

Raiders, Cherries Take Locals In Twin Bills

on the bench

with Bob Hoffman

OFFICIALS — AGAIN — The crop of officials in the Southwestern AA Conference this season is not a bit better than the whistle-blowers of last year.

A couple of things are very puzzling about the referee situation.

One is that everyone says the northern end of the conference always has better officials than the southern portion. Why is this?

Another little item that I can't figure is why does a team get the same team of referees at almost every ball game? Kings Mountain has had one official for four of its games thus far this season. To add to the troubles, this particular official has yet to call a good ball game.

One coach said recently that the fans in this portion of the conference drove out any good officials that might happen to wander into the officiating field. For the past two seasons, there have been no good officials to drive out, and the half-hearted ones won't leave.

At a ball game in a loop town recently, the take at the gate was \$34. Of this, \$27 went to the officials for fees and mileage allowance. The home town school man was not pleased with this deal and said so. He added that after that type of officiating, the referees should pay to get in the game.

There is plenty of room for improvement in the Southwestern officiating ranks, and I for one would welcome an overall change of personnel.

I'm not saying that Kings Mountain is getting robbed by the officials, although in a couple of instances I have felt this might have been the case. Officiating in the whole loop is poor, and should be revamped with good officials being brought in if necessary.

Present officials seem to fall into one of two groups. One group blows the whistle at any infraction and slows the game, while the other bunch never calls a foul and the game resembles a slugging match before it is over. Let's get some happy medium whistle-blowers.

HERE AND THERE — With spring training just around the corner, the major league ball players are getting out last year's records in a try for bigger pay checks. It is always interesting to see just which players get the raises, and why.

Mickey Mantle is said to be asking for \$70,000 for 1957. This is a 100 percent increase over his 1956 salary of around \$35,000. Will he get it? I doubt it.

As one local baseball man recently said, "If the Yanks give Mantle that kind of money now, he'll be asking for \$150,000 or more before he is through."

Mantle at 24 is one of the youngest stars now playing and if his legs hold out he will no doubt be around for another 10 years. His homers will draw fans into the Stadium as long as he is around. If he gets into the fabulous money, and he will, it will come as a result of his gate appeal.

Ted Williams says he needs the money and therefore will play again in '57. That brings up the question of how much will the Thumper get this year. He would not play for less than \$100,000, but the Boston officials feel that he makes up for the salary at the gate. Thousands come to the park just to see Williams, or to watch him get into it with fans and writers.

The big trade involving Whitey Lockman must have fallen through. At any rate, Lockman has signed his 1957 contract with the Cards.

Roy Campanella is not happy with the remarks made by Jackie Robinson concerning the Dodger's catching situation. Roy just joins the hundreds of other players, etc. on the "I Resent Robinson's Remarks" list. Jackie doesn't seem to be the sort of personality for a public relations job. Looks as though the "Chock-Full-Of-Nuts" people were hunting a name instead of an expert on getting along with people.

Robinson calls Chuck Dressen the best manager he ever played under. Maybe Washington should have bought the fiery second-sacker, that way at least one of Chuck's ballplayers would have liked him.

LEGION MENTOR — Who will the Kings Mountain Legion baseball coach be for 1957. This is a question that is as yet unanswered.

High School Coach John Gamble was approached and offered the job, but he turned it down.

Other prospects being mentioned favorably are Principal Lawson Brown of Kings Mountain and Coach Gene Kirkpatrick, who handled Shelby's second team last season.

So far the job is up for "grabs" and it could go to anyone interested.

SHORT SHOTS — One idea I've heard recently is to allow all money collected through the use of the city's "whammy" go to the recreation commission. At the rate it caught speeders during the first week, the city could have a big new recreation building in a short while.

Wonder if Frank McGuire's water boy for the UNC cage squad uses a step-ladder? Another thing that worries me is how does McGuire get those 6-foot, seven boys in those short dorm beds?

Looks like Carolina will hang on to the nation's number one spot for at least another week. The Tarheels meet Western Carolina in this week's only game for the leaders.

Ligon's boy basketball team has become the hottest squad in the Southwestern conference. The Lincs knocked off the previously unbeaten Cherryville squad, and then scared Forest City badly before bowing by a single point. Frank King's lads may give the leaders trouble before the schedule is out.

Jayvees Lose Two Girls Win Second

Coach Shu Carlton's "B" team basketball squad dropped a pair of games during the past week, while Lib Collette's girls racked up their second win of the season.

Forest City knocked off the junior Mountaineers there on Thursday night by a 50-47 margin in a close game that saw the locals bow in a double-overtime period.

Tommy Thomas paced the locals with 22 points. He was trailed by Connor with 9 and Biddix with 8. Owens headed the Forest City efforts with 17 points. Medford trailed closely with 15 markers.

Kings Mountain pulled from seven points behind in the fourth quarter to tie the contest. Each team scored six points in the first overtime session, with Forest City dunking a field goal at the buzzer to throw the contest

into the second extra period. Forest City hit three points in the final overtime period to ice the win.

Monday night, the jayvees invaded Shelby and the boys were again downed, this time by a 45-29 score. Gladden and Connor had eight apiece to lead the locals. R. O'Shield's 15 points headed the Shelby scoring and Ropp and Wright hit 10 each.

The girls bounced the Shelby boys by a 36-28 margin, with Evelene Oliver hitting 16 to pace the Kings Mountain attack. Becky Ormand bucketed 14 for runner up honors. Short's 14 point effort was high for the baby Lionettes.

Oliver is pacing the "B" team scoring thus far, having hit 30 points in the girls' previous win. She got a taste of varsity action against Cherryville Tuesday night and dunked 10 points in a one-quarter performance.

Ironmen Take Squeaker By 48-45, Local Girls Also Defeated 69-46

Kings Mountain's basketball teams dropped games to both Cherryville's boys and girls in the Ironmen gym Tuesday night.

The boys' contest was a wild and woolly affair complete with slugging, use of elbows and resembling the contact usually seen in football. The Ironmen iced the contest in the last few seconds of play taking a 48-45 win.

Officiating was very lax, and the game got out of control with about two minutes gone. The officials never did gain control of the heated action.

Kings Mountain had 18 fouls called, while the Cherries had 11 infractions charged.

Keith Layton led the Mountaineers scoring with 22 points, 17 of which came in the last half. Ken Baity hit 10 markers for second place honors. Buddy Talbert was the big gun for Cherryville with 15 points. Tommy Wilson bucketed 13 for runner-up honors.

Kings Mountain trailed 11-5 at the end of the first period, and were behind 24-16 at halftime. Cherryville pulled into a 12-point lead early in the third period but had the margin cut to six points at the close of the third stanza.

The Mountaineers pulled one point ahead a couple of times in the last minutes of the contest, but charity shots by Cherryville erased this lead. Talbert hit a long shot in the last second of play to add a pair of points to the one-point lead then held by the Cherries.

Outscoring the home team 40-32 from the floor, the locals dropped the decision from the foul line as Cherryville hit 16 of 29 free throws. The Mountaineers hit on five of 14 foul shots.

Coach Lib Collette's girls led 15-14 at the end of the first period, but this was the only time during the contest that the score favored the locals.

Cherryville roared back to lead 37-23 at halftime, and took the contest by a 69-46 score.

Barbara Smith paced the locals with 20 points. Judy Medlin and Evelene Oliver dropped in 10 each to share second place scoring. Sigmon was the big gun for the Cherryville squad with 49 points. Lingerfelt and Dellinger dropped in 10 each to aid the cause.

Davidson Downs Compact In Pair

Davidson High School's cage teams dropped Compact High in a pair of tilts last Tuesday.

The girls' game ended 22-17 with Boyd and Brown netting six points each to pace the winners. Compact's scoring was paced by Leach, who hit 10 of the team's 17 points.

The boys' tilt was not as close as the Davidson boys racked up a 60-37 win, with Smith's 23 points paving the way to victory. Goode, who bucketed 10 points, paced the Compact efforts.

The Davidson boys have won four of five games played this far this season. They are coach-

BOYS KINGS MOUNTAIN

PLAYER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Layton	9	4-9	4	22
Baity	5	0-1	0	10
Bridges	2	0-0	4	4
McGinnis	2	0-1	2	4
George	1	0-0	4	2
Pressly	1	0-0	4	2
Stewart	0	1-3	0	1
Herrndon	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	20	5-14	18	45

CHERRYVILLE

PLAYER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Crissom	1	5-8	1	7
Buff	4	1-4	1	9
Wilson	6	1-4	2	13
Talbert	5	5-8	1	15
Austell	0	4-5	4	4
Craft	0	0-0	2	0
TOTALS	16	16-29	11	48

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
KM 5 11 15 14—45
Cherryville 11 13 13 11—48

GIRLS

PLAYER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Crissom	1	5-8	1	7
Buff	4	1-4	1	9
Wilson	6	1-4	2	13
Talbert	5	5-8	1	15
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TOTALS	16	16-29	11	48

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
KM 15 8 10 13—46
Cherryville 14 23 15 17—69

Raiders Down Local Cagers Twice, McGinnis, Cansler Lead Scoring

The cage squads of Central High School dropped a twin-bill to Belmont's Red Raiders here Friday night.

Final score in the nip and tuck boys contest was 38-35, with Belmont pulling the game out of the fire in the final minutes of play. The girls were downed 61-54 in another thrilling tilt, that saw Belmont trailing 16-9 at the end of the first period. The Raiderettes had a 47-36 lead at the end of the third quarter, but the local lassies cut that margin down to seven point in the final period.

John McGinnis paced the boys' scoring with 13 points. He was followed closely by Keith Layton, who hit 10 markers. Belmont's leader was T. Sanders with 10 points.

The game was tied at 32 all at the end of the third period, and it looked as though the Mountaineers might win their second of the season. However, Belmont controlled the ball and hit six points compared with three charity throws for the locals in the final stanza.

Diane Cansler paced the local girls with 23 points. Smith's 14 was good for second place hon-

ed by J. A. Gibson and R. B. Bailey.

Mrs. M. B. Leach coached the Davidson girls to their first victory in many years over Compact. The two teams will meet Washington High School at Washington gym on Friday, February 1, in their next outing.



HIGH SCORER — Keith Layton, junior forward, is leading the Kings Mountain basketball squad scoring with 119 points in nine games for a 13.2 average. Layton has hit in the double figures in all but one of these contests. His latest effort, and high for a Mountaineer player this year, was a 22 point total against Cherryville Tuesday night.

BOYS

PLAYER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Layton	3	4-10	4	10
Baity	2	0-4	4	4
Bridges	3	2-4	2	8
McGinnis	3	7-9	2	13
George	0	0-0	1	0
Fisher	0	0-0	0	0
Pressly	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	11	13-27	13	35

PLAYER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hand	0	0-0	0	0
B. Sanders	2	3-4	3	4
T. Sanders	3	4-7	3	10
Williams	3	2-4	2	8
Poag	3	1-3	3	7
Abernathy	1	3-4	1	5
Maynard	2	0-0	5	4
TOTALS	14	10-22	17	38

Score by quarters:
KM 5 14 13 3—35
Belmont 6 10 16 6—38

GIRLS

PLAYER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hand	0	0-0	0	0
B. Sanders	2	3-4	3	4
T. Sanders	3	4-7	3	10
Williams	3	2-4	2	8
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Abernathy	1	3-4	1	5
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KM 16 6 14 18—54
Belmont 9 23 15 14—61

Forest City, R-S Next Cage Foes

Two exciting contests are on tap for the Mountaineers in this week's upcoming Southwestern AA Conference basketball wars.

The Mountaineers open a two-game home stand with Forest City providing the competition Friday night. The Tornadoes took a 43-40 victory over the locals in the first meeting of the two squads. However, the Forest City team had to come from behind in the last two minutes of the contest to win.

On the distaff side of the picture, the visitors are expected to have a little tougher time with the local girls on their home grounds. The Forest City lassies took a 74-42 win over the Kings Mountain girls there.

Rutherforddon-Spindale will invade Central gym on Tuesday night to try for their second straight twin-bill sweep over the Mountaineers. The R-S boys took an overtime 40-39 victory there in the first meeting. The girls had less trouble winning and took a 67-38 conference win.

Keith Layton has been the big scoring punch of the Mountaineers thus far in the season, and the tall forward's left-handed shot is gaining more and more respect around the loop. In fact, Layton has been the only consistent scorer on the squad.

In the friendly confines of Central gym, Coach Don Parker is hoping that John McGinnis, Ken Baity, Charles Bridges and Curt George will also get in the scoring parade. McGinnis, when hot, is one of the best long shot men



PLAY MAKER — John McGinnis, senior guard, is the chief playmaker of the Mountaineers this season. John is highly regarded by cage opponents, and can give lots of trouble when his set shot is hitting. McGinnis is a hold-over from the 1955-56 squad.

in the conference. Lack of point production from the pivot slot has been a big handicap for the Mountaineers to date. Coach Parker may use Junior James Pressly to try to find a scoring threat in that position. Pressly has performed little to date, but has been impressive in his appearances.

Rites Conducted For Joe Wharton

Funeral rites for Joe Wharton, of Greenwood, S. C., were held in Greenwood Wednesday morning.

Mr. Wharton, a salesman for an Atlanta, Ga.,asket manufacturer, was a brother-in-law of Byron Keeter, of Kings Mountain. Mr. Wharton died Monday. He had been seriously ill for a week. His wife, the former Viola Keeter, survives.

Good calf raisers always see that the calves start getting some dry feed — hay and grain — at about 10 days of age, says J. D. George, Extension dairy specialist at North Carolina State College. The grain fed is usually a special calf grain mixture, but the kind is not so important as is the point that the calf get some grain, he adds.

security of being part of a group, accepted for what he is and not always the slowest.

(7) Early training of the trainable child teaches good habits and thus prevents bad habits. Less remedial teaching is then necessary.

(8) Public school programs give insecure parents needed security of knowing that their defenseless child is competently supervised and taught. Parents know that their child "belongs" and is accepted by the community.

(9) Public school programs will encourage the parents to bring the trainable retarded child forward for proper training rather than lonely neglect.

(10) Bringing together trainable retarded children in a public school program will encourage religious, recreational and vocational programs to be sponsored. Such services are enjoyed and taken for granted by persons who are not retarded.

(11) Public school classes for the trainable will encourage research for better teaching methods to help all children.

(12) Nationwide, only about 10 percent of the mentally retarded are in our overcrowded institutions. So the retarded are primarily the responsibility of the community.

(13) A public school program for the trainable retarded child is much less expensive per child than is now possible in the community sponsored centers.

(14) At present it is legal for a county to spend tens of thousands of dollars for dog pounds but they cannot legally spend one dime for schoolrooms for the trainable retarded children. The proposed bill will remedy this neglect. This proposed legislation gives the trainable retarded child nothing special. Schooling is something that every child takes for granted. Please do all in your power to support this legislation.

Local Civic Groups Supporting Bill For Education Of Retarded

Proposed legislation setting up funds to educate the "trainable" retarded child in North Carolina received the backing of three Kings Mountain civic groups this past week.

Bruce Thorburn, a director of the Gaston County School for Handicapped Children, said Wednesday that the Kiwanis, Lions and Jaycees of the city had endorsed the proposed bill.

Mr. Thorburn pointed out that the "trainable" retarded child can learn self care, lives and learns well in a small group, and can be taught to do simple jobs with some supervision. He added that academic work for these children is seldom above the second grade level.

The civic and other organizations of the city are being asked to support this proposed bill for the following reasons, Mr. Thorburn reported:

(1) Parents pay taxes for schools without getting any teaching aid for their trainable

retarded child.

(2) These parents have greater teaching problems and yet get no help in teaching this child who learns so much slower than most.

(3) It is less expensive to train them for usefulness than to care for them through life.

(4) They can be useful if taught and will do routine simple jobs happily. The world needs workers who do simple jobs happily. The retarded persons living at Caswell Training School performed \$900,000.00 of work in one year, according to their training director, Mr. Gareth Thorne.

Many of these workers fall in the "trainable" classification.

(5) Twenty-four hour supervision is a grueling burden to parents. A school program changes the burden to a challenge of developing the child to his maximum. Parents are more productive and better citizens when they see this progress.

(6) Unrecognized abilities often emerge after a child has the

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