



# HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

## All-Tournament

Frank Ballenger, our sports writing buddy from Shelby way, thinks Elon and St. Augustine didn't get a fair shake when it came to selecting an All-Tournament team for the Kings Mountain Invitational.

Frank says Elon's Larry Trautwein and St. Augustine's Lloyd Merrimon should have been given a berth on the squad, which was voted upon by Ballenger, Glenn Wall of Radio Station WADA, Shelby, and Bill Boyd, public relations director at Gardner-Webb College.

As Ballenger was told in a recent letter, the three all-tournament committeemen were asked not to consider players from Elon and St. Augustine. And the main reason for this was because the coaches from those two schools refused to return to Kings Mountain last Tuesday night for the championship round of the snow-delayed event.

Trautwein, who scored 26 points, and Merrimon, who tallied 23, certainly were among the top players in the field. But, let's face the facts. They played only one game, compared to two tilts by those who made the squad.

The players from Elon and St. Augustine had nothing to say about returning or not returning to Kings Mountain. But, neither team was scheduled to play last Tuesday night and since their coaches chose not to return here, tournament officials felt they didn't deserve any players winning all-tourney recognition.

True, a trip back to Kings Mountain would have meant extra travel and a heavy schedule for St. Augustine and Elon. But, didn't Gardner-Webb play four games in a span of six days? And, just for the record, the Bulldogs won all of them.

## Snow Carnival

You snow ski buffs will be in for a treat if you attend the 1972 Snow Carnival of the South in Boone.

Bob Bingham, president of the carnival, announced Monday that two former New York Yankee greats, Mickey Mantle and Bobby Richardson, will serve as marshals for the fourth annual event.

The big week is February 14-20 and the two former big league superstars will be there the entire week.

The highlight of the 1972 carnival once again will be the professional ski races featuring members of the International Ski Racers Association. The North Carolina race will offer a purse of \$30,000, richest on this year's tour.

In Mantle and Richardson the carnival is bringing to the mountains of North Carolina two of the outstanding pro athletes of the past 15 years.

Mantle, a sure Hall of Famer, won baseball's most coveted award, the most valuable player trophy, three times and on one of those occasions, 1956, he copied the American League triple crown, leading the circuit in home runs, runs batted in and batting average. The Oklahoma native played in the all-star game for 17 consecutive years, 1953 to 1969, and led the Yankees to 12 league titles and seven World Series crowns.

Richardson, a native of Sumter, S. C., currently serves as head baseball coach at the University of South Carolina. As a high school standout, Richardson played in Sumter under Fred Withers, former Kings Mountain High coach and now principal at Central Junior High School.

As a member of the Yankees, Richardson played on seven American League championship teams and three world championship clubs. He was an All-Star seven times and he won the Gold Glove award as the major league's top fielding second baseman five times.

In 1969, Richardson set a World Series record with 13 hits and in 1960 he set a record with 12 runs batted in during a single World Series.

In addition to the Men's Ski Racing the 1972 snow carnival will feature this country's first International Women's Professional Ski Race, the first Southern Ski Bob Championship, and a ski racing clinic conducted by Billy Kidd.

# Mountaineers Test Unbeaten East On Friday

## Girls Split With Belmont And Crest, Boys Lose Two

### Mounties Take South Point Overtime, 75-74

South Point's Red Raiders, regarded as many as a contender for the Southwestern Conference cage title in 1971-72, had to go overtime to beat Kings Mountain's Mountaineers 75-74 in the conference opener for both clubs here, Friday night.

South Point's girls, the team rated as the top club in the girls race, had little trouble in handling the Mountaineers their first loss, 44-22.

The boys game was nip and tuck throughout, due mostly to numerous turnover by both clubs. South Point held a 37-35 lead at halftime and the score was tied 71-all at the end of regulation play.

The Mountaineers, trying for their first win, took a 71-69 lead with 30 seconds to play in regulation but Bill Hannon's two free throws tied it for the Raiders and sent the game into overtime.

Kings Mountain never led in the extra period and went down to its third straight loss to the Raiders over a two year period.

Kings Mountain's Randy Wingo, who had 27 points, was the game's high scorer but the Mountaineers didn't have as much balance in their attack as South Point. Four Raiders hit double figures and a fifth barely missed with nine points.

Ben Brown with 12 points and Jim Jolly with 11 aided the Mountaineer cause. Hannon's 47 points topped the Raider attack. David Stowe added 11 points and Gil Stowe and Doug Froneberger added 10 each.

The victory gave South Point Coach Mike Hudcock a successful coaching debut. Hudcock took over the South Point coaching reins from Phil Tate and the Mountaineers made his SWC opener one to remember.

South Point's girls roared to a 21-10 halftime lead and handed Coach Blaine Froneberger's club its first loss in the opener. Shirle Hart scored 17 points and Beth Beaty added 12 to pace the Raiderettes. King Mountain failed to place a girl in double figures.



STARTER — Senior Diane Cornwell, above, will be in the starting lineup Friday when Kings Mountain's girls basketball team closes out pre-Christmas play at East Rutherford. The East girls are defending co-champions in the Southwestern Conference.

### Mounties Drop Fourth Straight To Chargers

Kings Mountain's girls basketball team snapped back from its only defeat of the season Tuesday night to defeat Crest 35-27 but the Mountaineers continued to have their problems, dropping their fourth straight, 66-59.

The victory by the Mountaineers gives them a 3-1 overall record and 1-1 Southwestern Conference figure heading into Friday's final pre-Christmas game at East Rutherford.

As has been the case in most of Kings Mountain's games thus far, Junior Deborah Crockett paced the scoring attack against the Lady Chargers. Crockett, last year's leading scorer, gunned in 10 points, her high single game mark of the season. Ledbetter scored 14 points to lead Crest.

Kings Mountain led most of the way, pulling away from a 12-9 halftime edge.

The boys gave one of their better efforts of the season but it still wasn't enough to upset the more experienced and taller Chargers.

Coach Allen Dixon's Mountaineers led much of the game, holding a 31-30 edge at intermission. But the Charger's poise was a little too much for the Mountaineers.

Kings Mountain placed three players in double figures but Coach Ed Peeler's hosts had four men with 10 or more points. Junior Mike Thoms, a guard, paced the Mountaineers with 15 points and forwards Randy Wingo and Wendell Dawkins added 11 points apiece. Tommy Maddox and Larry Hunt, two returnees from last year's unbeaten team, led the Chargers with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

It was the first win of the season for the Chargers, who were pre-season picks to repeat as SWC champions. Crest dropped a non-conference contest (55-54) to 4-A Hunter Huss and lost to East Rutherford 56-54 in its first conference game last Friday.

## KMHS Cagers Split Twinbill With Bessemer

Kings Mountain High's cagers split their second doubleheader with Bessemer City last Wednesday night in the Yellow Jackets' gym.

The local girls won their second straight contest over their 2-A Gaston County foes, 35-24, but the boys lost again, 56-51. It was the fourth straight loss for the Mounties to their non-conference opponent.

Deborah Crockett, a junior, was again the scoring leader for the Mountaineers with 12 points. All-Conference Carolyn Mitchem was the only other Mountaineer in double figures with 11.

Kings Mountain led most of the way. Coach Blaine Froneberger's club had a comfortable 20-10 margin at halftime and stayed ahead by at least 10 points during most of the final two periods.

Bessemer City failed to place a player in double figures.

Kings Mountain's boys put forth a much better showing than they did in their opening contest, when they fell to the Yellow Jackets 75-55.

The Mountaineers were in the game all the way, trailing by only one point, 27-26, at intermission.

Bessemer City's experience, however, turned out to be the key factor as Coach Ace Parker's club ran its record to 3-0.

Kings Mountain placed four players in double figures but that wasn't enough. Ben Brown led the way with 14 points, followed by Mike Thoms with 13 and Butch Blalock and Wendell Dawkins with 10 apiece.

Reggie Wideman, who scored 30 points in B.C.'s opening win over the Mountaineers, was held to 17 points but Larry Camp took

## Bob Pressley Wins NASCAR Sportsman Title

HICKORY, N. C. — Bob Pressley of Asheville has won the North Carolina State Late Model Sportsman Championship according to NASCAR. Pressley beat another Asheville veteran, Jack Ingram, for the crown. Harry Gant of Taylorsville finished third.

Ingram won the track title at Hickory Speedway in a down to the wire battle with Pressley. Gant also finished third in the Hickory track standings.

In the tough Limited class Ray Medford of Waynesville emerged the North Carolina winner in a close battle with Ted Wells of Asheville.

Ronald Fox of Taylorsville won the track honors at Hickory, and finished third in the state. Boyce Ekker of Hickory, who plans to move up to the Sportsman division next year, took second place at Hickory on the paved oval.

Wells has also announced he will be moving up to the Sportsman class for 1972.

Rules for 1972 for the Hickory track and the New Asheville Speedway are being mailed out this week to over 300 drivers, mechanics, and car owners registered in the Hobby and Rookie divisions. Only minor safety changes were made in the Rookie rules.

Several changes were made, however, in the former Limited class which will be renamed Hobby for next year. Most significant in the new rules is a weight limit on cars with a wheelbase of

up the slack by scoring 19. Goldie Byers, younger brother of former EC All-American Tony Byers, added 12 points.

(GIRLS GAME)  
K. Mtn. (35) — Crockett 12, Mitchem 11, Lovelace 2, Cornwell 4, Cash 2, Francis 2.  
B. City (24) — Langerfelt 7, Shuford 2, Brooks 6, Blanton 2, Hoyle 2.  
(BOYS GAME)  
K. Mtn. (51) — Dawkins 10, Brown 14, Wingo 2, Thoms 13, White, Blalock 10, Jolly 2.  
B. City (56) — Camp 19, Smith 3, Wideman 17, Alexander 2, Byers 12.

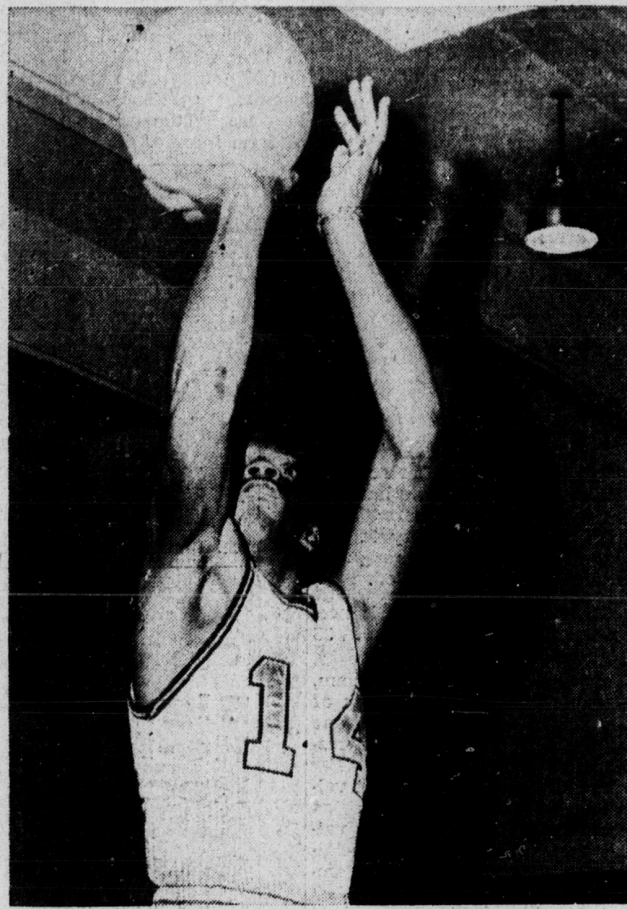
## Jayvees Sport 3-1 Record, Host East Rutherford Thursday Night

Kings Mountain High's junior varsity basketball team had its undefeated string broken Monday night as Crest took a 77-58 decision over Coach John Blalock's squad.

The loss left the Little Mountaineers with a 3-1 record. They host East Rutherford tonight at 7 p.m. at the KMHS gym.

Thurman Jordan, Kings Mountain's scoring and rebounding leader so far, had another fine effort in Monday's loss, scoring 17 points and hauling down 17 rebounds. John McGill scored 14 points and Carl Roseboro added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

In their first three games, the Little Mountaineers won 64-49 and 64-50 decisions over Bessemer City and defeated Belmont



LOOKING EAST — Mountaineer starting guard Mike Thoms hopes to help Coach Allen Dixon's squad upset unbeaten East Rutherford on the road Friday. The Cavaliers are leading the Southwestern Conference, although most guessperts didn't figure they'd figure they'd be in the running for league laurels.

## Central Sets Record With 104-27 Victory

Central Junior High's basketball team, off to another flying start under Coach Porter Griggs, set a school scoring record Monday with a 104-27 victory over Gaston Day School.

The 104 points is definitely a record at Central and is believed to be the most points ever scored by any prep squad in Kings Mountain.

Coach Griggs said he began substituting in the first period, when his Patriots ran up a 32-3 lead. But even his seventh graders had little trouble with the Spartans.

Central romped to a 60-15 lead by halftime and with four minutes to play, seventh grader William Thompson hit the 100th point.

Tommy Manning scored 20 points and Steve Southwell added 18 for the Pats, who ran their record to 3-0. Gaston Day failed to place a man in double figures.

The victory followed a hard-fought 34-22 win over Grier last Thursday. The Patriots led the Gastonia club 25-16 going into the final quarter but had to fight off a determined rally by the Knights.

Manning and Southwell were the big guns in that game, also, scoring 12 and 10 points respectively.

Kings Mountain's freshman

squad wasn't as fortunate during the past week. Coach Tommy Pruitt's club dropped a 61-52 decision to Grier Thursday and lost a 48-45 game to Burns Monday.

A determined KM rally almost pulled out a win over Grier. The Knights led by 47-36 going into the final quarter but had to hold on to win. The Burns game was close throughout.

Kenny McCoy was the high scorer for KM in both games, hitting 24 against Grier and 17 against Burns.

- THURSDAY'S GAMES  
Central (34) — Manning 12, Jackson 2, Thompson 4, Southwell 10, McYean 6.  
Grier (32) — Edwards 3, Fewell 8, Floyd 6, Stafford 8, Friday 7.  
(Freshmen)  
K. Mtn. (52) — Austin 2, McCoy 24, Byers 10, Bristol 7, Mercer 5, Bell 2, Smith 2.  
Grier (61) — Warren 19, Moss 21, Jamison 2, Williams 15, Miller 2, Lewis 1, Adams 2.  
MONDAY'S GAMES  
Central (104) — Manning 20, Jackson 7, Mackie 6, Southwell 18, McLean 9, Mason 13, J. Thompson 5, Wray 8, Smith 6, Yanbrough 7, W. Thompson 7, Carpenter 2, Anderson 4.  
Gaston Day (27) — McIntyre 3, Price 6, Brown 4, Smith 4, Hodges 2, Hall 2, Moore 5.

## East Girls Also Eyeing Big Season

One thing's for certain. When Kings Mountain's Mountaineers travel to East Rutherford Friday for their final pre-Christmas basketball encounter, they'd better be ready for a fight.

East Rutherford's Cavaliers, as you'll recall, were eagerly looking forward to a second place spot in the Southwestern Conference last season when the Mountaineers upset them 55-51 in the last regular season game. The loss left Coach Connie Hamrick's club in a runner-up tie with Shelby and a loss in the league tournament knocked them out of a possible association playoff berth.

So, the Forest City outfit will have revenge in its mind Friday night and will be trying to send the Mountaineers back home with their worst licking in a long time.

The Cavaliers should have their best chance in several years against a team which at one time was the most-feared cage outfit in this part of the state. East is undefeated, one of its victories coming over last year's champs, Crest, by a 54-42 score.

Sammy Watkins, a returning starter from last year leads the East charge. He was named the most valuable player in the recent Cavalier Tipoff tournament which the hosts took in a breeze.

Kings Mountain is off to another poor start and the Mountaineers appear headed for their second straight losing season. They've dropped their first four tilts, including two to non-conference foe Bessemer City and one each to league opponents South Point and Crest.

Kings Mountain's girls will also be in for a rough time. The Lady Cavaliers who tied Burns for the regular season championship last winter, are unbeaten again this trip and are eyeing another title.

Friday's action will be the last for the Mountaineers until January 4, when they host Lincolnton. But the Mountaineers will play in the Burns Holiday tournament on Dec. 29-30. The tournament was originally scheduled for Dec. 3-4 but was postponed due to the snow.

In opening night action at Burns, the Mountaineers will take on the host Bulldogs in the 9:15 nighttime. Shelby and Crest open the tourney at 7 p.m. Opening night losers will play on the 30th at 7 p.m. and the winners will play at 9:15 for the championship.

The county tournament is to be an annual event with the site being changed each year.

## Brown, Mitchem Players Of Week

Seniors Ben Brown and Carolyn Mitchem have been named players of the week in basketball at Kings Mountain High. They were honored for their fine play in games against Bessemer City and South Point.

Player of the week is sponsored by the KMHS varsity cheerleaders.

# BOWLING

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### Mixed League

Betty Huldender, bowling for the Plonk Oil Co. mixed team Thursday night, posted the highest score of any bowler participating in league play this week at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

Betty scored a 365 series to lead Plonk Oil to a four-game sweep of Dilling Heating. She had a single games of 107, 137 and 121.

Jenny Oates scored a 125 line and 332 set to add the Plonk Oil cause. John Dilling was high scorer for the losing team with a 121 line and 343 series.

Bob Herndon tallied a 128 line and 343 set, and Randy Culbertson chipped in with a 348 series to lead Herndon's team to a four-game sweep of Mull Ramsey's outfit. Ronnie Culbertson scored a 118 line and 343 set for the losers. Ramsey was the only other bowler on his team to top the 300 mark as he rolled a 307.

Bob Ramsey's team won three of four games from Ranny Blanton's bowlers. Ramsey led the way for the winners with a 135 line and 339 set and Wimp Bowen added a 311 series. Blanton was high man for the losers with a 121 line and 336 set. Buck Vincent added a 120 line and 324 series.

358 series to lead his team to a 2-2 split with Dilling Heating.

Two other bowlers topped the 300 figure for Ramsey's outfit. Richard Bridges scored a 126 line and 330 set and Lee Norville added a 132 line and 312 series.

For Dilling Heating, the Hipps boys, Terry and Gerald, led the way with 323 sets. Terry won high line with a 127 and Gerald's best single game was a 118. John Dilling also topped the 300 mark, scoring a 111 line and 318 set.

All five bowlers topped the 300 mark from Cub's Paint Co. Clarence Plonk led the way with a 119 line and 346 set. Rany Blanton scored a 129 line and 340 set, Bill Mullinax had a 126-340, Paul Ware a 110-309 and Steve Rathbone a 114-306.

Four of the five members of the losing team bowled 300 or better, led by Wimp Bowen's 135 line and 350 set. Bob Wells had a 317 series, Ronnie Culbertson a 313 and Furman Wilson a 306.

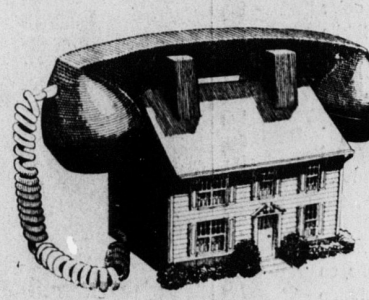
Quality Sandwich placed four bowlers over the 300 mark in its three game to one win over Albert Brackett's team. Robert Ramsey paced the winning outfit with a 127 line and 347 series. Ronnie Culbertson had a 327 set, Bob Herndon a 308 and Bob Wells a 307.

For the losing team, Rod Houser led the way with a 143 line and 345 set. Albert Brackett and Buck Vincent also topped the 300 mark, scoring 343 and 302 sets, respectively.

### Men's League

Mull Ramsey was high scorer in men's league action Monday night. He rolled a 136 line and

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