

## KMHS SWIMMERS GOING TO STATE



Photos by Barry Toney

The Kings Mountain High swimmers pictured above and at right qualified for the State Championship meet last week in the Western Regionals. The State meet is Thursday through Saturday in Cary.

Pictured at right are Austin Toney (left) and Riley Brock, who qualified as individuals. Toney qualified in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke and Brock qualified in the 50 free.

Pictured above are swimmers that qualified as teams. Bethany Wilson, Baylee Stroup, Kimberlee Farris and Alyssa White qualified in the 200 freestyle relay. Toney, Brock, Devin Heath and Ethan Anderson qualified in the 400 freestyle relay.

The Mountaineer swim teams are coached by Beth Calhoun and former Mountaineer state champion Michael Allen.



## Girls win, boys lose at Huss

Kings Mountain's girls broke a 5-game Big South 3A losing streak Friday night with an exciting 65-23 win over Hunter Huss in Gastonia.

Kings Mountain was in control from the opening tip and led 11-5 after the first period, 27-10 at halftime and 47-13 going into the fourth quarter.

Junior Mo Petty led the Mountaineer attack with a game-high 18 points and 13 rebounds. Sophomore Shadayia Roberts added 13 points. Alecia Wade and Talajah Hutchens added eight points each and Taquisha Smith added seven points and eight steals.

"It's always fun to watch the girls play together and have fun together," noted KMHS coach Michael Harris.

Kings Mountain's boys weren't as fortunate. They fell behind Huss from the beginning and lost 76-51 as the Huskies remained tied with arch rival Ashbrook for the BSC lead.

Jaelen Kennedy led the Huskies with 21 points and 13 rebounds. James Tillman paced the Mountaineers with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

### GIRLS BOXSCORE

KM (65) - Petty 18, Roberts 13, Wade 8, Hutchens 8, Smith 7, Chapman 5, Edwards 4, Harris 2.

HH (23) - Knox 9, Ikard 5, Hoffman 3, Gosh 3, Lipscomb 3.

### BOYS GAME

KM (51) - Bullock 8, Adams 6, Sherer 4, Cole 2, Sellers 3, Sanders 4, Tillman 19, Hawkins 5.

HH (76) - Do. Littlejohn 1, Wright 4, Moore 13, Curry 21, Hunter 6, Kennedy 21, Campbell 2, Mackins 6, Da. Littlejohn 2.

## KMMS girls edge Burns 32-31...

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls won their biggest game of the year so far Tuesday at home, coming from behind in the final seconds to defeat Burns 32-31 in a Tri-County Conference East Division game.

The win improved the defending Tri-County champion Lady Patriots' record to 5-0 in the division and 5-1 overall.

The game was decided with one-third of a second remaining. Kings Mountain was ahead 32-30 when

Burns' Paris Baker was fouled. Burns was in a bonus situation, getting two shots. Baker hit the first one but missed the second to end the game.

Kings Mountain trailed most of the game until the final two minutes when LeeAsia Rhodes drove for a basket and a two-point lead, and then stole the inbound pass and scored again to put the Patriots up by four.

Burns came right back with a steal of their own to cut the margin to two. A technical foul gave Burns two shots and

the ball and they were able to tie the score at 30.

With eight seconds remaining, KM's Jessica McClure got a putback off an offensive rebound to give the Lady Patriots a 32-30 lead and set the stage for Baker's last-second free throw attempts to send the game into overtime.

Rhodes led the KM ladies with 12 points. McClure added seven, Adams four, Chaya Hunter three and Erica Nelson two.

## ...but then lose to West Lincoln

After an important victory over Burns last Tuesday, Kings Mountain Middle School's girls dropped their first Tri-County East Division game of the season Thursday at West Lincoln, 38-27.

Monty Deaton's ladies jumped out front early and led 25-19 with just four minutes remaining. The game turned into a free throw shooting contest and

West Lincoln hit 17 of 30 while the Lady Patriots managed just 3 of 16.

"It was a physical game and hard fought and the shots did not fall late in the game for us," noted Coach Deaton. "We had many opportunities to pull away. Give West credit for not giving up and making some crucial baskets and free throws at the end of the game."

LeeAsia Rhodes led the KM offense

with nine points. Tamara Adams scored four, Erica Nelson four, Tatiyana Phillips two, Kelsey Farmer two, Virginia Dellinger two, Jessica McClure two and Chaya Hunter two.

KM fell to 5-1 in the division and 5-2 overall.

The Lady Patriots were slated to go to East Lincoln yesterday to play for first place in the division.



Monique Petty had 18 points and 13 rebounds in Kings Mountain's win at Hunter Huss Friday.

## Mountaineers beat Huss in wrestling

Kings Mountain High defeated Hunter Huss 49-15 in a Big South 3A wrestling match Thursday night at Huss.

106 - Zach Melton (KM) p. Kadar Pettis 1:15; 113 -

Payton Miller (HH) p. Cameron Sarvis 1:17; 120 - Quay Smith (KM) forfeit; 126 - Marquise Camp (KM) p. Roy June 0:45; 132 - Taylor Smith (KM) p. Jonathan Carpenter 5:06; 138 - Paul Carson (HH) d. Alex Austin

7-3; 145 - Collen Queen (KM) d. Ryan White 6-4; 152 - Elijah Whitaker (KM) p. Tristin Hendren 1:15; 160 - Markel Hemphill (KM) d. OT Norquan Otis 3-1; 170 - Jonathan Clark (KM) maj. dec. Blake Lewis 12-3; 182

- Austin Champion (KM) forfeit; 195 - Jonathan Hannah (HH) d. Jacob Miller 7-0; 220 - Dalton Jenkins (HH) d. Kaleb Brown 3-1; 285 - Cody Griffith (KM) d. Minor Merino 4-1.

## Alumni baseball game April 6

The second annual Kings Mountain High School Alumni baseball game will be played Saturday, April 6 at Lancaster Field.

This year's game will be dedicated to the memory of Coach Tony Leigh, who was an All-Conference baseball player for the Mountaineers in 1967 and who coached the

Mountaineers from 1996-2002, posting 100 victories and taking his 1999 team three rounds in the state 3A playoffs. Prior to taking over as head baseball coach, Leigh coached the KMHS girls softball team to four conference championships in five years and the JV baseball team to a 12-4

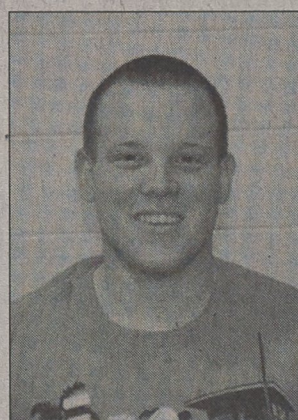
record. The game will begin at 6 p.m. and batting practice will begin at 4 p.m. There will be a home run derby at 5:15.

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