



Zach Melton, in left photo, and Cameron Sarvis in right photo work on victories in recent wrestling match at KM's Donald L. Parker Gymnasium. Kings Mountain will be the top seed from the SMAC Conference in the upcoming State 3A dual team wrestling championship.

KM grapplers wrap up top SMAC playoff seed, then defeat Shelby and Cherryville in tri-match

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers wrapped up the top 3A playoff seed from the SMAC Tuesday with a 49-23 victory over Burns.

The dual team state playoffs begin February 4 at an undetermined centrally located site of the four teams that qualify for the first two rounds.

106 - Cameron Sarvis (KM) maj. Dec. Brooke Richards 13-3; 113 - Zach Melton (KM) p. Jarrin Ham-

rick; 120 - Ben Leal (B) forfeit; 126 - Lane Evans (KM) d. Josh Barefoot 6-3; 132 - Taylor Smith (KM) forfeit; 138 - James Smith (B) p. Marquise Camp; 145 - Alex Austin (KM) d. Steven Swink 6-3; 152 - Dylan Millson (B) tech fall Cameron Morgan 16-1; 160 - Collen Queen (KM) d. Jules Bruchard 4-3; 170 - Austin Champion (KM) p. Mark Camp; 182 - Chance Frederick (KM) forfeit; 195 - Kaleb Brown (KM) forfeit;

220 - Nick Costigan (B) p. Corey Hester; 285 - Chaz Gamble (KM) p. Grayson McKee.

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers swept Shelby 62-12 and Cherryville 56-24 in a tri-match Friday at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

Both of Shelby's wins came on forfeits.

SHELBY MATCH
160 - Elijah Whitaker (KM) p. Gwasky Mackins;

170 - Austin Champion (KM) d. Chavon Miller 5-2; 182 - Chance Frederick (KM) forfeit; 195 - Kaleb Brown (KM) p. Deandre Ross; 220 - Corey Hester (KM) p. Matthew Dedmno; 285 - Chaz Gamble (KM) p. Rakeem Sweezy; 106 - Cameron Sarvis (KM) tech. fall Chance Storey 17-2; 113 - Davoshia Mason (S) forfeit; 126 - Timothy Hartman (S) forfeit; 132 - Taylor Smith (KM) d. Lathan Kee 9-4; 138 - Cameron Hord

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CHERRYVILLE MATCH

182 - Chance Frederick (KM) forfeit; 195 - Oscar Gomez (CH) p. Kaleb Brown; 220 - Corey Hester (KM) forfeit; 285 - Chaz Gamble (KM) p. Dylan Camp; 106 - Cameron Sarvis (KM) forfeit; 113 -

Zach Melton (KM) tech. fall Harrison Walker 16-1; 120 - Matt Rhyne (CH) forfeit; 126 - Michael Lawing (CH) forfeit; 132 - Taylor Smith (KM) p. Christian Thomas; 138 - Tanner Jones (CH) p. Marquise Camp; 145 - Alex Austin (KM) tech. fall Justin Riffle 22-6; 152 - Collen Queen (KM) forfeit; 160 - Elijah Whitaker (KM) p. Ryan Pence; 170 - Austin Champion (KM) maj. Dec. Colton Brittain 15-4.

LADY: Mounties beat Burns, Shelby in SMAC

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ings. It was a defensive struggle. Neither team shot the ball very well. "We decided at halftime to apply our half court press. Although we didn't get the transition baskets we were looking for, I think it kept

our girls playing hard which in turn made the difference late in the game."

TUESDAY GAME
KM (60) - Thompson 21, Petty 20, Hutchens 7, Wade 4, Brown 2, Ellis 2, Nelson 2, Smith 2.
B (44) - McMurry 18,

Portee 9, Boling 7, Briscoe 6, Duckett 3, Brown 1.

FRIDAY GAME
KM (39) - Petty 8, Wade 8, Thompson 7, Ellis 6, Smith 5, Hutchens 5.
S (33) - Little 15, Coleman 7, West 6, Littlejohn 2, Hamilton 2, Boyd 1.

MOUNTAINEERS: go OT to beat Bulldogs 82-78

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son McClain added 16.

Montgomery led all scorers with 25. His future college football coach, Brad Lambert of the UNC Charlotte 49ers, watched from the stands.

Kings Mountain won the JV game 42-34 to pull even in the SMAC with a 5-5 record and 9-6 overall mark.

Kavin Mosley led the Mountaineers with 16 points and Omar Petty added 11. Teriz James led the Bulldogs with 13.

JV BOXSCORE
KM (42) - Kavin Mosley 16, Omar Petty 11, Xavier Roberts 7, Demetrius Hill 4, Madisyn Bolin 4.
B (34) - Teriz James 13, KJ Hopper 6, Zach Leslie 4, B.Jay Hoper 4, Raheem Epps 3, Aaron Hill 3, Jalon Mitchell 2.



Kings Mountain's Miranda Ellis (32) is fouled as she goes up for a shot in last week's game with Burns at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium. KM won 60-44.

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