

TEAMS VIE FOR VICTORY



GARY STEWART/HERALD
Kings Mountain's Will Wilson drives in for a lay-up in Monday's game with Burns at the KMMS gym.



GARY STEWART/HERALD
Kings Mountain's Edward Blackburn shoots over Crest's Jonathan Bullard in the Mountaineers' final home game Tuesday at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

Lady Patriots clinch tie, host playoff game Monday

Kings Mountain jumped out to an 8-0 lead and rolled to a 31-20 win over Burns Monday at the KMMS gym to wrap up at least a tie for the regular season title in the Tri-County East Division.

Monty Deaton's Lady Patriots, 10-1 overall, will end their regular season Thursday at West Lincoln. They will host the #2 team from the West Division (either Crest or R-S Central) in the first round of the conference championship playoffs Monday at 4 p.m. If they win that game, they will host the conference championship game on Thursday, Feb. 23.

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Mountaineers edge Crest in OT

Caleb Hines' running lay-up with seven seconds remaining in overtime lifted Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 57-55 win over Crest on Senior Night Tuesday at KM's Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The win was the third in Big South 3A play for the Mountaineers, and their fifth overall under interim coach Grayson Pierce.

The Chargers' Redd Hush missed a shot at the buzzer to ensure the victory.

The Mountaineers couldn't get their game in gear early as Crest jumped out to a 12-7 first quarter and 30-18 halftime lead. They led by as many as 14 points before the Mountaineers rallied in the second half.

Kings Mountain outscored Crest 17-

8 in the third quarter to cut the margin to 38-35, and then went ahead late in the game before the Chargers' P.J. Brooks knotted the game at 50-all to force the overtime.

The Mountaineers placed three players in double figures with Treyvon Adams leading the way with 19 points. Hines added 16 and Edward Blackburn 12. Hines dished out five assists. Blackburn pulled down 15 rebounds and James Tillman grabbed 12.

The Mountaineers completed their regular season Friday night at first place Forestview and lost to the Jaguars 65-49.

Forestview had the upper hand from the opening tip. The Jaguars led by 12-2 at the end of the first period and 30-15

at halftime. They led 50-27 going into the fourth period.

Hines led the Mountaineers with 15 points and Tillman and Blackburn added nine each. Tillman had 10 rebounds and Blackburn nine.

TUESDAY GAME

KM (57) - Adams 19, Hines 15, Sellers 6, Tillman 4, Blackburn 12.

Crest (55) - Brooks 11, Hush 10, Smith 10.

FRIDAY GAME

KM (49) - Hines 15, Adams 5, Sellers 7, Tillman 9, Blackburn 9, Pressley 2, Crawford 3.

FV (65) - Johnson 17, Mackins 16, Spencer 12, Clyburn 10, Nichols 6.

BIG SOUTH 3A STANDINGS

Girls	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Forestview	12-0	21-2
Crest	10-2	14-4
South Point	7-5	12-9
Ashbrook	7-5	10-12
Kings Mtn.	3-9	3-19
N. Gaston	3-9	6-15
Hunter Huss	0-12	0-21
Boys	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Forestview	11-1	18-5
Hunter Huss	9-3	13-10
Ashbrook	8-4	16-7
South Point	5-7	13-8
Crest	4-8	8-13
Kings Mtn.	3-9	5-17
N. Gaston	2-10	5-18

Girls lose to Crest, Forestview



GARY STEWART/HERALD
Kings Mountain's Martina Edwards (32) battles several Crest players for control of the ball in Tuesday's game at Parker Gym.

Kings Mountain High's girls dropped their final two Big South 3A Conference games last week, falling to Crest 67-33 Tuesday and Parker Gym and to first place Forestview 70-40 Friday in Gastonia.

The young KM ladies ended their first regular season under new coach Amos Myles with a 3-9 conference and 3-18 overall record but continued to show improvement throughout the season.

Crest got off to a 19-8 first quarter lead and never looked back in posting its second win of the season over the Lady Mountaineers Tuesday. The Chargers went on to lead 35-21 at the half and 57-26 going into the

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KM girls lose to South Point in BSC playoffs

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team ended its season Monday with a 61-42 loss to South Point in the first round of the Big South 3A Tournament at South Point.

The Lady Raiders were in control from the beginning, leading 23-5 after the first period and 36-13 at halftime. South Point led 50-22 going into the fourth period.

"Obviously getting out to better starts, taking care of the ball and defense will be points of emphasis for us going into the off-season," said first-year KM coach Amos Myles. "Our girls worked hard this year but I think they know now that there are no guarantees. I think we have a tremendous upside and next year we should be much improved."

Taquisha Smith led the KM scoring with 15 points. Shadaiya Roberts added 12.

KM (42) - Smith 15, Roberts 12, Petty 4, Saenz 4, Crocker 3, Chapman 2, Hutchens 2.

SP (61) - Mull 16, Davila 17, Green 10, Jackson 6, Lawing 6, Woods 2, Stewart 2, Washam 2.

Mountaineers bow out 69-28

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers finished up their season Monday night at Ashbrook with a 69-28 loss in the opening round of the Big South tournament.

The Mountaineers ended up with a 3-9 conference and 5-17 overall record under interim coach Grayson Pierce. They defeated North Gaston, South Point and Crest in the BSC and Burns in two non-conference games.

Ashbrook dominated the game from the outset. The Green Wave hit 10 3-pointers, led by Antonio Blalock with three 3's and 27 points.

Sophomore Solomon Hawkins led the Mountaineers with seven points. James Tillman had 13 rebounds.

KMMS girls lose to North Lincoln

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Thursday at North Lincoln, 37-33.

The game changed hands

on numerous occasions, but eventually foul trouble and free throwing shooting was the difference.

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AUSTIN TONEY

KM's Toney fifth in state swimming

Kings Mountain High's Austin Toney placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke in Thursday's state 3A championship swim meet in Cary.

Toney had a season-best time of 1:02.83.

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