

In Cherryville

Mountaineers, Mountainettes Resume Play Friday

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The Kings Mountain Mountaineers open the 1968 portion of the basketball season against Cherryville this Friday. The Mounties are still undefeated in play thus far this season.

Kings Mountain, the team picked to win the conference again this year, is sporting a 3-0 conference mark and a 5-0 overall mark.

George Adams is currently leading the Mounties in scoring as he sports a 25 point scoring average.

Adams is followed closely by the sharp shooting Odus Cole, a sophomore with amazing ball handling ability.

Ken Mitchum along with Steve Spencer and Adams, Cole and Rick Finger will probably be the starting five for the Mounties as they travel to Cherryville.

Coach Bob Hussey's lads are expected to come out on top this week as usual.

In the girls' department the lady Mounties are four and one going in to the new year.

Coach Blaine Froneberger's lads are to be in contention for the conference title this year, for the first time.

Sharon Gold is currently leading the Mountainettes in scoring, Sharon is averaging close to 12 points a game. Her average is well below her last year's, due to her injury which occurred last season.

Linda Childers along with Kathy Plonk, Debbie Plonk, Vickie Turner and Nancy Reynolds will probably be the starters for the Mountainettes.

Let's look for an exciting new year in Mountaineer basketball.

LEGION MEETING

Regular January meeting of the Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting was postponed from January 1.

Bert Smith Is All-State

Bert Smith, a 60" senior at Kings Mountain High School, has been named as one of WBTV's All-State players.

Bert is the first to receive this award since 1964, when Jimmy Cloninger received it. Head football coach Bill Bates presented the award to Smith upon returning to school from the Christmas holidays.

When asked what he would major in at Appalachian if he attended, and what he would like to do after graduating, he replied, "I know that Appalachian is a teachers college, but I would like to work with either the Health Department or the YMCA. I would take subjects that would help me reach this goal."

Bert Smith gained many honors during this season. He was chosen as Player of the Week in the game with Belmont and was chosen as Player of the Year by the coaching staff at the end of the season. Also at the end of the season, he was chosen as an All-Conference player along with Charles Greene. Now to make his year complete, he has been chosen as All-State—Quite a Christmas present, huh?

When asked what he thought of Bert receiving the All-State Award, coach Bill Bates replied simply, "He's a GOOD football player."



BERT SMITH

MARCH BUSY MONTH AT N.C. MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The busiest week in North Carolina Motor Speedway's history, including a 750-mile race weekend, is on tap for March, track president J. Elsie Webb announced.

"We're calling March 9 and 10 the 'Big 750 Weekend,'" Webb stated. "We'll have the 250-mile Grand Touring division race on Saturday and the third annual Carolina 500-miler for the Grand National division on Sunday."

"And we will be featuring a lot of racing firsts that weekend."

The 250-mile GT race, to be called the Sandhill 250 in honor of the area of the Carolinas in which N.C.M.S. is located, will be the first race in NASCAR history for sports sedan type cars such as the Mustang, Dart, Camaro, Barracuda, Cougar, Firebird, Javelin and some foreign cars.

The Sandhill 250 also is believed to be the first time these type cars have raced on a strictly banked, oval course. The Sports Car Club of America raced these cars this year in the highly-successful "Trans-Am" series, but all races were believed to be held on road courses.

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Coming in to compete against such established greats as Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough and

Buddy Baker will be not only the top jockeys from NASCAR's modified and sportsman divisions but also probably the top stars from the Sports Car Club of America.

"The answer should come in the Sandhill 250," said North Carolina Motor Speedway president J. Elsie Webb. "We expect to get entries from the top sports car people who raced the Mustangs and Camaros and Cougars and Darts during the very popular Trans-Am series this year."

"We're expecting entries from Jerry Titus, Mark Donohue, Bob Tullius and people like that. And also, Peter Revson. These were the hot dogs in the Trans-Am competition."

"Titus and Donohue especially dominated the Trans-Am's which was run on road courses. But I don't believe these boys have ever competed in a race on a strictly oval course."

"They'll have to beat the Pettys, the Yarboroughs and the Bakers who are familiar with the type track but with no experience driving that type car. And incidentally, the Pettys, the Yarboroughs and the Bakers are in for a busy March 9-10 weekend with the Sandhill 250 on Saturday and the third annual Carolina 500 on Sunday."

"Titus, a Californian, was the top driver in the 12-race Trans-Am."

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Southwestern Conference Standings

	Girls				Boys					
	Games	Conf.	All	Games	Conf.	All	Games	Conf.	All	
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
Burns	2	0	4	0	Kings Mountain	3	0	5	0	
Chase	2	0	4	0	Lincolnton	2	0	3	1	
Shelby	2	0	3	1	Shelby	2	0	2	2	
Belmont	2	1	2	3	Belmont	2	1	3	1	
Kings Mountain	2	1	4	1	Cherryville	2	2	4	2	
East Rutherford	1	1	2	1	Chase	1	1	1	3	
Rutherfordton	1	2	2	2	Crest	1	2	3	2	
Crest	1	2	1	4	Burns	0	2	2	2	
Lincolnton	0	2	1	3	East Rutherford	0	2	1	2	
Cherryville	0	3	0	5	Rutherfordton	0	3	0	4	

LADIES LEAGUE ENDS HALF, MIXED LEAGUE CONTINUES

Ladies League

In Ladies Bowling League action here Tuesday night, Drewes Tax Service upset the Griffin Drug Company team 4-0 and took the second place position from the Oates Shell team.

The ladies have now completed one half of their seasons activities and we are looking for an even better second half.

Betty Hullender rolled the high set for the Drewes team with a 340, backed up by Bobbie Lovelace with a 325 set. Bobbie also rolled the high line with a 123. Margaret Wilson rolled the next high line with a 122.

Carol Brazzell rolled the high line and set for the losing team with a 104 and a 282 respectively.

The Plonk Brothers team pulled the second upset of the night when they defeated the American Legion team 4-0, and tied them with Oates Shell for third place.

Betty Pite rolled the high line for the Plonk Brothers team with a 116 and the high set with a 310. Sara Cash rolled the second high set with a 299, almost breaking into the 300 point category.

Lib Gault rolled the high line for the American Legion team with a 119 and the high set with a 305.

In other Ladies League action Tuesday night, the Tignor Construction team defeated the Oates Shell team 3-1, and still retain their 12 game lead for first place.

Ethel Tignor rolled the high line with a 114 while Edna Bow-

en took the high set honors with a 308.

Jenny Oates rolled the high line and set for the losing team with a 118 and a 323 respectively. Charity Tignor rolled the second high set with a 302.

Mixed League

In Mixed Bowling League action last Thursday night, the Ranny Blanton team defeated the Bob Herndon team 3-1 to keep them in first place by a 5 game margin.

Furman Wilson rolled the high line with a 135 for the Blanton team while Ranny Blanton rolled the high set with a 354. Furman Wilson took second place honors with a 342 set. Also, Jenny Oates rolled a 322 set.

Bill Gault rolled the high line for the Herndon team with a 116, with Bob Herndon rolling the high set with a 323.

In other Mixed League bowling, the team of Clyde Culbertson defeated the Ronnie Culbertson team 3-1.

Lib Gault rolled the high line and set for the winning team with a 146 line and a 368 set. Also rolling into the 300 point category were: Clyde Culbertson with a 331 and Rob Houser with a 315.

Ronny Culbertson rolled the high line and set for the losing team with a 125 and a 349 respectively. Although they lost three games Thursday night, the Ronny Culbertson team still retain the lead for second place by two games.

TRYON AND BETHLEHEM TAKE WINS

The Kings Mountain Recreational Basketball League played two good, close games here Tuesday night.

In the earlier game, the Tryon team upset the Fashion Cleaners team in a very close game by a score of 38-36.

Doug Smith hit 16 points for the winning team to take high scoring honors, backed up by Ken Ford with 9 points and Henry Rudasill with 7 points.

Sam Gann hit 15 for the losing team, hitting 8 of them in the last quarter. Charlie Fite also added 8 points with Bob Goodson hitting 6 points.

In the nightcap, the Bethlehem Fire Department team upset the Fulton team 48-41 in another close game.

Bob Bolin hit 14 points to lead his team to victory, while Tom Barnett added 13 to the cause. Edward Swink also added 8 points to the victory.

Perry Champion 15 points for the losing team, backed up by Eddie Tesner with 8 points. Also, Pat Putnam and Robert Phifer added 5 points each.

GOLD, ADAMS LEAD SCORING

Sharon Gold and George Adams are thus far leading the Kings Mountain cagers in scoring this season. Both Gold and Adams have lead their teams to a combined total of nine wins against one loss. That loss coming to the girls against Chase.

Sharon has lead her team in scoring for the last three years. This year Sharon has gotten off to a slow start compared to last year. This is mainly due to an injury that she sustained last year. She is sporting a 12-point average.

George Adams has also returned to his form as he has dumped in 123 points in five games for a 24.6 average. Adams lead the team in scoring last year as a junior. He is regarded by many as the best high school player in the state.

Kathy Plonk is second in scoring for the lady Mounties. Plonk played well all last year on defense and this year she is helping with the scoring duties.

Following Adams on the Mountaineer staff is the sharp shooting sophomore Odus Cole. Cole is probably one of the best 10th graders in the conference. His average is probably one of the highest in the conference sophomore ranks.

Kings Mountain High School

J. V. Basketball Schedule

1968

January 4—Cherryville	At Cherryville (Boys)	7:00
January 8—Crest	At Crest	7:00
January 11—Shelby	Kings Mountain	7:00
January 15—Exam		
January 18—Burns	Kings Mountain	7:00
January 22—Lincolnton	Kings Mountain	7:00
January 25—East	Kings Mountain	7:00
January 29—Chase	Kings Mountain	7:00
February 1—Lincolnton	Lincolnton	6:30
February 5—Cherryville	Kings Mtn. (Boys)	7:00
February 8—Crest	Kings Mountain	7:00
February 12—Shelby	Shelby	7:00
February 15—Belmont	Belmont (Boys)	7:00
February 19—Burns	Burns	7:00
February 26—East	Kings Mountain	7:00

Sports Bulletin

The Kings Mountain Junior Varsity boys will open the after part of their season in Cherryville tonight. Only the boys will be playing due to the fact that Cherryville has no girls team. Game time is 7:00.

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Apps Should Do Well Again This Year

Appalachian is fresh from the championship season they had last year. The Mounties, under the able leadership of Coach Bob Light, employed sheer hustle and determination to capture the Carolinas Conference championship last season.

But if the Apps are to successfully defend their title this season, a replacement must be found for Gil Sprinkle. Last year the backcourt performer averaged 13.4 points per game and was brilliant on defense as he sparked ASU to 21 wins against eight defeats.

The other four starters will return again this year, along with the four top reserves. The Mounties, last season, established a school scoring record as they dumped in 2,338 points for a 80.6 per game scoring average.

This year Coach Light again will rely on speed, hustle, accurate floor shooting, and uncanny foul shooting to offset the rebounding advantage that most all of their opponents have enjoyed in the past.

The Apps, who opened a 25 game schedule at home on November 28, should be in the thick of a mad scramble by several teams seeking conference laurels this season. If the ASU players continue to improve as they did in the 1966-67 season they might well claim the championship trophy again.

Can Huff Stay Away From The Sport?

Sam Huff, the great linebacker for the Washington Redskins, says he won't be back next year. Is this really true? Sam has threatened to quit before and I am wondering if he can stay away from the sport for a very long time.

Sam suffered his first injury in 12 years of pro ball against the Rams in Los Angeles and the only humerous thing about the whole injury is that he had talked about how lucky he had been.

Mel Farr, the Detroit Lions' amazing running back, has finally realized that his dream has come true. Back in the summer Farr had only one goal in mind, and that was to be named the NFL's rookie of the year. Farr became a regular in the Lions' backfield the day he came to training camp.

The Lions needed a runner more than most teams. In 1966 they had the poorest running game in the NFL. It was no threat. But now that they have Mel Farr they have a brighter future.

One more interesting thing about Sam Huff, although Sam left a big hole in the Redskins' defense when he turned in his resignation he left a bigger hole in the New York Ginals' defense. It is still there although the famous number 70 of Giant championship days was traded to Washington in 1963.

This year in football, offense has been symbolized by Johnny Unitas of the Baltimore Colts and defense by Deacon Jones of the Los Angeles Rams. Both Unitas and Jones were outstanding in their forms of play. But Jones got the best of Unitas in the game between the Rams and Colts as he dropped the daring Colt quarterback for loss after loss.

Would You Believe, 14 Below?

After Sunday's game between the Cowboys and the Packers, I began to wonder. Why couldn't the game have been played on neutral grounds instead of the Packers' home field and the 14 below zero weather?

I know the game would have been a better one for the players, and for the fans who were lucky enough to get to see the game, in Green Bay.

One player for the Packers said that the game was really a cold one and it must have been even colder for the Cowboys, who are used to played in much warmer weather.

For those who didn't get to see the game or for those who don't know anything about the game the Packers won in the last few seconds on a two yard sneak by Bart Starr, the Packers quarterback. (17 to 21).

I am just about sure that the game would have been a much better one if it had been played in a warmer state. But I do realize that the Green Bay people were suppose to have the game because the game was played in Dallas last year. This still does not keep the weather from getting colder and the fans from freezing.

Dallas may have even won the game if it had been in a warmer part of the country. But who knows?

Surprising Sophomore

Otis Cole, the surprising sophomore for the Kings Mountain Mountaineer basketball team is doing very well. The sharp shooting guard has amazed everyone with his ball handling and shooting.

Otis is fast becoming the Southwestern's second place scorer in total points. The amazing thing is, Cole is only a 10th grader and he has two more big years with the Mounties.

George Adams is the Southwestern's leading scorer thus far in the season. George is averaging close to 25 points per game. His rebounding and blocking of his opponents shots has well made him one of the best big men in the state.