

Top-Ranked Cagers Top Story Of '81

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Denny Hicks, former head football coach at Owen High School in Black Mountain, was named assistant football coach and defensive coordinator at KMHS.

JULY

Atlanta Hawks star John Drew participated in a youth basketball camp at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Five members of the Kings Mountain Youth Wrestling Club won their division title in the National Tournament at Hickory. They included Jerry Jordan, Tim Hamrick, Derek Jordan, Vince Sullens and Rodrick Boyce.

Johnny Gamble was the first golfer from Kings Mountain to qualify for the North-South Amateur in Charlotte.

Sammy Wolfe and Junior Wilson won the Kings Mountain Country Club Member-Guest

Golf Tournament.

Greg Richardson was named assistant football coach at KMHS.

AUGUST

Nancy Scoggins was named girls basketball coach at KMHS.

East Asheville defeated Kings Mountain for the State Senior Babe Ruth baseball title and went on to win the Southeast Regionals and qualify for the national tournament.

Gary Powers joined the KMHS football coaching staff.

Stoney Jackson won the regular member division and Mickey Powers won the honorary member division in the Legion Golf Tournament.

SEPTEMBER

Toby Williams stepped down after 35 years as P.A. announcer for the KMHS football games.

OCTOBER

Tim Riddle, Presbyterian College tennis standout from Kings Mountain, won the Battle of Kings Mountain and Cross Roads Invitational tennis tournaments.

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers upset South Point 6-0 to end a six-game football losing streak and begin a three-game winning streak.

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team finished second to Shelby in the SWC.

Mayor John Moss was guest of Major League Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn for the fifth game of the World Series at Dodger Stadium.

NOVEMBER

KMHS girls tennis players Karen Ledford and Pat Davis finished third in the sectional tournament at Shelby to qualify for the regional prep tourney at Hickory.

Shelby came from behind in the fourth quarter to edge the Mounties 13-7 in the final football game and break Kings Mountain's three-game winning streak.

Stoney Jackson won the coveted Barnes trophy and Johnny Gamble won the Dr. Phillip Padgett trophy at the annual Ray Barnes Banquet at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Gary Allen and Carlos Owens were named to the All-Southwestern Conference football team and Tammy Bolton was named to the All-Conference volleyball team.

DECEMBER

Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack helped lead Clemson's Tigers to an 11-0 regular season record and the top ranking among the major college football teams. The Tigers face Nebraska in the Orange Bowl and battle for the national championship Friday night.

Bert Long was named most valuable player on the 1981 KMHS football team. Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice was the guest speaker at the football banquet.

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, favorites to win the SWC basketball title for the second straight year, were upset by R-S Central 65-64 in the opening conference game.

Karen Ledford and Pat Davis was named to the All-Conference and All-Gazette land tennis teams and Ed Guy of the Mounties was named Gazette-land Coach of the Year.

Kings Mountain's girls basketball team finished third in the West Mecklenburg Christmas Tournament and Trina Hamrick of the Mountainettes was named to the All-Tournament team.

First Wesleyan, First Baptist Undefeated In Church League

First Wesleyan and First Baptist remain undefeated in Tuesday Night Church League basketball action last week, and El Bethel captured its first win of the season.

First Wesleyan defeated East Gold Street Wesleyan 57-41 as Jody Deaton scored 18 points. S. Buchanan scored 19 for the losers, who fell to 1-1.

Doug Stover scored 12 points to lead First Baptist to a tough 51-48 win over David Baptist. David Bolin scored 14 for the losers.

Don Sessions, Bill Allbright and Jim Grayson scored 10 points each to lead El Bethel over First Presbyterian, 48-36. Parks Neisler scored 13 for the losers.

The standings after two weeks

include First Wesleyan and First Baptist 2-0, East Gold and El Bethel 1-1, and David Baptist and First Presbyterian 0-2.

In games next Tuesday beginning at 6:30, East Gold will play David, First Baptist will meet First Presbyterian and El Bethel will meet First Wesleyan.

The Thursday Night League is idle this week because of New Year's holidays. It will resume play next Thursday at 6:30 with Macedonia facing Boyce Memorial, Central Methodist meeting Bethlehem Baptist and Carson Memorial facing Resurrection Lutheran.

Mountainettes Third In West Meck Tourney

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Kings Mountain up by 31-30 going into the fourth quarter.

Hamrick led the way for the Mountainettes with 27 points. Kathy Tate scored 20 for Ashbrook.

The two wins in the West tourney gave the Mountainettes a 5-6 overall record. They are 3-3 in SWC action and are idle until next Tuesday night when they host Shelby.

First-year coach Nancy Scoggins said she was well-pleased with the team's showing. "They were fired up every night," she said. "I've never seen them play better. I was real proud of them."

MONDAY GAME

K. Mtn. (56) - Bolton 4, Hamrick 31, McClain 7, Odums 2, Curry 12.

West Meck (57) - Summers 8, Lattimore 2, Richardson 13, Worthy 8, West 20, Smith 6.

TUESDAY GAME

K. Mtn. (60) - Bolton 4, Hamrick 12, McClain 18, Odums 9, Curry 9, Ingram 4, Stowe 4.

E. Gaston (56) - M. Brooks 10, T. Brooks 11, Lance 7, Moose 17, Gibson 6, Burrell 5.

WEDNESDAY GAME

K. Mtn. (48) - Bolton 7, Hamrick 27, McClain 4, Odums 4, Curry 4, Roberts 2.

Ashbrook (46) - K. Tate 20, Moore 6, D. Tate 12, Cage 6.

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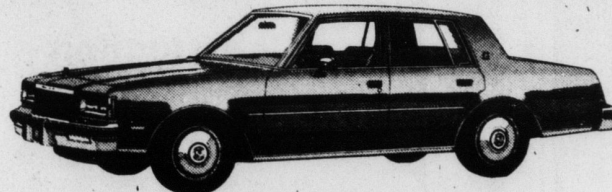
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