



ATTA WAY TEAM — Three young Kings Mountain High basketball fans are enjoying what they're seeing. They were just part of a packed house that saw the Mountaineers take a 61-43 victory over county-rival Shelby at home Friday night. The KM girls also won, 32-21. (Photo by Isaac Alexander.)

# KM Whips Shelby In Doubleheader

## Crest Clubs Here For Pair Friday

Kings Mountain High School's basketball squads complete first round play Friday night when they play host to Crest in a Southwestern Conference doubleheader beginning at 7 p.m. The Crest girls go into the opening game 7-1 and tied for the conference lead with Burns, Kings Mountain, having had its five game winning streak snapped Tuesday night, enters the contest with a 53 mark and tied for third place with R-S Central. The Crest lasses, coached by former Waco High star Joan Cline Lattimore, are 9-1 overall. Their only loss was to Burns, a team which Kings Mountain defeated two weeks ago. Coach Blaine Fronberger's Mountaineers, led in scoring by seniors Linda Childers and Vickie Turner, are 5-4 overall. They lost their first three, then won five, then lost to R-S Central Tuesday 35-26. The Crest boys are 3-5 in league play and tied for sixth place with Lincolnton and Chase. The Chargers, coached by veteran Bill Powell, are fresh from an easy 71-60 victory over East Rutherford.

The Mountaineers carry a 62 conference record and 73 overall mark into Friday's contest. The Mounties have won three straight since dropping a 83-78 decision to Burns on Jan. 7. The SWC standings still show Cherryville's Ironmen on top with a perfect 8-0 record, but Coach Bill Hinson's veteran-laden crew had to come from behind in the fourth quarter before beating Lincolnton 43-41 Tuesday night.

Kings Mountain and Shelby are two games back at 62, followed by Belmont and Burns with 4-4 records. Junior forward Otis Cole continues to lead the Mountaineers in scoring with 221 points and a 22.1 average. Senior Ken Mitchem has scored 167 points for a 16.7 average and junior guard Charles Barnes has added 134 points for a 13.4 average. Senior playmaker Alan Hambrick scored only seven points Tuesday night at R-S Central and fell under the 10-point mark. He has scored 99 points for a 9.9 figure. Childers is the only Mountaineer averaging double figures. In nine games, she has tallied 101 points, an 11.2 average. Second round play begins Tuesday night with KMHS at East Rutherford. The Mountaineers won an earlier game over the Cavaliers, 74-49, but the East lads are a much-improved team.

John Dilling's team is undefeated in mixed league play. Thursday night, Dilling's club ran its record to 8-0 by sweeping Clyde Culbertson. Jenny Oates scored a 129 line and Dilling added a 349 set to lead the way. Culbertson topped his team with a 119-344. Richard Culbertson rolled a 142 line and 380 set to lead his team to a 4-0 win over Bob Herndon. Herndon led his team with a 131-326. Randy Blanton rolled a 130-358 to lead his team to a 3-1 win over Ronnie Culbertson. Edna Bowen had a 127 line and Charles Fite a 316 set for the losers.

Patterson Auto Parts leads the ladies league with a 7-1 record following a 4-0 win Tuesday night over Drewes Tax Service. Becky Barnette's 107 line and 300 set led the winners while Betty Hulleader had a 117-321 for the losers, who spotted 11 pins per game. The American Legion won three games off Plunk Brothers as Lib Gault rolled a 121 line and 314 set. Dessie Loftin had a 105-296 for the losers. Jenny Oates rolled a 118 line and 331 set to lead Oates Shell to a 4-0 win over Phillips 66. Ethel Tignor scored a 107 line and Peggy Ross added a 290 set for the losers.

STANDINGS (Mens League)

Team	W	L
Albert Brackett	13	3
Bob Herndon	8	8
Dilling Heating	8	8
Richard Culbertson	7	9
Plunk Oil	6	10
Clyde Culbertson	6	10
(Ladies League)		
Patterson Auto Parts	7	1
American Legion	5	3
Oates Shell	4	4
Drewes Tax Service	4	4
Plunk Bros.	2	6
Phillips 66	2	6
(Mixed League)		
Dilling Heating	8	0
Randy Blanton	6	2
Richard Culbertson	5	3
Bob Herndon	3	5
Clyde Culbertson	1	7
Ronnie Culbertson	1	7

STANDINGS (Girls Division)

Teams	W	L
Burns	7	1
Plunk Oil	7	1
KM Gulf	7	1
Fashion Cleaners	4	4
Gastonia	2	3
Bessemer City	1	7
Fulton's	1	7

## World Of Karate Growing In U. S.

By DAVID ADAMS  
The United States has more practitioners of Karate and Judo than any country outside Asia. But curiously, American training in the arts is limited almost to adults. A discouragingly small proportion of U. S. youngsters now take part in Karate, Judo or any of the martial arts. The situation is strikingly different in many other areas of the world. From South Africa to the Philippines, young people in large numbers are increasingly receiving the benefits of instruction in the Oriental defense arts. In Britain, a vigorous program is being pursued to introduce Karate into every grade school and high school in the nation. The implications of these developments are being discussed on Page Four.

## Girls Wins Fifth Straight, Boys In 61-43 Rout

Kings Mountain High School's basketball teams took a doubleheader from county-rival Shelby here Friday night, the Mountaineers winning, by a 32-21 margin and the boys copping, 61-43.

Again it was the scoring of seniors Vickie Turner and Linda Childers that led Coach Blaine Fronberger's Mountaineers to victory. Turner tossed in 12 points and Childers 10.

The Mountaineers were in command most of the way, leading by 14-7 at halftime. Ken Mitchem fired in 22 points in the nightcap to lead the Mountaineers into a tie for second place with Shelby, two games back of league-leading Cherryville.

Scoring was nip and tuck during the first half with Kings Mountain holding a 27-23 half-time lead. The Mounties stretched their lead to seven, 42-35, after three periods.

Then, in the fourth quarter, the Mountaineers bombed away while defending the Lions. The Mountaineers outscored their rivals 19-8 during the final eight minutes, behind a combined 11 points by Mitchem (6) and junior forward Otis Cole (5).

Cole, the team's leading scorer with a 22.9 average, finished with 15 points and senior guard Alan Hambrick, the club's playmaker, added 10.

Geary Homesley, a senior and returning starter off last year's 18-5 squad, led Shelby with 12 markers.

The outside shooting of Hambrick and junior Charles Barnes broke the game open for the Mountaineers in the second half. Their consistency from "down-town" enabled Mitchem and Cole to get free inside.

The victory was the fifth straight for the Mountaineers over their arch-rivals. The Lions haven't won a basketball game from the Mountaineers since KM's last year play, 1966.

For the Mountaineers, the 32-21 decision represented their fifth straight victory. Heading into Tuesday night's game at R-S Central the Mountaineers were 5-2 in league play, trailing co-leaders Burns and Crest by only one game.

It was the second straight conference victory for the Mounties since they were upset by Burns 83-79 on Jan. 7. Burns hasn't won a game since.

## KM-Shelby Boxscores GIRLS GAME

Shelby	(21)
F—Keeter	9
F—Vaughn	6
F—Caster	6
G—Thomas	6
G—Bass	6
G—Kensick	6
Kings Mountain	(32)
F—Turner	12
F—Childers	10
F—Reynolds	7
G—Wilson	3
G—Atkinson	3
G—Plunk	3
HT Score: K. Mtn. 14, Shelby 7.	

## KM-Shelby Boxscores BOYS GAME

Shelby	(43)
F—Mull	11
F—Lane	11
C—Hogue	8
G—Homesley	12
G—Toms	6
Kings Mountain	(61)
F—Cole	15
F—Mitchem	22
C—Howard	4
G—Hambrick	10
G—Barnes	8
Subs Scoring: Smith 2.	
HT Score: K. Mtn. 27, Shelby 23.	

## Patriots Host Wray Thursday At 4 O'Clock

The Central Junior High Patriots host Wray of Gastonia today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. The Central Jayvees play host to Boys Club Number Four of Gastonia immediately following the varsity game.

In games last week, the varsity dropped a 46-21 decision to Highland and the Jayvees lost to Boys Club Number Three, 36-25. Adams and Smith scored 12 and 11 points respectively for the Highland club. Jake Bridges led the Patriots with seven.

Highland led most of the way, being ahead 7-2 after the first quarter and 17-8 at halftime. John McGill and Kim Bumgarner scored eight points each and Butch Black added six for the Jayvees in their game against Boys Club.

After today's game with Wray, the Patriots will have only five more games, three at home. Home games will be against Arlington (Jan. 29), Gaston Day (Feb. 6) and Highland (Feb. 11).

## BOXSORES Central (21) — Bennix 2, Jolly 2, Bridges 7, Thombs 2, Ross 1, Wilson 8, Williams 3, White 1, Highland (46) — Adams 12, Smith 11, McCaskill 8, Friday 5.

The Mountaineers were led by senior playmaker Linda Childers who scored 14 points. The score was close at halftime, with the hosts holding a 13-11 lead. The second half belonged to Kings Mountain.

## Bates Likes New Two-Point Ruling

Kings Mountain High School football coach Bill Bates likes the new ruling which will allow high school teams to go for two-point conversions.

The ruling was made during a recent meeting of the national high school football federation in Atlanta, Ga. Another rule will allow teams to widen their goal posts to the same width as college and professionals, but it will not be mandatory until the 1970 season.

"We don't have any worry there," says Coach Bates, "because ours are already that way. We knew it was coming in so we widened ours when we built the stadium."

Coach Bates, who has turned out several outstanding grid machines at KMHS, says the new two-point ruling will help to eliminate sudden death playoffs. "I think it will add a lot of interest to the game," says Coach Bates. "It will give people more chances to second guess with the coaches."

"The goal posts being wider apart will help lead to more kicking, I believe. It should also help in getting boys interested in kicking field goals," he said.

Coach Bates said several coaches wanted a ruling passed which would move goal posts up 10 yards to the goal line, as they are in the pro ranks, but it was voted down.

"I sort of like the rule about the two-points," added Bates. "It's going to put more pressure on a coach because you're going to have to make a decision right there."

"If I have to ever make the decision," said Coach Bates, "I'm going for the win."

## State Bowling Tourney Here This Weekend

Mountain Lanes Bowling Center will host a state mens and ladies tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Manager C. H. (Cat) Houser said that bowling will begin Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The tournament will consist of three divisions: mens singles, ladies singles and mixed doubles.

Most bowlers from the three city leagues will participate along with duckpin stars from Gastonia, Burlington, and several other cities.

Houser said the State All-Events Tournament will be held in Kings Mountain in March. It will run for three weekends.

"This will mark the first time in several years that this tournament has been held in this area," said Houser. "About 10 or 12 years ago, Charlotte hosted it, but in recent years it has been held in the eastern part of the state."

## Mounties Whip R-S; Girls Streak Snapped

Juniors Otis Cole and Charles Barnes and senior Ken Mitchem teamed up to lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to an easy 76-48 victory over R-S Central Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers had their five-game streak snapped in the opener as the Lady Hilltoppers captured a 35-26 decision.

Cole, KM's leading scorer and also the top point man in the conference, led the way with 23 points, but Mitchem came through with 20 and Barnes added 19.

It was the second straight 20-point night for Mitchem, who bucketed 22 in Friday night's 61-43 victory over arch-rival Shelby. Mitchem also played his usual outstanding game off the boards.

The Mountaineers led all the way. At halftime, Coach Houser's charges were out front by 11, 33-22, and it was smooth sailing from then on.

The Hilltoppers, in seeing their record drop to 1-7, were led by Stacey Lail's 16 points.

In the opener, Kay Merchant scored 14 points to lead the R-S Central girls to their fifth league victory in eight starts and into a tie for third place with the Mountaineers.

## KM-R. S. Central Boxscores GIRLS GAME

Kings Mountain	(26)
F—Childers	14
F—Turner	5
F—Reynolds	3
G—Oliver	2
G—Plunk	1
G—Atkinson	1
R-S Central	(35)
F—Merchant	14
F—Daniels	10
F—Price	7
G—Whitesides	4
G—Shehan	4
HT Score: R-S Central 13, K. Mtn. 11	
Kings Mountain	(76)
F—Cole	24
F—Mitchem	20
C—Gladden	3
G—Hambrick	7
G—Barnes	19
Subs Scoring: Francis 3, Etheridge 1.	
R-S Central	(48)
F—Lail	16
F—Hines	8
C—Greene	8
G—Dickerson	4
G—Gibbs	3
Subs Scoring: Hamilton 2, Henderson 2, Hamrick 2, Hines 2, Hukes 2.	
HT Score: K. Mtn. 33, R-S Central 22	

## Herald Sports

DURHAM — It's a good thing the British were never confronted with "Quick-Draw" Rick Katherman when they stormed through Lexington and Concord.

The Manchester, Mass., native, whose rifle-release has spelled disaster for Duke basketball opponents during first half of the season, has always been a shooter. Duke coach Vic Bubas is gald of that.

The 6-7, 185-pound sophomore from the old Bay State, is one of the hottest topics in Atlantic Coast Conference basketball circles.

Since getting his first starting assignment seven games ago, Katherman's long bombs from the corners and the top of the key have had the fans at Duke Indoor Stadium and on the road buzzing.

In his last hardwood action prior to the start of exams, Katherman connected on 12 of 19 field goal attempts against Maryland and tied his career high of 25 points.

"It felt good," Katherman admitted after the game. "But I'd like to be able to put two equally consistent halves together."

Katherman hit eight of 10 shots in the first 20 minutes against Maryland. In the second half, he took only nine shots and made four. That's still a percentage any coach would be happy to have.

Katherman, who had a 41.7 scoring average as a senior in high school, admits he was a bit "apprehensive" about his chances to make it in the ACC. Reason? His high school was only Class D, one of the weaker classifications in the state.

"I felt this might hurt me," Rick confided. "But I think I've made the transition. I was a little apprehensive when I first came here but things have turned out pretty well."

Katherman, who has a field goal percentage of 49.7 and a scoring mark of 13.8, has always been a good shooter.

"Even as a sophomore in high school, I was fortunate to be a good shooter," said Rick. "My best shot was the jumper which I developed when I was much younger. But, in those days, I didn't concentrate on many of the other things that are so important in basketball. All I could do was shoot, but since arriving at Duke I've worked hard on several other phases of the game."

Katherman's first "SHOTS" heard 'round the ACC came in a reserve role against the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The lanky, blond bomber poured in 11 of 15 field goal attempts and finished with 23 points.

Katherman followed his spree against the Cavaliers with 12 of 26 against East Tennessee and 25 points. In Duke's 85-81 upset victory at Wake Forest, he canned 10 of 17 fielders and scored 22 points.

Equally impressive of late has been Katherman's rebounding. He led the team in repossessions with 11 at Wake Forest and hauled in 13 against Maryland.

The Duke coaching staff, Blue Devil rooters and Rick Katherman hope his "pump rifle" is on target the second half of the season.



NOW WHAT — Geeser Howard, KMHS sophomore, is guarded by Shelby's Marcus Mounney (22) and another unidentified Shelby player during action here Friday night. In background is KM's Charles Barnes (36). Mounties won, 61-43, completely demolishing the Lions.

## Plunk Oil And KM Gulf Still Lead City Loop

Plunk Oil Co. and Kings Mountain Gulf continue to run 1-2 in the City Recreation basketball league.

Plunk won its seventh straight victory of the season Thursday night, whipping Fulton's 55-42. KM Gulf won two games during the week, defeating Fashion Cleaners 55-42 on Thursday night and beating Fulton's 81-31 Monday.

In Monday's other game Gastonia whipped Bessemer City 49-35. Lawrence Bolin and Bobby Goodson scored 15 points each to lead Plunk's win Thursday. Tommy and Jack Barrett added 10 points each while John Ross led the losers with 15.

Reggie White scored 14 points and Bill Crocker added 12 as KM Gulf whipped Fashion Cleaners 55-42 in Thursday's nightcap. Jerry Gibson's 14 points led the losers.

Larry Thomas scored 16 points to lead Gastonia's 49-35 win over Bessemer City. Steve Bowers and John Carpenter led the losers with 12 each.

Reggie White and Bill Crocker scored 20 points each to lead KM Gulf to a one-sided win over Fulton's in Monday's nightcap. John Ross and Dave Conner hit 19 each for the losers.

STANDINGS

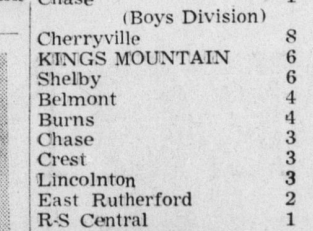
Teams	W	L
Plunk Oil	7	0
KM Gulf	7	1
Fashion Cleaners	4	4
Gastonia	2	3
Bessemer City	1	7
Fulton's	1	7

## Southwestern Conference Standings (Girls Division)

Teams	W	L
Burns	7	1
Crest	7	1
KINGS MOUNTAIN	5	3
R-S Central	5	3
Shelby	4	4
Lincolnton	4	4
East Rutherford	3	5
Cherryville	2	6
Belmont	2	6
Chase	1	7

(Boys Division)

Teams	W	L
Cherryville	8	0
KINGS MOUNTAIN	6	2
Shelby	6	2
Belmont	4	4
Burns	4	4
Chase	3	5
Crest	3	5
Lincolnton	3	5
East Rutherford	2	6
R-S Central	1	7



HEAVILY GUARDED — Kings Mountain's Nancy Reynolds (54) is surrounded by a pair of unidentified Shelby players during action at KMHS gym Friday night. Mountaineers won, 32-21.