

# Mountainettes Drop Burns From Unbeaten Ranks

## Herald Sports

WINSTON-SALEM — Wake Forest's Deacons have surprised some folks with their current 9-2 record, which includes a 3-1 ACC log, but their next four outings prior to the semester exam break puts them squarely on the spot.

The next four foes are Duke, N. C. State, Davidson and North Carolina in that order. "Any team able to win those four would certainly deserve to be ranked among the nation's best," quipped Coach Jack McCloskey.

The action begins here Wednesday night in Memorial Coliseum against Duke, and continues Saturday afternoon against N. C. State in a TV game at Raleigh. Next week the Deacs go against Davidson at Charlotte Wednesday night, and battle North Carolina here Saturday afternoon in another TV scrap.

"This four-game stretch will certainly prove something," McCloskey added, "and we are ready for the challenge. We had two good performances last week in Greensboro with wins over Maryland and Virginia, and we hope to continue the streak."

The game with Duke will be the second of the season, but this one counts in the ACC race. The first meeting at Greensboro on Dec. 20, which the Deacs won by a convincing 106-78 count, was not a league encounter.

"We don't expect to have as easy a time as we had at Greensboro," the Deacon coach added, "Duke showed by winning the Sugar Bowl tourney that it is capable of beating the best."

In the first meeting, soph Gilbert McGregor had his best performance of the season. He tossed in 30 points and raked off 17 rebounds. Charles Davis, the club's top scorer at 21.9, had 26 points against the Blue Devils as 11 of the 12 Deacs who saw action in the game broke into the scoring column.

The Deacs showed a lot of good things in sweeping the two loop wins at Greensboro last week. Against Virginia they played solid basketball, both offensively and defensively, in running up a 41-19 halftime lead.

"We are always striving for that super-human effort," McCloskey said. "The entire squad played exceptionally good basketball in the games last week, and if we get the same type of performances in the next four contests we could surprise a great many more people."

Wake Forest's freshmen, returning after a three-week layoff, meet two Big Four rivals, Duke and N. C. State, this week. They take on the Blue Imps here Wednesday night and travel to Raleigh to play the Wolflets in an afternoon contest Saturday.

Coach Neil Johnston has been pleased with his squad's performance thus far this season. The Baby Deacons are 4-1, losing only to powerful Gardner-Webb by 89-62.

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The Baby Deacon coach has also been impressed by the consistent performances of center John Orenszak and forward Rich Habegger. Orenszak has a 17.4 scoring average, and leads the team in rebounding with a 12.2 figure. Habegger is right behind him in both categories with a 17.2 scoring average and a 12.0 rebound mark.

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# Mounties Play At Chase Friday Night

## Hussey's Boys Try To Break Losing Streak

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will travel to Chase Friday night in hopes of breaking a two-game losing streak and possibly moving up the Southwestern Conference standings.

Following their 83-78 loss to Burns Tuesday night, Coach Bob Hussey's charges are now 3-2 in conference play and tied for fifth place with Belmont.

Kings Mountain carries a 4-3 overall record into the contest and the main thing Coach Hussey will be trying to get his boys to do will be control of their personal fouls.

The Mountaineers committed 32 personals against Burns and five players — including four starters — fouled out. It marked the second straight time the Mountaineers had been beaten at the free throw line.

Chase sports a 1-3 conference record but the Trojans played league-leading Cherryville its closest game to date. The Trojans, in fact, led Cherryville by seven points after going into the fourth quarter before the Ironmen finally caught fire and squeezed out a 65-64 decision.

The Trojans, who haven't defeated the Mountaineers in over two years, are led offensively by football star Gary Cobb and Greg Price. Footballers Ronnie Winn and Elmer Macopson are also on the starting unit.

The Chase girls, usually the powerhouse of the Southwestern Conference, have taken their licks so far. The Trojanettes, missing three-time All-Conference star Nancy Tate, are 0-4 in conference play and 0-6 overall.

The Mountaineettes of Blaine Fronberger, led by Linda Childers and Vickie Turner, have come on strong and now sport a 3-2 conference record, good enough for fourth place. The Mountaineettes have won three straight, and all in impressive fashion.

The girls game Friday will get underway at 7 p.m., with the boys contest following around 8:15. Kings Mountain has an open date Tuesday but plays host to county-rival Shelby next Friday night.

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# Plonk Oil Meets KM Gulf For Lead

Plonk Oil Co. and Kings Mountain Golf Service are still deadlocked for first place in the Recreation Basketball League race, but one team will have to give ground tonight.

The two clubs meet for the top spot tonight in the first game of a doubleheader at the Armory. The nightcap pits third place Fashion Cleaners against fifth place Fulton's Dept. Store.

Both KM Gulf and Plonk Oil copied their fourth straight victory last Thursday night. The Gulf boys whipped Bessemer City 56-49 while Plonk Oil defeated Fashion Cleaners, 65-53.

Ragie White and Mike Ballard paced KM Gulf with 14 and 12 points respectively. Glenn Perkins added nine while David Carpenter of Bessemer City gained game scoring honors with 17 markers.

Plonk Oil placed three players in double figures in its victory over Fashion Cleaners. Ken Cash topped the attack with 18 points, followed by Tommy Barrett with

12 and Robert Plonk with 10. Richard Davis scored 22 for the losers and Barry Gibson added 14.

Monday night, Fashion Cleaners rebounded with a 45-44 win over Gastonia in the opener and Bessemer City captured its first victory in the nightcap, 53-48 over Fulton's Dept. Store.

Davis again topped Fashion's scoring, this time with 14 points. Gibson added 12 and Ricky Gibby led Gastonia with 15.

Steve Bovens tallied 19 to lead Bessemer City's victory over Fulton's. Perry Champion had 16 for the losers.

Teams	W	L
Plonk Oil Co.	4	0
Kings Mtn. Golf	4	0
Fashion Cleaners	3	3
Gastonia	1	4
Fulton's	1	4
Bessemer City	1	5

# RA Team Wins 78-18 Over Shelby

The East Side Baptist-sponsored RA Basketball team captured its second conference win Tuesday night by defeating First Baptist of Shelby 78-18.

High scorer for the local team was Wilson Ledford with 24. Second high scorer was Eddie Patterson with 17.

The East Side team plays in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association conference and is coached by Jim Downey.

Thursday's game, between the East Side team and Elizabeth Baptist church RA's, begins at 7 p.m. in the No. 3 school gymnasium.

The line-up and scores for Tuesday's game: Tommy Ledford, 10; Mickey Moss, 9; Wilson Ledford, 24; Eddie Peterson, 17; James Self, 4; Don Sessoms, 8; and Steve Cooke, 6.

# Gardner-Webb's Mascot Is Dead

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — Victor, mascot of the Gardner-Webb College Bulldogs for nine years, died Sunday. The huge Bulldog which had been cared for by Bud McSwain, postmaster at Boiling Springs, for many years resigned over a dramatic period of the college's growing athletic program.

During the nine years, Victor saw two Region 10 football titles, four Western Carolinas Junior College football titles, three Western Carolinas Conference basketball titles, a Region 10 basketball title, four WCJCC basketball tournament titles, three WCJCC baseball titles, a Region 10 baseball title, and two teams entered into national playoffs, and two conference golf titles.

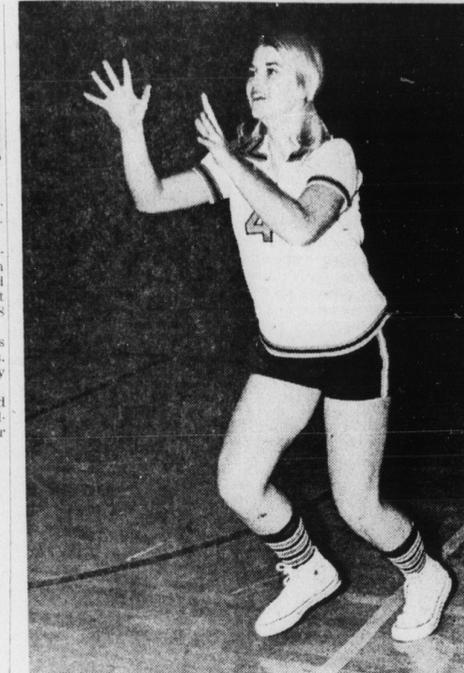
Ironically, his death comes at a time when the college is making a transition from junior to senior college athletics. His son, Victor II, will now take over the position. He also is being cared for by McSwain who does this as a service to the college and its athletic program.

# Southwestern Conference Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Crest	5	0
Burns	3	1
Lincolnton	3	1
KINGS MOUNTAIN	3	2
East Rutherford	2	2
Shelby	2	2
R-S Central	2	2
Belmont	1	4
Cherryville	1	4
Chase	0	4

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Chase	1	3
Crest	1	4
R-S Central	0	4
East Rutherford	0	4



STARTER — Debbie Timms (above) has seen action both as a starter and reserve for Kings Mountain's Mountaineettes this season. Debbie scored eight points in helping the KMHS lassies turn back Belmont in a recent conference contest. Debbie and her teammates travel to Chase Friday night to take on the defending conference and association champions. (Photo by Isaac Alexander).

# Boys Charged With 32 Fouls In Second Loss

Kings Mountain's girls pulled the upset of the year here Tuesday night but the Mountaineettes committed 32 personal fouls and dropped their second straight Southwestern Conference tilt, 83-78 to Burns.

The Mountaineettes, sparked by seniors Linda Childers and Vickie Turner, upset the heretofore undefeated Lady Bulldogs 33-30 in the opener. The loss left Burns in a tie for second place with a 3-1 loop record and Kings Mountain in fourth spot with a 3-2 mark.

The Mountaineettes, gaining their third straight victory after three early losses, jumped ahead 6-2 after one period but the Lady Bulldogs came roaring back to take an 8-6 lead.

The score was tied at 10-all at halftime but the Mountaineettes built up a 10-point spread during the fourth quarter. However, in the final two minutes the Lady Bulldogs came from behind to pull within two points but the poised Mountaineettes held on.

Turner finished as the game's top scorer with 14 points as she hit consistently from either side of the key. Childers, who played an outstanding floor game, added 11 points. Burns was led by Hooper with 13 points.

In the boys game, scoring was nip and tuck during the first period but the Mountaineettes managed a two-point lead, 18-16, at the quarter. Three quick baskets by the locals during the final 30 seconds of the first half made it 40-35, at intermission.

But, in the third period the fouls began to mount and by the end of the contest, five players, including four starters, had fouled out.

A technical foul was what turned out to be the "loser" for the Mountaineettes.

Midway of the fourth period, Mountaineer forward Ken Mitchem drew his fifth personal. Coach Bob Hussey replaced Mitchem with junior Jewel Watson, but a technical foul was called because Watson had already fouled out, although he nor the Mountaineer bench had been informed.

Nor was anyone informed when Mitchem, guard Alan Hambricht and a Burns player fouled out.

At any rate, big center Steve Peeler hit two foul shots on Mitchem's personal, then guard Arnold Cooke hit another on the technical. Burns then got the ball out of bounds and scored on the rebound play, making it five points, which turned out to be the difference in the final score.

"We're not making any excuses, nor are we saying Watson didn't have five fouls," commented Coach Hussey. "But, if he did have five fouls, he had been playing with that many all along."

"When we took Watson out of the game early in the third quarter, it was not after he had committed a foul, but during a time out. Our statistic sheet showed

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# Oates, Bob Herndon Win Bowling Titles

The local ladies and mixed bowling leagues have ended first half play. Oates Shell Service topped the ladies championship and Bob Herndon took the mixed title.

The men's league first half drew to a close last week with Plonk Oil Co. the winner.

Oates Shell finished first half play with a 40-28 record, a one-game lead over the American Legion. Bob Herndon had a 33-19 mark in the mixed league and a six-game lead over Richard Culbertson.

The seven definite are Newberry College at Gardner-Webb on Sept. 20; Guilford College at Guilford on Oct. 4; Newport News Apprentice School at Gardner-Webb on Oct. 11; Mars Hill at Mars Hill on Nov. 1; Appalachian University's Jayvees at Gardner-Webb on Nov. 8; Gordon Military Academy of Barnesville, Ga., at Gardner-Webb on Nov. 15 and Elon College at Elon on Nov. 22.

In ladies action Tuesday night, Patterson Auto Parts won three games of champion Oates Shell. Becky Barnett topped the winners with a 113 line and 319 set while Jenny Oates was high scorer for her team with a 129 line and 331 set.

The American Legion ladies needed at least three wins over

Drews Tax but could gain only a 2-2 split.

Captain Lib Gault led the Legion gals with a 140 line and week-high 356 series while Edna Bowen topped the losers with a week-high 147 line and 347 set.

In the other match, Plonk Brothers won four games off Herndon's Phillips 66. Barbara Miller led the winners with a 112 line and 315 set while Doris Ware's 109 line and Ethel Tignor's 295 series topped the losers.

All four members of the Bob Herndon team topped the 300-set mark to clinch the championship in the mixed league with a four-game sweep of Randy Blanton's team.

Rod Houser and Herndon tied for line honors with 139s and Herndon had a 396 series. Houser had a 360 set. For the losers, Blanton rolled a 126 line and 352 set.

Richard Culbertson won three games off John Dilling, with Culbertson leading the way with a 122 line and 353 series. Dilling's 125 line and Jenny Oates' 322 set led the losers.

Clyde Culbertson rolled a 133 line and 336 set to lead his team to a 3-1 win over Ronnie Culbertson. Charles Fite topped the losers with a 109 line and 315 set.

Albert Brackett's team has taken over an early lead in the men's second half race. Brackett's 160 line and 377 set led his club to a 3-1 win over Dilling Heating Monday night. Brackett's boys show a 6-2 record while three other teams are tied for second with 4-4 marks.

John Dilling was high scorer for the Heaters with a 126 line and 328 set.

Freddie Camp rolled a 131 line and Clyde Culbertson added a 361 set as Culbertson's team won three games off Plonk Oil Co. (Continued on Page Four)

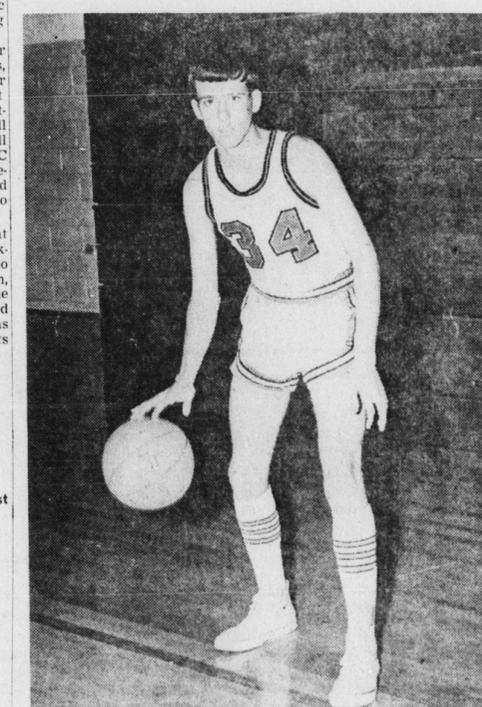
# Duke Swimmers At Clemson, SC

DURHAM, N. C. — Duke's tank team ends a three-week Christmas break with a two-stop visit to the Palmetto State this first week of 1969.

Coach Jack Persons' swimmers are at Clemson Wednesday and then travel east to Columbia to face South Carolina on Thursday.

Paced by freshmen Al Flesh in the 500 and 100 freestyle and Lee Williams in the 200 butterfly, the Blue Devils had a deceiving 1-4 December record.

Three of the four losses came at the expense of Atlantic Coast Conference powers North Carolina, N. C. State and Maryland. The win was over Appalachian State, 68-34, here Dec. 14.



SIXTH MAN — Steve Gladden (above), who started early in the season for the Mountaineers, is now the team's sixth man and has filled that role well for Coach Bob Hussey's club this season. He'll be ready Friday when the Mounties travel to Chase and again next Friday night when the KM lads host arch-rival Shelby. (Photo by Isaac Alexander).

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