KMHS Junior Varsity Girls Cagers SWC Co-Champions With 10-2 Record

Kings Mountain High's jayvee girls basketballers defeated East Rutherford 38-17 Thursday to clinch a share of the Southwestern Conference championship.

The victory ended the Little Mountainettes' season. Coach Joe Rountree's ladies finished with a 10-2 record, same as R-S Central.

It was no contest Thursday at East as the KM ladies ran to a 15-1 first quarter lead, and toyed with the Lady Cavaliers after that. Coach Rountree began clearing his bench early in the second period.

"I was real nervous about this game," noted Rountree, "because East Rutherford almost beat R-S Central last week. But our girls just went out there and beat them playing good fundamental basketball."

Elizabeth McGill led the KM scoring 10 points and Robin McSwain and Sabra Bristol added eight each.

"I'm not trying to run down East," said Rountree, "but that was a boring game to watch. Our girls could have gone up there without a coach and beat them. We even put people in different positions to make it interesting."

The Mountainettes led by 25-5 at halftime and 32-9 after three quarters.

The Little Mountainettes became the first KMHS basketball team to win a conference championship since 1969-70 when the varsity boys team won the SWC title with an unbeaten record.

"Our success this year was due to the fact that we played excellent defense and played well together as a team," noted Rountree. "Needless to say, I enjoyed my first year of coaching."

The lone defeats for the KM ladies came in first round play, when they dropped road games to Shelby and Burns. They avenged both of those losses recently in the KMHS gym, beating both county rivals without the help of one of their top scorers and rebounders, Barbara McClain, who sat out the second half with an injury.

Probably KM's most satisfying win came Wednesday at home when the Mountainettes bombed Shelby 57-26 in a game that wasn't as close as the final score indicated. Coach Rountree, a Shelby graduate, began clearing his bench early in the second period after running up a 14-4 first quarter lead.

The Mountainettes were out front 30-12 at intermission and 46-18 after three periods.

Elizabeth McGill almost single-handedly scored as many points as the entire Shelby club. She ripped the nets for a 23 points, most of any KMHS player this season.

Cheryl Leach and Sabra Bristol added nine points apiece and Annette Littlejohn scored eight.

Shelby Coach Caroline Dedmon was ejected from the game in the second half after drawing three straight technical fouls. McGill shot six technical free throws, hitting four.

Kings Mountain's boys, who led the SWC much of the season, dropped their final two games to end their season with a 9-5 record.

Burns and Shelby finished as co-champions with 11-3 records.

The Little Mountaineers fell to Shelby Wednesday, 45-35, and lost to East Rutherford Thursday 45-44.

Darryl Friday was the high scorer for KM in both games, hitting 11 against Shelby and 13 against East. KM led 34-32 going into the fourth quarter against the Cavaliers but the home team came back to win it.

WEDNESDAY BOXES

KM (57) — Littlejohn 8, McSwain 7, McGill 23, Leach 9, Bristol 9, Baity, Blalock, Boyd 1.

Shelby (26) — Shell 2, Hicks 6, Woods 2, Hamrick 2, Boyd 2, Smith 5, Manning 5, Sims 2.

THURSDAY GAME
(Girls Game)

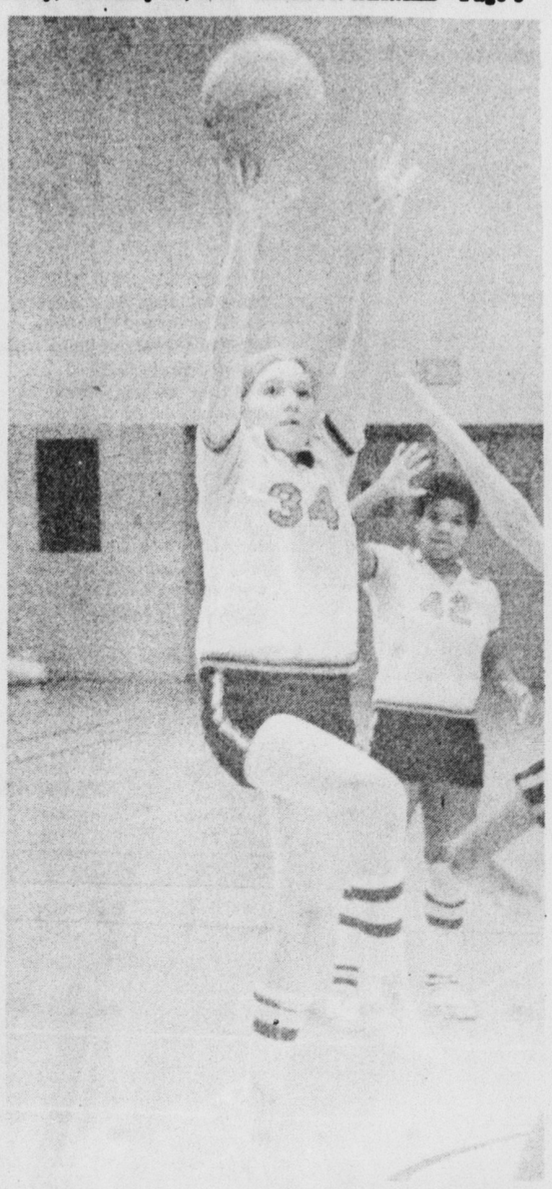
KM (38) — Littlejohn 4, McSwain 8, McGill 10, Leach 6, Bristol 8, Baity Blalock 2, Boyd.

ER (17) — White, M. Bristol 5, Hampton 2, Green 6, L. Bristol 4.

(Boys Game)

KM (44) — Friday 13, Hamrick 7, Th. McClain 6, Curry 4, Caldwell 4, Adams 3, Johnson 3, Te. McClain 2, Miller 2.

ER (45) — Simmons 15, Brooks 11, Baxter 8, Logan 4, Wiley 3, Hardin 2.



HIGH SCORER — Kings Mountain's Elizabeth McGill fires a jump shot for two of her game-high 23 points in Wednesday's 57-26 victory over Shelby at the KMHS gym. McGill led the Little Mountainettes to a 38-17 win over East Rutherford Thursday as the KMHS team copped a share of the Southwestern Conference title.

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Gordon Second In Association

Kings Mountain High's heavyweight, David Gordon, came in second place in the Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association tournament last week in Salisbury, but can take some pride in the fact that he won the association championship for Concord High School.

Gordon, KM's 5-11, 240-pounder, was matched in the heavyweight finals against 6-5, 300-pound Bill Cooper of Watauga.

Gordon suffered a groin injury with 22 seconds left in the match and it was thought Cooper might be awarded the victory on a default, which would have given him 16 team points.

But Gordon came up off the mat to finish the match and lost by a 10-5 decision. The decision gave Watauga only 14 team points and they finished one-point shy of Concord in the team standings.

"Gordon was badly disappointed," noted KMHS Coach Bo Goforth, "because he felt like he could have beaten Cooper. The only big difference in the two was Cooper's size.

"But David has nothing to be ashamed of," he went on. "He gave a good showing and he's only the second wrestler ever from Kings Mountain to reach the association finals."

The other KMHS wrestler to make the finals was Alfred Ash, who won the title four years ago. Ash is now a member of the Appalachian wrestling team.

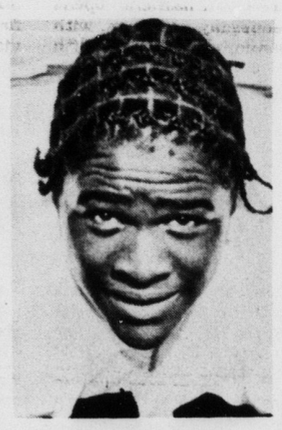
Gordon won four matches, two by pins, before reaching the finals against Cooper. The loss to Cooper was the only one suffered by Gordon this season.

Gordon opened the tournament Thursday with a pin over Bill Ellis of West Iredell and he came back in the second round with a pin or Paul Pierce of South over Iredell.

He won a 13-7 decision over seventh seeded Logan Fufe of Trinity in the third round and took a 10-7 decision over sixth seeded Leon Gaither in the semi-finals.

Gordon finished with 22 of Kings Mountain's 26 team points.

KM's other four team points were won by 155-pound Norman Phillips,



DAVID GORDON

who pinned Bill Bridges of Crest in the opening round.

No other KMHS wrestlers won, but several gave good showings against some of the top-seeded wrestlers.

Craig Bell, KM's 100-pounder, lost out to Coffey of Watauga in the opening round and Coffeey went on to win the association title.

Sammy Bell, 105, lost to Poore of West Rowan; Tim Mitchem, 112, lost to Fesperman of Trinity; Lawyer Lewis, 126, was pinned by eighth-seeded Lefevers of Hudson; Ponder Sherrill, 132, lost by default to Foust of South Point when he re-injured his back; Robert Ingram, 138, lost to third seeded Richie of Concord, who went on to finish second; Tim Spicer, 185, lost a narrow 14-13 decision to VanAuken of Mooresville; and Bruce Valentine, 195, dropped a narrow decision to Roger Deals of North Gaston.

Tim Speight, a 155-pounder from Albemarle and the brother of Kings Mountain Junior High coach Joe Speight, won the title in his weight division.

The outstanding wrestlers, as voted on by the participating, coaches, were Sonny Morton of South Iredell and Bruce Moody of Lexington.

"We're looking forward to next year," said Coach Goforth, "when we'll have everybody back except Tim Spicer. Also, we'll have seven coming up from the junior high school team, which had a real good season this year. So our program is really looking up."