



Pat's Peckings

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Mountaineer Lineup Changes Each Game

Sports short-takes from here and there... One short year can make a lot of difference... Last basketball season, Coach Don Parker started the same five players in every Mountaineer game, except one when Ken Baity was away at the Shrine football game... The starting line-up stood-up in print throughout the campaign... Keith Layton, Don Fisher, James Pressly, J. D. Biddix and Baity.

It's a far different story this season... The Mountaineer mentor did not start the same five players in any of the first five games of the year... The only ones getting the starting assignments in all the early contests were Don Fisher, the squad's lone returning letterman, and Bobby Goodson, the team's tallest performer... A half-dozen other players have shared the other starting roles... Jimmy Blanton, Chip Thorburn, Jerry Wright, Tommy Thomas, Tommy Watson, and James Robbs.

Manager George Wilson now claims the biggest game attraction in the Nicaraguan winter league on his Cinco Estrellas team in the person of Marv Throneberry, the Yankee first-base alternate, who joined the Kings Mountain resident's team the day after Christmas... Over 9,000 turned out for Throneberry's first game... The Nicaragua fans call the big slugger, "The Storm," because of his lusty hitting.

Coaches sons played prominent roles in the recent Carrousel and Dixie Classic cage events... Don Hennon of Pitt is the son of one of Pennsylvania's top prep mentors... And Dan Englehardt, the Johnny-come-lately star with the State Wolfpack, is the son of a former high school coach in Indiana... Dan's dad was down for the Classic and revealed that he was coaching prep basketball in the Hoosier State at the same time Case was turning out high school champs in the same state... The two coached in different sections of the state, however, and never met on the court... Young Englehardt first enrolled at Butler, but after a service hitch transferred to State.

Tony's Bonus Set At 'Only' \$55,000

The Milwaukee Braves are mildly concerned that Tony Cloninger and a couple of his high-priced bonus brothers (Bob Taylor and Dennis Menke) who cost the club a grand total of \$310,000 failed to make the all-star team in the Florida Instructional League for rookies this winter.

The Sporting News, which has lowered Cloninger's bonus figure to \$55,000 from the formerly listed \$100,000 and up mark, says the former Linc-Cherry junior star remains high on the prospect list by the Braves... Tabbed as having one of the best arms ever seen on a rookie, Cloninger developed a change-up and a slider in Florida this winter, under the instruction of ex-major leaguer Whitlow Wyatt... The baseball paper sets Menke's bonus figure at \$150,000 and Taylor's at \$105,000... The Braves are sure that all will make the majors, but are more than a year away.

Anyone for tennis?... The recent Davis Cup matches in which Peru lend-lease helped USA recapture the cup brings to light that Bill Cullen, part-time guard on the Wake Forest basketball team, is a better tennis player... He won one set in a tournament last summer from Alex Olmedo, the Peruvian who almost single-handedly copped the Davis Cup for Uncle Sam.

Duke basketballers John Frye and Doug Albright are ministerial students and Jerry Robertson a Bible student, planning to enter religious work... Which caused Coach Harold Bradley of the Blue Devils to crack during the Classic, "I have to watch my language."

Wofford Grids Eye Don Gladden

Southwestern Conference football players are making their college selections... Glenn Williams and Ronnie Vaughn of Shelby have signed football grant-in-aids at Furman... Dennis Hampton of R. S. Central reportedly is headed for Wake Forest... And Wofford is one of the schools interested in the fleet-running abilities of the Mountaineers' Don Gladden.

Everett Case has won 311 games since he came to State over 12 years ago, a winning figure which matches the total number of wins in the first 36 years of Wolfpack basketball, that is from the inauguration of the game at State in 1911 until Case arrived for the 1947 season... And Case went after his 312 win against none other than arch rival Carolina and Frank McGuire Wednesday night.

Graeme Reeves, the Kings Mountain High School exchange student from New Zealand, has given up basketball for the remainder of the season, due to other pressing duties in connection with his studies and assignments required with exchange program... He is required to make numerous talks before civic groups among other things.

The first-quarter loss of Don Fisher by the five-foul route shackled the Mountaineers hopes of an upset win over Belmont here last Friday night... The veteran forward was a star in one of the victories over Belmont last year, with a last second field goal... Both scorebooks listed Fisher with his five quick fouls Friday night, although Coach Don Parker insisted that two of the fouls should have been charged to Chip Thorburn (number 31) instead of to Fisher (No. 21)... Officials warned Parker that he should make his players raise their hands when charged with a foul... Actually it is the official's duty to insist that the player he charges with the infraction raise his hand so that scorers can be sure to credit the correct party with the foul.

The loss of Fisher and of Bobby Goodson with a twisted ankle, however, gave Coach Parker a chance to more fully use sophomores and five saw action, along with six juniors among the 11 players who saw action... Coach Bill Bates also has a "sophomore" team, six of the 12 girls who played being sophs, three of the newcomers being starters... This, truly, is a rebuilding year for the Mountaineer teams.

Lib Bolin Posts Top Bowling Score

Lib Bolin posted the high scores in the Ladies Bowling League Tuesday night, a 105 line and 293 set, to lead her club to two wins over the Jenny Oates club. Jenny paced her team with a 94 game and 268 series. The Ora Mae Bennett team copped three from Barbara Goins

Team	W	L	Pct.
Ora Bennett	5	1	.833
Lib Bolin	3	3	.500
Jenny Oates	2	4	.333
Barbara Goins	2	4	.333

Mountaineer Mrs. Meet Bethware Here Tonight At 7

Kings Mountain junior high teams lost a pair of close decisions to Bethware Jayvees in games played on the latter's court Monday and the local clubs will attempt to square matters with the county neighbors in a tri-bill here Thursday night, starting at 7 o'clock.

Bethware's junior girls pulled away to a three-point (28-25) decision in the final quarter after the teams had been tied at 18-all at the end of three stanzas. The Bethware boys also won in the final half, 35-27, after the teams had taken the halftime break tied at 16-all.

Marian Plonk led the Kings Mountain lassies with 15 points, a figure matched by Huffstetler of Bethware.

Mike Dixon was tops for the K. M. boys with 10 points, with Barrett of Bethware the game's top point-maker with 14.

The Kings Mountain junior high girls now have a record of two wins and one loss, the boys one victory and two defeats.

Next week, the local junior high clubs meet Grover in a pair, there on Monday, returning here next Thursday night.

KINGS MOUNTAIN (25)		BETHWARE (28)	
F. Plonk 15	Huffstetler 15	S. Scim 5	Watterson 8
F. Morrison 8	Ruffstetler 8	Leigh 4	White 4
G. Yarbrough 5	White 4	White 4	Crawley 2
G. Arrowood 4	White 4	White 4	Crawley 2
G. Smith 2	White 4	White 4	Crawley 2
G. Smith 2	White 4	White 4	Crawley 2
Subs: Kings Mt.—Cooper, McSwain, 2 Fisher, McClain, Bethware — Lovelace, Wall 1, Moorehead, Atkinson.			
Half-time score: Kings Mt. 12, Kings Mt. 8.			

KINGS MOUNTAIN (27)		BETHWARE (35)	
F. Plonk 15	Cash 8	Cash 8	Bolin 8
F. Morrison 8	Cash 8	Cash 8	Bolin 8
G. Yarbrough 5	Cash 8	Cash 8	Bolin 8
G. Arrowood 4	Cash 8	Cash 8	Bolin 8
G. Smith 2	Cash 8	Cash 8	Bolin 8
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Half-time score: Kings Mt. 16, Bethware 10.			

Bryant To Head Gun Club In '59

T. W. Bryant of Kings Mountain is the new president of the Universal Gun Club for the 19-59 season.

He was elected head of the organization at the club's annual meeting and Ladies Night last week.

Dean Champion was named new vice-president, and Richard Williams the Executive Officer.

Frank Sikes, Jr., was elected as chairman of the junior program and Fain Hambricht re-elected secretary and treasurer of the club which is affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America, and also the N. C. State Rifle and Pistol Association.

Other officers named last week are Dr. R. P. Anstett, chief range officer; Paul Holt and Buford Ellis, range officers.

Retiring President Frank Sikes presented the Club member trophies to the high scorers for the past years. The awards were furnished by the National Rifle Association. Receiving the awards were:

Small bore Rifle—Fain Hambricht, Grover.
30 cal. Rifle—T. W. Bryant, Kings Mountain.
Center fire Pistol—Jessie Price, Shelby.
Shotgun Trap — Fain Hambricht, Grover.

Albert Brackett Posts New High Line Of 139 In K. M. Bowling Loop

The second half of the local bowling season is underway, but it's the same old story in the individual scoring ranks... Albert Brackett continue to set the pin-topping pace.

He turned in a new individual high line of the season in the Kings Mountain Men's League Monday night, rolling a 139 for his Independent's team which beat Kingspins two games to one. The 139 topped Brackett's own previous high of 136 in the K. M. League.

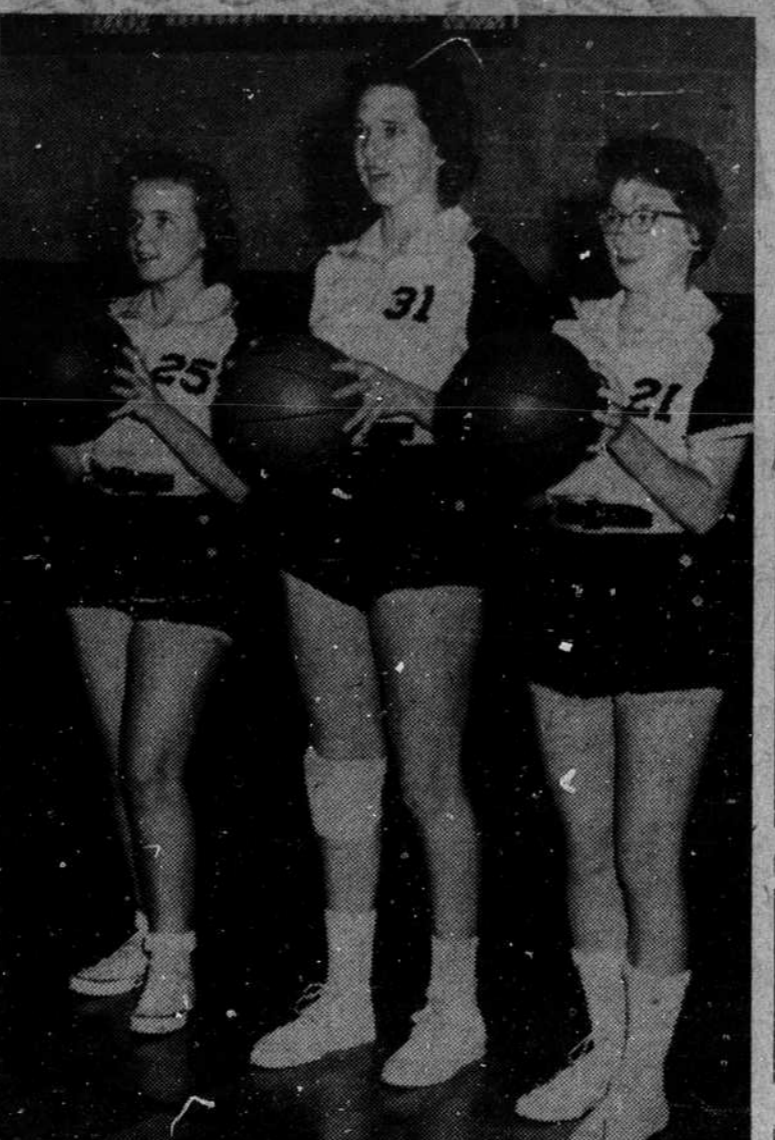
Brackett, in fact, swept all the top scoring honors in the two men's leagues as they opened the second half. His 361 set also was high in the K. M. League, and his 137 line and 365 set topped Sportsman League scoring.

His high scores were big items in Independent's two wins over Kingspins who were led by Harold Barber's 126 game and Paul Ware's 308 series.

Griffin's Drug copped three from Keglers in the other K. M. League match. Buren Randle rolled a 116 line and Furman Wilson a 324 set to pace Griffin, and John Dilling topped the Keglers with a 118 line and 328 set.

Brackett's 137 and 365 scores paced Champions to two wins over McCurdy's Cleaners in the Sportsman League. Bob Roseberry's 112 line and Jim Guyton's 233 set led McCurdy's.

Cherry-pickers won two from Outcasts, with Don Caldwell rolling a 114 game and John Dilling a 340 set for the winners. Bob Herndon's 125 game and Rannie



SHARP-SHOOTERS — This trio of pretty lassies pictured above also play basketball, being three senior forwards on the Kings Mountain High School girls basketball team this season. Left to right they are: Peggy Black, Judy Medlin and Becky Ormand. Judy tossed in 41 points against Belmont here last Friday night for the top scoring feat of the season for a local cager. Kings Mountain clubs go to Cherryville Friday and to Cliffside next Tuesday for their next two outings. (Herald Photo by Pennington Studio).

Kings Mt. Girls Cop First Win; Boys Lose To Vet Belmont Club

The Kings Mountain girls copped their first victory of the season, and the local lads turned in one of their better performances of the year, despite the loss, as the Mountaineer cage teams divided a twin bill with Belmont here Friday night.

Judy Medlin went on the biggest scoring binge of the campaign here, scoring 41 points to lead Coach Bill Bates' lassies to their initial win, 62-42.

The sophomore-studded Mountaineers lost two of their starters and top performers in the first quarter in a 59-38 loss to the senior-stacked Belmont team which rates as one of the top threats in the Southwest Conference race.

Don Fisher, the Mountaineer's leading point-maker for the year, fouled out in the first quarter, and he was joined on the bench in the period by the club's tallest performer, Bobby Goodson, who suffered an ankle injury and did not return to the game.

Coach Don Parker relied on his sophomores and juniors the rest of the way, with as many as four sophs in the game at the same time on many occasions. A quiet showing sophs Perry Champion, Chip Thorburn, James Robbs and Punch Parker, along with junior Jimmy Blanton, played the best quarter of the game for the Mountaineers. The group outscored Belmont 12 to 8 in the second stanza.

Thorburn was the top point-maker for the Mountaineers, with 14, a figure matched by Belmont's highly-touted guard, Kermit Williams. Both hit three field goals and eight foul throws.

James Robbs also sank three fielders for the Mountaineers.

KINGS MOUNTAIN (62)		BELMONT (42)	
Weir 6	3 15	Traywick 1	3 5
Gladden 3	0 6	Howe 11	0 22
Medlin 18	5 41	Worthy 3	7 13
Ormand 0	0 0	Joye 0	0 0
Black 0	0 0	Hoover 0	0 0
Lewis 0	0 0	Gardner 1	0 2
Totals 27	8 62	Totals 16	10 42
Guards — Goodson, Pearson, Yates, C. Plonk, B. Lynn, J. Plonk.		Guards — Poag, Hartness, Steele, Nutall, Fite.	

KINGS MOUNTAIN (38)		BELMONT (59)	
Fisher 2	0 2 5 4	Abernathy 4	0 1 4 8
Thorburn 3	8 12 3 14	Finger 3	6 9 4 12
Goodson 0	0 0 0 0	Nixon 0	0 1 4 0
Wright 6	0 0 0 0	Williams 3	8 8 4 14
Robbs 3	0 2 3 6	Buckner 5	1 3 5 11
Champion 1	1 2 2 3	Sanders 4	2 3 3 10
Watson 2	1 3 0 2	Wheeler 0	2 2 0 2
Blanton 2	1 3 4 5	Maynard 1	0 0 0 0
Allen 0	0 0 1 0	Cooke 0	0 0 0 0
Parker 0	2 2 0 2	Poag 8	0 0 0 0
Ware 0	2 2 1 2	Grady 0	0 0 0 0
Totals 12	14 27 19 38	Robinson 0	0 0 0 0
Totals 12	14 27 19 38	Totals 20	19 27 24 59

By quarters last Friday night, she scored 11 in the first, followed by 12 in the second, and 10 and eight in the last two stanzas.

The already-mentioned second quarter was the best for the Mountaineers who hit five out of ten field attempts during the stanza. The four sophs and one junior pulled from a 11-point deficit (22-11 at the end of the first quarter) to within five points during the period, and to a 30-23 score at halftime.

Coach Parker figured some consolation in the loss. "I lost with sophomores and Juniors, while Belmont won with seniors," he consoled himself, "Our day will come."

Judy Medlin apparently takes great delight in having her big scoring nights against Belmont. The 41 points Friday night marked the second straight year Judy posted her high total of the season against the Raiders.

Last year she scored 55 in the game against Belmont here... this giving her 96 points in her last two contests against the Gaston club.

By quarters last Friday night, she scored 11 in the first, followed by 12 in the second, and 10 and eight in the last two stanzas.

Scrappy Mountaineers Lose Pair Of Games To Shelby

Bethware Girls Win 3th In Row

Bethware's Conference-leading girls copped their eighth straight loop win of the season, beating Mooreboro, 63-42, Tuesday night, but the Buccaneer boys were rudely upset by the visitors, 51-46.

Barbara Gamble scored 23 points to lead the Bethware lassies to their victory with Faye Bolin next in line with 16.

Jerry Wright was the top scorer in the boys game with 18 points to lead Bethware and he had 15-point help from Luther Edwards. The other three starters, however, fell below their normal point production in the game.

Bethware clubs go to Piedmont Friday night with the girls game determining the top spot in the circuit and the first-round leader. Both girls teams have won eight straight.

KINGS MOUNTAIN (47)		SHELBY (50)	
Forwards 12	7 31	Forwards 4	6 14
Medlin 4	2 10	Blanton 13	0 26
Weir 2	1 5	Singleton 3	1 7
Gladden 2	1 5	Singleton 3	1 7
Ormand 0	1 0	Robbins 0	0 1
Totals 18	11 47	Mauney 1	0 2
Guards — Goodson, Pearson, Yates, C. Plonk.		Totals 21	8 50
		Guards — Craver, Chapman, Woods, Stroup, Putnam, Kirken-dall.	

Score by periods:
Kings Mt. 12 12 7 16-47
Shelby 14 16 10 10-50

Grover Boys Lose In Final Minute

Grover boys lost a one-point decision (50-49) at Belwood Tuesday night after holding a three-point edge heading into the final minute of action.

A field goal and a couple of foul tosses gave Belwood the victory, Ken Willis topped the winners with 22 points and Billy Crocker was the top gun for Grover with 20 points.

Belwood girls pulled away in the second half to defeat Grover's lassies, 79-66. The score was tied at halftime, 37-37. Julia Beam's 34 points paced the winners, but top honors for the game went to Gloria Huffstetler with 36.

Coach Preston Holt's Grover clubs go to Polkville for a pair of games Friday night.

KINGS MOUNTAIN (44)		YORK (22)	
F. Plonk 22	Vincent 6	F. Morrison 6	Clinton 2
F. Morrison 6	Wallace 6	F. Cooper 2	Wallace 6
G. Yarbrough 5	Jackson 0	G. Yarbrough 5	Jackson 0
G. Arrowood 4	Gould 0	G. Arrowood 4	Gould 0
G. Lennon 4	Metts 0	G. Lennon 4	Metts 0
Subs: Kings Mt. — Hunnicutt 6, Mauney 4, Ware 2, Roberts, P. Plonk 2, Oliver, Lynn, Thorburn, Maddox, Thrift, York—Burgess 8, Baker, Williams, Whitesides, Miller, Daniels, Sherrill, Russell, Pruitt.		Subs: Kings Mt. — Whistnant, Ross, Stewart, Hardin, York — Neely, Oates, White, McKnight.	
Half-time score: Kings Mt. 28, York 16.		Half-time Score: York 7, Kings Mountain 3.	

Jr. High Boys Snap Back From FG Blanking To Win; Girls Win Two

Kings Mountain's Little Mountaineers set a dubious "world record" in their opening basketball game at York last Thursday afternoon... failing to score a field goal in an 18-5 loss to the Palmetto club.

But the local junior high kids came back the next afternoon against the same club here to score a 28-19 victory and square the set against the York club.

The Kings Mountain junior high girls copped both starts against York, winning there on Thursday by 44-22, and by 28-19 the next afternoon here.

Tense in their first outing, the Kings Mountain junior high boys failed to find the field goal range throughout the game at York, and escaped the dubious distinction of suffering a shut-out by sinking five out of nine foul attempts. The Little Mountaineers failed to score even a point in the first and fourth quarters.

The junior high lad improved quickly overnight and dropped 12 field goals in whipping York here Friday. Tommy Houser paced the scoring with 11 points.

Marian Plonk paced the junior high girls, with 22 points in each game. She tallied all 22 of her markers at York in the first half, and didn't play the second half as her team held a comfortable lead. She scored 12 points in the first quarter here Friday afternoon and again set with 22 for the game.

SWC Cage Schedule For Friday, Tuesday

Here is the schedule in the Southwest Conference basketball race for the next two playing dates:

Friday — Kings Mountain at Cherryville, Belmont at Forest City, Caroleen Tri-High at R. S. Central, and Cliffside at Shelby.

Tuesday — Kings Mountain at Cliffside, Belmont at Caroleen Tri-High, and Shelby at Lincolnton.

BOXSCORES

GIRLS			
KINGS MOUNTAIN (47)			
Forwards	FG	FT	TP
Medlin	12	7	31
Weir	4	2	10
Gladden	2	1	5
Ormand	0	1	0
TOTALS	18	11	47
Guards — Goodson, Pearson, Yates, C. Plonk.			

SHELBY (50)			
Forwards	FG	FT	TP
Jones	4	6	14
Blanton	13	0	26
Singleton	3	1	7
Robbins	0	0	1
Mauney	1	0	2
TOTALS	21	8	50
Guards — Craver, Chapman, Woods, Stroup, Putnam, Kirken-dall.			

Score by periods:
Kings Mt. 12 12 7 16-47
Shelby 14 16 10 10-50

BOYS			
KINGS MOUNTAIN (33)			
Fisher	FG	FT	PF
Thorburn	4	0-1	8
Goodson	2	5-9	1
Wright	1	4-2	6
Robbs	0	0-0	1
Thomas	4	0-0	8
Parker	0	0-3	0
TOTALS	12	9-19	9

SHELBY (46)			
Kouri	5	1-2	2 11
Trammell	5	0-0	4 10
Williams	6	3-3	5 15
Ponder	1	2-2	0 4
Peeler	1	2-4	1 4
Shull	1	0-0	3 2
Kennedy	0	0-0	0 0
Ropp	0	0-0	0 0
TOTALS	19	8-11	15 46

Score by periods:
Kings Mt. 6 10 7 10-33
Shelby 9 7 16 14-46

Tri-High Girls Beat Lincs To Take Lead

Caroleen's Tri-High is the only remaining undefeated team in the Southwest Conference girls division. The favorites handed Lincolnton its first defeat (48-36) Tuesday night as Barbara Webb set the pace with 26 points. The Lincolnton boys squared the set with a 44-43 win over Tri-High.

R. S. Central copped two from Cherryville, the Mountaineers foe Friday night. The Central girls won 40-29 with Beaver's 29 points pacing the winners. Central's boys romped 61-46 with Reid Huntley's 15 points pacing three Hilltoppers in double-digits. Stan Crisson's 14 led the Ironmen, and Velo Kuuskraa hit 10.