

District Tourney Underway

The District 7 3-A boys and girls basketball tournaments opened yesterday at the Kings Mountain High gym and will continue through next Tuesday.

The top five teams from the Southwestern Conference and the top three from the Western Piedmont Conference will battle for the titles and the right to advance to Hickory High School March 11-13 for the Western Regionals. The Western winners advance to the state championship games.

Kings Mountain's boys, SWC regular season and tournament champs and the number two-ranked 3-A team in North Carolina, opened play last night against Chase, the fifth-seed from the SWC.

Kings Mountain's girls, fourth-seeded from the SWC,

will play at 5 p.m. today against Western Piedmont champion East Lincoln.

In other games tonight, Lincolnton, the WPC runner-up, will play East Rutherford at 6:30, and WPC champion Statesville will battle Shelby at 8 p.m. in the boys division.

Other games last night saw the SWC champion Shelby girls play East Rutherford and the Statesville girls battle Crest.

Friday's schedule will have the R-S Central and West Iredell girls playing at 5 p.m. the Shelby-East and Statesville-Crest girls winners playing at 6:30, and the R-S Central and Mooresville boys playing at 8 p.m.

The winner of the Kings Mountain-East Lincoln girls game will play the R-S Central-West Iredell winner Saturday at

5 p.m., and the winner of that game will advance to Tuesday's championship game. Other games Saturday will have the KM-Chase and Lincolnton-East Rutherford boys winners facing each other, as well as the winners of the Statesville-Shelby and R-S Central-Mooresville boys games.

The boys championship game is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The boys winner will have to win two games at Hickory, on March 12 and 13, to qualify for the state championship game against the Eastern Regional winner on March 20 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The winner of the girls regional at Hickory on March 11 and 13 will travel to Elon College on March 19 to meet the

Eastern Regional champ for the state title.

Kings Mountain was going for its record-tying 25th victory last night, and two wins in the district event would set a new KMHS victory record. The 1967-68 and 1980-81 teams both posted 25 victories.

After winning its 25th game in the opening round of last year's district tourney in Mooresville, the Mounties were upset in the second round by Burns.

Admission to each round of the district tourney is \$2. All tickets will be sold at the door and ticket sells will be limited to 1,200.

League Leaders Still Hot In Church Leagues

First Wesleyan and Boyce Memorial A.R.P. continued their winning ways in church league basketball play last week.

First Wesleyan, the Tuesday Night League leader, ran its record to 10-0 with a 55-42 win over First Presbyterian, and Boyce Memorial, the Thursday Night League leader, ran its mark to 8-2 with a 52-40 win over Resurrection Lutheran.

Jody Deaton scored 21 points to lead the First Wesleyan win. Parks Neisler scored 14 for First Presbyterian.

Roy Whitaker and John Yarbro scored 16 points each to lead Boyce Memorial over Resurrection. Reggie Blalock led the losers with 17.

In other action Tuesday night, First Baptist defeated East Gold Wesleyan 40-33 and Carson Memorial won a forfeit over Boyce Memorial. Butch Pearson scored 12 points to lead the First Baptist win and Kevin Wheeler had 12 for East Gold.

In other games Thursday night, Central Methodist defeated Carson Memorial 44-38 and Macedonia defeated Bethlehem 54-48. Dickie Anderson scored 18 in the Central Methodist win and Steve Kirk had 18 for Carson. Bryan

White's 24 points paced the Macedonia attack and Mike Dixon had 16 for Bethlehem.

Three makeup games on Feb. 23 will bring the regular season to a close, and the league tournament is scheduled to begin on Feb. 25 at 6:30. Three tournament games will be played each night, beginning at 6:30, through March 2. Games will not be played on Wednesday and Sunday.

Roy Whitaker of Boyce Memorial leads the league in scoring with an 18.0 average, followed by Dickie Anderson 17.8, Jody Deaton 14.0, Bryan White 13.8, Parks Neisler 13.0, Steve Kirk 12.2, Terry Cain 12.1, David Brinkley 11.5, Scott Buchanan 11.5, and John Yarbro 11.2.



The "Star Spangled Banner," although written in 1814, did not become the national anthem until 1931.



SAVING GAS? - Not exactly. Robert Eng of Kings Mountain, shown running down East Gold Street with a 225-pound Chevrolet engine on his back, is actually training for a N.C. Heavyweight Knockout Karate championship fight March 20 at the Kings Mountain High gym. He'll battle champion Danny "Oak Tree" Williams of Wilmington, who claims he has never been knocked down.

KM's Eng To Fight For N.C. Knockout Title

Kings Mountain's Robert Eng will battle Danny "Oak Tree" Edwards for the North Carolina Heavyweight Knockout Karate and Boxing title March 20 at the Kings Mountain High School gym.

Also on the card, which begins at 7:30, is the N.C. Lightweight Champion, David Humphries of Kings Mountain, who'll defend his crown against Gary Moore

of Lincolnton. Eng, who is owner and instructor at Eng's School of Self Defense, said he has been training hard for this title bout and would like nothing more than to win the crown in his hometown.

Several other matches will be fought.

Advance tickets are \$5. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Tennis Meeting Monday

The Kings Mountain Tennis Association will meet Monday at 7:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Community Center. All members and anyone else interested in knowing about tennis in the Kings Mountain area are encouraged to attend.

Topics of discussion will in-

clude local tournaments to be sponsored by the KMTA this season, men's women's and youth league play, formation of Kings Mountain's first tennis ladder, and election of officers.

Any persons desiring more information may contact Pat Huffstetler or Rick Henderson.

This Week's Health News & Views
Ragan Harper, Kay Plumley, Margaret Ramsey (Your Pharmacists)

Earaches should be reported

I've seen numerous cases of sick ears this season. My advice is to treat an earache with respect. It's a serious condition.

A heating pad and a Tylenol might relieve the discomfort of an earache, but remember this: an earache is a warning symptom that needs prompt medical attention. Sometimes the infectious matter which causes the pain ruptures the eardrum and can cause loss of hearing and even brain infection.

Even though the pain of an earache may subside suddenly, report the condition to your doctor. Avoid dangerous health risks.

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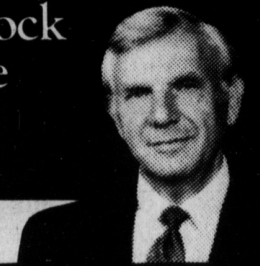
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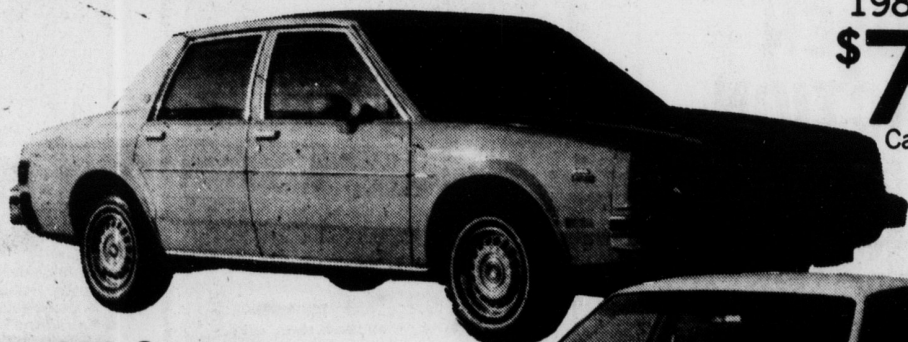


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