

First Win In New Gym Over County-Rival Shelby



SENIORS — Pictured above are the seven senior members of the KMHS boys' basketball team who will be playing in the final game of their high school careers Friday at Belmont. Standing, left to right, are Neal Cooper, Steve Goforth, Mike Goforth and John Van Dyke. Kneeling, left to right are Roger Ross, Scott Cloninger and Chip Bridges.

Gold Leads Girls To Big 31-30 Win

By GARY STEWART

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers posted the first victory in their new gymnasium Friday night and at the same time moved into seventh place in the Southwest Conference standings with a 31-30 win over county-rival Shelby.

It was also the first victory over Shelby for KM's young coach, Bob Hussey.

The Mountaineers played first place Shelby a real ballgame in the nightcap, but fell to the Mal Brown-led Lions, 63-55.

Sharon Gold poured in 20 points to lead the Mountaineers over the Shelby girls, who now rest in the league cellar with a 2-11 conference mark.

Gold connected on six field goals and eight free throws for the total, with 12 of her points coming in the second half.

Kings Mountain led most of the way, after sophomore guard Libby Tedder hit a foul shot to make the score 9-8 (KM) with 4:29 left in the first half.

Shelby had jumped to an 8-0 lead. KM's first points of the game came with 2:13 left in the first period when freshman Linda Childers bucketed a field goal to make it 8-2, Shelby.

The Mountaineers registered only four points in the first quarter but came back strong in the second period to take a 12-11 lead at halftime.

Gold hit a foul shot and one field goal seconds after the second half began to push the locals ahead by four points, 15-11. The Mountaineers led by two, 20-18, heading into the final eight minutes.

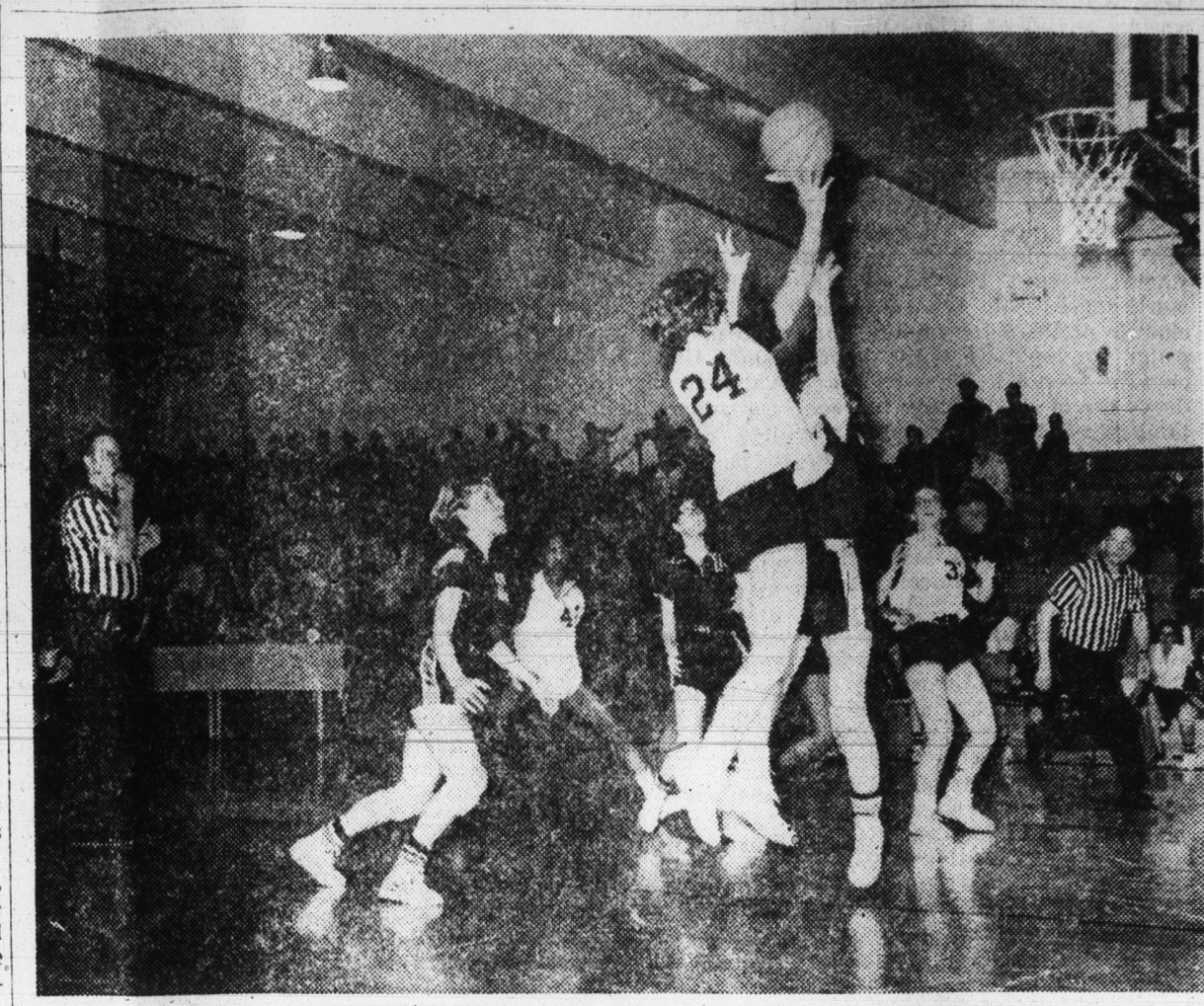
Gentry Miller hit a field goal only nine seconds after the fourth period got underway to knot the score at 20-all and Peggy Williams put Shelby ahead, 22-20, with 7:26 left.

Shelby increased its lead to three, 23-20, before Gold hit on a three-point play to tie it again, 23-23, at the 6:44 mark. Gold registered another foul shot with 6:02 left to put the locals ahead to stay, 24-23.

Kings Mountain led by six points, 31-25, with 1:30 left to play but two foul shots and a field goal by Linda Poston and a foul shot by Kathy Blanton pulled the visitors within one point.

The Mountaineers managed to freeze the ball for the final 20 seconds to ice the victory.

Gold was the only girl to reach double figures. Childers added five points for the winners and Miller topped the scoring column for Shelby with eight points.



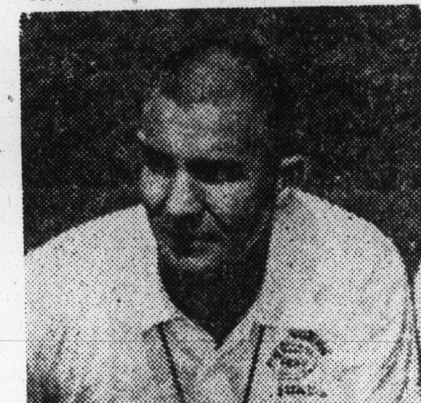
SHARON GOLD IN ACTION AGAINST SHELBY

Herald Sports

By GARY STEWART

The Win That He Really Wanted

Mountaineer Coach Bob Hussey received many handshakes after Friday night's win over county-rival Shelby. For the fans congratulating the coach, it was because the local girls had posted the first victory ever in Kings Mountain high school's new gymnasium.



HUSSEY

Coach Hussey praised sophomore forward Sharon Gold for her all-around play. "She scored a lot, handled the ball well and stole the ball some, too," Hussey said.

Gold, who owns the high scoring mark for any girl in the Southwest Conference, scored 20 points in the win over the Lionesses of Shelby. Gold has hit in double figures in every conference game this season and currently holds a 16.7 scoring average.

Both games Friday were typical KM-Shelby games. The local girls held a six-point lead with 1:30 left to play but the Shelby lassies stole the ball twice, scored on both plays, then hit a foul shot to come within one point of sending the game into overtime.

But Kings Mountain put on a good show of freezing the ball during the final 30 seconds and iced the victory, the Mountaineers' third in 12 outings.

The win pulled Kings Mountain into seventh place in the conference standings and dropped Coach Kathryn Reynolds' Shelby girls into the league cellar.

Kings Mountain's boys also put on a good show but couldn't pull the curtain over the Mal Brown-led Shelby Lions. The Mounties stayed within striking distance the entire way, losing by only eight points.

The Mountaineers could have won it as easily as they lost it.

Spring Conditioning Drills Begin Monday

Kings Mountain high school Athletic Director Bill Bates has come up with a new idea this season in way of getting boys ready for spring sports.

Instead of working teams separately, Bates has announced that all boys who play spring sports (baseball, track, golf and tennis) will spend one week together in the way of getting in shape.

Conditioning drills will begin Monday afternoon in the school gymnasium and beginning Monday, March 7, boys will break up into separate groups.

Coach Bates said instead of just working with pitchers and catchers for the first few weeks that the baseball team will go right into spring training. The baseball team opens its schedule March 22 against York.

Bates will again handle the baseball team, Don Parker will be the golf coach and Bill Cashion and Bob Hussey will coach the track team.

Coach Bates said that the conditioning drills will be mostly exercises such as running, push-ups and lifting weights.

There will be only 11 lettermen in the entire KMHS spring training camp with only two in the major sport of baseball. The track team leads the lettermen list with five, three lettermen will return in golf and one in tennis.

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Friday's Winner Could Possibly Play In Tourney

The winner of Friday night's game between Kings Mountain's Mountaineers and Belmont will more than likely move into a tie for fourth place in the conference standings and get a chance to play in the bi-conference tournament which gets underway Monday at Belmont.

Kings Mountain, Belmont and Lincolnton are currently tied for fifth place in the conference standings with identical 4-9 marks, but Lincolnton plays third place East Rutherford and will have a tough time moving up.

Fourth-place Cherryville plays host to R-S Central in a game in which the second-place Hill-topperettes will be heavily favored.

Cherryville (5-8) currently leads KM, Belmont and Lincolnton by one game. If Cherryville and Lincolnton both lose, the winner of the Kings Mountain-Belmont game will meet Cherryville Saturday night to determine which team represents fourth place of the SWC in the post-season tournament.

In the event of a two-way tie for fourth place, the two teams will meet on a neutral court Saturday night. If fourth spot is held by three teams, the names of the three will be placed in a hat and the team drawn will be the representative.

The fourth place representative will meet Morganton of the Northwest Conference Monday night.

While the Mountaineers still stand a chance of getting in the tournament, Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers will definitely end season play against the third place Red Raiders Friday.

Seven boys will be playing in the last game of their high school basketball careers. The seven are Neal Cooper, Scott Cloninger, Steve Goforth, Mike Goforth, Roger Ross, Chip Bridges and John Van Dyke.

Shelby's boys will probably be top-seeded in the tournament after whipping East Rutherford 62-60 Tuesday night. Shelby plays eighth-place Chase Friday.

Chase's girls, 13-0 in conference play, will be top-seeded in the girls' division with R-S Central and East Rutherford assured of tournament berths.

Mountaineer sophomore forward Sharon Gold upped her season's scoring average to 17.0 points per game Tuesday night and now leads East Rutherford's Sharon Shuford in total points as well as best average.

Gold has scored 289 points in 17 games while Shuford has totaled 284 in 18 games for a 15.8 scoring average. Linda Childers is currently second in team scoring for Kings Mountain with 86 points and a 5.7 average.

Freshman Ken Mitchem now leads the Mountaineers in scoring with 211 points in 18 games for an 11.7 average. Nelson Connor, a junior guard, is the only other Mountie averaging in double figures with 10.3 points per game.

To date, the Mounties sport a (Continued On Page Six)

BOXSCORES

GIRLS	
Kings Mountain	(31)
F-Gold	20
F-Childers	5
F-S. Lowery	2
G-Plonk	0
G-Tedder	3
G-Roberts	0
Subs Scoring: Howell, 1.	
Shelby	(30)
F-Williams	5
F-Cabiness	0
F-Webber	0
G-Miller	8
G-Greene	6
G-Robinson	2
Subs Scoring: Poston 6, Blanton 1, Mauney 2.	
BOYS	
Shelby	(63)
F-Boatwright	11
F-DePriest	3
C-Tinsley	6
G-Brown	22
G-McDaniel	10
Subs Scoring: Nichols 7, Mitchell 4.	
Kings Mountain	(55)
F-Mitchem	20
F-Cloninger	7
C-Burton	9
G-Cooper	8
G-Connor	5
Subs Scoring: Shank 4, Finiger 2.	

Kings Mtn. Drug Wins Bowling Match

Kings Mountain Drug held to its tie for second place in the ladies' duckpin bowling standings Tuesday night by winning a 3-1 decision off Oates-Henderson Shell.

Both the other two matches were split.

Pat Panther rolled a 114 line and a 307 set to lead the KM Drug ladies to victory. Lynda Sparrow also had a 307 set for the winners and Dessie Loftin's 121 line and Jenny Oates' 320 set were high marks for the losers, who now rest in fourth place in the loop standings.

The sixth-place Outcasts battled league-leader Elsie's Beauty Shop to a 2-2 deadlock with Ethel Tignor leading the way with a 320 set. Lila Gault was high scorer for Elsie's with a 121 line and a 305 set.

Evelyn Early's 116 line and 317 set led Plonk Brothers to a 2-2 split with fifth place McGinnis Furniture. Team captain Betty Fite was high for the McGinnis bowlers with a 111 line and a 303 set.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Elsie's Beauty Shop	21	7	.750
Kings Mtn. Drug	15	13	.536
Plonk Brothers	15	13	.536
Oates-Henderson	13	15	.464
McGinnis Furniture	11	17	.393
Outcasts	9	19	.321

Skating Friday And Saturday At Armory

City Recreation Director Elmer "Mag" Ross announces that beginning Friday roller skating will be available every weekend at the National Guard Armory.

For the past two weeks, skating has only been allowed for Friday nights but wheels will be rolling in full swing beginning this week.

The Recreation Department has skates for rent at fifty and seventy-five cents per pair.

City Paint Ties Dilling Heating

Ranny Blanton rolled a 147 line and a 383 set to lead City Paint Store to a tie for first place in the local men's bowling league standings Monday night.

The Painters went into the night's action trailing Dilling Heating by one game and registered a 4-0 win over bottom place Griffin Drug Co. to move into a tie after the Dilling team won but three off Morrison Loan Co.

Monday was a night for high scores, indeed, because all but one of the 29 bowlers present rolled 300 plus sets.

Johnny Dye and Paul Ware added 378 and 366 sets respectively for City Paint and Rod Houser topped the Griffin Drug scoring with a 132 line and a 347 set. City Paint Store's 616 total in the third game and 1754 set were high team marks for the night.

Bill Ware had a 130 line and a 349 set led Dilling Heating to a three-game win over fifth place Morrison Loan Co. John Dilling chipped in a 332 set for the winners and Tommy Gamble had a 133 line and a 355 set for the losers.

Plonk Oil managed to win but two games off Clyde Culbertson but those two were enough to pull the Oilers into fourth place in the loop standings.

Allen Myers scored a 143 line and Sam Hamrick added a 258 set to lead the Plonk team scoring and Harold Barber's 133 line and Lee Norville's 352 set were high marks for the Culbertsons.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Dilling Heating	25	19	.568
City Paint Store	25	19	.568
Clyde Culbertson	23	21	.523
Plonk Oil Co.	21	23	.477
Morrison Loan Co.	20	24	.455
Griffin Drug	18	26	.409

SATURDAY DANCE

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge, their wives and guests will dine and dance Saturday from 9 until 12 p.m. to music by "The Devils."

Mountaineers Dump Lincs; Move Into Fifth Place Tie

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The score was close all the way with the score being tied 7-7 at the end of one period. Lincolnton led, 19-15 at the end of the first half and 25-24 heading into the final period.

Foul shooting won the game for the locals.

Both teams hit on 13 field goals but the Mountaineers connected on 9-of-22 free throws while the visitors hit on 8-of-14.

After trailing 25-24 going into the final eight minutes, Gold put the Mountaineers ahead, 26-25, with a field goal at the 7:40 mark. Debbie Keener then tied it for the Lincs with a foul shot with 7:13 left but Gold drove in for a lay-up to put the hosts back ahead, 28-26, with 6:37 left.

Kings Mountain then stretched its lead to as many as six points but Lincolnton gradually caught up and tied it again, at 34-all, with 1:11 left when Linda Hicks hit two straight foul shots.

Gold then connected with a foul shot with 1:00 left to put KM ahead by the final count. Kings Mountain froze the ball but Lincolnton's Rita Proctor met in a jump situation with KM's Kathy Plonk with 37 left.

Lincolnton controlled the tap and held the ball for one last shot and at the :05 mark, Keener took the shot but it went wild and KM held on for the win.

High scorer for Lincolnton was Gail Bradshaw with 10. Freshman Linda Childers added eight for Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain's boys found themselves in another close battle in the nightcap.

The scoring was nip and tuck the entire first period with the visitors leading 26-23 heading into the second half. Lincolnton held the Mountaineers to only four points during the third stanza and increased its margin to 41-27 heading into the final quarter.

Led by Ken Mitchem's 10 points, the Mounties staged a fourth quarter comeback but fell short of victory by four points. KM out-scored Lincolnton in the final eight minutes, 21-11.

Mitchem's 16 points led the Mountaineer scoring. Larry Burton added 12 and Don Proctor and Doyce Turbyfill had 17 and 15 respectively for the winners.

Belk's Clinches Recreation Loop Championship With Two More Wins

Belk's won two more games during the past week to clinch the regular-season championship in the City Recreation Basketball League.

Belk's won matches off ARP Monday night and the Jaycees Tuesday night to bring its season record to 15-3, a four-game lead over the second place All-Stars and Lithium, who sport identical 11-6 marks.

The 20-game schedule will be completed the first week of March, with the post-season tournament getting underway during the middle of next month.

The All-Stars, which moved into a tie for second place in the standings by winning two games during the week, got the week's action underway Thursday night with a 77-65 win over Lithium.

Charles Smith and Bill Owens scored 28 and 25 points, respectively to lead the winners in scoring while James Robbs and Glenn Newton had 27 and 17 respectively for the losers.

In Thursday's nightcap, the Jaycees dumped the Mountaineers, 72-60, with Bob Haden's 23 points being high for the match. Mike Ware and Skellie Hunt added 17 each for the winners and Marion Baxley had 15 for the losers.

Monday's opener saw league-leader Belk's sweep a one-sided, 85-36 win over ARP with five Belk's players hitting double figures. J. D. Biddix led the way with 20 points. Richard Little had 17, and Boss Goodson, Louis Cook and Ed Tossener added 12 each. Roy Whitaker was high for the losers with 10 markers.

The Mountaineers dumped Lithium, 79-61, in Monday's nightcap with Robert Sims leading the way with 21 points. Roger Heavner and Marion Baxley added 23 and 21 respectively and Jerry Ross had 21 for the losers.

Bill Owens and Roosevelt Adams poured in 20 and 18 points respectively to lead the All-Stars to a 73-62 win over ARP in Tuesday's opener. Ken Cash and Tom Richie had 22 and 14 points respectively for the winners.

Boating Classes Open To Public

An opportunity to secure comprehensive boating instruction has been announced by the Charlotte Power Squadron. A series of free boating classes beginning Thursday, March 3, will be open to the public, whether boat owners or not.

Squadron Commander J. Toms Dover, Jr. recalled the several tragic boating accidents on local lakes last summer and urged boat operators and potential owners to seek such instruction.

These spring classes will be held at 7:45 p.m. each Thursday at the Naval Reserve Training Center, 725 West Sixth St., Charlotte. Each of the eleven weekly sessions will last about two hours. Further information and advance registration can be secured through Commander Dover by calling 392-6787.

The course will cover all fundamentals of boating including the use of the compass and charts, simple navigation, required equipment and regulations, boat handling and safety, and nautical rules of the road. Cause material, designed by the U. S. Power Squadrons, includes an optional examination at the end. Those who pass will be awarded certificates of achievement.

Lts. Carlton V. Winter and James O. Beard, Jr., will be in charge of the instruction. They stressed that it is open without charge to all residents of the Charlotte area and is especially adapted to those who plan to purchase boats. Entire families have attended past courses.

Enrollments will be accepted at the first class on March 3, but a advance registration through Commander Dover will insure a place in the class.

The many Power Squadrons throughout the nation have served the interests of safe boating through education for 52 years. Each squadron offers public education at its own expense. Qualified squadron members serve as class instructors.

KMHS Guard Connor Is Hospitalized

Nelson Connor, high school junior and a guard on the KMHS varsity basketball team, was hospitalized following Tuesday night's game and is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital.

Young Connor's father, Jim Connor, said X-rays did not reveal any fractures but that the youth was undergoing observation and treatment.

Connor suffered a fall during the first half of the boys' basketball game but insisted he was "fine" and played the full game. Connor said the boy complained of dizziness after he had reached home.

BOX SCORES

GIRLS	
Kings Mountain	(35)
F-Gold	22
F-Childers	8
F-S. Lowery	4
G-Plonk	1
G-Tedder	0
G-Roberts	0
Subs Scoring: None.	
Lincolnton	(34)
F-Bradshaw	10
F-Kiser	8
F-Keener	4
G-Proctor	7
G-Caskey	1
G-Costner	0
Subs Scoring: Hicks 2, Stevens 2.	
BOYS	
Kings Mountain	(48)
F-Mitchem	16
F-Cloninger	4
C-Burton	12
G-Cooper	8
G-Connor	6
Subs Scoring: Bridges 2.	
Lincolnton	(52)
F-Proctor	17
F-B. Turbyfill	2
C-D. Turbyfill	15
G-Hager	6
G-King	5
Subs Scoring: Lawing 4, Smith 2, Cash 2.	