### **COLLEGE ROUNDUP**

# **Robinson leads** L-R in hitting, **Brown top VMI** scorer at GW



ROBINSON

Kings Mountain junior Rai Robinson had his best game yet for the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears in a 8-7 12-inning loss to Belmont Abbey last Tuesday. Robinson went 4-for-4. He had an RBI double and later scored to tie the game at 7-all and send it into extra innings.

The next day he went 3-for-5 against the Abbey. Heading into Sunday's action at North Greenville,

BROWN

Robinson was leading the Bears in hitting with a .444 average (12-for-27). He has two doubles and two RBI. Local fans can see Robinson and the Bears in action

Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. against Lincoln Memorial in Hickory. The Bears host Abbey again Feb. 21 at 4 p.m.

Former Mountaineer basketball star Brian Brown of VMI had a big night in the Keydets' loss to Gardner-Webb Saturday night at Paul Porter Arena in Boiling Springs.

Browns, a freshman guard, came off the bench to lead the Keydets with 15 points. He hit his first four shots from the field and canned three 3-pointers.

Brown, who had been averaging 8.4 minutes per game, played 34 minutes against the Bulldogs. He hit 6 of 11 of his field goal attempts and grabbed two re-

Other college notes:

Kings Mountain senior Cole Moore has seen two relief appearances for Erskine's Flying Fleet but hasn't entered into a decision. He has worked one-third of an inning with one walk and one strikeout..

Lander University junior relief pitcher Brantley Blalock of Kings Mountain has been red-shirted for this season due to an early season injury, giving him two more years of eligibility...

Several other former King's Mountain baseball players will begin college action on Friday, including Jeff Howell at Gardner-Webb, Cody Austin at Charleston Southern and Ryan Leach at UNC-Wilmington.

### Lutz brings home trophy from RCC Tennis Open



Natalie Lutz with the trophy she won at the Racquet Club of the Carolinas

Natalie Lutz, 11, of Kings Mountain won the Racquet Club of the Carolinas Tennis Open held in Gastonia February 10-12, 2012. Over 70 players from North Carolina and South Carolina competed in the USTA Sanctioned Event.

Natalie won the girls 12 and under singles, and her sister, Maddie, made the semifinals in girls 16 and under singles. Natalie is a fifth grader at the Kings Mountain Intermediate School. She is currently ranked 33rd in the State of North Carolina and 159 out of 1358 players in the Southern Region.

### Kings Mountain Mountaineers

Athlete of the Week



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## KMMS: girls lose to North Lincoln

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North Lincoln hit 15 of 29 free throws while the Lady Patriots managed only 6 of 13.

North led 8-5 early but KM rallied to trail by only 16-15 at the half. It was 25-24 going into the fourth period.

Kings Mountain fell to 7-1 in the Tri-County Conference East Division and 9-1 overall.

Tiffani Thompson led the KM offense with 13 points. Kelsey Farmer added 8, Shaniya Portee 5, Nastajah Hutchens 3, Maikeia Seright 2, Jessica McClure 2 and Gwen Hopper 2.

Kings Mountain won its 9th straight game the previous Monday over Lincolnton, 41-17.

The Patriots jumped out front 10-5 in the first period and led 15-8 at halftime and 31-11 going into the fourth period.

Thompson led the way with 22 points and Seright added 6. Tamara Adams had 3, McClure 3, Taylor Myles 2, Portee 2, Brooklyn Odums 2, and Hopper 1.

Hopper, Hutchens and Odums sparked the KM defense.

Kings Mountain's boys ran their record to 5-5 overall and 3-5 in the division with a 44-34 win over Lincolnton Thursday.

KM fell behind early 14-9 but outscored Lincolnton 16-3 in the second quarter to take a 25-17 halftime lead. KM led 36-27 going into the fourth quarter.

Demetrius Hill led the Patriots with 19 points. Zavier Roberts added 10, Omar Petty 6, Will Wilson 3, Cooper Short 2, Jacob Skidmore 2 and Jacob Merchant 2.

The boys fell to North Lincoln 53-43 Thursday. Hill scored 15 pints, Skidmore 10, Roberts 6, Wilson 6, Petty 5, and Cedric Wil-

### TONEY: finishes 5th in state swim meet

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Several other KM swimmers also performed well.

Katie Bieker, Abbey Bragg, Alyssa White and Kimberlee Farris were 21st in the 200 medley relay; White was 14th in the 50 free, breaking her own school record with a time of 26.37; and Bieker, Bragg, White and Farris set a new KMHS record (1:49.95) with a 12th place finish in the 200 free relay.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO **COMPETITORS IN THE STATE 3A SWIM** MEET - Front row, I-r, Austin Toney, Abbey Bragg, Katie Bieker, Alyssa White, Kimberlee Farris. Back row, I-r, Coach Kelly Peeler and Coach Michael



## IRLS: lose to Crest, Forestview

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fourth period.

Monique Petty led the KM scoring with 13 points and Taquisha Smith added 10.

It was much the same situation Friday at Forestview as the Lady Jaguars started out in a pressure defense and forced numerous turnovers. They built a 19-7 first quarter and 39-18 halftime lead. Kings Mountain played much better in the second half.

Dai Dai Roberts led the Mountaineers in scoring with 13 points and Petty had a double-double with 12 points and 12

"Our girls gave a great effort from start to finish against

an experienced top ranked team," Coach Myles said. "I am very proud of them."

**TUESDAY GAME** 

KM (33) - Petty '13, Smith 10, Chapman 4, Hutchens 2,

S. Roberts 2, D. Roberts 1, Crocker 1

C (67) - Ussery 28, Jones 14, Kale 13, Mintz 3, Etheridge 3, Pruitt 2, McConnell 2, Crosby 1.

FRIDAY GAME

KM (40) - D. Roberts 13, Petty 12, Smith 7, Hutchens 6, Chapman 2.

FV (70) - Armstrong 23, Roberts 12, Gardin 10, Smith 8, Harris 5, McCaskill 4, Joyner 4, K. Taylor 2, B. Taylor 2.

Kings Mountain High's JV basketball team defeated Crest 51-42 Tuesday at Parker Gym before ending their season Friday at Forestview with a 41-39 loss.

The Mountaineers jumped out to a quick 14-4 lead over the Chargers and were on top 28-14 at the half. But the Chargers outscored them 32-23 in the second half.

Josh Sherer had a big day for the Mountaineers with 15 points, five rebounds, six assists and six steals. Isaiah Cole contributed 11 points, nine rebounds, three assists and four steals. Xavier Johnson grabbed 10 rebounds, Nelson Mc-Clain had seven rebounds and blocked four shots.

Forestview stormed from behind in the fourth period to defeat the Mountaineers Friday. KM led 10-7 after the first period, 18-17 at halftime and 32-24 going into the fourth quarter but managed only seven points over the final eight

Sherer led the Mountaineers with 20 points and five steals. McClain had seven rebounds, Johnson six and Cole five. Bullock dished out five assists.

ence and 7-9 overall record.

KM (39) - Sherer 20, Cole 8, Bullock 6, McClain 2, Sneed

FV (41) - McClure 9, Burris 7, Smith 6, Stowe 6, Hinton 5, Young 2, Bradley 2, Dale 2, Simpson 2 TUESDAY GAME

Clain 7. Hegler 3.

Crest (42) - James 15, Taharrie 10, Ridge 1, Rhodes 5,

(Games played Feb. 11)

5-6 (age division) Co-ed Baskets - 28, Heat - 24

Scorers: Anthony Anselmo - 12, Brayden Patrick - 6, Julian Diaz - 4

9-10 Boys

Bulldogs - 21, Indians -

Scorers: Derick Helms -11, Matthew Washington -2, Nathan Parker - 8

11-12 Boys

Heat - 25, Blue Devils -

Scorers: Tray Lee

10, Michael Allen – 10

13-16 Girls

Orange Crush - 35, Silverados - 18

Scorers: Rhadika Patel -

22, Latasha Crank – 6

13-15 Boys

Mountaineers - 65, Bulls Scorers: Tajay Rhodes -27, Harsh Patel – 25, Jordan

Ford - 29, Shaun Grier Jr -Bulls - 39, Tennessee - 21 Scorers: RaeQuan Allen

7, Joshua Nelson – 9 Tar Heels - 44, Heat - 41 Scorers: Isaiah Cole -

DreShaun Bell 10, Hunter Presnell - 10

(Games played Feb. 4)

7-8 (age) Boys

Bulls - 24, Tar Heels - 23 Scorers: Logan Patrick -

8, Quan Adams - 4, Ryne Smith - 13

Wolfpack - 31, Mounties

Scorers: Makena Deaton 11, Cassidy Calhoun – 8,

Bulls - 26, Blue Devils -

Scorers: John Bell - 7, Jerdon Pressley – 7, Michael Allen - 5

13-15 Boys

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Heat - 45, Mountaineers -

Scorers: Zachary Blalock

The Mountaineers ended their season with a 4-7 confer-**FRIDAY GAME** 

KM (51) - Sherer 15, Cole 11, Bullock 8, Johnson 7, Mc-

9-10 Boys

Heat - 29, Indians - 28 Scorers: Jordan Tillman -12, Dontae Burries 10, Nathan Parker – 10

10-12 Girls

Mariah Josey – 6

11-12 Boys

Tennessee - 53, Heat - 37 Tomberlin - 14

Scorers: Matt Absher -12, Austin Gunter - 12, Cole

Bulls - 51, Tar Heels - 44 Scorers: Tajay Rhodes -

22, Josh Nelson - 13, Isaiah Cole - 28

16-18 Boys Heat - 63, Nuggets - 55 Scorers: Dre Colley -

(Games from the weekend of Jan. 27-28)

26, Dontarius Simmons - 16

5-6 (age) Co-ed Heat - 36, Baskets - 32 Scorers: Khalia King -30, Chance Habel - 10, El-

liot Habel – 8

7-8 Boys Mountaineers 25, Bulls - 15

Scorers: Todj Hunt - 6, Eli Wilbanks – 5 Mountaineers - 21, Tar

Heels - 16 Scorers: Isaiah Lowe -12, Kaleb Armstrong -

4, Logan Patrick – 9

9-10 Boys

Bulldogs - 27, Indians -

Scorers: Derick Helms -19, Matt Madden – 2, Carter Wilbanks - 6

Bulldogs - 14, Heat - 9 Scorers: Fredrick Lowe – 14, Darren Wilson – 6

10, Jordan Tillman – 6

11-12 Boys Bulls - 44, Heat - 24 Scorers: Mason James + 22, Carson Stewart - 2, Tray

Heat - 24, Blue Devils -21

Scorers: Jeremiah Fite -12, Dylan Thrift – 7, Luke Hyde - 5

10-12 Girls Wolfpack - 24, Tar Heels

Scorers: Sarah Drennan -

Scorers: Rhadika Patel -

13-16 Girls Peculiar Generation -16, Orange Crush - 7

7, Paige Velez – 2

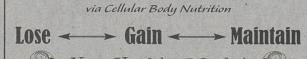
13-15 Boys Bulls - 31, Heat - 24 Scorers: Tajay Rhodes -15, Collin Foster - 6, Malachi Wingate - 6

Tennessee - 60, Moun-

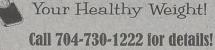
Scorers: Kavin Mosley -17, Steven Seay – 17

taineers - 44

16-18 Boys Bulls - 46, Nuggets - 42 Scorers: Jordan Ford -



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