

# Trojans Take First Place With Win Over KM

## Herald Sports

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### John Gamble One Of The Best

The new Kings Mountain high school football stadium could not be named after a better man than John Gamble. Gamble began his head coaching career at KMHS in 1957, and between the five-year span from '57-'61, he led the Mountaineers to an overall (conference) record of 20 wins, eight losses, and five ties.

Almost every Kings Mountain football fan knows the story behind Coach Gamble, how he had to give up his teaching and coaching careers because of multiple sclerosis, but every fan that attends games regularly knows that the Coach is present at every football contest.

In Coach Gamble's first year as head mentor, the Mountaineers finished the season in second place with a 4-2 conference record, one game behind Shelby, 5-1. The Mountaineers lost the title-deciding game to the Lions, 14-13.

Gamble's squad finished second behind Shelby again in '58 with a 3-1-2 record, and lost to the Lions again that year by a 3-0 count. Shelby finished the season that year with a 6-1 conference record.

In 1959 the Mountaineers went right down to the wire and ended the season tied for top in the Southwest Conference with R-S Central and Shelby. All three teams had identical 4-1-2 conference records. R-S Central downed Kings Mountain in a playoff game 26-0.

But six Mounties landed on the SWC All-Conference team. They were: Don Fisher, Jimmy Blanton, Paul Hendricks, Gary Blanton, Jerry Adams, and Mike Ware.

### 1960—Probably The Best

The 1960 pigskin campaign was probably Coach Gamble's best. The Mountaineers finished the season with a 6-1 conference record, 9-1-0 overall.

They finished the year in second place, one-half game behind the Lincolnton Wolves, who posted a 9-0-1 overall record, undefeated in conference play.

But, the Mountaineers should have been the conference champs that year.

The October 27, 1960 files show that the Mountaineers lost a hard fought 7-0 contest to the Wolves, a game that determined the SWC champs.

But, the Mountaineers were "swindled" out of three touchdowns.

Jim "Punch" Parker got the Mountaineer fans to their feet when he galloped 96 yards for a TD, but one of the officials said he blew his whistle and ended the play back at the line of scrimmage, the Kings Mountain four.

Then the Mountaineers drove all the way to the Lincolnton two, from which point Wally Harris carried the ball, on third down, what appeared to be over the goal line. But the official placed the ball on the one.

Parker carried on fourth down. He dashed through the middle of the enemy line and into the end zone, but the official placed the ball just shy of the goal line.

"I had the ball in the end zone on last down," was the headline of the Herald Sports page on Oct. 27, 1960.

Parker made the statement, and all Mountaineer fans knew it was true, but the officials could not be convinced.

So with that, the Mounties ended their best record in history, with Gamble being coach.

But the Mountaineers were the high scoring team in the conference. They scored more points than any other Southwest team, 247. They allowed their opponents only 34.

In 1961, the Mountaineers finished in fourth place in the standings with a 3-3-1 conference record. Before them were Shelby (7-0), R-S Central (6-1), and Lincolnton (4-3).

### Career Ends?

So with that John Gamble's active coaching career ended. He was forced to retire because of his illness.

BUT, his coaching career really didn't end.

Present at every game, he, more or less, coaches in his own way from the sidelines.

And, Kings Mountain's present coach, Bill Bates, is following in Gamble's footsteps.

Like Gamble, Bates has become a winning coach and, in his three years as Mountaineer mentor, has become well liked by the Kings Mountain fans.

He has turned out two conference winning teams, of which area folk are proud of.

### The John Gamble Stadium

The 1965 Mountaineer football team will play six home games, as compared to only four this past season.

If things go right, and presently it appears they will, those games will not be played at City Stadium, but at a newly built stadium, which will be located at the site of the new high school.

This stadium will be called THE JOHN GAMBLE STADIUM.

The stadium committee has decided to name the stadium after the former Coach because of the things, many things, he did for the KMHS athletic program.

And, it couldn't be named after a better man.



FAMILY AFFAIR — Pictured above are high school basketball stars Richard and Sharon Gold. Richard is one of the leading scorers in the conference as well as the high scoring Mountaineer. Sharon, a freshman, has been an offensive, as well as defensive star for the Mountaineettes.

### Bob Herndon Rolls 161 Line And 398 Set In Men's Action Monday

Bob Herndon, captain of the second-place Herndon entry of the men's bowling league, rolled a 161 high line and a 398 set Monday night, and led his team to a three-game win over Tignor & Russell Garage.

Herndon rolled the record line during the first game, and added lines of 197 and 120 to that 398 set, only two pins less than the record 400 set recorded by Albert Brackett during the first half of action.

Brackett was high for the losers with a 116 line and a 331 set. The loss dropped Tignor & Russell into fourth place in the league standings.

Clyde and Ronnie Culbertson shared line and set honors for the Culbertson team, as it took four games from Griffin Drug.

Clyde rolled a 128 line and Ronnie added a 352 set. Steve Rathbone was high for the losers with a 135 line and a 317 set.

Plonk Oil Company split with Dilling Heating, but Dilling still moved into third place, four games out of first.

Clarence Plonk rolled a 133 line and a 365 set for the Oilers and Furman Wilson had a 139 line and a 333 set for Dilling.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Clyde Culbertson	18	10	.642
Bob Herndon	16	12	.571
Dilling Heating	14	14	.500
Tignor & Russell	13	15	.464
Griffin Drug	12	16	.428
Plonk Oil Co.	11	17	.393

on and then struck. He had two open frames of nine and ten pins, then was given a charity strike. He took a seven in the final frame and ended with a 227 game.

Clarence Plonk, who has led the tournament for five weeks, is now in second place in singles competition with a 640 total. Lib Gault is third with a 621 set.

Clarence Plonk and Richard Culbertson combined sets for a 1222 total Saturday night, to take over first place in doubles competition. Plonk and Randy Blanton hold down second place with 1204, and Roddy Houser and Richard Bridges are third with a 1183 score.

The singles kitty has now reached \$70, meaning that little time is left. Prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 will go to the first, second, and third place winners of each group.

### Richard Little Scores 47 Points As Belk's Take Over First Place

Action in the City Recreation Basketball League this past week saw Belk's take over first place, by taking wins from the Legion and Jenkins Metal.

In Thursday night's action, Jenkins took a 100-57 win from the Legion and Belk's downed the Hawks 111-41. Monday night, Lithium downed the Hawks 106-53 and Legion defeated Midpines 66-47. Tuesday night Belk's roared past Jenkins 70-44 and Lithium downed Legion 73-54.

Paul Hendricks led the Jenkins win over Legion Thursday night with 19 points. He was followed by forward Bobby Biddix and center Charles Camp, who netted 17 and 16 respectively. Pat Murphy and Red Bradley added 14 and 11.

George Plonk and Ken Cash scored 19 each for the losers. Richard Little capped the highest score yet in the nightcap Thursday as Belk's downed the Hawks 111-41.

Little bucketed 22 field goals and three foul shots for 47 points. He was followed by Charles and Bob Goodson with 20 and 13 respectively.

Little scored 14 points in the first quarter, four the second, added 16 in the third, and 13 in the final stanza.

James Robbs scored 32 points to lead Lithium to a 106-53 win over Hawks in Monday's opener. He was followed by Mearl Valentine.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Belk's	3	0	1.000
Lithium	3	1	.750
Jenkins	2	1	.667
Legion	2	2	.500
Hawks	0	3	.000
Midpines	0	3	.000

### Willis Scores 21 In Win Number Four For Chase

The Chase high school Trojans took over lone possession of first place in the Southwest Conference basketball standings Friday night by downing the Kings Mountain Mountaineers 74-59.

Mountaineer guard Richard Gold fouled out of the game with 2:30 remaining, at which time the Trojans were leading by only four points, 61-57.

Center Mike Ballard left via fouls in the third period. "I've never seen anything so hot," said Mountaineer Coach Don Parker. "Those boys could shoot from 30 feet out, and hit every time."

Billy Willis scored 21 points, seven field goals and seven foul shots, to lead the Trojans. Four boys hit well in the double figures. Guard Johnny Bostic was second in scoring with 15 points. He was followed by the center, Holmes, and forward Charlie Willis, who had 14 and 13 respectively.

Richard Gold scored 21 points for the losing Mountaineers. He hit on ten field goals and one charity toss. Ken Bunkowski and Mickey Bell followed with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Sophomore Dean Henderson, who substituted for Mike Ballard during the third stanza, added six points.

The game was tied 15-15 after one period. Chase led 35-28 at halftime, and 54-47 at the end of three periods.

Chase's conference record now stands at 4-0, compared to the Mounties' 3-1. Chase is 8-2 overall and the Mountaineers are 8-1. The Trojannettes won the opener 51-40.

Sheila Cobb and Lola Humphries led in the scoring with 16 and 13 points respectively. Cobb hit on six field goals and four foul shots and Humphries added six field goals and one charity

toss. Joyce Bolin led in the scoring for the Mountaineettes with 11 points. She was followed by Margie Huffstetler and Sharon Gold, who netted nine each. Joan Howard had eight, and sophomore Hilda Lowery completed the scoring with one point.

Both the Mountaineettes and the Trojannettes records are now 2-2 in conference play.

BOX SCORES

GIRLS	
Kings Mountain	(40)
F-Bolin	11
F-Huffstetler	9
F-Gold	9
F-Howard	8
G-Ruff	8
G-S. Lowery	1
Subs: H. Lowery 1, Lynn, Russell, Beam, J. Dunn, Dobbins.	
Chase	(51)
F-Kendrick	13
F-Cobb	13
F-Cole	11
G-Humphries	11
G-McCurry	4
G-Lane	2
Subs: Greenbee 1.	

SCORE BY PERIODS:

Kings Mtn.	12	9	7	12-40
Chase	15	12	14	10-51
Halftime Score:	27-21	(CHASE)		

BOYS

Kings Mountain	(59)
F-Bunkowski	13
F-Cloninger	4
C-Ballard	5
G-Bell	10
G-Gold	21
Subs: Henderson 6, Grimes	
Chase	(74)
F-Morrow	9
F-C. Willis	13
C-Holmes	14
G-Bostic	15
G-B. Willis	21

SCORE BY PERIODS:

Kings Mtn.	15	13	19	12-59
Chase	15	20	19	20-74
Halftime Score:	35-28	(CHASE)		



STANDOUTS — Pictured above are Margie Huffstetler and Mickey Bell, both seniors, who have been standouts for the KMHS basketball teams during early conference play. Bell is a guard on Coach Parker's Mountaineer squad and Margie is one of the top Mountaineette scorers.

### Plonk's Hold Bowling Lead

It was a night for winning (or losing) all four in Ladies' Duckpin action Tuesday night at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

McGinnis Furniture took four games from Phillip's 66, dropping Phillip's from a tie for first place into third place. Belk's Department Store held its second-place position by winning four games from Medical Pharmacy, and Plonk's Department Store is still on top after taking four games from Oates - Henderson Shell.

Evelyn Early copped line and set honors for McGinnis Furniture by rolling a 118 line and a 289 set. Margaret Wilson was high for the losers with a 100 line and a 271 set.

Lib Gault rolled a 117 line and a 332 set as first-place Plonk's Department Store took four games from Oates - Henderson Shell. Jenny Oates was high for the losers with a 120 line and a 346 set.

Dot Tignor and Pat Panther copped line and set honors for Belk's with Tignor rolling a 123 line and Panther adding a 320 set. Betty Cash was high for Medical Pharmacy with a 97 line and a 273 set.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Plonk's Dept. Store	12	4	.750
Belk's Dept. Store	11	5	.687
Phillip's 66	8	8	.500
Medical Pharmacy	6	10	.375
Oates-Henderson	6	10	.375
McGinnis Furniture	5	11	.313

Subs: Henderson 3, Grimes 6, Cooper 2, Russ 1, S. Goforth 4, Wilson 1, Burton 1, M. Goforth 4, Connor, Bridges, Powell, Fingee.

Lincolnton (57)

F-Setzer 11  
F-Hager 8  
C-D. Turbyfill 10  
G-King 10  
G-Proctor 20

Subs: Pope, Goodson 6, B. Turbyfill 2, Rudisill.  
Halftime Score: 42-27 (KM)

By Periods:

Kings Mtn.	26	16	21	13-79
Lincolnton	14	13	9	21-57

F. C. A. Meeting Monday Night: 7:30

An organizational meeting of the future Kings Mountain chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (F. C. A.) will be held at the Optimist Club building Monday February 1 at 7:30.

Fred Withers, provisional chairman, will be in charge of the meeting.

"It's a good thing for the community," said Western Carolinas League President John Moss, who is interested in seeing the F. C. A. chapter in Kings Mountain organized. "Every citizen is urged to attend," he added.

High school boys, as well as parents and area citizens, are invited.

### Mountaineettes Lose Third Straight, 47-35

The Kings Mountain Mountaineettes lost their third straight conference game Tuesday night, falling to the undefeated Lincolnton Wolverettes by a 47-35 count.

Mary Lou Setzer led the Wolverettes charge with 15 points. Lincolnton Coach Roy Turbyfill substituted freely throughout the one-sided game.

Fredda Robinson played an outstanding game for the Wolverettes, mainly with her play-making and ball handling. She added seven points.

Joyce Bolin led the Mountaineette scoring with 11 points, five field goals and one charity point. She scored only two points in the first half, then came roaring back in the final minutes to tally nine more.

Freshman Sharon Gold was second in scoring for the Kings Mountain lassies with nine points.

Guard Angela Ruff hit five-of-six foul shot attempts for five points.

The Mountaineettes trailed 27-8 at halftime.

The Mountaineettes took a 79-57 win in the nightcap, with all-conference guard Richard Gold leading the way with 22 points. Gold scored 12 points during the first quarter, but bucketed only one during the remainder of the first half.

Ken Bunkowski was second in scoring with 18 points. He netted half the total (nine) during the first stanza. Mike Ballard added 12 points.

Don Proctor scored 20 points for the losers. Terry Hager and Bo King followed with 11 and 10 respectively.

Coach Don Pack's boys were without their leading scorer Terry Talbert, whose appendix have been causing him trouble.

Mountaineer Coach Don Parker substituted freely during the second half.

He stated that he was pleased with the boys' field goal shooting but they will have to work on foul-shooting this week.

Kings Mountain will be at home Friday, playing host to East Rutherford.

The Mountaineettes and the Lady Cavaliers will play in the opener, which will begin promptly at 7:00. The two teams hold identical 2-3 conference records, so that game should be a thriller.

The Cavaliers are currently tied for fourth place and should offer a big threat to the Mounties.

Mountaineer guard Richard Gold, the team's high scorer, will go into the game holding an 18.3 average. He has tallied 91 points in five conference games.

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F-Gold	9
F-Huffstetler	7
G-Howard	3
G-Ruff	5
G-S. Lowery	1
Subs: Beam, Russell, J. Dunn, H. Lowery, Dobbins.	
Lincolnton	(47)
F-Setzer	15
F-Robinson	7
F-McGinnis	4
G-Fore	10
G-Kiser	1
G-Dellinger	1
Subs: Miller 7, Ward 2, Bradshaw 1.	

Halftime Score: 27-8 (LINC.)

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Kings Mtn.	2	6	6	21-35
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### Paint Holds One Game Mixed Bowling Lead

It was "one for me and one for you" in City Paint Store's and Jenny Oates' battle for first place in the Mixed Bowling League Thursday.

City Paint, going into the night one game into the lead, took the first and third games, and Oates took the second and fourth, leaving City Paint on top, still by

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