

Sports



KM Cheerleaders root Pop Warner Mountaineers onto the field.

KM Optimist Club posts positive season



PeeWee cheerleaders in the KM Optimist Club hold their first place trophy high. Front row, l-r, Debralee Tomberlin, Courtney Crofts (pointing), Heidi Greene, Jordan Chapman, Khyajia McClain, Courtney Teague. Back row, Chelsie Gann, Destinee McClain, Claudia Jackson, Mikayla Stuart, Breahna Keyes, Ce Ce Hopper. Not pictured, Dakota Postell, Aniyah Wilson.

The Kings Mountain Optimist Club and its participants have garnered great awards this year.

The Tiny Mites and Mitey Mites cheerleaders performed and Pee Wee cheerleaders competed in the Greater Gaston Cheerleading Competition held Oct. 25 at Forestview High. The Pee Wees won first place in their division.

This was also the first year the KMO cheerleaders have won the Spirit Award at the local competition. At the regional competition held Nov. 27 at the old Bobcats arena in Fort Mill, SC, the Pee Wees claimed another first place trophy in their division.

Cheerleaders and football players were recognized and honored recently at McDonald's on Shelby Road during the first annual KM Optimist Night. Proceeds from food sold during 5-8 p.m. that night will benefit the club.

The KMO's Junior Pee Wees football team recently played in the Ray Bowl in Charlotte by invitation only among four teams from the region and won. The winners faced each other at an exhibition during half time of a Carolina Panthers game at

Bank of America Stadium.

The team took on the Winston-Salem Greyhounds Oct. 11 during the Panthers vs. Washington Redskins game. The team is coached by Scott Wells, Jeff Bolin, Mark Crawford, Curtis Pressley, Vince Sullens and Phillip Roberts.

Other football coaches in the club, include Scott Davis, Paul Smith, Michael Roberts, Tim Collins, Lindell Zanders, Jonathan Merck, Lavon Robertson, Kelly McCreary, Alan McNamara, Sean Clark, JT Putnam, Shad Johnson, Keith Smith, Charles Burns, Todd Fleming and Tom Stevenson.

Cheerleading coaches and representatives are Marica Hudson, Jamie Smith, Renee Rikard, Denise Tomberlin, Patty Davis and Kelly Bolin. Student demonstrators for the cheering squad include Heather Hudson, Caryson Bolin, and Bree Campfield.

Over 100 players took the field last year as part of one of Kings Mountain Optimist's football teams. The 2008 Optimist's cheerleading roster had 38 participants.

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Front row, l-r, Denise Tomberlin, Debralee Tomberlin, Destinee McClain. Second row, Courtney Teague, Breahna Keyes, Jordan Chapman. Third row, Dakota Postell, Courtney Crofts, Claudia Jackson. Back row, Renee Rikard, Mikayla Stuart, Chelsie Gann.




Front row, l-r, Kennedy Thompson, Ryley Brown, Skylar Smith. Second row, Precious Whitener, Lela Whitener, Lindsey Hudson. Back row, Coach Jamie Smith and student helper Carsyn Bolin. Not pictured, Diamond Humphries, Khyrah McClain, Kelsey Mertz and Heather Hudson.




Front row, l-r, Cassidy Byers, Caliegh Hughes, Maria Cavazos. Second row, Recee Guy, Jalasia Geter, Natalie Anthony. Back row, Taylor Watson, Daisy Ash, Kathryn Merrill. Not pictured, Tressure Howie, Precious Roberts, Teniyah Little, Tania Webber, Coach Marcia Hudson.



Pictured in the winning Junior Pee Wee Team are seated, from left, Luke Rikard, Houston Carringer, Landry Crawford, Bryant Mills, Austin McKee, Tommy Smith, Isiaha Whitener; second row, from left, Raun Smith, Jerdon Pressley, AJ Austin, Demetrius Hill, Reggie Wells, Matthew Scoggins, and Calvin Crawford; third row, from left, Keyondre Currence, Carl Balberan, Cedrick Wilson, Rico Matthews, Zeldon Roberts, Brian Lysek, Canaan Sullens, Tommie Smith; and back row, from left, Dylan Sims, Chris Robbins, Will Wilson, Marquise Camp, Darren Burns, Madisyn Bolin and Austin Mosley.



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