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Trojans Take First Place With Win Over



BY GARY STEWART

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 tan 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

tootball 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.

eason that year with a 6-1 conference

ight down to the wire and ended the the men's bowling league, rolled nie added a 352 set Steve Rathseason tied for top in the Southwest a 161 high line and a 398 set bone was high for the losers with Conference with R-S Central and Shel-Monday night, and led his team a 135 line and a 317 set. by. All three teams had identical 4-1-2 to a three game win over Tignor conference records. R-S Central down- & Russell Garage

ed Kings Mountain in a playoff game 26-0. But six Mounties landed on the SWC All-Conference during the first game, and added 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 shared line and set honors for behind the Lincolnton Wolves, who posted a 9-0-1 overall the Culbertson team, as it took record, undefeated in conference play.

ence 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

Jim "Punch" Parker got the Mountaineer fans to their Bob Herndon men's bowling open frames of nine and ten feet when he galloped 96 yards for a TD, but one of the team, took over first-place in the pins, then was given a charity officials said he blew his whistle and ended the play back Turkey Trot tournament Monday strike. He took a seven in the Gastonia (Pittsburgh Pirates) at the line of scrimmage, the Kings Mountain four.

nton two, from which point Wally Harris carried the Il, on third down, what appeared to be over the goal line. but his handicap, 48 pins, upped is now in second place in singles tros). Shelby Rebels, which will But the official placed the ball on the one. Parker carried on fourth down. He dashed through strikes in three games, added to

middle of the enemy line and into the end zone, but the nine spotted strikes, for a Culbertson combined sets for a ers, Spartanburg (Philadelphia he 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 spares and three natural strikes, Richard Bridges are third with w it was true, but the officials could not be convinced. So with that, the Mounties ended their best record in a spare, which was followed by reached \$70, meaning that little

ttory, with Gamble being coach. But the Mountaineers were the high scoring team in spared again. He was given a ond, and third place winners of

conference. They scored more points than any other charity strike, which he spared each group.

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

Career Ends?

So with that John Gamble's active coaching career and Jenkins Metal. 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,

h 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 est score yet in the nightcap putting Lithium into 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 and three foul shots for 47 Mearl Valentine with 14. newly built stadium, which will be located at the site of charles and Bob Goodson with losers with 23 points. he new high school.

This stadium will be called THE JOHN GAMBLE STADIUM.

The stadium committee has decided to name the sta- the final slanza. um 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.





. AMILY AFFAIR - Pictured above are high school paskewall 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 Mountainettes.

Gamble's squad finished second bearing Shelby again in '58 with a 3-1-2 Bob Herndon Rolls 161 Line And record, and lost to the Lions again that year by a 3-0 count. Shelby finished the 398 Set In Men's Action Monday

Herndon rolled the record line moved into third - place, four Albert Brackett during the first line and a 333 set for Dilling. 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

Bob Herndon, captain of the four games from Griffin Drug. In 1959 the Mountaineers went second-place Herndon entry of Clyde rolled a 128 line and Ron-Plonk Oil Company split with

> games out of first. Clarence Plonk rolled a 133 398 set, only two pins less than line and a 365 set for the Oilers the record 400 set recorded by and Furman Wilson had a 139

Dilling Heating, but Dilling still

	STANDINGS			
	Team	W	L	Pc
	Clyde Culbertson	18	10	.64
	Bob Herndon	16	12	.57
	Dilling Heating	14	14	.50
	Tignor & Russell	13	15	.46
ı	Griffin Drug	12	16	.42
	Plonk Oil Co.	11	17	.39
	The state of the s			100

But, the Mountaineers should have been the conference champs that year. Bob Herndon Takes First WCL President

of 258, 227, and 190 for a 675 227 game.

Then the Mountaineers drove all the way to the Lin-total. He rolled a 210 the first game. the total to 258.

nine per game.

but he threw them at the right a 1183 score. time. He opened the game with The singles kitty has

Bob Herndon, captain of the on and then saruck. He had two night when he combined games final frame and ended with a

Clarence Plonk, who has led the tournament for five weeks, inals), Salisbury (Houston Ascompetition with a 640 total. Lib He threw 13 spares and five Gault is third with a 621 set. Clarence Plonk and Richard

total of 27 marks, an average of 1222 total Saturday night, to take Phillies), and Thomasville (Minover first place in doubles com-His second game tells the petition. Plonk and Randy Blanton hold down second place with recorded four natural 1204, and Roddy Houser and

a spotted strike. He spared a time is left. Prizes of \$50, \$30, gain, struck twice in a row, then and \$20 will go to the first, sec-

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

Action in the City Recreation tine and Sid Franklin with 20 Basketball League this past week and 16 respectively. by taking wins from the Legion losers with 18 points.

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

George Plonk and Ken Cash scored 19 each for the losers. Thursday as Belk's downed the place. Hawks 111-41.

Little bucketed 22 field goals 20 and 13 respectively. Little scored 14 points in the Te

added 16 in the third, and 13 in Lithium James Robbs scored 32 points to lead Lithium to a 106-53 win Hawks over Hawks in Monday's opener. He was followed by Mearl Valen-

saw Belk's take over first place, Doug Rathbone was high for

Ken Cash scored 23 points as Legion took a 66-47 decision over Midpines in Monday's nightcap. Eddie Herndon, George Plonk, and Reggie White added 15 each. Jimmy Wright was high for the losers with 17 points.

Belk's and Jenkins met Tuesday night's opener to decide which team was to be the league leader after the second week. And it was Belk's.

Richard Little again for Belk's, as he scored 25 points to give Belk's a 70-44 win. Charles Goodson added 17.

Pat Murphy was high for the losers with 12 points. Lithium ended the week's action Tuesday with a the second half. Richard Little copped the high- decisive 73-54 win over Legion.

> Sid Franklin led the way with 18 points. He was followed Ken Cash was high for the

first quarter, four the second, Belk's Jenkins Legion Midpines

Willis Scores 21 In Win Number Four For Chase

The Chase high school Trojans tess.

2:30 remaining, at which time scoring with one point. lour points, 61-57.

fouls in the third period. "I've never seen anything so hot," said Mountaineer Coach Kings Mountain Don Parker. "Those boys could F-Bolin shoot from 30 feet out, and hit F-Huffstetler

every time."

Billy Willis scored 21 points, G-Howard seven field goals and seven foul G-Ruff shots, to lead the Trojans. Four G-S. Lowery boys hit well in the double figures. Guard Johnny Bostic was sell. Beam, J. Dunn, Dobbins. second in scoring with 15 points. Chase He was followed by the center, F-Kendrick Holmes, and forward Charlie F-Cobb Willis, who had 14 and 13 re- F-Cole spectively.

Richard Gold scored 21 points G-McCurry for the losing Mountaineers. He G-Lane hit on ten field goals and one charity toss. Ken Bunkowski and SCORE BY PERIODS: Mickey Bell followed with 13 and Kings Mtn.

turing the third stanza, added six points.

The game was tied 15-15 after F-Cloninger one period. Chase led 35-28 at C-Ballard halftime, and 54-47 at the end of G-Bell three periods. Chase's conference record now

stands at 4-0, compared to the stands at 4-0, compared to the F-Morrow all and the Mountaineers are 8-1. F-C. uillis The Trojanettes won the open-

Sheila Cobb and Lola Hum- G-B. Willis phries led in the scoring with 16 and 13 points respectively. Cobb hit on six field goals and four Chase 15 20 19 20—74 hit on six field goals and four Chase six field goals and one charity

took over lone possession of first Joyce Bolin led in the scoring place in the Southwest Confer- for the Mountainettes with 12 ence basketball standings Friday points. She was followed by Mar night by downing the Kings gie Huftstetler and Sharon Gold Mountain Mountaineers 74-59. who netted nine each. Joan How Mountaineer guard Richard and had eight, and sophomore Gold fouled out of the game with Hilda Lowery completed the

the Trojans were leading by only Both the Mountainettes and the Trojanettes records are nov Center Mike Ballard left via 2-2 in conference play.

BOX SCORES

GIRLS

F-Gold Subs: H. Lowery 1, Lynn, Rus G-Humphries Subs: Greenbee 1

10 points respectively.

Sophomore Dean Henderson, who substituted for Mike Ballard

Chase 15 12 14 10—51

Halftime Score: 27-21 (CHASE) Kings Mountain F-Bunkowski

> G-Gold Subs: Henderson 6, Grimes C-Holmes

foul shots and Humphries added Halftime Score: 35-28 (CHASE)

Moss Re-Elected

John Moss, President of the Western Carolinas Baseball League, announced Tuesday a 126-game card for the up-coming

Eight teams are entered in the league this ceason. They include: Greenville (New York Mets). Lexington (San Francisco Giants), Rock Hill (St. Louis Cardce under a player development plan with the Kansas City Ath letics and the Los Angeles Dodg

Moss discussed actions taken at a league meeting last Sunday.

Moss was elected to an additional three-year term as the League President and G. W. Hamilton was elected to a one year term as Vice-President.

Team Presidents and General Managers were also named.

At the head of the clubs will be: Clyde Sukeforth, an ex-Dodger, Gastonia: Ken Deal. Greenville; Max Lanier, Lexington; Fred Koenig, Rock Hill; Chuck Churn, Salisbury: Ferrell, a North Carolina Hall of Famer, Shelby; and Rolph Rowe Thomasville. The Spartanburg team manager has not been nam-

Team General Managers in clude: Carl Myers, Greenville Jim Bratz, Lexington; Rick Tay lor, Rock Hill; "Bone" Hamil-Salisbury; Stan Horowid Shelby; Pat Williams, Spartanburg; and Al Alexander, Thomas ville. The Gastonia General Manager will be named shortly.

The League will operate on a split-season basis The season will open on April 21 with the first half of play ending June 24. The second half of

action will end on August 25. A two-test of three playoff series will determine the seasor champ, with the winner of the second first half meeting the winner of

> Two All-Star games will be held. The first All-Star tilt wil' be held on Friday, July 9, and the second, Friday, August 13. In both instances, the first-place team will play the All-Star team made up of outstanding players from the other seven clubs

The first-half winner will host the All-Stars in the first contest and the team that is in first place on August 4 will host the



Managers of the Year, Sportsvriter's Award, and Sportscastr's Award

Jim Bayno of Rock Hill and G. V. "Bone" Hamilton of Salisbury were the Co · Managers, Neale 'atrick of the Gastonia Gazette, formerly of the Kings Mountain Herald, received the Sportswrit-r's award, and Jim Turner of Spartanburg received the Sportsaster award

Club Presidents echoed enthudasm toward a successful up oming season. Many pointed out hat this will be the best year in ng managers of each club.

Jack Bass of Shelby predicts hat the Recels will have a winning season and will be one of he top three teams in the league, nainly because of its addition of Wes Ferrell, who has never maniged a second-division club.

Fleete McCurdy predicts good things for the newly organized Thomasville club, among them he fact that it will have five ratios, two televis newspapers behind it.

Warren "Dusty" Gardner, Jr., ays that he is "extremely hapby to have a baseball personality
where the baseball personali rates would have a winning year. League President Moss remark-

ed, "The local ownership of Gas-tonia and the Hi-Toms will add at Sunday's ance we can reach Co - General lion mark in '65."





STANDOUTS - Pictured above are Margie Huffstetler and Mickey Bell, both seniors, who have been standouts for the neer squad and Margie is the top Mountainette

Plonk's Hold **Bowling Lead**

It was a night for winning (or losing) all four in Ladies' Duckpin action Tuesday night at F—Gold Mountain Lanes Bowling Center. F—Huftstetler McGinnis Furniture took four G-Howard games from Phillip's 66, dropping Phillip's from a tie for first G-S. Lowery place into third place. Belk's De-partment Store held its secondplace position by winning four games from Medical Pharmacy. and Plonk's Department Store is still on top after taking four F-McGinnis games from Oates - Henderson G-Fore

Evelyn Early copped line and G-Dellinge set honors for McGinnis Furni- Subs: Mil ture by rolling a 118 line and a shaw 1. 289 set. Margaret Wilson was high for the losers with a 100 By Periods: line and a 271 set. Kings Mtn. line and a 271 set.

Lib Gault rolled a 117 line and Lincolnton 332 set as first-place Plonk's Department Store took four Kin games from Oates - Henderson F-Bunkowski shell. Jenny Oates was high for F-Cloninger the losers with a 120 line and a C-Ballard Dot Tignor and Pat Panther G-Gold

copped line and set honors for Subs: Henderson 3, Grimes Belk's with Tignor rolling a 123 Cooper 2, Russ 1, S. Goforth line and Panther adding a 320 Wilson 1, Burton 1, M. Goforth set. Betty Cash was high for 4, Connor, Bridges, Powell, Finhe five-year history of the set. Betty Cash was high for eague because of the outstand- Medical Pharmacy with a 97 line and a 273 set.

Plonk's Dept. Store Belk's Dept. Store Phillip's 66 Medical Pharmacy 375 Oates-Henderson .375 McGinnis Furniture

F. C. A. Meeting Monday Night; 7:30
An organizational meeting of

the future Kings Mountain chap-ter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (F. C. A.) will be held at the Optimist Club cuild-ing Monday February 1 at 7:30. Fred Withers, provisional chairman, will be in charge of

Mountainettes Lose Third Straight, 47-35

The Kings Mountain Mounainettes lost their third straight conference game Tuesday night, alling to the undefeated Lincolnton Wolverettes by a 47-35

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

Fredda Robinson played an utstanding game for the Wolcreites, mainly with her playnaking and ball handling. She idded seven points.

Joyce Bolin led the Mountainttc scoring with 11 points, five ield goals and one charity point. the scored only two points in the irst half, then came roaring ack in the final minutes to tally tine more

Freshman Sharon Gold was econd in scoring for the Kings fountain lassies with nine

mints. Guard Angela Ruff hit five-ofix foul shot attempts for five

points. The Mountainettes trailed 27 S at halftime.

The Mountaineers took a 79-57 win in the nightcap, with allconference guard Richard Gold .eading the way with 22 points. Gold scored 12 points during the first quarter, but bucketed only one during the remainder of the first halt.

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

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 Park-er 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 East Rutherford. The Mountainettes 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. tied for fourth place and should

offer a big threat to the Moun-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. BOX SCORES GIRLS

Subs: Beam. Russell, J. H. Lowery, Dobbins.

G-Kiser

F-Robinson

Subs: Miller 7, Ward 2, Brad-Halftime Score: 27-8 (LINC.)

15 12 12 BOYS

Pct. F-Hager C-D. Turbyfill G-King G-Proctor Subs: Pope, Goodson 6, B. Tur-

byfill 2, Rudisill. 11 .313 Halftime Score: 42-27 (KM) y Periods. Kings Mtn. Lincolnton

It was "one for me and one for you" in City Paint Store's "It's a good thing for the com-munity", said Western Carolinas and Jenny Oates' battle for first