

EDUCATION

13-year-old Alexis Bedgood scores high marks on SAT

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Thirteen-year-old Alexis Bedgood, a seventh grade student at Kings Mountain Middle School, recently took the SAT.

The SAT is a national test usually reserved for college-bound seniors. But since Alexis scored so well on last year's End-of-Grade Math exam (earning about 95 percent) the state offered her the chance to take the SAT with other top test takers, juniors and seniors.

She scored a total of 1016 points, including: 400 points in Math, 310 in Writing and 270 in Critical Reading.

"I'm very proud of her," said her mother Angela Bedgood.

According to the student score report, Alexis scored higher than 15 percent of last year's college-bound seniors across the nation and 14 percent of college-bound seniors statewide in Math.

She scored higher than three percent of last year's college-bound seniors across the state and nation on the Writing portion of the SAT. Alexis was ranked higher than two percent of last year's college-bound seniors nationwide and one



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percent of statewide seniors on Critical Reading.

She admitted that it was a hard test. "I feel good," Alexis said, about the scores. "It doesn't really affect me right now."

But practice never hurts. Ms. Bedgood said that Alexis will be able to take the SAT again as a Junior and as a Senior in high school. According to the score report, her chances of improving in each of the test subjects range from 64-80 percent. With her first exposure to the SAT at the young age of 12 and the possibility of even higher scores in the future, Alexis is sure to turn the heads of college recruiters one day.

But her mother said that she

is not ready for her daughter go to college just yet. "She's got five more years of school left," she said. "I want her to be able to be a child, to experience high school, the football games, the dances and the proms."

Alexis didn't take a Pre-SAT course or spend hours upon hours of cramming for the exam. Her mother said that she just used the book that CollegeBoard SAT sent her as a study guide. Ms. Bedgood said that all of the good teachers her daughter has had over the years helped prepare her for the SAT, as well.

Alexis has a history of high grades. In fourth grade, she progressed 17 percent over any other student on the End-of-Grade exams in Math, Ms. Bedgood said. She makes A's and B's in school. But even though she is very bright, she still loves hanging out with her friends and just being a kid.

Alexis helps take care of several horses that live near their home in Kings Mountain. The family also has four dogs, one bird and a snake. She said that she wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She plans to attend NC State after high school.

Mountaineers blank East Rutherford in SWC tennis match

Kings Mountain High's men's tennis team defeated East Rutherford 9-0 Monday to run its record to 2-0 in the SWC and 4-5 overall.

Singles

Felix Schroder (KM) d. Timothy

Hamrick 6-1, 6-0; Pal Philavong (KM) d. Blake Guffey 6-2, 6-2; Matt Gray (KM) d. Gary Brackett 67-1, 6-1; Davis Phanthalack (KM) d. Luke Sappenfield 6-3, 6-1; Fletcher Webster (KM) d. tom Horne 7-5, 6-0; Jon Humphries (KM) d. Alex Ledbetter 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles

Schroder/Gray (KM) d. Hamrick/Guffey 8-1; Philavong/Phanthalack (K) d. Brackett/Sappenfield 8-1; F. Webster/R. Webster (KM) d. Horne/Ledbetter 8-1.

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Thursday, April 3

4 p.m. - High school track, KM at East Rutherford.

4:15 - Middle school baseball, North Lincoln at KM.

4:30 - High School tennis, West Lincoln at KM.

Friday, April 4

4:30 - JV baseball, Chase at KMHS.

5 p.m. - Soccer, Porter Ridge at KMHS (JV/varsity).

7 p.m. - Baseball, KMHS at Chase.

Monday, April 7

3 p.m. - High school golf, SWC teams at KMCC.

5 p.m. - JV soccer, East Lincoln at KMHS.

6 p.m. - Soccer, KM at East Rutherford (varsity only).

Tuesday, April 8

TBA - Middle school soccer, Shelby at KM.

TBA - Middle school tennis, Shelby at KM.

4 p.m. - High School tennis, Burns at KM.

4:30 - JV baseball, KM at Shelby.

7 p.m. - Baseball, KM at Shelby.

Wednesday, April 9

1 p.m. - Middle school track, Tri-County Conference meet at R-S Central.

TBA - Middle School tennis, R-S Central at KM.

TBA - Middle school soccer, KM at North Lincoln.

3 p.m. - High school golf, KM at Burns.

4 p.m. - High school tennis, Chase at KM.

4 p.m. - High school track, SWC Pre-Conference meet at KMHS.

4:15 - Middle School baseball, KM at East Lincoln.

5 p.m. - JV soccer, KM at Polk County.

6 p.m. - Soccer, R-S Central at KMHS (varsity only).

DUCKPIN BOWLING

Duckpin bowling results from Mountain Lanes at Dilling Heating.

Rybczyk 123 game, 360 set.

Tues., March 25

Half Wits 6, J&J 2

Wits - Colleen Philbeck 112 game, 322 set. J&J - Jessy Wright 110 game, 294 set.

Tame Tigers 5, Wilma's Ducks 3

Tigers - Bob Paramore 106 game, 313 set. Ducks - Ed Philbeck 110 game, 326 set.

Thurs., March 20

Checkers 6, Dead Ducks 2

Checkers - Colleen Philbeck 163 game, 360 set. Ducks - Greg Mocuano 111 game, 318 set.

Dead Weight 8, Pushovers 0

DW - Allen Myers 133 game, 381 set. Pushovers - Zeke

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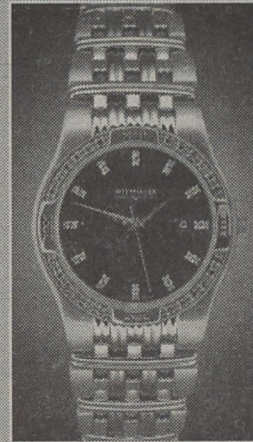
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