

KM Grid Banquet Is Set For Tonight

The 39th annual Lions Club football banquet honoring the Kings Mountain High Mountaineers is set for 7 p. m. tonight at Kings Mountain Motor Inn.

Jim Heavner, a KMHS graduate and now president and general manager of Radio Station WCHL, Chapel Hill, will be guest

speaker.

Highlight of the banquet will be presentation of several trophies and plaques to all senior members of the team. Members of the KMHS championship team of 1964 will be on hand to present the awards.

Trophies to be given include the Mirror-Herald Player of the Year Award, the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy, the Dr. George Plonk Most Valuable Player Award, the John Gamble Scholastic Award, the Most Improved Player Trophy and the Mountaineer Award.

The 1976 Mountaineers posted an 8-2 overall record, the school's best mark since '64. They tied South Point for third place in the Southwestern Conference standings.



JIM HEAVNER

SPORTS

Boys In First Victory, Girls Pull Back To .500

Kings Mountain High's basketballers took a twinbill from Chase Friday night on the Trojans' home court, the girls winning 62-38 and the boys copping their first victory, 65-59.

The two KMHS clubs were scheduled to host Bessemer City in a Southwestern Conference twinbill last night but the results were not available at the Mirror-Herald's press deadline. The game was originally scheduled for tonight but was changed because of the Lions Club football banquet.

The KMHS girls led all

the way in the opener as they evened their early-season record at 2-2. Chase fell to 0-4 and is the only girls team in the league that is still winless.

Coach Kathy Brooks' ladies jumped out to a 13-9 first quarter lead, then broke the game open in the second quarter when they outscored the Chase girls 23-12 to take a 36-21 half-time lead.

Susan Mitchem continued her hot scoring pace with 27 points, and sophomore Priscilla Rickenbacker had her best game of the year, adding 17. They were the only KM

players in double figures. Carolyn Dewberry led the Lady Trojans with 15.

Kings Mountain's boys fell behind early but took advantage of Chase fouls in the second half to come back and win their first game of the year. The KM victory left both clubs tied for seventh place with 1-3 marks.

Thirty four fouls were called on the Trojans and the Mountaineers connected on 31 of 50 foul shots to win the game. KMHS made only six field goals in the second half but canned 23 free throws. Chase had a big scoring edge on KM from the floor (25 field goals to 17) but made only nine of 18 foul shots.

Chase lost five players by fouls, including four starters. Derrick Harris, who scored 18 points, was the only Chase starter to stay around until the end.

William Thompson led the KM scoring effort with 21 points, Eddie Ingram added 16 and Bobby Odoms 10.

Chase led 14-11 after one period and 31-30 at half-time, but the fouls began to take their toll early in the third period and by the time the fourth quarter rolled around the Mountaineers were in command.

GIRLS GAME

KM (62) Roberts 4, Mitchem 27, Rickenbacker 17, Henderson 2, Hickman 5, Tate 3, Mack 4.

Chase (38) — Blackwell 6, Dewberry 15, Deck 2, Phillips 6, Padgett 2, Williams 1, Vickers 6.

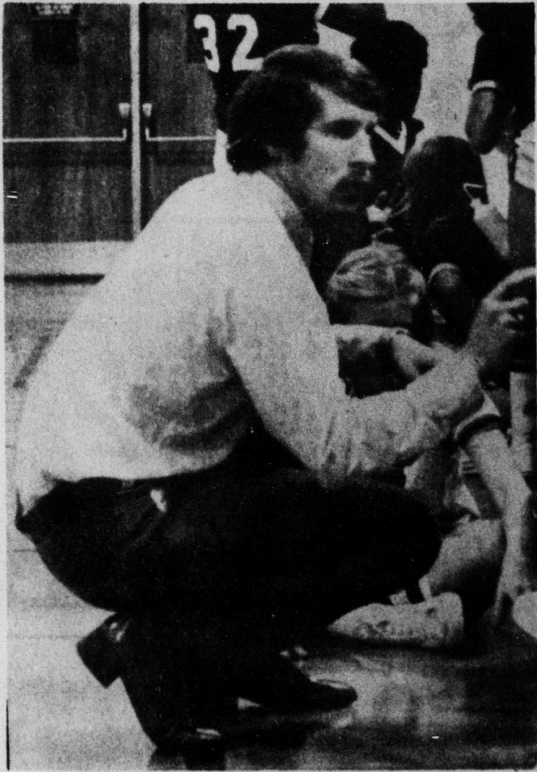
BOYS GAME

KM (65) Ingram 16, Bell 6, Lockhart 2, Odoms 10, Thompson 21, Ellis 4, Prescott 2, Cloninger 4.

Chase (59) — D. Phillips 4, R. Phillips 5, Harris 18, T. McSwain 10, C. McSwain 7, Crenshaw 4, Doggett 4, Greene 2, Dewberry 5.

SWC STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L
Crest	4	0
R-S Central	4	0
Burns	3	1
Shelby	3	1
N. Gaston	3	1
S. Point	2	2
KM	1	3
Chase	1	3
E. Gaston	1	3
E. Ruth.	1	3
B. City	1	3
Cherry.	0	4
(Girls)		
Burns	4	0
N. Gaston	4	0
Crest	3	1
R-S Central	3	1
K. Mtn.	2	2
E. Ruth.	2	2
S. Point	2	2
B. City	1	3
Cherry.	1	3
E. Gaston	1	3
Shelby	1	3
Chase	0	4



OPENS WITH WIN — Joe Rountree, shown here talking to his players during a timeout in Thursday's game with R-S Central, opened his basketball coaching career with a 50-41 win over the Lady Hilltoppers in the Southwestern Conference jayvee game. A former Shelby High athlete, Rountree, a first-year teacher at KMHS, also coaches the school's cross country team.

KM Jayvee Girls Win, But Boys Lose To R-S

Kings Mountain High's junior varsity cagers split their Southwestern Conference openers with R-S Cen-

tral here Thursday, the girls winning 50-41 and the boys losing 57-53 in overtime.

GIRLS GAME

KM (50) — McClain 21, Leach 8, Littlejohn 12, McSwain 4, McGill 5.

RS (41) — Carson 16, Forney 15, Puffy 7, Ledbetter 3, Burrell.

BOYS GAME

KM (53) — Terry McClain 13, Thomas McClain 12, Miller 9, Adams 8, Caldwell 5, Scruggs 4, Friday 2.

RS (57) — Landrum 15, Searcy 13, Latham 10, Copeland 7, J. Hamilton 5, Lattimore 4, L. Hamilton 3.

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