

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, 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 rebounds.

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 Kings 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 Open.

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



Molly Short
Basketball

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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.

Tiffany Thompson led the KM offense with 13 points. Kelsey Farmer added 8, Shaniya Portee 5, Nastajah Hutchens 3, Maikiea 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. Xavier 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 Wilson 1.

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.

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



GIRLS: 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 rebounds.

"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.

JVs beat Crest, lose to Jaguars

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 McClain 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 minutes.

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

The Mountaineers ended their season with a 4-7 conference and 7-9 overall record.

FRIDAY GAME

KM (39) - Sherer 20, Cole 8, Bullock 6, McClain 2, Sneed 2, Cash 1.

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

TUESDAY GAME

KM (51) - Sherer 15, Cole 11, Bullock 8, Johnson 7, McClain 7, Hegler 3.

Crest (42) - James 15, Taharrie 10, Ridge 1, Rhodes 5, Isaiah 2.

KM YMCA Basketball Scorecard

(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 - 13

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

11-12 Boys

Heat - 25, Blue Devils - 24

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 - 59

Scorers: Tajay Rhodes - 27, Harsh Patel - 25, Jordan Ford - 29, Shaun Grier Jr - 26

Bulls - 39, Tennessee - 21

Scorers: RaeQuan Allen - 7, Joshua Nelson - 9

Tar Heels - 44, Heat - 41

Scorers: Isaiah Cole -

17, 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

9-10 Boys

Heat - 29, Indians - 28

Scorers: Jordan Tillman - 12, Dontae Burries - 10, Nathan Parker - 10

10-12 Girls

Wolfpack - 31, Mounties - 11

Scorers: Makena Deaton - 11, Cassidy Calhoun - 8, Mariah Josey - 6

11-12 Boys

Bulls - 26, Blue Devils - 14

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

13-15 Boys

Tennessee - 53, Heat - 37

Scorers: Matt Absher - 12, Austin Gunter - 12, Cole Tomberlin - 14

Heat - 45, Mountaineers - 44

Scorers: Zachary Blalock

18, Shaun Grier Jr. - 19, 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 - 26, Dontarius Simmons - 16

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

5-6 (age) Co-ed

Heat - 36, Baskets - 32

Scorers: Khalia King - 30, Chance Habel - 10, Elliot 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 - 13

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

Bulldogs - 14, Heat - 9

Scorers: Fredrick Lowe -

11-12 Boys

Bulls - 44, Heat - 24

Scorers: Mason James - 22, Carson Stewart - 2, Tray Lee - 8

Heat - 24, Blue Devils - 21

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

10-12 Girls

Wolfpack - 24, Tar Heels - 21

Scorers: Sarah Drennan - 13

13-16 Girls

Peculiar Generation - 16, Orange Crush - 7

Scorers: Rhadika Patel - 7, Paige Velez - 2

13-15 Boys

Bulls - 31, Heat - 24

Scorers: Tajay Rhodes - 15, Collin Foster - 6, Malachi Wingate - 6

Tennessee - 60, Mountaineers - 44

Scorers: Kavin Mosley - 17, Steven Seay - 17

16-18 Boys

Bulls - 46, Nuggets - 42

Scorers: Jordan Ford - 14, Darren Wilson - 6

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