third to go up 8-3. Pittman and Will Sellers had the only hits in the

inning but KM also took advantage of two Shelby errors.

KM built a 13-5 lead going into the bottom of the seventh but Shelby scored five runs and had the potential tying run at bat with two outs. Coach Monty Deaton called on Pittman to pitch and he struck out the batter to end the game.

Each team committed three costly errors and KM also benefited from six bases on balls.

"This team has a lot of pressure right now because we're coming off a 14-2 season," Deaton said. "We're mixing up pitchers right now. Hopefully somebody will step up and we'll get a good combination going. We'll have to play better defense and get people out. We won - and that's good - but we can't make errors every game and expect to win them all. We're smaller than we've been in the past but most of the kids should grow and get better as the season goes along."

Mountaineer tennis team beats Forestview

Kings Mountain High's tennis team opened its season Thurs., Feb. 28 with a 6-3 victory over Forestview but then lost to St. Stephens 5-4 on Monday.

Kings Mountain travels to Ashbrook today.

KM 6, FORESTVIEW 3

Singles

Felix Schroder (KM) d. Rob Arend 6-2, 6-2; Paul Philavong (KM) d. Ross Wilson 1-6, 7-5, 10-7; Matt Gray (KM) d. Adam Henry 2-6, 6-3, 10-5; Justin Henry (F) d.

Davis Phanthalack 7-5, 4-6, 10-4; Fletcher Webster (KM) d. Josh Anderson 6-4, 6-4; Richard Hovis (F) d. Jon Humphries 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Schroder/Gray (KM) d. George Zhou/Arend 6-2, 6-1; Wilson/A. Henry (F) d. Philavong/Phanthalack 6-3, 7-5; F. Webster/Ryan Webster (KM) d. J. Henry/Anderson 6-1, 7-5.

ST. STEPHENS 5, KM 4

Singles

Felix Schroder (KMO) d. Alec Reitzel 6-2, 6-4; Paul Philavong

(KM) d. Patrick Rhoney 7-5, 0-6, 15-13; Chris Baker (SS) d. Matt Gray 1-6, 6-4, 11-9; Davis Phanthalack (KM) d. Korn Amorinnutti 6-2, 7-5; Nathan Cogswell (SS) d. Fletcher Webster 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (8-6); Kurt Robinson (SS) d. Jon Humphries 7-6 (7-5), 6-0.

Doubles

Reitzel/Rhoney (SS) d. Schroder/Gray 10-8; Philavong/Phanthalack (KM) d. Baker/Amorinnutti 10-5; Cogswell/Robinson (SS) d. F. Webster/Ryan Webster 10-5.

Franklin eliminates KM girls from tourney

Kings Mountain High's women's basketball team fell to Franklin 62-36 Wednesday at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium in the second round of the state 3A playoffs.

The Lady Mountaineers ended their season with a 12-12 record, but the season marked the first time since 2001 that the KM ladies had made it past the first round of the state playoffs.

Franklin's defense basically shut down KM's outside shooting. The Panthers outscored the Mounties 18-7 in the first quarter and roared to a 30-15 half-time lead and a 45-28 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Marshia Meeks closed out her

outstanding four-year varsity career with 16 points to lead the Mounties. Jordan Doty added 11. Melanie Stewart and Ariel Wright scored 13 each for Franklin, and Jenna Cabe added 11.

KM (36) - Meeks 16, Doty 11, Brag 3, Avery 2, Goodson 2, McClain 1, Chambers 1.

Franklin (62) - Stewart 13, Wright 13, Cabe 12, Harrell 7, Parks 6, Curtis 4, Moffitt 4, Ledford 2, Young 2.

Toney Wells scores 7th hole-in-one

Toney Wells made his seventh hole-in-one at Kings Mountain Country Club on hole #17 on Monday, March 3.

Toney used a 7-iron on the 153-yard hole. His playing partners were Dennis Hicks, John McGinnis and Joe Greene.

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