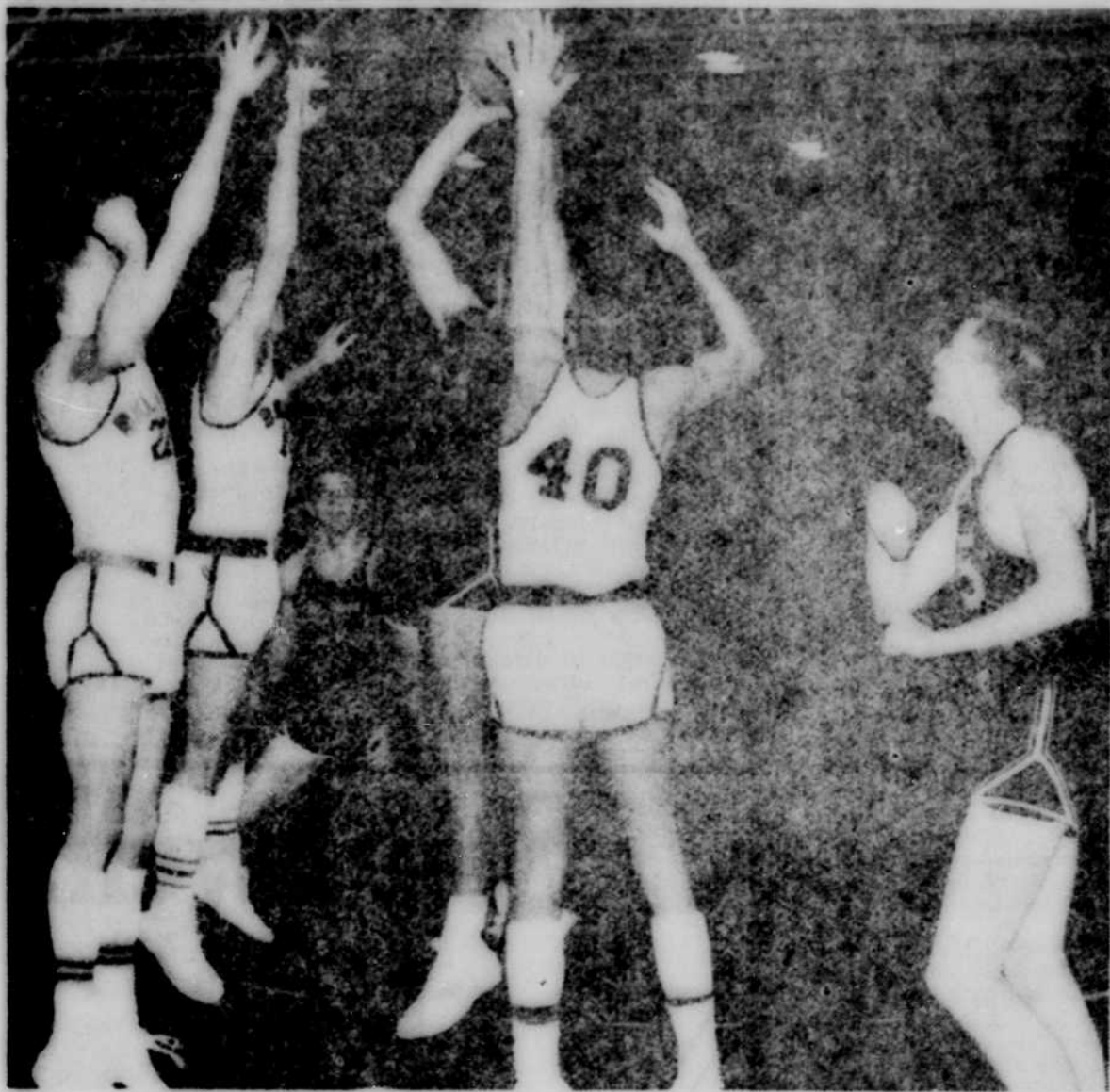


Conference Title On Line In Games This Week



BALLARD SHOOTS — Mike Ballard, Mountaineer center, is about to score a basket in the Mountaineer-Belmont game Friday, which the locals won 42-38. Guarding Ballard is Belmont's Charles McClure while Mountaineers Jimmy Cloninger (15) and Ken Bunkowski look on. (Photo by Tommy Plonk).

KM At Shelby Friday Plays Chase Here Tuesday

The Southwest Conference basketball title will be on the line this week when the Kings Mountain Mountaineers play the Shelby Lions and the Chase Trojans. The Mountaineers are currently tied for first place in the conference standings with the Trojans, but they will have to tangle with Coach Lloyd Little's Lions first, a team that has been averaging close to 80 points per contest since they were set down in their first two conference games. Going into Tuesday night's action, the Mounties and the Trojans were tied for top with identical 7-1 records with Shelby in second place with a 6-2 mark. The Lions have not lost a game since the first KM-Shelby clash, which saw the Mountaineers pull out a 73-43 win. But since that time the Lions have been knocking down opponent after opponent to become the most impressive team in the conference. Shelby is the only team to defeat the Chase Trojans. The Lions downed Chase 72-66 last Tuesday at Shelby. Ronnie Wilson, one of the conference's top scorers, will be leading the Lions into action Friday night when they play host to the Mountaineers. Wilson is averaging better than 15 points and is a good playmaker, as well as defensive man for Coach Little's five. Don Beam, Mal Brown, Don Robertson, and

Mike Boatwright will make up the remainder of the Shelby starting five. The Shelby girls are in third place in the standings and have already defeated the Mountaineers three times this season. The Lionesses of Mrs. Bobby Reynolds gained a 56-28 decision over the KM girls in conference play January 15. Jackie Phillips, Mary Sheppard, and Rachel Gidney will lead the Shelby girls, while Joyce Bolin, Sharon Gold, Margie Huffstetler, and Joan Howard will be the top girls on Coach Hussey's squad. The Mountaineers will return home Tuesday to play host to the Chase Trojans in a contest that will probably be "do or die" for both teams. The Trojans defeated the Mountaineers 74-59 in their first contest, with Billy Willis leading the charge with 21 points. Other standouts for Coach Bob Bush's squad are Johnny Bostic, Charlie Willis, and Bruce Morrow. Ken Bunkowski and Richard Gold will go into both games as the Mountaineer high scorers. Ken is averaging 16.9 per cent and Richard is just a few percentage points behind that figure. Other Kings Mountain starters will be Mike Ballard, Jimmy Cloninger, and Mickey Bell or Ben Grimes.

Tempers Flare But Mounties Down Ironmen

Tempers flared here Tuesday night between the Kings Mountain and Cherryville boys but the Mountaineers came out atop 43-32. The first outburst came early in the game when Cherryville forward Bill Barger and Mountaineer center Mike Ballard tangled over a loose ball. The official warned both boys and the game went smoothly until late in the fourth quarter when a Cherryville fan was escorted from the gymnasium by a local police officer, at the officials request. Shortly after that, with only 15 seconds remaining in the game, Ballard was struck in the face while battling over a rebound with Cherryville center Ernie Motz, which caused more disturbance. Order was again restored by the same official, but play was tight during the remaining seconds. The Mountaineers led the entire game with forward Ken Bunkowski scoring 13 points to gain night high scoring honors. Four of the five Kings Mountain starters scored in the double figures, Jimmy Cloninger hit two field goals and six foul shots, and Richard Gold and Ben Grimes added 10 apiece. Ballard failed to score. Ernie Motz and Bill Barger were high for the losers with 10 and 7 respectively. It was the Mountaineers' eighth conference win in nine starts. Cherryville's record stands at 2-7. Kings Mountain led by three points, 10-7, after one period, increased that lead to nine, 21-12, at halftime, and led 36-27 after three periods. The Mountaineers took a close 22-20 win in the opener, but Coach Hussey was without the assistance of his high-scoring forward Joyce Bolin and the team playmaker Joan Howard. Sharon Gold led all scorers with 12 points. She was followed by Margie Huffstetler with six, Glenda Lynn with two, and Hilda and Susan Lowery, who had one each. Becky Burgardner and Mary Beam were high for the losers with seven and six respectively. Cherryville jumped to a quick lead on the local girls and led by a six point margin, 9-3, after one period. The Mountaineers came back in the second stanza to make the score 11-10. (Cherryville) at halftime. Kings Mountain took its first lead, 12-11, at the beginning of the second half when Sharon Gold bucketed a field goal but the Cherryville girls surged back into the lead. The lead changed hands numerous times, but the Mountaineers took the last lead, 17-15, with 1:00 remaining in the third period. The Mountaineers led 17-16 at the end of three periods, and outscored their opponents by one point, 5-4, in the final stanza to take their fourth conference victory. The Mountaineers are in fifth place in the conference standings with a 4-5 mark, while the Lady Ironmen are deep into the cellar with a 0-9 record.

Kings Mtn. Takes Two Wins Over Belmont Fri.

The Kings Mountain Mountaineettes broke a five-game losing streak Friday by taking a close 37-36 win from Belmont. The boys took a 42-38 nightcap win. Margie Huffstetler and Sharon Gold scored 11 and 10 points respectively to lead the Mountaineettes. Huffstetler scored on five field goals and one charity toss and Gold added five field goals. Joan Howard was next in scoring with eight points, Joyce Bolin added six, and Susan Lowery and Angela Ruff rounded out the scoring with one point each. Debbie Cortner scored 15 points, six field goals and three foul shots, to lead the Raiderettes. The Mountaineettes led the entire game until 3:39 remaining in the third period when Belmont took a 26-25 lead. The Mountaineettes regained the lead with 4:13 left in the game, the score 35-33. With the Mountaineettes leading 37-36, the Belmont girls gained possession with 0:05 remaining. Kings Mountain's defense was able to stay tight for the remaining seconds. It was the Mountaineettes' first victory in six games; after winning their first two games the girls have not been able to pull over a win. The Mountaineettes took a quick 10-3 lead but the Red Raiders came from behind to make it 19-8 after one period and to lead 29-16 at intermission. All conference forward Ken Bunkowski scored 21 points, eight field goals and four foul shots, to lead the Mounties to their seventh win in eight starts. Guard Richard Gold was second in scoring with 13 points. Mike Ballard scored four, Jimmy Cloninger added three, and Ben Grimes rounded out the scoring with two points. Mickey Bell did not see action because of an ankle injury. Jerry Lawrence and Richard Armstrong were high for the losers with 13 and 12 points. Lawrence and Armstrong scored 19 and 15 respectively in the first Mountie-Raider clash and said that they would settle for not less than those two figures Friday, but the Mountaineer defense changed their statements. Belmont took its first lead, 18-16, with 2:30 remaining in the first half, but the Mounties came from behind to make it 29-28 with 0:03 left in the third stanza. Belmont regained its lead only once more, 32-31, with 6:33 remaining. Kings Mountain went ahead 33-32 just eight seconds later. The Mountaineers led by their largest margin, 37-32, with 2:18 remaining, but the Raiders fought back to make it 38-36 with just 0:16 left. Ken Bunkowski hit two foul shots to put the Mounties ahead by four points, 40-36, with less than 0:15 left. Belmont decreased the lead to two points by hitting a field goal and with five seconds remaining, Belmont guard Richard Armstrong intentionally fouled Richard Gold, who, in turn, sank both shots to make the final score 42-38. It was Belmont's third loss in eight starts, dropping their losing streak to four games. Kings Mountain took fourth place in the conference standings. The Mounties have lost only one to Chase, but are tied for first place.

F—Cloninger 3
C—Ballard 4
G—Grimes 2
G—Gold 13
Subs Scoring: None. (38)
Belmont: F—Lawrence 13
F—Moore 4
C—Burgardner 12
G—Armstrong 8
G—Abernathy 8
Subs Scoring: Featherstone 2.
Score By Periods:
KM 10 6 13 13—42
Belmont 8 12 8 10—38
Halftime Score: 20-16 (Belmont)

SWC STANDINGS GIRLS' DIVISION
Team W L
Lincolnton 9 0
Shelby 7 2
R-S Central 6 3
East Rutherford 5 4
KINGS MOUNTAIN 4 5
Chase 2 7
Belmont 2 7
Cherryville 0 9
BOYS' DIVISION
Team W L
KINGS MOUNTAIN 8 1
Chase 8 1
Shelby 7 2
Belmont 5 4
East Rutherford 4 5
Cherryville 2 7
Lincolnton 2 7
R-S Central 0 9

REMAINING GAMES
FEB 12 — Belmont at Cherryville, Chase at R-S Central, Lincolnton at East Rutherford, KM at Shelby.
FEB 16 — R-S Central at Belmont, Chase at KM, Cherryville at East Rutherford, Shelby at Lincolnton.
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City Recreation Race Tightens; Belk's Suffers First Loss Thursday

The City Recreation basketball race is getting tighter as the top team, Belk's is now only one-half game ahead of second place Lithium.

In action Thursday night, Jenkins downed Midpines 98-45 in the opener and Lithium took a 51-42 decision from Belk's in the nightcap. Legion edged Jenkins 86-55 in Monday night's opener and Belk's won over Hawks in the nightcap, 77-49. Lithium took a 76-39 win over Midpines in Tuesday's opener and Belk's edged Jenkins 71-70 in the nightcap. Red Bradley and E. Bay Biddix scored 25 and 23 respectively Thursday to give Jenkins their fourth win over Midpines. Paul Hendricks and Charles Camp added 19 and 14 respectively for the winners and John Van Dyke and Butch Blackburn had 14 each for the losers. Mearl Valentine scored 12 as Lithium took its 51-42 win over first place Belk's in Thursday's finale. Richard Little had 11 for the losers. Ken Cash and Eddie Herndon scored 27 and 24 respectively in Monday's opener to give Legion a close 85-85 win over Jenkins. Pat Murphy was high for the losers with 26 points. Charles Camp and Red Bradley added 15 and 14 respectively for the losers.

Bob Goodson scored 23 to lead Belk's to a 77-49 win over the Hawks in Monday's nightcap. Richard Little and J. D. Biddix added 19 and 12 for the winners and Doug Rath, one had 16 for the losers. Gerald Hipps and Mike Dixon added 12 and 7 for the losers.

Lithium won its sixth in a row in Tuesday's opener, over Midpines, 76-39. C. Fones scored 18 to lead Lithium and Roger Ross had 13 for Midpines. Belk's won a close 71-70 decision over Jenkins in Tuesday's nightcap to round out the week's action. J. D. Biddix scored 26 to lead Belk's and Charles Camp had 22 for the losers. In action tonight the Legion plays Midpines and Lithium plays the Hawks. Monday Belk's will play Midpines in the opener and Jenkins will take on the Hawks in the nightcap; Tuesday's opener will be between the Legion and Lithium and the nightcap will see the Hawks vs. Midpines.

STANDINGS
Team W L Pct. GB
Belk's 7 1 .875 —
Lithium 6 1 .857 1/2
Legion 4 3 .571 2 1/2
Jenkins 4 4 .500 3
Hawks 1 6 .143 5 1/2
Midpines 0 7 .000 6 1/2

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Jenny Oates rolled a 119 line and a 319 set as Oates-Henderson Shell moved into fourth place by taking four games from McGinnis Furniture. Charity Goforth had a 96 line and a 271 set for the losers.

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Team W L Pct.
Clyde Culbertson 24 12 .667
Bob Herndon 19 17 .528
Tignor & Russell 18 18 .500
Dilling Heating 18 18 .500
Griffin Drug 15 21 .417
Plonk Oil 14 21 .399

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Compact Downs Lincoln 70-59

The Compact Cobras downed Lincoln High of Bessemer City 70-59 Monday night before a full house at Compact's gymnasium. Four of the five Compact starters hit double figures. Pete Adams was the night high scorer with 19 points. He was followed by Miles Boyd with 17, James Hood with 15, and Billy McEachen with 10.

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Bunkowski No. 1 Mountaineer

Ken Bunkowski, 1964 all-conference Southwest Conference forward, is the best all-around Mountaineer basketball player. Ken has scored 135 points in eight conference games (through Belmont) for a 16.9 scoring average. Bunkowski played his best two games against Belmont. In the first Mountaineer-Raider clash, Ken scored 19 points to lead the Mounties to a 67-57 victory. Last Friday he scored 20 points to lead Coach Parker's squad to a four-point, 42-38, win over Belmont.

Behind Bunkowski is all-conference guard Richard Gold, who is the only other Mountaineer to score more than 100 points this season.

Richard, through the Belmont game, has scored a total of 125 points and is holding down a 15.6 ppg average. His scoring pace has slowed down in the last three games, as he scored only 10 against East Rutherford, 11 against R-S Central, and 13 against Belmont.

He hit his season highs, 22, against Cherryville and Lincolnton. He netted 21 against the Chase Trojans.

Next comes forward Jimmy Cloninger, who has earned a total of 63 points in eight games for a 7.9 ppg average. Mike Ballard, a senior center, missed one conference game because of sickness, and has scored three points less than Cloninger, but holds an 8.6 average. Mike missed the East Rutherford game, which the Mounties won 62-54.

Ben Grimes is next in scoring with 58 points and a 7.3 ppg average. Grimes, a junior, hit his season high, 20, against R-S Central last week when he started in the place of Mickey Bell, who has been sidelined because of an ankle injury.

Bell is the No. 6 scorer, but is No. 5 as far as averages are concerned. Mickey has scored 45 points in six contests for a 7.6 ppg average.

Sophomore center Dean Henderson missed the last two games because of a fractured finger. He has participated in five games and is holding down a 2.6 scoring average, 13 points.

Eight substitutes have entered their names in the scoring column. Junior Steve Goforth has scored seven points in four conference games. Mike Goforth has added four, Phillip Russ has scored three, and Nelson Connor and Neal Cooper have added two each. Dennis Bridges, Larry Burton, and Steve Wilson have scored one point each.

Bolin-Gold Lead Girls
Joyce Bolin and Sharon Gold so far have been the scoring leaders for Coach Bob Hussey's girls squad, but close behind are Margie Huffstetler and Joan Howard.

Bolin, an all-conference forward in '64, has netted a total of 85 points in eight conference contests, for a 10.6 average. She hit her season high, 15, against Belmont in the conference opener, January 8.

Sharon Gold, a freshman starter, has scored 62 points for a 7.8 ppg average. Sharon starts off fast and finishes slow, as she scores most of her points during the first two quarters of play. An example: She scored eight points during the first half against Belmont last Friday and finished the game with 10.

Sharon hit her season high, 11, against East Rutherford. Next comes senior forward Margie Huffstetler, who is just two points behind Gold with 60 points and a 7.5 average. Joan Howard is three points back of Huffstetler with 57 points and a 7.1 ppg average.

On defense for the Mountaineettes, Angela Ruff has been the top stand-out. She has netted 10 foul shots this season for a 1.3 scoring average, and has also been a key rebounder, although height limits her there.

Susan and Hilda Lowery have also been outstanding on defense. Susan, a junior, has one more year, but Hilda will be around for two more seasons.

This Week Will Tell Story
If Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers can get through



Injured—Mickey Bell, Mountaineer guard, missed the last three basketball games because of an injured ankle. He has a 7.6 scoring average and is a key man on defense for Coach Don Parker's squad. Bell may see action against Shelby Friday, but as of now, it is not known if he will be a starter.

Ninth Graders Lose To Belmont Cagers
The Kings Mountain ninth graders lost again last Thursday to Belmont, 25-8 and 39-34.

Susan Howell scored five of the local girls' eight points and Charles Green and Dennis Goforth netted 11 and 10 respectively in a much closer boys' game.

The ninth graders have only three games remaining. The girls have a 1-8 record while the boys are 0-8.

this week without losing, they will go all the way. Friday night the locals will travel to Shelby for a conference doubleheader.

Kings Mountain downed Shelby by the largest margin in history in their first meet, January 15, but since then the Golden Lions of Lloyd Little have been knocking off opponents by scoring close to 80 points in every game.

The Lions have not lost since that Kings Mountain game and since that time became the only team to beat the Chase Trojans.

Ronnie Wilson, Shelby's playmaking guard, is the third highest scorer in the SWC, and he will be out to do all he can to beat Kings Mountain.

Tuesday, the Chase Trojans will come to town, and that game might very well be the one to decide the Southwest Conference champions.

Coach Bob Bush's squad whipped the Mounties 74-59 in their first meeting, but the Mounties should have a slight advantage this time as they are the hosts, and will be playing on their home court.

The Mountaineers will finish conference play February 26 when they will be playing host to the R-S Central Hilltoppers.

They will travel to Lincolnton next Friday and to East Rutherford the following Tuesday, before coming home to "wrap-up" the 1965 conference season.

Mounties In Tournament
The Mountaineers are almost certain of entering tournament play this March.

The top four teams in each conference will represent their conference in the tournament.

In the boys' division right now it looks like the teams from this conference will be Kings Mountain, Chase, Shelby, and Belmont. In the girls' division, it will probably be Lincolnton, R-S Central, Shelby, and East Rutherford.