

Sports

Mountaineers run record to 6-2

Wins over North Gaston, Ashbrook

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Kings Mountain's Devin Thompson wasted little time making a successful switch from football to basketball.

The 6-4, 220-pound Mountaineer senior completed an All-Conference football season on Friday night and with just two

practices on the hardwood tossed in 21 points Tuesday night to lead the Mountaineers to a 74-66 win over North Gaston. Thompson hit all 10 of his shots from the floor.

Thompson got plenty of scoring help from Antonio Poole with 15 points but the Mountaineer defense had to fight off a hot shooting performance by North Gaston's Octavious Robson in the fourth quarter.

Robson scored 18 of his game-high 34 points in that eight-minute span after the Mountaineers built a 54-36 lead.

The Mountaineers were successful in hitting several key free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

The Mountaineers fought off another determined Gaston County team Wednesday night at Parker Gym, edging Ashbrook 60-57 to run their record to 6-2.

The Mountaineers held the Green Wave to just five points in the third quarter and took a 49-40 lead into the final eight minutes. Ashbrook cut the lead to three with a minute to go but couldn't get any closer.

Poole led the Mountaineers with 17 points. Zach Hayes added 14, Thompson 13 and Brian Brown 9. Hayes grabbed eight rebounds and Thompson had five, and Poole dished out seven assists and Hayes four. Lawrence Miller scored 18 points for Ashbrook.

The Mountaineers were scheduled to play at East Gaston last night. They will compete in the Cleveland County Classic at Shelby High on December 29-31 with their first game against Berry Academy on Dec. 29 at 3 p.m.

KM 60, ASHBROOK 57
KM - Poole 17, Hayes 14, Brown 9, Jordan 2, Barnett 4, Hines 1, Thompson 13.

AB - Floyd 8, Miller 18, Pearson 10, Watts 4, Weston 3, Boyd 1, Kennedy 10, Hicks 3.

KM 74, N. GASTON 66
KM - Poole 15, D. Thompson 21, Hayes 2, Brown 6, Jordan 9, Huskey 8, Barnett 6, Roberts 4, C. Thompson 3.

NG - Robson 34, Wilkerson 2, Vernon 8, Williams 4, Humphries 3, Brooks 9, Davis 4, Burch 2.



MIKE RHOADS KARATE

Pictured are Mike Rhoads Karate students who earned new belt ranks on December 5th at their dojo located inside the First in Flight Gym in Gastonia. Many of the students attend karate classes at the Kings Mountain dojo located at 301 S. Battleground Ave.

Roberts, Doty, and Boyd SWC Players of the Year

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Kings Mountain High was well-represented on fall sports All-Southwestern 2A/3A Conference teams announced last week.

Football star Michael Roberts repeated as the SWC Player of the Year and second-year head coach Greg Lloyd was named Coach of the Year. Jordan Doty was named Player of the Year in volleyball, and Justin Boyd earned the honor in cross country.

Roberts broke five school offense records during KM's championship football season. Lloyd became the first KMHS football coach to be selected Coach of the Year since Ron Massey in 1998.

Roberts was joined on the All-Conference team by running back Joe Chambers, tight end Devin Thompson, wide receiver Terrance Young, of-

fensive lineman Joseph Haskett, defensive linemen Thomas James and Jiris Toney, and linebackers JT Putnam and Torrey Belcher. Young and Belcher are juniors and will return next season.

Shelby defensive end Quevalas Murray was named the Defensive Player of the Year and the Lions' Turner Almond was named Placekicker of the Year. Burns' Patrick Fish was voted Punter of the Year.

Doty was joined on the All-Conference volleyball team by teammates Sarah Fedyschyn, Chasiti Falls, Haley Hoyle and Tiara McClain. The Lady Mountaineers won the conference championship for the fourth year in a row.

R-S Central's Greg Wright was voted Coach of the Year.

Boyd, who finished first in the annual SWC championship meet, was

the only Mountaineer on the All-Conference cross country team. R-S Central's Andy Dorsey was named Coach of the Year.

Kings Mountain's Caroline Baker was named to the girls team. John Champney of Shelby was Coach of the Year and Shelby's Gracie Blackley was Runner of the Year.

KM's Ariel Martin, Djana Phantlack and Casey DeVane were named to the All-SWC women's tennis team. Hillary Lutz of Shelby was Player of the Year and Darryl Thompson of Burns was Coach of the Year.

Tanner Deaton was the only KM player named to the All-Conference soccer team. Turner Almond of Shelby was Player of the Year and David Steeves of Shelby was Coach of the Year.

Lady Mountaineers fall to N. Gaston, Ashbrook, shoot from 1-8 record

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team dropped two more games during the past week and carried a 1-8 record into last night's game at East Gaston.

The Lady Mountaineers fell to North Gaston 54-45 Tuesday night in Dallas, and then dropped a 47-41 game to Ashbrook at home on Wednesday.

Kings Mountain got off to a fast start and led the Lady Wildcats 26-21 at halftime. The KM five were limited to six points in the third quarter as the Lady Wildcats took command 37-27.

Jordan Doty led the KM attack with 17 points, four rebounds and four steals.

Caroline Chambers added 13 points, two rebounds and three steals, and Evan Bragg had nine pints, one assist and one steal.

Kings Mountain led early against Ashbrook, but again fell behind in the third period and ended up losing 47-41. They did make a run in the fourth quarter, cutting the Ashbrook lead to 38-37 with 2 1/2 minutes remaining, but the Green Wave hit key shots down the stretch to seal the win.

Rasheida Dimetros had one of her best games of the year for the Lady Mountaineers with 10 points. Caroline Chambers added nine. Whitney Collins led Ashbrook with 13.

JV girls run record to 5-1

Kings Mountain's JV girls basketball team continued its fine start Wednesday night at home with a 38-13 victory over Ashbrook.

Brittnee Roberts scored 15 points, Akua Adams 12 and Kayla Ward six as the Lady Mountaineers ran their record to 5-1 heading into a game last night at East Gaston.

Kings Mountain again played tremendous defense, shutting out Ashbrook in the second period. The Lady Mountaineers led 14-5 after the first quarter, 21-5 at halftime and 33-10 going into the fourth quarter.

On Tuesday night, the KM ladies defeated North Gaston 31-12 with Roberts scoring 14 points, Ward five and Karina Ebeling four.

Kings Mountain led 10-2 after the first quarter, 18-4 at halftime and 20-8 going

into the fourth period.

The JV boys won their second game of the season Tuesday at North Gaston, 26-7, holding the Wildcats to two points each in the first, second and fourth quarters, and just one point in the third.

Caleb Hines led the Mountaineers with eight points and Michael Thompson added five.

Wednesday night, the JV Mountaineers appeared set to win their third game but saw Ashbrook storm from behind in the second half for a 34-23 win.

Kings Mountain led 17-12 at intermission but was outscored 9-6 in the third quarter and 13-3 in the fourth.

Nick Byers scored eight points and Caleb Hines seven for the Mountaineers.

3 locals compete in AAU nationals

Danville, Alabama was the site for the 2008 AAU National Championships. It is also home of the Oakville Indian mounds where over 2,000 years ago the Copena Indians, named for their use of copper and galena, were prolific mound builders.

Over 1,000 runners took part in the event which toured the site where prehistoric Indians, who were primarily farmers and hunter-gatherers, also engaged in ritual burials. Their

dead were often encased in a putty mixture of clay, ash and crushed shells and enclosed in a large earthen mound that rises out of the ground.

The runners raced past several of the more than 20 mounds en route to the finish line which was located at the base of the largest woodland mound in the area. This mound stands 27 feet high and covers 1.8 acres at the base and over 1 acre at the top. This massive

structure was probably constructed by carrying one basket at a time from the Oakville pond area to the mound over 300 yards away.

Running seemed to be a simple task in comparison to the massive structure built by hand so long ago.

Justin Boyd, competing in the first race of the day, finished 47th in the Young Men's 5K with a time of 17:54. Jared Boyd, competing in the Intermediate Boys 5K, finished 89th with a time of 19:26.

Caroline Foster, competing in the Primary Girl's 2K, finished 72nd with a time of 13:04. Collin Foster

finished 68th in the Midget Boy's 3K in 13:56.

Justin Boyd will travel to Virginia Saturday to compete in the USA Track and Field national Cross Country Championships.

Swimmers lose 2 to Asheville

Asheville swept Kings Mountain in a non-conference swim meet Wednesday at Neisler Natatorium.

The Asheville girls won 112-108 and the boys 123-108.

Megan Burns led the KM girls with first places in the 200 freestyle (2:29.37) and the 100 backstroke (1:14.86). She also was part of the win-

ning 400 free relay team which won in 4:54.36. Other members of the team were Ana Alpeter, Casey DeVane and Emily Peeler.

Peeler also picked up a first place in the 100 breast stroke (1:30.35).

Finishing second for the Lady Mountaineers were Peeler in the 200 free, Alpeter in the 200 individual medley,

Marlin Lawrence in the 100 fly, and DeVane in the 500 freestyle.

Cline Tate was the only winner for the Mountaineers, taking the 100 breast stroke in 1:16.29. Joe Gladden finished second in 1:18.80.

Other second place finishes included Kyle Griffin in the 200 freestyle. Gladden in the 200 individual medley, Hogan Sellers in the 50 free, Ben Hardee in the 100 fly, and Tate in the 100 free.

Kings Mountain hosts Forestview on December 18 at 5:30.

Football awards night Jan. 29

The Mountaineer Club will host its first annual Awards Night for the Kings Mountain High School football teams on Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Trophies will be presented to numerous football players.

Pete Lembo, head football coach at Elon College, will be the guest speaker.

The event is free and open to the public.

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