

# Week's KM-Shelby Score: KM 4, Lions 0

## ★★★ Jayvees Sweep Lions In Monday's Twinbill

Kings Mountain High's jayvee cagers copped a pair of impressive wins over Shelby Monday night in their home openers.

The Little Mountaineers of Coach Ed Guy won their third straight game, 41-36, leading all the way after jumping out front 11-2 in the first period.

The Mountaineers used a tough defense and the strong rebounding of

Kenny Gwinn, Chris Huskey and Rafay Johnson to hold on after leading by an easy margin, 21-10, at intermission.

The Little Mounties had their lowest shooting percentage of the year, hitting only 18 of 52 shots, but, according to Guy, "we made up for it with a real strong defensive game."

Gwinn, who led all scorers with 12 points, also

topped the rebounding department with nine. Huskey added seven and Johnson five. Todd Friday scored 11 points and Johnson 10 to aid the scoring.

"Friday gave us real good leadership at point guard," noted Guy, "and Mike Spears, even though he didn't score a point, played a real good defensive game and helped us a lot."

The Little Mountaineers host tough North Gaston here Friday at 4:30 in a prelim to the varsity doubleheader, which begins at 6:30.

Kings Mountain's girls walked all over Shelby in their debut under new head coach Sue Swanda.

Debbie Appling scored the first seven points for the Little Mountaintettes and from there they had little trouble in registering a 58-19 victory.

Appling finished with 17 points and 19 rebounds, game-high totals in both departments. Mary Moore added 16 points and 11 rebounds, Mary Kay Plyler had 10 points and Lisa Baity eight points and eight rebounds.

Only three players managed to score for the Shelby ladies with Zella Smith getting 13 of their 19 points.

"We did really well," noted Coach Swanda, whose club will get a much tougher test here next

### THURSDAY GAME

KM (47) — Gwinn 22, Spears 4, Johnson 2, Friday 7, Miller 8, Huskey 4.

BC (43) — Brown 2, Davis 7, Farr 9, Huffstetler 15, Smith 2, Starr 2, Fronev 6.

### FRIDAY GAME

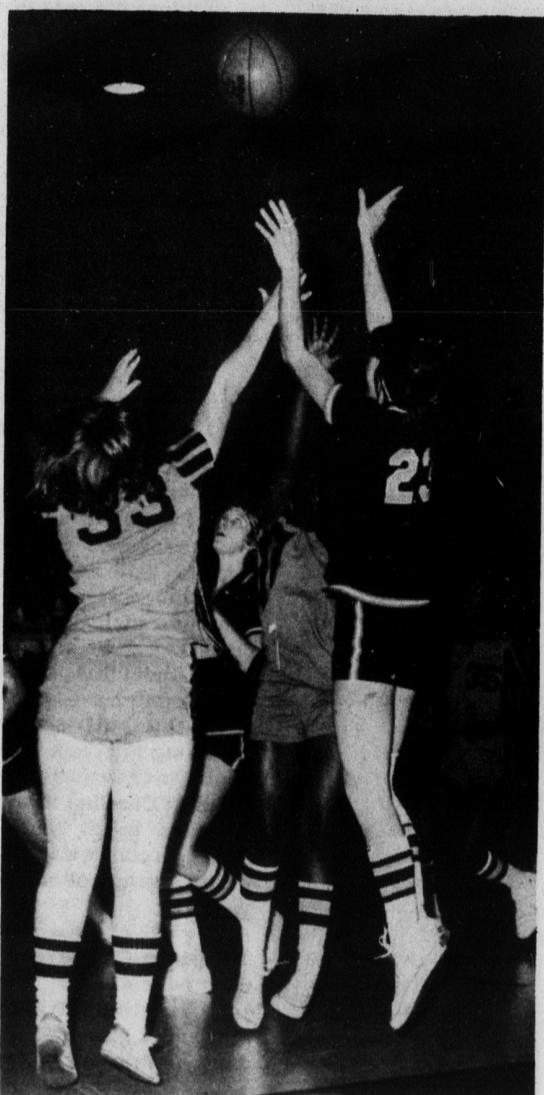
KM (59) — Gwinn 22, Bell 4, Spears 6, Johnson 8, Friday 2, Huskey 4.

EG (46) — Hall 14, Saunders 7, Wilson 11, Isley 10, McClain 4.

### MONDAY GAME

KM (41) — Gwinn 12, Bell 2, Spears, Johnson 10, Friday 11, Huskey 6.

Shelby (36) — Mason 8, Ager 6, Down 8, Green 8, Surratt 4, Gingles 2.



**HIGH SCORER** — Debbie Appling (23) fires for two of her game-high 17 points in Monday's KM-Shelby jayvee game at the KM gym. The Little Mountaintettes opened their season in fine fashion, trouncing the Shelby five 58-19.

Monday at 6:30 when it hosts Burns. "We did a lot of running and played real good defensively."

The Little Mountaineers opened their season last week with a pair of victories over Gaston County teams.

They nipped Bessemer City in their non-conference opener Thursday, 47-43, and came back Friday to defeat East Gaston 59-46 in their conference opener.

Gwinn was the big gun in both games, scoring 22 against BC and 25 against East Gaston.

KM fell behind 23-13 at halftime against BC but used a three-quarters court press to force the

Yellow Jackets into several turnovers in the second half. Gwinn, Jerome Miller and Huskey began to control the boards for KM and that also played a big part in the win.

The Little Mounties led all the way against East Gaston. Huskey and Gwinn turned in another fine rebounding job and Spears and Johnson turned in good defensive efforts on the wings.

KM hit an impressive 54 percent from the floor.

### GIRLS GAME

KM (58) — Appling 17, Moore 16, Plyler 10, Baity 8, Goode 7.

Shelby (19) — Brown 2, Smith 13, Clark 4, Littlejohn, Browner.

## Napier's Team At It Again

Kings Mountain Junior High's Patriots established themselves as contenders for a third straight conference championship Monday when they knocked off the pre-season favorite in the Western Athletic Conference, Crest.

The Patriots of Coach Ken Napier fell behind early but roared back in the second half behind 6-2 ninth grader Dennis McGill to cop a 50-46 decision.

McGill, with scouts from Gardner-Webb and Lenoir Rhyne looking on, poured in 15 points in the third quarter as the Pats turned a 14-13 halftime deficit into a 35-32 lead going into the final period. McGill finished with a game-high 26 points and 17 rebounds. Ricky Proctor added 10 points and nine rebounds and Chris Wright had 10 rebounds to aid the KM cause.

KM won the game at the foul line, hitting 15 of 17 attempts in the third and fourth quarters and hitting 18 of 30 for the game.

"The key to this win was

that our kids never gave up," noted Coach Napier, who has done a remarkable coaching job here the

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**TOUGH DEFENSE** — Kings Mountain High's Andrena Goode (13) guards a Shelby player closely as the Little Mountaintettes press full court in

## ★★★ Boys Defeat Shelby For First Time In Five Years

Kings Mountain High basketball teams ran their week's record against Shelby to a perfect 4-0 Tuesday night when the varsity cagers swept a twinbill on the Lions' home floor.

The KM girls snapped back from their opening game loss to East Gaston with a 54-41 victory and the Mountaineers copped their first win over Shelby in five seasons 49-47.

The KMHS junior varsity squad had started the week Monday with a doubleheader sweep over the Lions in the KM gym, the Little Mountaintettes winning 58-19 and the Little Mountaineers copping a 41-36 decision.

The Mountaineers' "Ice Man," Eric Dixon, whose two free throws sealed last week's opening 62-61 win over East Gaston, came through again Tuesday, scoring the last five KM points to hold off a Shelby comeback bid.

Dixon hit a field goal with a minute left to put the Mounties up by 46-44, then hit both ends of a one-and-one for a 48-44 margin. After a Shelby basket, the sophomore point guard added another free throw with 30 seconds left to put the game out of reach at 49-46.

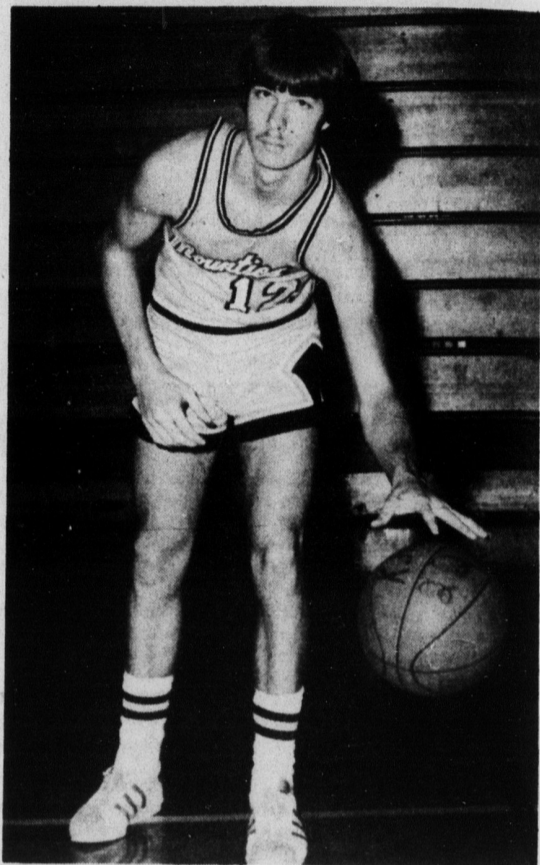
KM's margin of victory came in the final quarter when the Mountaineers outscored Shelby 14-9. Shelby had led 15-12 after the first quarter, KM was on top 26-25 at halftime and Shelby led 36-34 going into the fourth period.

The victory was the first for KM over Shelby since December of 1972 when the Mountaineers topped the Lions 57-52 for the championship of the Cleveland County Tipoff Tournament.

KM finished with three players in double figures with Everette Burris leading the way with 15 points. Vernon Bell added 14 and Dixon 11. Jeff Roark led the Lions with 15.

Coach John Blalock, needless to say, was overjoyed, and so were the KM players and fans. "People were jumping up and down and hollering and crying," said Blalock. "I'm very proud of them."

Blalock said the big keys to victory were Dixon's free throw shooting and the Mountaineers' depth.



**THE ICE MAN** — Eric Dixon, sophomore point guard, hit three pressure free throws and a key field goal in the final seconds Tuesday at Shelby as the Mountaineers edged the Lions 49-47 in a big Southwest 3-A Conference gamd. It was the first KM win over Shelby in five years.



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think this win will help us turn our program around. "Another thing that pleased me was that we played together as a team. East year we had too much individual play. But everybody contributed to this win and that's what we'll need if we are to have a good ballteam."

The KM girls placed three players in double figures as they ran their Southwestern Conference mark to 1-1. Shelby fell to 0-2, having dropped their opener last week to defending champion North Gaston.

Junior Priscilla Rickenbacker poured in a game-high 19 points and senior Judy Henderson and junior transfer Faye Ramey added 10 points apiece.

The Mountaintettes took command in the second quarter, outscoring the Shelby girls 14-8 to lead by 25-19 at intermission. KM led 37-28 going into the fourth quarter.

The two KM clubs open the home portion of their season Friday against North Gaston at 6:30. A boys jayvee game between the Little Mountaineers and Wildkittens will precede the twinbill at 4:30.

### GIRLS GAME

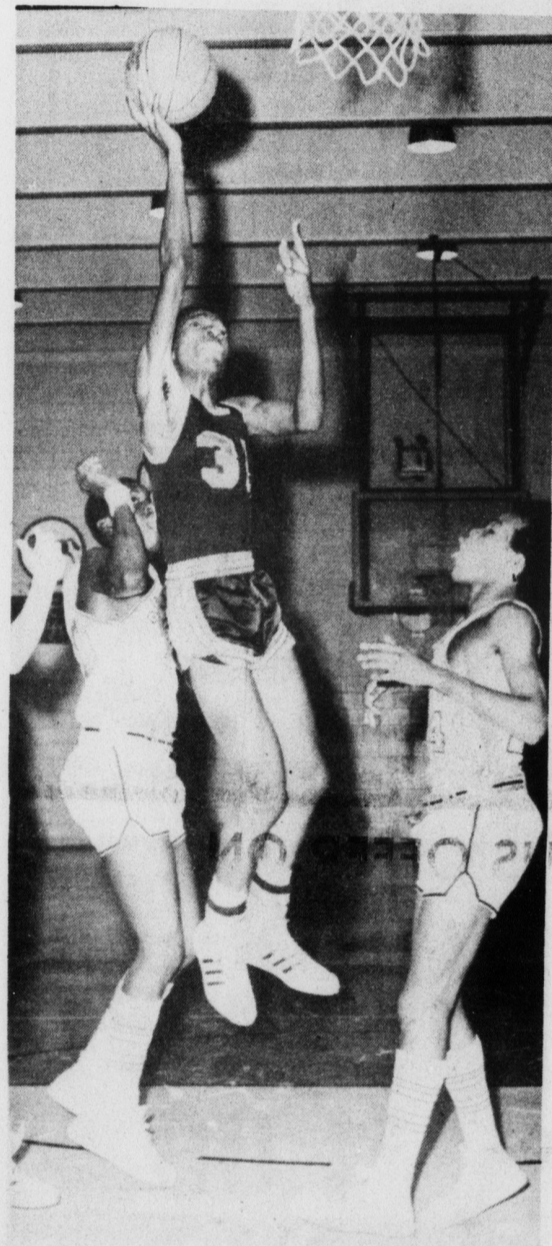
KM (54) — Rickenbacker 19, Ramey 10, Henderson 10, Bristol 4, Ingram 2, Littlejohn 3, Bridges 2, Mack 4.

Shelby (41) — Smith 5, Hamrick 5, Cline 17, Cannon 5, Shell 2, Hicks 4.

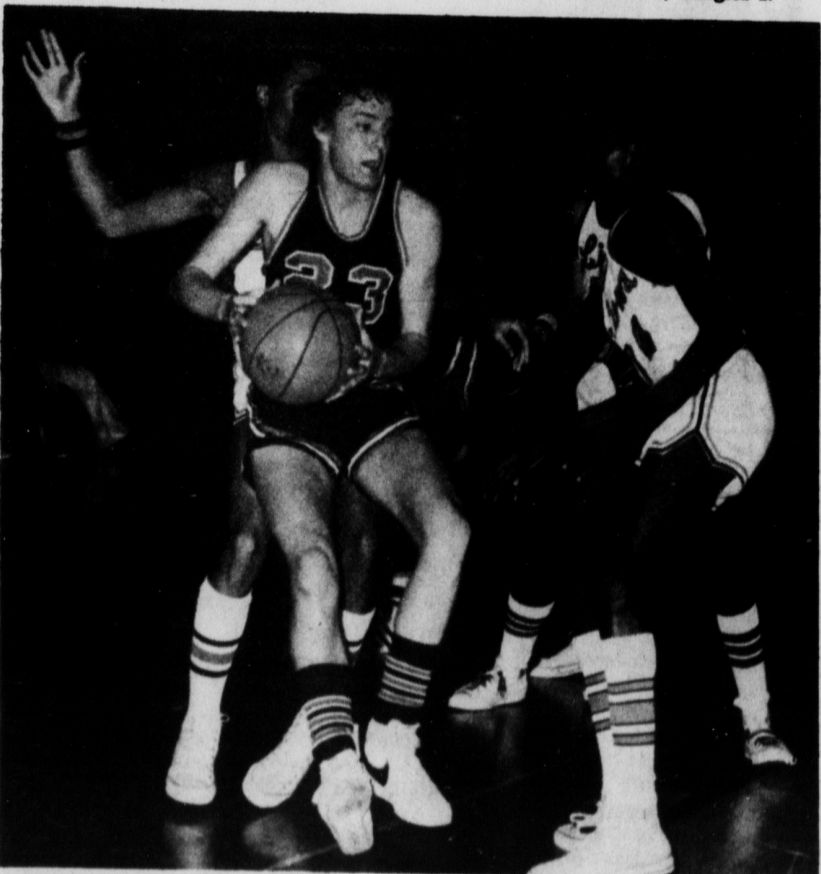
### BOYS GAME

KM (49) — Bell 14, Burris 15, Prescott 5, Dixon 11, Lockhart 2, Ellis 2.

Shelby (47) — Roark 15, Terrell 4, Mack 5, Toms 6, Hamilton 7, Cannon 3, Lackey 1, Smith 6.



**KM LAYUP** — Kings Mountain's Kenny Gwinn (31) goes in for a layup in KM-Shelby jayvee game Monday night at the KM gym. The Little Mountaineers defeated the Baby Lions 41-36 for their third straight victory.



Photos By Gary Stewart

**IN LIONS' DEN** — Kings Mountain's Mike Spears (23) is surrounded by Shelby players as he looks for someone to pass to in Monday's jayvee action at

the KMHS game. The Little Mounties won their third straight. They host North Gaston Friday at 4:30.