

SHARON GOLD ... Sophomore That Leads The Way

Mountainettes Played Just Like Sophomores, Panicky

By GARY STEWART

"They played just like sophomores." Those are the words of Coach Bob Hussey of the Kings Mountain high school Mountainettes who led another win down the drain at Shelby Tuesday night. The 37-33 loss at Shelby put Kings Mountain all alone in the cellar of the Southwest Conference cage standings with an 0-5 conference mark. The win marked the first for Shelby in conference play. "We had the lead with less than a minute to go and even had the ball on our side of the court," Hussey said, "but we had a traveling violation called and the ball was turned over to them."

The girls got panicky there at the last and played just like sophomores. We could have won it as easily as we lost it," he stated. "All year we've been playing with one senior, one freshman and four sophomores. If the girls continue to improve, we might win a couple of games before the end of the season," Hussey added. "This Childers girl (Linda, a freshman) has come along a lot lately, and if she can get to hitting in double figures we'll do better," he added. The only senior member of the club is playmaker Susan Lowery and the four starting sophomores are Sharon Gold, Kathy Plonk, Libby Tedder and Joy Roberts. Childers is the only freshman member of the team and all of Coach Hussey's substitutes are sophomores. With the exception of Tedder and Roberts, all of the girls are

scoring average with 148 points in nine games and is a cinch for all-conference honors at the season's end. Just about all of the girls on the starting team, and some of the substitutes, are capable of being good players but, because of lack of experience, they don't know what to do when the going gets rough. Maybe the girls' need just a little more experience. It might take them another year, or two years, to get to where they can relax and play heads up ball throughout the game. "They're giving it all that they have and I think they'll win a few games. When those six girls who make up the freshman team join the varsity, they'll do all right," he added. Hussey pointed out the fact that the freshman girls are tall and the varsity girls are lacking in height as well as experience. With some developing and experience, they'll make good basketball players. The varsity girls will have another chance to make good Friday night when the local teams travel to Lincolnton for a double header.

Lincolnton's girls have won only one conference game and Coach Hussey is hoping that his Mountainettes will not get panicky and win their first game. The girls hit the tough competition again Tuesday night when they play host to Belmont. They begin their second half schedule next Friday at Rutherfordton, hoping to get back at the tough Central girls who handed the Mountainettes a 64-22 licking here January 7 in the conference opener.

Shelby Too Tough For Mountaineers

By GARY STEWART

The Shelby high school cagers swept a double-header from arch-rival Kings Mountain Tuesday night in Shelby. Coach Kathryn Reynolds' Lionesses won the opener by a 37-33 count and Lloyd Little's hot-shooting Lions won the nightcap, 67-36. The girls' game was nip and tuck all the way with both teams holding the lead many times. Shelby scored its winning basket with less than a half-minute left to play. Peggy Williams led the Shelby lassies in scoring with 17 points. Sharon Gold had a night high of 19 points and freshman Linda Childers added 9 for the Mountainettes. Kings Mountain jumped to a quick 8-2 lead but the Lionesses, paced by Williams and Gentry Miller, came back strong to take a 10-8 lead after the first period. Shelby held a 17-16 edge heading into the second half and a 29-27 margin going into the final period. Gentry was the key to the tall Shelby defense and Libby Tedder, along with Gold, was outstanding on defense for Coach Bob Hussey's Mountainettes. The win marked the first in Southwest Conference competition for the Shelby lassies and the loss was the fourth straight

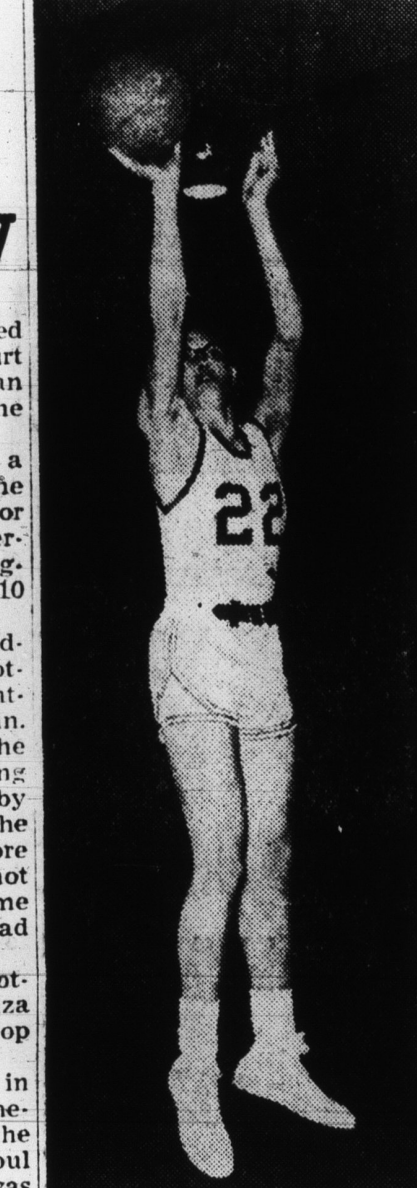
for Kings Mountain. The boys' game proved to be no contest as the Shelby lads literally humiliated Kings Mountain. The Lions played an outstanding game all the way around with a well balanced scoring and defensive attack. Forward David DePriest and senior guard Mal Brown led the Shelby offensive charge with 11 points each but close behind was Mike Boatwright with 10. Ken Mitchem was the game's leading scorer with 12 points and Neal Cooper added 10 for the losing Mountaineers. Shelby jumped to a quick 11-1 lead and led 15-8 going into the second period. The lead was increased to 29-12 at halftime and 44-24 going into the final stanza. Mitchem, KM's sharpshooting freshman, couldn't manage a score during the first half but came back strong to score seven in the third and five in the fourth. Shelby controlled the boards with center Mickey Mitchell and guard Mike McDaniel providing the skill. The win brought Shelby's conference record to 4-1 and left Kings Mountain going downhill with a 2-3 SWC tab. It was the third straight conference loss for Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers.

Cherryville Wins Two Here Friday

By GARY STEWART

The opening of the new Kings Mountain high school gymnasium was displeasing to Mountainee fans Friday night as the two Cherryville teams swept a doubleheader. A total of 100 personal fouls were called in the two games with Cherryville accounting for 57 per cent of them. The Cherryville girls, tied for first place in the Southwest Conference standings, took a tight 39-38 win in the opener. All of the Lady Ironmen agreed that Kings Mountain gave them more trouble than any other team they've played this season. Kings Mountain led the entire first period but Cherryville came back strong in the second quarter to take a 19-11 lead at halftime. Paced by sophomore forward Sharon Gold, the Mountainettes came back to outscore Cherryville 14-9 in the third period and take the lead in the final stanza. Kathy Plonk tied the game at 34-all with a field goal at the 3:48 mark and Susan Howell put the Mountainettes ahead, 36-34, with 2:29 remaining. Mary Beam tied it again with 2:20 left and Vicki Bumgardner put the Lady Ironmen ahead to stay with 1:30 left. Her foul shot made the score 37-36. Bumgardner then hit a field goal to make it 39-36 but Gold pulled the Mountainettes within one before time ran out. Kings Mountain had their chance to

win when a toss-up was called on the home side of the court with :05 left, but the clock ran out before the official tossed the ball. Bumgardner finished with a game high of 17 points for the winners and Gold was high for the Mountainettes with 16. Geraldine Beck also hit double figures for the winners with 10 markers. Kings Mountain's boys couldn't do anything with the hot-shooting Ironmen in the nightcap and lost by a 71-56 margin. The Mountaineers played the Ironmen a close first half, going into the third period trailing by only two points, 28-26. But the Cherrys scored 14 points before Scott Cloninger hit a foul shot with 3:08 left. By that time Cherryville had a 15 point lead at 42-27. Both teams put on wild shooting sprees in the final stanza and Cherryville came out atop by two points, 25-23. The Mounties played poorly in every respect. They hit only one-fourth of their shots from the floor and only 24 of 42 foul shots. Their defense, which was too tight, allowed Cherryville many open shots. On the other hand, the Ironmen made their shots count and the tall defense blocked many Mountainee shots. Cherryville guards Larry Davidson, Bill Barger and Dermont Beam came up with many steals, turning most of them into baskets. In short, the Mountaineers turned the ball over to the visitors just about every time they got it. The final tally saw three boys from each team getting double figures with Harmon Odell of the Ironmen getting a game high 19. Rod Chaney and Bill Barger added 10 apiece for the Ironmen and Larry Davidson, Dermont Beam and Terry Smith came along with eight each. Senior forward Scott Cloninger led the Mountaineers in scoring with 16 points, Larry Buxton had 13 and Nelson Connor, 11. It was the first conference win of the season for the Ironmen who are now tied for sixth place in the loop standings.



SCORES 16 — Scott Cloninger (above) scored 16 points against Cherryville Friday night to gain high scoring honors for the local Mountaineers in their 71-56 loss to the Ironmen.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Lithium	10	1	.909
Belk's	6	3	.667
All-Stars	6	4	.600
Jaycees	4	5	.444
Mountaineers	2	9	.182
ARP	1	7	.125

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Elsie's Beauty Shop	8	4	.667
Oates-Henderson	7	5	.583
Plonk Brothers	7	5	.583
Kings Mtn. Drug	5	7	.417
Outcasts	3	9	.250

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Lithium, All-Stars Lead Recreation Play

Action in the Recreation Basketball League was limited to two games this week due to National Guard inspections on Monday and Tuesday nights. Friday night's action saw the All-Stars take a 104-66 win over the Mountaineers in the opener and Lithium defeat the Jaycees 86-74 in the nightcap. Roosevelt Adams was the week's high scorer as he tallied 32 points to lead the All-Stars to victory. Robert Sims and Marion Baxley shared scoring honors for the Mountaineers with 20 points each. James Robbs tallied 22 points to lead first place Lithium to an 86-74 win over the Jaycees in the nightcap. Mike Ware was the high scorer for the losers with 15 points. Action will resume tonight, weather permitting.

BOXSCORES

GIRLS	
Kings Mountain	(33)
F—Gold	19
F—Childers	9
F—Lowery	0
G—Plonk	5
G—Tedder	0
G—Roberts	0
Shelby	(37)
F—Blanton	8
F—Bowen	5
F—Cattiness	0
G—Williams	17
G—Webber	1
G—Miller	6

BOYS	
Kings Mountain	(36)
F—Mitchem	12
F—Cloninger	0
C—Burton	5
G—Cooper	10
G—Connor	9
Subs Scoring: Ross 1,	
Shelby	(64)
F—DePriest	11
F—Boatwright	10
G—Mitchell	5
G—McDaniel	8
G—Brown	11
Subs Scoring: Lutz 6, Short 4,	
Nichols 4, Martin 3, Tinsley 2.	

jaycees Lose 32-31 Match To Cherrys

Kings Mountain high school's jaycees lost their first basketball game of the season Tuesday night, falling to Cherryville by a 32-31 count. The game preceded the Cherryville-KM varsity matches. The scoring was nip and tuck all the way. Negro guard Nanny McDowell gained scoring honors for the Mounties with nine points but Neil of Cherryville was the game's high scorer with 15 points. Frankie Little and Herbert Crocker added six points each. Charles Green and Frankie Philbeck had four each, and Gene Putnam rounded out the scoring with two points. The loss left KM with a 2-1 record going into Monday's 7 p.m. game at Shelby.

Culbertson Leading Mixed Bowling Loop

Clyde Culbertson moved into first place in the local Mixed bowling league standings Thursday night by defeating Clarence Plonk four games to none and Alexander's Auto Parts pulled into a tie for second with a 3-1 win over the Alley Cats. Charity Goforth and Jerry Dover teamed up to bowl the Culbertson team to victory with Co-forth claiming high line with 132 and Dover getting high set with 337. Lib Gault had a 142 line and team captain Clarence Plonk registered a 348 set for the losers. Richard Culbertson had a 130 line and a 343 set to lead Alexander's to its three game win. Jenny Oates copped high scoring honors for the losers with a 115 line and a 335 set.

Herald Sports

By GARY STEWART

Davidson's Snyder Best In Nation?

Is Davidson's Dick Snyder the best college basketball player in the nation? Statistics released after the mid-term break showed Snyder as the third leading scorer in the United States. North Carolina's Bob Lewis, who during an earlier stage of the season was the leading scorer in the nation, had dipped into fifth place. Snyder is currently averaging close to 30 points per game but he takes care of three big phases of the game which rank him as probably the best player in the U. S. The big senior forward, who has been a starter every year since he's been at Davidson and who was a member of the All-Southern Conference first team last year, not only scores high in every game, he also holds the man he is guarding to under his average and brings down around 15 rebounds per contest. Snyder is a sure-bet for All-America honors. Three other players from North Carolina schools, Jack Marin and Bob Verga of Duke and Bob Lewis of UNC, are capable of being All-America players but it's not likely that over one of them will be named. Davidson sophomore center Rodney Knowles shows signs of perhaps being another Fred Hetzel. Hetzel, who was All-America at Davidson last season, is now playing with the San Francisco Warriors. Billy Cunningham, former star at Carolina, is averaging around 15 points per game with the San Francisco 76ers.

Williams Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

Ted Williams, the last of the .400 hitters, was inducted into baseball's Hall Of Fame Friday. The former Boston Red Sox star, who is third on the list of all-time home run hitters, was the only player named. This was his first year of eligibility. Casey Stengel, who retired as manager of the New York Mets, got some votes, although he is not eligible to be inducted. Shelby will not field a Western Carolina League baseball team this year. The Rebels will be replaced by Statesville.

Gold's 16.4 Average Best In SWC

Sharon Gold of Kings Mountain owns the highest scoring average of any girl in the Southwest Conference. The high scoring sophomore forward had netted 148 points through nine games for a 16.4 average. She trails the conference's leading scorer by some 10 points but KM has played two less games than the other team in the SWC.

Kings Mountain travels to Lincolnton Friday night to do battle with a surprising Wolfpack team. The Wolves are currently tied for second place in the loop standings and have turned out to be one of the better teams in the conference. The Wolves of Coach Don Pack were winless in six pre-season games but have come on strong since conference play began.

Both Kings Mountain teams will go into Friday's action as underdogs. Lincolnton's girls haven't been too impressive this year but have managed to win a few. In other action Friday, R-S Central will visit Belmont, Chase will host Cherryville and Shelby will be at East Rutherford.

Little Mounties Lose Two; Girls Beaten By East

Coach Bill Bates' ninth grade Little Mountaineers suffered two conference losses during the past week, falling to Hunter Huss by a 55-23 count last Thursday and getting edged by East Rutherford, 42-39, here Monday night. Monday's action saw East lead by 9-2 after one period but the Little Mounties kept hammering away at the lead and cut it to two points, 17-15 at halftime. East Rutherford came back to take a five point lead, 29-24 heading into the final period. Kings Mountain went ahead by a 39-38 count with :30 left in the game but a field goal and two free throws pulled East into a 42-39 win. Stanley Brown was the high scorer for the Little Mounties with 14 points. Richard Etheridge added 10 points, and Jimmy Eaker and Alan Hambright had six each. Michalane of East Rutherford was the game's leading scorer with 16 points. Coach Glenda O'Shields' ninth grade girls also lost to East by a three-point margin, 23-20, on Monday-afternoon. Kings Mountain led most of the game but East staged a late rally and came from behind to post the win. Vickie Turner led Kings Mountain's scoring with 11 points and Debbie Plonk was outstanding on defense for the Little Mountaineers. Mickey Harris scored a game high of 17 points to lead Hunter Huss to its 55-23 win over the Little Mounties on Thursday afternoon. Joe Cornwell led Kings Mountain's scoring with nine points. The two losses left the Little Mounties with an 0-4 conference record heading into tonight's game at Cherryville. Coach Bates reports that the Cherryville coach hasn't notified him about the game, so as of now, it will be played.

Griffin Drug Co. Moves Into Tie For Third Place

Griffin Drug Co. moved into a tie for third place in men's bowling league action Monday night with a three game win over second place City Paint Store. Second-division teams Plonk Oil Co. and Morrison Loan Co. also posted three game wins with Morrison Loan dumping league-leader Dilling Heating and Plonk taking three from Clyde Culbertson. Four of the Griffin Drug team members posted 300-plus sets with team captain Bob Herndon grabbing high with a 352 total. Roddy Houser added a 348 set and Houser and Furman Wilson shared high line with identical 132 games. Johnny Dye captured high scoring honors for the losers with a 140 line and a 336 set. Sam Hamrick and Clarence Plonk teamed up to bowl Plonk Oil Co. to victory over Clyde Culbertson with Hamrick copping high line with a 130 and the two sharing high set honors with 133 totals. Richard Bridges and Allen Myers added identical 324 sets for the winners and Clyde Culbertson was high man for the losers with a 129 line and a 366 set. Tommy Gamble combined games of 116, 104 and 132 to lead Morrison Loan Co. to a three game win over front runner Dilling Heating. Albert Brackett added a 348 set for the winners and Richard Culbertson had a 120 line and a 328 set for the losers.

METHODIST SERMON

Rev. Howard Jordan's sermon topic Sunday morning at Central Methodist church will be, "Christ Is the Answer."

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