

Lady Mounties lose two in SMAC

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team dropped their final two regular season games to Crest 63-28 and East Burke 57-27.

At Crest, the Lady Mountaineers broke out to a 13-10 first quarter lead but Crest took command with a 21-5 run in the second quarter.

Tiffani Thompson led the KM ladies with 13 points.

"Obviously, Crest is a very good team," said KM Coach Mike Harris. "They will do well in the state playoffs. We did not shoot the ball well at all (9 of 46 for 19 percent) but we also did not play with a lot of effort and that's my fault for not having them ready."

In their final home game against East Burke, the KM ladies fell behind from the start. They had another miserable shooting night, hitting just 10 of 50 field goal at-

tempts.

"East Burke finished second in the SMAC," Harris noted. "They are not very flashy, but they are just so fundamentally sound. They wear you down."

"With all the missed school and practice due to the snow days, we have really been flat. Hopefully we can regroup and find a spark for the playoffs."

KM (28) - Thompson 13, Petty 7, Hutchens 3, Ellis 2, Brown 2, Wade 1.

CREST (63) - Ussery 27, Mintz 9, Jones 8, Crosby 6, Humphries 6, Love 4, Foster 3.

KM (27) - Wade 8, Hutchens 6, Thompson 4, Adams 3, Nelson 3, Petty 3.

EB (57) - Haas 20, Cornett 8, Gragg 6, Smith 6, Hicks 5, Moore 4, Houser 3, Miller 2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Champion third in state tourney

Kings Mountain High senior Austin Champion finished third in the 170-pound class in last week's NCHSAA wrestling tournament in Greensboro.

Champion defeated Jesus Ruiz of East Guilford 10-1 and Dalton Hill of West Craven 10-5 in his first two matches before losing.

He battled back to defeat John Harris of Rockingham County, and then defeated Tate Blanton of Fred T. Foard for third place and a final season record of 41-4.

Horton aces 17 at Country Club

Todd Horton has his third hole-in-one Wednesday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Horton used a 9-iron on the 168 yard par three 17th hole.

His playing partners were Richard Proctor, Luke Proctor and Larry Carroll.

TD Club golf tourney May 2

The annual Kings Mountain Touchdown Club golf tournament will be played Friday, May 2 at 1 p.m. at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The format is a four-person captain's choice. The field is limited to the first 30 teams.

Contact Larry Hamrick at larry@kmsure.com for registration forms or call him at 704-739-3611.



Kings Mountain (in white) and East Gaston players battle in soccer scrimmage Thursday at John Gamble Stadium.

Lady kickers beat Warriors

Kings Mountain High's soccer teams split with East Gaston in their season-opening scrimmage Thursday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The varsity won 5-0 as Lyndsey Barnes scored two goals and Mikayla Price, Virginia Dellinger and MC Dellinger added one apiece.

Madie Skeith, Katie Robinson and Virginia Dellinger each had an assist. Freshman Ashley Rhom had

the shutout in goal.

KM's JV team fell 5-2. Eric Neisler scored off a free kick and Madison Weeks scored off an assist from Reagan Gamble.

KM JV boys beat Cavaliers

Kings Mountain's JV boys basketball team ended its season Thursday with a 43-25 win over East Burke.

Coach Nicholas Inman's Mountaineers posted a 9-7 SMAC and 18-8 overall record after finishing 10-10 last season.

Omar Petty led the scoring with 15 points. Kevin Mosley had 9, Dante Starr 8, Demetrius Hill 5, Xavier Roberts 4 and Jacob Merchant 2.

Greer led the Cavaliers with 12 points.

KM fell to Crest 47-41 Tuesday.

KM led 28-22 at the half and 35-34 heading into the fourth period.

Hill led the KM scoring with 14 points. Starr had 10, Roberts 8, Petty 5, Mosley 2 and Madisyn Bolin 2.

Caseous Hamilton scored 19 for Crest.

Swinney to speak at Belmont banquet

Dabo Swinney, head football coach at Clemson University, will be guest speaker at the annual Belmont Sports Hall of Fame March 11 at 7 p.m. at Catawba Heights Baptist Church (just past Belmont Abbey College).

Accompanying Swinney to the event will be his assistant head coach and defensive line coach Dan Brooks. Brooks was the head football coach at Kings Moun-

tain High School from 1978-1982.

Carl Champion, longtime KMHS supporter and now living in Florida, will also be in attendance.

The church will seat 450 people and a sellout is expected.

For tickets, send checks at \$25 per ticket and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Art Shoemaker, PO Box 853, Belmont, NC 28012.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

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2014 Tax Filing Requirements for Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,

What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for seniors this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired last year, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year.

Recently Retired

Dear Recently,

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year depends on your gross income, as well as your filing status and age. Your gross income includes all the income you receive that is not exempt from tax, not including Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately.

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and non-taxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554), or see irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

In the meantime, here's a rundown of the IRS filing requirements for this tax season. If your gross income from 2013 was lower than the amount listed in your filing status, you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- Single: \$10,000 (\$11,500 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2014).
- Married filing jointly: \$20,000 (\$21,200 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$22,400 if you're both over 65).
- Married filing separately: \$3,900 at any age.
- Head of household: \$12,850 (\$14,350 if age 65 or older).
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$16,100 (\$17,300 if age 65 or older).

Special Requirements

Be aware that there are some special financial situations that require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had net earnings from self-employment in 2013 of \$400 or more, or if

you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers a resource on their website called "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. You can access this page at www.irs.gov/uac/Do-I-Need-to-File-a-Tax-Return%3F, or you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See irs.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, it doesn't necessarily mean you're also excused from filing state income taxes. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're

entirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see taxadmin.org - click on "State Agencies/Links" on the menu bar.

Tax Prep Assistance

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 5,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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