

Come From Behind Boys Win Gains Split At Chase Friday



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Cagers Reach Halfway Mark

Kings Mountain girls and boys basketball teams completed the first half of the 1963-64 season Tuesday night, and the downhill road for the locals will be "rougher" and "tougher" than was the uphill climb which brought the girls to a season mark of 3 wins and 5 losses, and the boys 5 wins against only 2 loses.

The local lassies opened the schedule with a 30-25 win at Dallas on December 5th, and continued their winning ways five days later with a 31-21 win over Bessemer City.

In the home opener, the Mountaintettes dropped their first decision by a 42-37 count at Dallas on December 13, but finished the pre-holiday schedule with a 39-17 victory over Bessemer City. And things were looking up for first year mentor, Bob Hussey, who was faced with the problem of entering the Southwest Conference schedule with only one returning letterman from last year's squad.

But inexperience proved to be the dominating force at Shelby January 14 as the lassies made numerous mistakes in the opening conference loss to Shelby, 39-36, and when Cherryville invaded the local high school gymnasium for the first home conference game of the season, the locals were unable to contain the visitors and dropped a 46-27 decision.

East Rutherford, which has posted 10 straight wins without a defeat, handed the Mountaintettes their third straight loss with a one-sided, 64-29 victory, and some fans I talked with seemed to think that the East Rutherford girls could give the boys team a real good game. The Cavallettes scored at will, and moved the ball with machine-like precision, and it will surprise me if they lose a game in the SWC.

Chase became the next obstacle for the locals, and the Trojanettes wasted little time in handing the Mountaintettes their fourth straight SWC loss, 42-16, in a game which proved to be the locals' worst showing of the season.

And then came Lincolnton. Kings Mountain could manage only 14 points during the contest which Lincolnton won easily, 49-14.

As for the boys, things started slowly, and the pre-season predictions that Cherryville, Belmont, and Rutherford would be the teams to beat in the SWC race, along with Lincolnton, began to take form with Cherryville leading the pack going into the holiday break with a perfect 4-0 mark, but Lincolnton having its troubles, posting only 1 win in four outings. Belmont and Rutherford lived up to expectations, and Kings Mountain didn't show any signs of being a contender for the title as the locals dropped the seasons opener to Little Six member Dallas by a 50-48 count. It looked as though both the boys and girls teams were in for long seasons.

But the Mountaintettes entered the win column at Bessemer City a few nights after the Dallas loss with a 65-55 victory, and on December 13th, ekked out a 55-53 victory over Dallas in the season's home opener, and finished the pre-conference slate with a win over Bessemer City, 65-46.

After nearly a month layoff (December 10 to January 4) the Mounties opened the SWC schedule at Shelby, and the hosting Lions defeated the locals, 42-30, in a poorly played game which saw the Mountaintettes do everything wrong, and local fans were predicting that Kings Mountain was in for its worst basketball season in many a year.

But things started picking up for the Mountaintettes three nights later as a highly regarded Cherryville team which had only been beaten once, came to the high school gymnasium seeking its second conference win, but went away with its second conference defeat, 53-41.

And better things were yet to come for the locals as East Rutherford came to town January 21. East had defeated Cherryville a week earlier, and was expected to give the Mounties plenty of competition.

Kings Mountain could do no wrong in the East Rutherford game, and scored a record-breaking 85 points to humble the visitors, 85-67, and establish themselves as definite contenders in the SWC race.

The locals made it three in a row last Friday night at Chase with a 60-57 come-from-behind victory, and Tuesday night, Lincolnton proved to be too much for the Mountaintettes, as the Wolves won a decisive victory, 63-52, and stop the Kings Mountain win streak at three games. Kings Mountain now stands 3-2 in conference action, and Lincolnton has won 4 and lost 1.

The second half of the conference schedule gets underway Friday night as Belmont comes in for a double-header, and if the boys can contain the Red Raiders, and continue their domination over Chase, East Rutherford, and redeem itself against Shelby and Lincolnton, it may prove to be Kings Mountain's year to finish among the leaders.

"Boys Are Good", Says Parker

Coach Dan Parker, who is in the midst of his 21st year as a teacher-coach at Kings Mountain high school, is of the opinion that the boys of today are just as good, if not better, than those with whom he has come in contact in the past.

Parker was asked to state his opinion on this question last Friday night during the return trip from Chase. "I was precariously perched on the outside edge of a two-person seat, which was occupied by two high school girls nice enough to let me crowd in with them for the return trip. As the activity bus rumbled along the narrow two lane road which leads from Chase school to highway 74, Parker, driver of the bus, and I struck up a conversation.

Naturally our conversation was centered around sports, and after we playing the KM-Chase game, we began to talk about other aspects which come into play in the lives of high school athletes.

"What do you think of the present day high school athlete with regard to his behavior pattern as compared with say, ten years ago?" I asked.

"Well," he began, "There has been alot of talk about the behavior of the boys and girls of today, but I see no drastic difference between the high school students today and those of ten years ago," he said.

He continued by saying that this year's boys basketball team was made up of a fine group of youngsters, and if there was one "bad apple", he didn't know it. We continued our discussion and agreed that boys today are exposed to more outside interests than ever before, such as cars, money, and other material things, but the majority of them are well behaved and are a credit to the school.

Parker was of the opinion that the so called "trouble makers" seem to run in cycles. "Some years we will have

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Lincolnton Hands Locals Double Loss: 49-14; 63-52

Oates -Henderson Holds WBL Lead

Tuesday night's Women's Bowling League action had no effect on the first and second place team's standings as both teams posted 3 to 1 victories.

Oates -Henderson Shell, which lead the standings by a slim one game, defeated Fulton's Department Store 3 to 1, and McCurdy Cleaners remained only one game out of first place with a 3 to 1 victory over Griffin Drug. Kings Mountain Drug downed the Kings Mountain Moose team 3 to 1 in the other night's action.

Jennie Oates continued to lead the Oates -Henderson Shell scoring with a single game high of 104 and a line sets score of 293 to pace the front runners to a 3 to 1 victory over the last place Fulton's Department Store team. Chris Ware and Charity Gotorth each rolled high single games of 99 for the losers, and Gotorth's 30 line set score was high for Fulton's Department Store.

Lib Gault rolled a single game high score of 118, and a line set score of 319 to lead McCurdy Cleaners to a 3 to 1 victory over Griffin Drug. Louise Dover led the losers scoring with a 129 single game score, coupled with a three game line set score of 396.

Kings Mountain Drug moved into a tie for fourth place with Griffin Drug as a result of a 3 to 1 victory over Kings Mountain Moose.

Janet Burns led the winners scoring with a single game high of 114, and a line set score of 314. Pat Panther rolled a single game high of 98, and Betty Fite topped line set scoring honors for the losers with a 259.

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Oates - Hend. Shell	55	33	.561
McCurdy Cleaners	54	34	.552
KM Moose	43	45	.439
Griffin Drug	41	47	.419
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Fulton's	28	56	.285

Linc Lassies Post Easy Win; Boy's Game Close

Kings Mountain came out on the short end of both games of a twin-bill at the high school gymnasium Tuesday night, the girls dropping the opening game to Lincolnton, 49-14, and the Lincolnton boys posting a 63-52 win in the nightcap to halt Kings Mountain's win streak at three games.

As a result of Tuesday night's win Lincolnton moved into undisputed possession of second place in the SWC standings, one game behind Rutherfordford, which leads the conference race with 5 wins and 9 losses. Lincolnton stands 4-1 in the race, having lost only to the leaders, Kings Mountain is now 3-2 in the conference.

The Lincolnton boys, headed by big 6' 3" Dennis Byrd, and sharp-shooting forward Steve Hermon, jumped off into a 19-12 first quarter lead after a slow start in the early minutes, and continued to dominate the action in the second quarter to take a 32-23 halftime lead. At one point in the second quarter Lincolnton led by as many as fifteen points, 32-17, but the Mountaintettes allowed the gap to narrow before the first half ended.

Byrd and Herman scored 43 of Lincolnton's 63 points, 28 of which came in the first half.

Kings Mountain found the going rough under the backboards with Lincolnton's Byrd and Steve Warren dominating the rebound action throughout the first half.

The Mountaintettes collected only eight field goals in the first two quarters but hit 9 for 12 from the free-throw line for a 75.0 percentage.

The locals put on a scoring threat early in the third quarter and cut the Lincolnton lead to four points at 37-32, but the visitors failed to give way to the Mountaintettes as Herman kept the Lincs ahead with timely shooting.

KM outscored Lincolnton 14-11 during the third quarter, but still trailed, 42-37 as the final quarter began.

Byrd, playing with four fouls against him, shared scoring honors with Herman in the fourth period, both hitting three field goals, as the Wolves racked up 20 points to insure the victory.

Richard Gol led Kings Mountain's scoring with 21 points, and center Mike Ballard collected 14.

In the girls game, Lincolnton scored a one sided, 49-14 victory with Cheryl Bradshaw leading the way for the winners with 19 points, followed by Suzanne McGinnis with 10.

Kings Mountain was never in the game as the visiting lassies built up a 16-1 first quarter lead, and scored 12, 15, and 6 points in the next three periods.

Box Scores

Girls	
LINCOLNTON (49)	
F-Bradshaw	19
F-McGinnis	10
F-Robinson	2
G-Setzer	8
G-Fore	3
G-Hubbard	1
Subs: F. Bradshaw, Milbert 2, Kiser 1, Ward 2, Saskey, Barkley, Grigg, Cashion	

KINGS MOUNTAIN (14)	
F-Huffstetler	3
F-Bolin	9
F-Ruff	
G-Howard	2
G-Heavner	
G-Ramsauer	
Subs: Putnam, Lynn, Russell, Lowery, Beam, Williams.	
Half-time Score: Lincolnton 28; Kings Mountain 4	

Boys	
LINCOLNTON (63)	
G-Long	2
G-Pitts	8
G-Byrd	22
G-Warren	5
F-Herman	21
Subs: Ruffer, Talbert, Fisher.	

KINGS MOUNTAIN (52)	
G-Gold	21
G-Goorth	4
G-Ballard	14
F-Cook	4
F-Bunkowski	7
Subs: Bell 2, Leonard.	
Half-time Score: Lincolnton 32; Kings Mountain 23	

Sports Quiz

1. What are the American and National League records for runs-batted-in?
2. Jim Thorp's college football coach also coached Ernie Nevers. The coach, like his players, is a Hall of Famer, too. Who is he?
3. The first man to clear the seven-foot barrier in the high jump was:
 - (a) John Thomas?
 - (b) Charlie Dumas?
 - (c) Walt Davis
4. Just one major league pitcher ever had over 100 shutouts. Can you name him?
5. What is the recommended size for a basketball playing floor (in feet)?
6. The University of Kentucky has won more National Collegiate basketball titles than any other team. In what years did the Wildcats win their crowns?
7. Pro basketball's most durable player was Harry Gallatin. What is his record for playing in consecutive games?
8. Who was the famous center and who was the famous dribbler of the Globetrotters?
9. The man credited with making the one-handed basketball shot popular in the late 1930's was.....
10. Now a popular TV star, this one time athlete played both major-league baseball and in the National Basketball Association. Who is he?



Fourth Quarter Rally Nets 60-57 Win; Girls Lose

The Kings Mountain Mountaintettes posted their third consecutive Southwest Conference win at Chase Friday night, 60-57, and the Mountaintettes dropped their fourth, 42-16.

Chase threatened to sweep both games of the double-header, the Chase girls winning easily in the opening contest, and the Chase boys leading for the majority of the game before falling to the home - from - behind Mountaintetter cagers in the nightcap.

Johnnie Bostic hit a twenty-foot jumper for Chase with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter to give Chase a 9-8 advantage, and he Trojans were never headed until late in the fourth quarter when Mountaintetter guard Richard Gold scored a fast break layup with 2:06 remaining in the game to give Kings Mountain the advantage, 54-53.

The Mountaintettes pulled even at 50-all with 3:47 remaining, but Chase forward, Bruce Morrow regained the lead for the Trojan, with a foul shot, and with 3:18 remaining, Mike Helms scored a field goal to increase the Chase lead to 53-50.

Mike Ballard, KM center, fouled out of the game with 2:56 remaining, and Holmes stepped to the line for two shots, and a chance to further increase the Chase lead. Holmes failed to connect on either of his two shots, and KM narrowed the gap to one point 40 seconds later as Gold hit two foul shots.

Ken Bunkowski intercepted a Chase pass with 2:06 remaining and KM trailing, 53-52. Bunkowski kicked a pass to Gold breaking for the basket, and Gold put the locals ahead to stay with a driving layup.

Gold continued to score under pressure as he netted four points in the last minute and a half with two foul shots and another fast-break layup to give KM a 58-53 lead with 38 seconds remaining.

Bill Willis, Chase guard, fouled substitute center Jimmy Cloninger with 1 second to play, and Cloninger stepped to the free-throw line and calmly sank both charity tosses to complete the night's scoring.

Gold capped high scoring honors for the game with 20 points, and Louis Cook, who kept the Mountaintettes in the game during the second and third quarters with timely shots and alert defensive play, netted 14. Bunkowski reached the double-figure mark with 12 points.

Johnnie Bostic set the Chase pace in the first half with 14 points on seven field goals, and added 3 more points in the second half for a 17 point total, high for the losers. Forward Charlie Willis scored 13 for the losing Trojans.

The Chase girls won the opening contest, 42-16, with Mavis Norvelle and Sheila Cook providing the scoring punch with 16 and 13 points respectively.

Kings Mountain was never in the game as Chase jumped out into an 11-4 first quarter lead, and scored 14, 5, and 8 points in the next three quarters to hand the Mountaintettes their fourth straight SWC loss.

Becky Webster led the KM scoring with six points, and Joyce Bolin added five.

Duke Seeks 25th ACC Win In Row

South Carolina, the No. 2 team in ACC standings and an outfit that gave Duke a real tough one in their December meeting in Columbia, invades Duke Indoor Stadium tonight, Jan. 30, for another crack at the highly-ranked and loop-leading Blue Devils.

The Duke and N. C. State yearlings clash in a promising preliminary battle starting at six o'clock.

The Gamecocks, led by Rennie and Jimmy Collins (not related) put on a real battle when the two teams clashed earlier and it was all Duke could do to pull out at the end by 77-70.

The Collins boys are still very much around and are rated as two of the best players in the conference. They will lead the gamecocks into the game which could be one of the best to be seen on the Duke court this season.

The Blue Devils have a lot going for them at the present time and a win is a "must". They have a high national rating, they have won 24 straight Atlantic Coast Conference games and have a home court streak of 22 contests.

Duke returned after exams in one of the toughest games they have had all year Saturday night at Greensboro. They had to put on one of the real great come-backs in Duke cage history to win in a double over-time from Tennessee.

So far this season the Blue Devils have played many top-ranked teams. Early in the year, Ohio State and West Virginia were both highly rated when Duke played them and since, it has been Vanderbilt, Michigan and Kentucky and these three are still higher than the Blue Devils

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ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. Hank Lambert of Stanford set the record for runs-batted-in in baseball.
2. Chuck Connors, who played in the All-American team.
3. Ernie Nevers. Three times he was selected to the All-American team. He once failed to appear in more than one game.
4. 28 feet by 48 feet.
5. 28 feet by 48 feet.
6. 28 feet by 48 feet.
7. Harry Gallatin. He played in 361 consecutive games from 1948 to 1953.
8. Bill Willis.
9. Bill Willis.
10. Ernie Nevers.

Belk's Gains Lead In Recreation Basketball Race With Double Win

Belk's posted two wins in the Recreation Basketball League this week to gain first place in the standings. The Kings Mountain All-Stars remained in contention with a double win, and are currently one game behind the leading Belk's team.

Thursday night, January 23, Belk's won a 49-45 decision over the Ramblers with Perry Champion setting the winner's scoring pace with 17 points. Leroy Styers collected 17 for the losing Ramblers.

The All-Stars defeated the Hawks, 55-46 in Thursday night's second game, as R. S. Owens and Jimmy Davis posted high scores of 15 points for the All-Stars, and George Plonk netted 17 points for the losers to lead the game's scoring.

Lithium outlasted the Mountaintettes 41-33 in the other game played Thursday night. O'Brien scored 10 for the winners and Tommy Barrett netted 17 to pace the Mountaintettes. In Tuesday night's action the

Coach Bates' Father Succumbs

Marcus E. Bates, 54 year old father of Kings Mountain's head football coach, died Saturday afternoon in a Spartanburg, S. C. hospital following a four day illness.

A lifetime resident of Converse, S. C., Mr. Bates was a self-employed businessman.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, three daughters, Mrs. Jacqueline McIntyre of Boiling Springs, S. C., Mrs. Leticia Park of Spartanburg, and Mrs. Ann Sanders of Gaffney, two sons, Marcus E. Bates, Jr. of Spartanburg, and Coach Bill Bates of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bobo Mortuary in Spartanburg Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. with burial following in the Greenlawn Cemetery.

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Belk's	12	3	.800
All-Stars	11	4	.733
Ramblers	7	8	.467
Lithium	6	8	.429
Mountaintettes	4	10	.285
Hawks	4	11	.267

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