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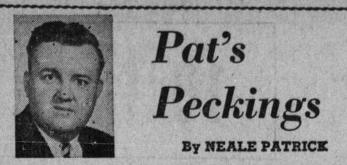
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Mountaineers Met Toughest First

As in baseball where three strikes are out, let's take our three swings at a trio of sports items:

Central High Gym Friday night at 7 o'clock. The Mountaineer varsity Coach Don Parker of the Mountaineers wonders who boys will play the men teach-ers to be coached by W. F. Powell, and the Junior High is responsible for making-out the schedule sequence for his basketball team . . . Don knows, of course, that South-School girls will meet the wo-men teachers coached by Mrs. west teams usually follow the same order each year, but he would like to know why it had to happen that way this year. cage game which always is one of the highlights for local

He's referring to the fact that his young and untested team was forced to open its league card against the top four teams in the standings, Lincolnton, Central, Belmont and Shelby, that being, roughly, the reverse order of the four leading clubs in the circuit . . . The Mountaineers learned their lessons the hard way, early. **Bethware Scores**

"How does the schedule maker expect our sophomores and youngsters to gain the right kind of experience being Two Wins Over tossed against the veteran teams the first thing?" Don wants to know.

Grover Cagers If it be any consolation to the Mountaineer mentor, Bethware nabbed a couple of the order of appearances for the foes probably will chanvictories over Grover Tuesday ge drastically next year when Chase High School comes night, the league-leading girls in to the SWC, replacing Tri-High and Cliffside . . . The winning by a 57-35 score and new school, you know, already has revised the sequence the Buccaneers scoring a 58-43 win. of opponents for the Mountaineer football team. The win was the 12th straight

in the Cleveland County Confer-Then, too, next year figures to find things a bit diffencve for Mrs. Ellen Powell's erent, with Shelby and Belmont losing their senior teams pace-setters which were led and due to be weaker . . . And unless we miss our guess, Tuesday night by Barbara Gam. ble with 23 points and Faye Bothe Mountaineers will a tougher aggregation when the lin with 20. Gloria Huffstetler present sohps and juniors mature into veteran perform- tallied 24 for Grover. ers. Four of the five starters hit in

the double-digits for the Beth-Coach Bill Bates team also faced most-of-the-best ware boys, led by Jerry Wright's first, the opening league games against perennial power 15 and Dean Burton's 14. Wendell White led Grover with 12. Lincolnton and Central, teams running two-three in the Bethware will be host to Falls-SWC . . . Pace Setter Tri-High came last on the list for the ton Friday and will go to Polkfirst round . . . And, too, the Mountaineers had their bapville next Tuesday. Grover plays at Kings Moun-tain Thursday night and travels tism on the season against Bethware, merely the best girls team in Cleveland County. to Waco next Tuesday.

Shelby Get Jr. Baseball Jump

Shelby, first in the state in Legion junior baseball for the past two summers, comes up as the first in this for the past two summers, comes up as the first in this area, at least, to name its coach for this season . . . And who else but Pop Simmons . . . And who handed out the F Wright 15 F Wright 15 F Edwards 12 planning to retire from the Legion baseball coaching g ranks?

Pop not only returns, but has his same helper from last year, Bill Metcalfe from Caroleen Tri-High, who probably will be accompanied to Shelby again this summer Gun Club Defeats by his ace southpaw pitcher, Buddy Phillips . . . The big Guard With Rifle hurler and Junior Green, you recall, were the centers of The Universal Gun Club won matched the biggest score againcontroversy last season when they accompanied their high the Kings Mountain National st Kings Mountain this year, Bel_

Students and faculty at Cen-tral High School will swap the "Three R's" for two-point field mission will be 50 cents for adults and 30 cents for stugoals in the annual varsity-teachers basketball game at

Varsity teams copped both the games with the teachers last year, the boys by 43-40 and the girls 29-24.

Student-Faculty Cage Tilts Set Friday

Mr. Powell has rounded up the coaches and teachers for his men's team, which will include Don Parker, Fred With-ers, John Gamble, Bill Bates, Lawson Brown, Bill George, Ben Goforth, Bob Kennedy, Carl McWhirter, William Cleere, Tom Poston and John Lutz

Mrs. Gamble also has a lengthy list of teachers planning to play against the junior high lassies. They include:

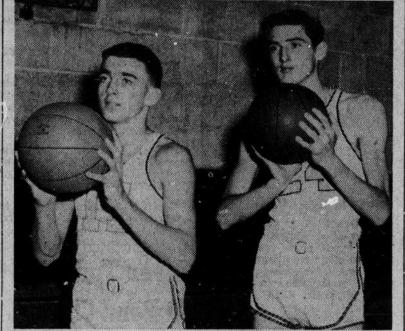
Mrs. Wanza Davis, Mrs. Ann Withers, Mrs. Gaynelle Lail, Mrs. J. Patterson, Mrs. Bill Ba-tes, Miss Elizabeth Collette,

Tri-High Beats K. M. With Late Ra

Miss Patricia Hayes, Miss Margaret McIver, Mrs. Juanita Logan, Mrs. Doris Eaker, Miss Jackie Blanton, Mrs. Marjorie Hall, and Miss Sara Biggers. Five teachers also will lead

the faculty cheering section, the cheer leaders being Miss Marie Lineberger, Miss Jean-ette Scoggins, Mrs. Josephine Weir, Miss Kitty Lou Sutton, and Mrs. Massaart Deuroll and Mrs. Margaret Powell.

Fred Plonk, chairman of the school board, and Bruce Thor-burn, president of the Central PTA, will officiate the games.



MOUNTAINEER NEWCOMERS - Two newcomers to Kings Moun tain are lending a hand to the Mountaineer basketball team this winter, Tommy Watson and Bobby Goodson, left to right. Watson moved here from Maiden and Goodson from Belmont. The rangy Goodson has been a regular all season for the Mountaineers, but missed a recent game due to a badly sprained ankle. Watson also Grover (35 Huffstetler 24 was a starter in one game this season.

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Four Of Mountaineer 'Iron Men' **Score In Double-Digits In Loss**

The Mountaineers found their ments later by 37-35 on Thoroffense up and their defenses burn's bucket. But Cool Springs pulled away after that to lead down in the 59-49 loss to Forest at the end of three periods by City here last Friday night.

ure by the Mountaineers in the first ten games of the season, but

The Mountaineers hit 20 of 55

Judy Medlin And **Chip Thorburn** Lead Scoring

Judy Medlin and Chip Thorourn are leading the scoring as the Mountaineers reach the half- High outfits. way mark on their Soutrwest Conference basketball seasons.

Judy is on her way toward leading the Kings Mountain girls in scoring for the second straight year, having tallied 239 points, an average of 21.7 per game. Shee scored 416 points in game the Mountainettes last eading the Mountainettes last

Chip, one of the two sophomore starters for the boys team. has moved into the lead in the boys scoring race after Don Fisher held the top mark during the early games. Thorburn has scored 90 points and Fisher has 86. A total of 11 players have scored for the Mountaineers, five for the Mountainettes Scoring totals for Kings Mountain players to date: GIRLS. FG FT TP 88 63 239 Player Judy Medlin Pat Gladden 12 80 Marlene Weir 31 16 78 Becky Ormand 92 Peggy Black BOYS FG FT Player Chip Thorburn 22 36 21 Don Fisher 14 James Robbs 11 Bobby Goodson 12 18 Jerry Wright 18 **Tommy Thomas** 12 Jimmy Blanton 11 Punch Parker Perry Champion Tommy Watson Mike Ware

Ross Scores 16 In Jr. High Win

Husky Eddie Ross went on the buckets on jump shots from the biggest scoring spree of the sea- defense, and his sharp-shooting son to lead the Kings Mountain which produced ten points at Junior High team to a 33-29 vic- halftime was the main reason tory over Grover's Jayvees here the Mountaineers were all-even last Thursday night. at the rest period.

Eddie tossed in 16 points as he The Mountaineers tossed in cored nearly half the Little five field goals in each of the Mountaineers total in their fourth victory of the season. He scored eight field goals for his tothe feat of five fielders in each tal. Dean Green of Grover was top point-maker for the contest, with 19. period which they accomplished against Forest City last Friday night. But the local lads could

The Grover girls won the op-ener, 51-41, as Linda Eaker tall-ied 21 for the winners and Marent, to say the least, in field ied 21 for the winners and Marahead scorer for Kings Mountain with

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Mountaineers Fade In Stretch On Both Southwest Loop Games GIRLS

The final four minutes of the games proved the downfall for both Mountaineer basketball teams here Tuesday , night a- Medlin gainst the visiting Caroleen Tri- Weir Gladden

Lewis Both local teams went into the final portion of the last quar-ters either tied for the lead or Yates, B. Lynn. in good position to take com-mand of the game. But it was

Tri-High which put ont he stre- Forwards tch drives to win, the girls by 56. Campfield Webb Waters

The final scores in both ga-mes were misleading in the bat-tles which went on at Central White Lynch High Gym.

Guards - Philbeck, Gibson, Greenlee, Burgess, Wheeler, Hill. Score by periods: Kings Mountain's girls stayed within six or eight points of the Score by loop-leading Tri-High lassies all **Kings Mt**.

the way, with the score midway in the last period standing at 41-34 in favor of the visitors. But in the final four minutes, Caro-leen hooped 15 points while the Fisher

Mountainettes were garnering Thorburn only two. Blanton Robbs Tri-High boys also broke the Wright game wide open in the second Thomas contest. The score was tied at Goodson 40-all with four minutes to go Parker after the two teams had see-saw-TOTAL ed back and forth in the lead all evening. The game was tied at 11-all at the end of the first

quarter, and 23-all at halftime. Francis Tri-High led 38-35 at the end of Greene three stanzas, but the Mountain- Shew eers, pulled even at 40-all mid- Taylor way the period. Allen Butler

The winners, however, turned on several fast break baskets, to Davidson TOTALS assume the lead and win by the 14-point margin. Kings Mt.

Chip Thorburn with 17 and Tri High Don isher with 15 were the only two Mountaineers consistent in the scoring column, and they were the only locals to obtain field goals in the second half. **Local Boxers** Lose In Finals

Thorburn tossed in most of his

Two Kings Mountain boxers were victims of knockouts in the finals of the Gastonia Boys Club Golden Gloves tournament last Saturday night.

Charles Bolin, winner in the Mt. Holly Gloves event the week before, suffered a third round TKO at the hands of John Lacey first three periods, appearing to of Charlotte in the Novice lightweight finals. Lacey won the tournament knockout trophy for scoring the most and quick kayos in the event. Bolin w

For the game, Kings Moun-tain hit 17 of 53 field goal at-tempts, a 32 p_cent accuracy. Caroleen hit 22 for 57, a 39-per-

first round by Carroll Lynn of Cherryville in the novice light-

Grant in the mosquitoweight, Curt Floyd in the novice feather-

weight

Betty Gamble.

The annual student-faculty

basketball fans is sponsored

by the local unit of the NCEA,

with all proceeds from the game going to that unit. Ad-

BOYS Grover (43) Huffstetler White 1

G Rurton 14 Watterson Subs: Bethware — Carroll, Biddix 4, Bo ver. Grover — C. Green 8, Mullinax 1. Halftime score: Bethware 21, Grover 20, Reporter: Kim Cashion,

GIRLS

F. Bolin 20 N. Hamrick 14 Gamble 23

44-39 and boosted the edge in The 49 points was the top figthe last quarter. Kings Mountain was consist-

it proved in vain as Forest City goals, scoring five in each quar- ian Plonk again was the high

school mentor to Shelby, instead of playing with their Guard in 22-calibre indoor rifle mont also hitting 59. Thus, the a 36-percent average. Forest City home county entry.

day night. Will this turn out to be another summer of hassles The Gun Club posted a score of 485 and team average of 97, and bickerings over ball players sought by two or more Legion posts? . . . Or will it be a nice, quiet season with re and a 95 team average. the action on the field instead of behind closed doors? . . Frank Sikes and Jesse Price Shelby Legion officials, in fact, already have cast their Shelby Legion officials, in fact, already have cast then the source of t fired scores of 98 for the Gun satisfied . . . Well, that's a new twist.

Shelby also plans to seek a national rule change regarding teams "picking-up" players for playoff games . . This, obviously traces back to the Regional tournament Humes Houston and Cpl. Bill last summer when Shelby shuttered when it learned that Morgan shot scores of 94 each, Memphis had added bona-fide ball players after the Mem- and Cpl. Floyd Peterson a 93. phis city Legion race . . . Shelby folks had the mistaken idea that their boys were playing against a Memphis allstar team.

Back to the area coaching business, Ken Alexander reports in the Gastonia Gazette that Bill Wilhelm, the Clemson College coach, definitely will not be back at the helm of the Gastonia juniors.

Be brave through this winter weather . . . summer by 47-32. can't be far away when Legion baseball begins creeping into the sports talk.

Last Second Heroics In Big 4

If you know your rule book, you know that college basketball games are scheduled for 40 minutes duration . . . But the teams could dispense with the first 39 minutes and 50 seconds and come out with the same results around K. M. Cagers Meet Grover Tonight, the Big Four of the Ole North State this winter.

have been settled in the last ten seconds of the game . . . And to show the further futility of playing the first ninetenths of the games, two overtime battles also have seen last second heroics.

State and Duke have been making a habit of settling the issues in the final seconds . . . The Wolfpack beat Maryland, 55-53, on Lou Pucillo's shot in the last two seconds, and beat Clemson, 56-54, on Dan Englehardt's bucket in the final eight seconds.

The Blue Devils have won two games and lost one with the grand total of 11 seconds remaining on the clock ... Duke lost to Clemson, 56-55, on a goal by Walt Gibbons

with seven seconds to play . . . And the Blue Devils rever-sed the proseedure, beating Wake Forest, 58-57, on a goal by John Frye with three seconds remaining . . . And Howard Hurt scored three foul shots (two personals and one technical) in the final second as Duke beat Louisville, 67- Southwest Conference season 28, and the Wolves won by a 45-64 in the Dixie Classic.

As if overtimes were not strain enough, Big Four As if overtimes were not strain enough, Big Four rivals have stretched the victory tighter with more last second business . . . State beat Wake Forest in a double overtime after Pucillo tied it with three seconds to play overtime after Pucillo tied it with three seconds to play

competition here last Wednes- Mountaineers counted their six- bucketed 27 for 61 attempts, a th league loss in seven starts.

Forest City's defending SWC while the Guard had a 475 sco-re and a 95 team average of \$1, champion girls made it a clean their shooting in the first quar-ter, K. M. hitting five for ten, sweep with a 47-39 win in the opener.

> Five "iron men" went all the 50-percent mark in the last quarway for the Mountaineers in the tempts. loss, and four hit in the double-

M/Sgt. Preston Holt andM/Sgt. digits in scoring for the best-bal-Willis Clark posted scores of 97 anced and top scoring attack of each to lead the Guard. Capt. the season for Coach Don Parkthe season for Coach Don Parker's outfit. Soph Chip Thorburn led with 16 points, trailed by Jimmy Blanton with 11, and Don Fisher and James Robbs with 10

Gamble And Wright each.

Pace Bethware Wins Bethware basketball teams two different occasions and tied in the game. put two more victories on their the score three times during the second half. The Mountaineers never trailed by more than four

or five points throughout the game with the ten-point spread

Barbara Gamble led the Beth-Weir at the end being the biggest ware girls with 27 points, with Norma Hamrick adding 15 and Gladden margin between the teams for the contest. Faye Bolin 14. Julia Beam paced

Belwood with 29. Tailing by 33-28 at halftime Jerry Wright with 15 and Dean the Mountaineers rallied for sev Burton's 12 led the Buccaneers, en straight points to take the and Ken Willis tallied 11 for lead at 35-33 on Fisher's shot, and regained the lead again mo-Belwood.

No less than five games involving the Big Four teams Resume SWC Action Next Tuesday

Mountaineer basketball teams | in that one, 30-27. take a mid-season break from take a mid-season break from A brother-sister team of Jerry Southwest Conference action Huffstetler and Gloria Huffstet-Thursday night, meeting county ler are the big point-makers for rival Grover here, then pitch-into the two Grover teams. The Grothe last half of the league chase next Tuesday at Lincolnton. The game with Grover has

been carded for Thursday night so that the anual student-fac-ulty game can be played on Fri-day. The varsity boys team will meet the men teachers and coa- bout 8:15.

ches and the junior high girls Mountaineer clubs will h will play the women teachers in seeking revenge for a double the always-poplar affair at Cen-licking when they resume Contral High Gym. Kings Mountain's pair of clubs completed the first half of their won the first meeting here, 49ference action on Tuesday night Champion at Lincolnton. The Linc lassies Haynes Haynes Marshall Waters **B.** Jones

here Tuesdar night against Car-oleen Tri-high, and will face the Although Coach Jack Kiser has Wells Cunningham overtime after Pucillo tied it with three seconds to play in the first extra period . . . And Lee Shaffer sank a goal in the last 20 seconds and Harvey Salz hit two foul tosses with a second left in Carolina's 72-68 battle with State. Kings Mt. Forest City

Kings Mountain F M. Plonk 20 F Morrison 9 F P. Plonk 9 C Yarborough 44-percent figure. Both teams were sizzling with

Subs: Kings Mt. — Maunty 3, Grover — Ledford 10, Spangler 2, terson, Ayres. and F. C. connecting on nine for 17. Forest City also bettered the

ter, with six for 11 field at-Ralph Haynes, the top hold-

over from last year's fine Forest City club, led his club with 25 points, having 19 at halftime.

Judy Medlin scored 16 and Pat in Grover Victory Gladden 16 as the Mountainettes

battled Forest City's lassies right down to the final horn. As in the boys game, the final eight point beating Fallston, 54-32, last Fri-

GIRLS KINGS MOUNTAIN (39) FG FT TP 6 9 21

Guards — Goodson, Pearson, Yates, C. Plonk, B. Lynn.

FOREST CITY (47) FG FT TP 0 12 31

Medford Scruggs TOTALS Guards 0 19 9 - Pabresz, Godfrey, Matheny.

Score by periods: Kings Mt. 12 13 16 16 8-47 **Forest City** 10 BOYS **KINGS MOUNTAIN (49)** FG FT **TP** 10 16 PF 10 6-8 Thorburn 0-0 10 0-0 2 11 1-8 TOTALS 20 9-19 FOREST CITY (59) FG FT

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TP 11 0 Even in all those years that we have beaten Cliffside in both games, the scores have been close up there, and we run off and leave them down here " 10 0 5-11 14

inded Parker that last k's win was only the sec-11 15-59 ond in 31 games between the

Grover (52) Eaker 21 affsteteler 11 Allen 8 Green Putnam cent figure. Huffs

A couple of visitors took top scoring honors, Barbara Webb with 28 in the girls game, and lanky Willie Shew with 21 in the Lennon. Watlanky Willis Shew with 21 in the Several other Kings Mountain

boys contest. Judy Medlin's 17 battlers bowed out of the bat-tling earlier in the three-day tournamnt. They included: Jim led the K. M. girls, the same figure Thorburn posted for the

boys. **Tri-High Victory**

> to Tri-High here Tuesday night was a "dubious first" for Coach John Alexander of Kings Mountain won by TKO over Randy Ramsey in the third round of a novice feather

in Central Gym.

"We have lost some games up at Caroleen," the local mentor recalled, "But this is the first time that Tri-High has come down here and beaten us in our own place."

boys copped their fifth win of the season and their fourth in a defeating Clover, 37-32, row. here Monday.

Tommy Houser with 12 points led the Little Mountaineers who held a 22-11 edge at halftime and battled off a full-court press in the second half to win. Mike Diron scored that for the leads

The junior high boys go to Rock Hill for a game Thursday night, and both local teams will be host to Shelby junior high teams here Monday night.

BOYS	
Kings Mountain (37)	Clover (32)
F Harris 4	Stanton 3
F Houser 12	Munday 4
C Dixon 9	Strobe 4
G E. Smith 2	Gibbs 11
G Houston 2	S. Stanton 6
Subs: Kings Mt Whist	nant 2, Ram-
seur 2, Stewart 2, C. Smi	th. Clover
Gordon, D. Stanton 4.	
Halftime score: Kings Mt	22, Clover

Southwest Cagers

Southwest Conference basketball teams open the second round of play Friday night with four games scheduled.

Loop-leader Shelby plays host to Beimont, and the rest of the card shows Caroleen at Ch ville, Forest City at Cliffside, and Lincolnton at R. S. Central.

Kings Mountain plays its game of the second round Tuesday at Lincolnton. O games that night are: Che ville at Forest City, Cliffsid Caroleen, and Shelby at B Central.

Kings Mountain's loss to Cliffside last week was more than a mere defeat on the bas-ketball ledger . . . it was a his-tory-making defeat, for those who like history blended with their basketball. only the second time in 31 ga-Cliffside's 48-42 win last Thursday night was only the second time in fifteen and a

ker has been cage mentor here that the Oliff-Dwellers have beaten the Mountaineers on the court. The only other time in the

31 games was on Feb. 5, 1954, also at Cliffside, when the homestanders won by 50-47. Earlier that year, the Moun-taineers had trounced Cliffside by a 53-37 score here.

"Those scores," observes coach Parker, "Are good ex-amples of how much that home court means to Cliffside.

Actually, it was the princi-pal of the Cliffside school who

es. BOYS Ross 16 Houser 4 C Dixon 1 G Houston 2 Smith 5 bs: Kir Subs: Kings Mt. — Harris 5, Ramseu Grover — Heafner, Collins, Turner 3. Halftime score: Kings Mt. 16, Grover 1 **Nine Players Score**

battled Forest City's lassies right

Making a battle of it all the difference was the biggest day night, with Billy Crocker way, the Mountaineers led on spread between the two teams and Jerry Huffstetler hitting 12

points each to lead. Nine Grover players entered

TOTALS 14 11

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Medlin

half years that coach Don Par-

the scoring column. Fallston girls won the opener 58-44, as Wright scored 31 for the winners. Gloria Huffstetler paced Grover with 19.

Loss to Cliffside Only Second In 31 Games Of Coach Parker Era

two schools since Parker became coach here. "The principal told me after the game that I shouldn't feel too badly about the deafeat," Parker related, "That it was

mes that his school had beaten

mes that his school had beaten Kings Mountain. And when I thought about it, I realized he was right." Parker labels that 1954 Cliff-side team which holds the on-ly win over Kings Mountain as one of the best personnel-wise in Southwest Conference his-tory. The team members inclu-dd John Ramsey, Junior Fowl-er, Bill Scruggs, Steve Humph-ries, and Buz Biggerstaff, sev-eral of whom starred later at

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eral of whom starred later at Gardner-Webb. The Mountaineer lineup which lost to Cliffside five years ago included Ronnie Layton, George Harris, Ollie Harris, Mearl Valentine, Mil-ton Hope, Dan McCarter and ton Hope, Dan McCarter, and Richard George. The 32nd and final meeting

in history between Kings Mountain and Cliffside High basketball teams will be play-ed here on Feb. 20. Next year, Cliffside will consolidate with Caroleen and Harris to form a new Rutherford County school, Chase High.

weight, William Jones in the open welterweight, and Charles **1st Here In 16 Years** Burns in novice welterweight division The Mountaineer's 57-43 loss

Don Parker's club. It was the first time in the 16 years that Parker has been coaching here that the Moun-taineers have lost to Tri-High

Houser Leads Jr. High Win

Kings Mountain's junior 1

bout in an early round.

Dixon scored nine for the locals.

Open Second Half