

Mountaineers Down Shelby In Overtime 56 to 52

Herald Sports

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It's Coach Berra Now

"Just call me coach."
Yes, it was bound to happen. Yogi Berra is now a coach for the Bronx Bombers. After many years as chief untitled assistant to Casey Stengel, Mr. Berra, as Case called him, was awarded the title Playing Coach.

This could well be the first step toward the dream of becoming a manager that Yogi has cherished for several years. It is also a means of retaining the services of one of the most dangerous clutch-hitters the Yankees have had in a couple decades.

Besides being one of the most valuable properties on the Yankee roster, Berra, who will be 38 come May, holds as many World Series records as Stan Musial holds National and major league standards.

Yogi has a lifetime average of .284 with 350 circuit clouts. As a catcher he hit 305 homers which is more than any other catcher has been able to hit.

A coach this year. Maybe a manager in 1964.

Who Benefitted From Trades?

With Spring training just around the corner a look at the recent winter trades seems appropriate at this time.

The unparalleled winter trading saw 79 players involved in swaps that are sure to lead to one of the liveliest seasons ever seen in both major leagues.

But who helped their club most by the trades? Who got the best ends of the deals?

Of course, these cannot be answered until September. Only conjectures can be made at this time.

Baltimore gets the nod as the team to benefit more from trades just completed. They got the fleet-footed Luis Aparacio to fill their shortstop need and Al Smith will add punch to their outfield.

Battery-wise they picked up catchers Dick Brown and John Orsino and hill starters Pete Burnside and Mike McCormick as well as reliever Stu Miller.

The White Sox got three "ifs" in dealing with the Orioles along with bullpen ace Hoyt Wilhelm. Ron Hansen, Dave Nicholson and Pete Ward are the question marks. Ward has never played a major league game.

St. Louis added infield and outfield strength with the acquisition of Dick Groat and George Altman, both proven big league performers.

The Cubs got a good deal if Lindy McDaniel returns to his 1961 form. Along with Larry Jackson they will have added much needed mound strength.

Boston added power to their lineup with Dick Stuart and Roman Mejias although they gave up the batting champ, Pete Runnels.

On the basis of past performances, it must be said that the Orioles reaped the finest harvest in the trades, but past performances are sometime a poor yardstick in sports.

Rambling Thoughts

It just occurred to me:
That Coach Don Parker is something like Boston Celtic coach Red Auerbach. Both have a tendency to do some "officiating" from the sidelines during a contest. However, the Mountaineer mentor has neither a Bill Russell nor a Bob Cousy.

That Sam Blair had the right slant on the situation when he wrote a column in the Dallas (Texas) Morning News entitled **Huff: Tough or Bluff?** Quoting Dallas coach Tom Landry, the column stated that Sam Huff believes that any time he is in the game he should hit someone sooner or later. "But the last couple of years, it seems like its been mostly later."

That things can't be too bad for Paul Brown even though he is no longer at the helm of the Cleveland Browns. He will stick with the club for six years at \$60,000 per annum.

That a lot of talk and copy is being made about "scandal" rumors in the National Football League, but little mention is found of the five Los Angeles Dodgers who are working in the gambling capital of the country.

That the National Basketball Association will lose its most colorful player when Bob Cousy hangs up his sneakers at the end of this season to become coach at Boston College. "Cooz" can do everything with the ball, except make it talk.

That the San Francisco Chronicle took the right step when it banned the Chronicle sportswriters as official scorers for the Giant games. However, who is to serve in this capacity now?

That baseball's loss is broadcasting's gain as Richie Ashburn moves from the playing field to the realm of the baseball spieler as one of the Phillies' radio-TV team in 1963.

Light Side Of The Hardwood

Stinging Bee: Everette Case, N. C. State Coach, has always been the recipient of kidding about the "Rebels" on his basketball club. One of his early quints boasted five Indiana boys. When Case hit New York for the NCAA tourney, he got together with his pal, Clair Bee.

"Clair," said Case, "if N. C. State takes this tourney, the governor will probably erect a monument to the team."

To which Bee replied, "The governor of Indiana or the governor of North Carolina?"

Cousy Corner: A short time after slapping a technical foul on Bob Cousy, Referee Sid Borgia went looking for the great Celtic ace.

"Bob," he said, "would you mind autographing a program for my neighbor's kid?"

Cousy sighed, "So you want my autograph, eh? Only a few minutes ago it cost me \$25 just to speak to you!"

Strange Explanation: The fabulous 1935 Kentucky team journeyed to Madison Square Garden, where it had a winning streak punctured by N. Y. U. Coach Adolph Rupp complained bitterly about the officiating. On his return to Lexington, he was asked to explain what happened.

"It's all in the Bible," answered the coach. "I was a stranger and they took me in."

Time Bomb: In the closing minutes of a hectic game, the visiting team called time-out and huddled at the foul line. After plotting some strategy, one of the veteran players suggested that the newly appointed team captain check the time. The captain ran over to the sideline and then dashed back.

"Well, fellers," he reported, "it's 9:45!"



TWIST ANYONE? — Joyce Bolin and three unidentified Lincolnton players appear to be adding a new step to the twist as the ball bounces away in Friday night's game here. Actually the quartet was battling for the loose ball. Gail Huffstetler (11) and Frankie Hamrick (21) are the Mountaineers moving in to lend assistance. Lincolnton won 42-38. (Herald photo by Truitt Moore)

Local Cagers Drop Two Loop Games To Wolfpack

Junior High Cagers Resume Play Jan. 24

Thursday night in the local gymnasium the Little Mountaineers and Mountaineettes return to Southwest Junior High Conference cage action.

Invasion of the local hardwood for loop contests will be Junior Trojans and Trojanettes of Chase High.

Tipoff times is 7 p.m. for the lidifting girls game.

Prior to the examination break the Little Mountaineers showed a 50-50 slate. They lost to East Rutherford in the conference opener 29-21 before downing Belmont 32-22 in the first home game.

The Little Mountaineettes will be seeking their first victory after suffering setbacks at East Rutherford (43-1) and against Belmont (30-7) here.

Plonk Oil Takes Men's Loop Lead; Gaffney's Second

Plonk Oil swept four games from Clyde Culbertson Monday night to jump into the lead in the Kings Mountain Men's Duckpin League.

Paced by Furman Wilson, Steve Rathbone and Clarence Plonk the Oilers took a one-game lead over the previous leader, Gaffney's Barber Shop.

Falling from grace, Gaffney's could win only one game in their match with Dilling Heating.

The triple win left the Heat-ers two games off the leader's pace, while Bob Herndon moved into fourth, three games back, by downing Dellinger's three out of four.

In the feature match Rathbone posted a 114 in the first game and Wilson had an identical score in the second game. The figures gave the two bowlers a share of the team high line.

Plonk had three games of 100-plus for a total pin high of 325 for set laurels.

Sam Hamrick topped the scoring for the losing Culbertson team with a line score of 118 in the second and a final score of 321 for high set.

Team captain John Dilling led the three-game near-sweep of last week's leaders. The tall, lanky lefthander had a line score of 125 in the third game for line honors and finished with a team high set of 227.

Gaffney's scoring leader was Ranny Blanton. The team captain rolled a 119 in the second game for line honors and finished with a 324 to take high set laurels.

In the final match, the "battle for the bottom," Harold Roberts paced the Bob Herndon team in both line and set scoring. His set total of 369 topped all scorers for the night. He had scores of 128 in the first and third games to take line honors for the team.

Albert Brackett paced Dellinger's with the high line of the evening. The 135 he posted in the second game topped all line scores. He also had a 335 total for team high set.

Mountaineettes Fall 42-38; Boys Dropped 52-42

Lincolnton's B - Battery and Kings Mountain's cold first halves were the difference Friday night as the locals suffered twin setbacks in Southwest AAA Conference games.

Bill Bates' Mountaineettes were handed their first loop loss in the lid-lifter by a 42-38 count.

The Mountaineers of Don Parker fell to one and three in the conference by dropping the nightcap 52-42.

For the Mountaineers it was the thrice-told story of falling behind in the first half. This time they were unable to overcome the deficit, although they outscored the foe following intermission.

WCL GMs Here Saturday, Sunday

General managers of the teams comprising the Western Carolina League will convene here Saturday and Sunday for a business seminar.

On the agenda for the two-day meeting are various phases of the business and promotional arrangements for the league which will open in April.

On hand for the meeting and available for advisory services will be Warren LaTarte, representative of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

President John Moss will serve as chairman of the seminar.

O & H Captures First Place In Women's Loop

Oates and Henderson Shell jumped two rungs of the ladder in the Kings Mountain Women's Duckpin League with a clean sweep of its four games Tuesday night.

Winners of the first half, the Sparkplugs started slowly this half but came alive Tuesday to win four of four from last week's leader, Griffin Drug, and take over the number two spot.

McGinnis Furniture held to the second rung, in game of the pace by splitting its match with McCurdy's Cleaners. McCurdy's remained in a deadlock for third.

Kings Mountain Drug escaped the cellar and moved to a tie for third by sweeping four games from the Tignor and Russell Ramrods.

Jenny Oates set the scoring pace for the Sparkplugs as she captured line and set honors for the match. She had a 102 in the first game and a set total of 296.

Pat Houser was the leader for the losing Griffin team. She had a 101 in the second game for line honors and took set laurel with a 269.

Margaret Wilson and Doris Robbs led the scoring for McGinnis as it split with McCurdy's. Wilson had a 287 set for the high total. Robbs posted a 105 in the third game for line honors.

Lib Bolin took the honors for the Cleaners with a 113 high line and a high set of 293.

Betty Fite topped the K. M. Drug scoring with a line of 104 in the first game and a 294 total.

Dot Tignor and Dessie Loft's shared scoring honors for the Ramrods. Tignor took high line with a 105 in the first game, and Loftin had a 284 for set honors.

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Scoring seven in the first period and 10 in the second the Mountaineers trailed by 15 at the midway point, 32-17.

Starting the second half with renewed defensive efforts and a sharper shooting eye, they cut the margin in the third period and at one point in the final stanza cut the gap to six, but a lapse that opened the gate for three quick Wolfpack baskets extended the margin again, and the Mountaineers ran out of time.

Parker's two Richards, Little and Gold, were the scoring leaders for the locals as they both finished with 13 points. Little hit two baskets and nine charities for his total while Gold had five field goals and three free throws.

Don Pack's half of the Wolfpack B-Battery, Dennis Byrd, topped all scorers in the nightcap. The 6-3, 200-pounder hit six field goals and five free throws for 17 points.

Ken Abernathy and playmaker Don Powers were also in the double-figures for Lincolnton. Abernathy had 14 and Powers 10.

Lack of height was the sore spot for the Mountaineers in the opener, as the taller Wolverettes dominated the first half of play and moved to a 12-point lead at half-time.

Controlling the ball with a strong defense the lady Lincs allowed the locals only three points in the opening quarter and nine in the second.

Following intermission an alteration in offense by the Mountaineettes gave the locals a scoring advantage of eight points in the second half.

Gail Huffstetler and Diane Roberts began to hit from the outside, and Frankie Hamrick scrapped for the rebounds to pull the Mountaineettes to within four, but time ran out.

Huffstetler topped the Mountaineette scoring with 15 points, followed by Roberts who had 13.

On the defense it was Hamrick and Sara Hendricks battling to hold the Wolverettes in the final half.

Cheryl Bradshaw, the distaff half of the Wolfpack B-Battery, was high scorer of the night, as she hit for 13 field goals and two charities for a 28-point total.

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With less than a minute remaining in the game Little hit a charity toss to cut the Shelby margin to two. Recovering the ball seconds later the Mountaineers returned to the offensive, and with four seconds showing on the clock Gold hit a one-hand jumper from 20 feet to knot the count, and bedlam reigned supreme.

In the overtime the Mountaineer defense came to the fore, and Little took command of the offense.

Albert Viehman hit a field goal for the Lions as the extra-period opened, but from that point the only points registered were by the cool, Mountaineer guard.

Little netted a field goal to again knot the score, and as the local defense held the Lions and regained control, he hit four out of five charity tosses to provide the winning margin.

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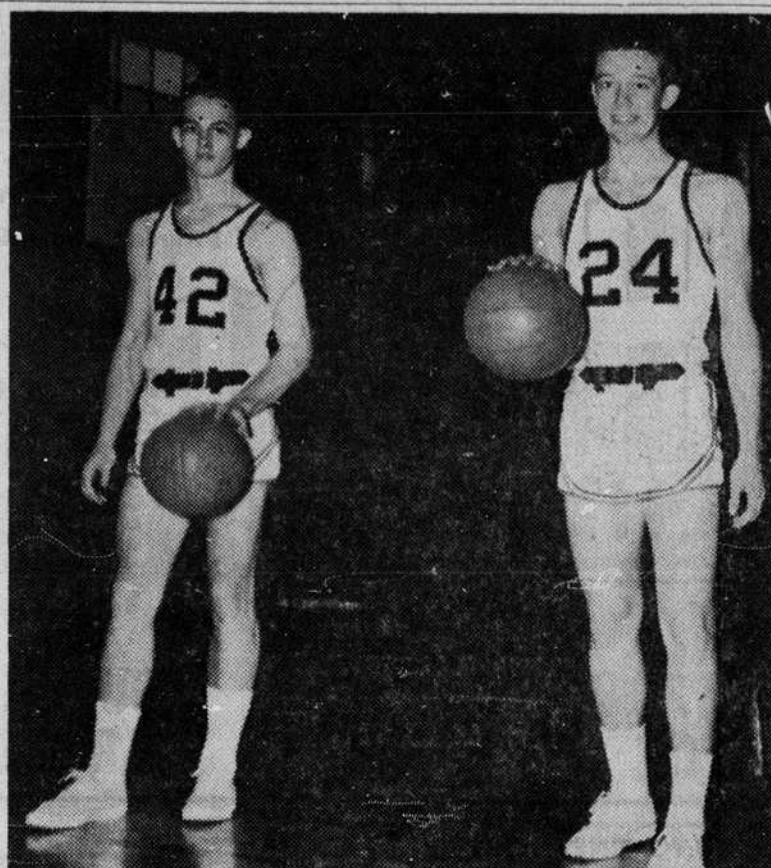
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LION TAMERS — Coach Don Parker's double-Richards did the Lion-taming Tuesday night as the Mountaineers took a 56-52 victory over the Shelby Golden Lions in an overtime. Richard Gold, right, hit the basket that knotted the score at 50-all and sent the game into extra play. Richard Little scored the six-points in the overtime that gave the locals the win.

Cagers At Chase Friday; Belmont Invades Tuesday

Kings Mountain high school cagers hit the road Friday for a one-night stand against the Chase hoopsters in a conference doubleheader.

They will return to the friendly confines of the local gymnasium for another twinbill Tuesday night. Belmont will provide the opposition for the home doubleheader.

Tipoff time for the openers each night will be 7 p. m.

In the Friday games the locals will be facing the team rated by some loop coaches as the most dangerous quintet in the conference.

The Trojans show only one loop win, but it was over powerful Belmont last Friday night.

In Tuesday's action at Lincolnton Chase extended the (Continued On Page 2)

Tax Penalty Notice

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STANDINGS			
TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Plonk Oil	9	3	.750
Gaffney's	8	4	.667
Dilling Heating	7	5	.583
Bob Herndon	6	6	.500
C. Culbertson	4	8	.333
Dellinger's	2	10	.167

Barbara Richards, Washington, Kenwood Golf and Country Club Ladies Friday league, Kenwood Club Lanes, Washington, December 7, 1962, games of 87, 88 and 89.