

# KMHS Cagers Host Bessemer City Friday Night



## Herald Sports

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### Things Looking Bright For Mounties

After three pre-season basketball games, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers of Coach Don Parker have shown that they'll cause some trouble in the Southwest Conference race this year.

Coach Parker, however, is not pleased with their overall performance thus far. The boys have looked good in spots, but bad other times.

Take last week's game at Lowell for instance. The Mountaineers hit only 32.4 percent of their field goals. The Lions of the Gaston County Little Seven Conference stayed close throughout most of the first half before the Mountaineers broke the game open in the final two periods.

In the Lowell game, the Mounties hit only 22-of-68 field goal attempts, a big drop from the Tuesday before when the boys hit over 50 percent against Bessemer City.

The Mountaineers hit better from the free throw line Friday, but they could use some improvement there, also. They hit on 17-of-29 from the charity stripe, the first game that they've hit over 50 percent.

Junior center George Adams, who was one of those who had trouble at the first of the year, hit on four-of-five Friday night. He added seven field goals to go with them for a game and season high of 18 points.

Adams, who excels in jumping and grabbing rebounds, currently leads the team in scoring with a 16.0 average. Actually, George could easily be a 20-plus average, but Coach Parker likes to substitute freely in order to give his reserves some experience.

Sophomore forward Ken Mitchem has picked up where he left off last year. He's still stripping the nets and has been very valuable to the team so far with his defensive work.

Senior guard Nelson Connor has slacked off on his scoring this year but has taken up the slack with some outstanding ballhandling and playmaking. Connor's joined in the backcourt this year by junior Steve Spencer, who, doesn't score many points, but is a whiz with his ballhandling and defensive work.

So far the Mountaineers have shown a balanced attack but Coach Parker thinks county-rival Shelby has the team to beat. "Anytime you beat Hickory, you've got a good team," says Parker, who has been the Mountaineer head mentor for the past 23 years. Shelby beat the Red Tornadoes of Hickory 40-38 last Friday.

Shelby, as usual, will be tough and probably will have the team to beat, but the Mountaineers are going to be in the thick of things all the way.

The Mounties have scored, 58, 59 and 61 points in their first three games. That might not look like a good score for a better-than-average high school team, but you have to take into consideration that the KMHS first unit hasn't been playing the entire ballgame.

Had the first unit went all the way in all of those games, the Mountaineers would have easily scored 80 or more points, except maybe for the last game.

Kings Mountain also has good depth with juniors Stan Laughter, Bert Smith and Gene Putnam, and seniors Tommy Finger and Lucio Wilson running second unit. Putnam leads all reserves in scoring with a 3.0 average.

The three members of the Mountaineer third unit — Richard Shank, Ray Morgan and Darrell Whetstone — have also seen plenty of action so far.

### Girls Not Playing Up To Par

Coach Bob Hussey's Mountainettes haven't shown too much so far. The girls have the same team back that posted a 7-11 record last year and have won one-of-three pre-season games.

The girls play their final exhibition game Friday at the KMHS gym when Bessemer City comes to town. The Mountainettes took their only win off Bessemer last Tuesday night, 34-21.

The KM lassies haven't been playing up to par and are going to have to improve if they expect to get into the bi-conference tournament this year.

Junior Sharon Gold is again leading the Mountainette charge. After three contests, Sharon has scored 53 points for a 19.3 average. Her highest output was 25 points against Bessemer and her lowest night's work was 10 points against King's College last Thursday.

Sharon was All-Conference last year and was also the team's most valuable player. She led the conference in scoring with a 16.4 average and looms as one of the top prospects in the league again this season.

She's gotten very little help — scoring-wise — from the remaining members of the team so far. Currently second in scoring is senior Hilda Lowery with 17 points and a 5.7 average. As a team, the girls have scored 98 points while giving up 101.

Junior Libby Tedder has performed well on defense for the Mountainettes so far. She's averaged a free throw a game so far, hitting on three-of-four attempts from the line.

The East Rutherford and Lincolnton girls have performed well in practice games, according to reports from their respective papers. At East, junior Shannon Shuford is again contributing the scoring punch while at Lincolnton, Debbie Keener is the big scorer.

Through Friday's games, Shelby's girls have a 2-1 record and Cherryville is undefeated with a 2-0 tab. Belmont is having its troubles while Chase and R-S Central seem to be holding their own.

The R-S Central, Shelby and Cherryville boys have been winning regularly while Belmont, Chase and East Rutherford are so-so. However, all these teams have been up against tough opponents.

Look for a tight race this year in the SWC boys' division, with KMHS right in the thick of things.

## Adams' 18 Points Lead KM To 61-31 Win Over Holbrook

### Fulton's, Cash Grocery Tied For Early Lead

Fulton's Dept. Store and Cash Grocery share an early lead in the 1966-67 City Recreation Basketball League race after claiming opening night victories Tuesday at the Armory.

Fulton's defeated Lithium, 94-32, as Roy Whitaker and Tom Richie scored 26 and 24 points respectively. Robert Phifer and Ragan Harper added 12 points each for the winners while Tony Leigh scored nine for the losers.

Cash Grocery and the All-Stars fought right down the wire before the Cash boys claimed a 77-68 win. Ken Cash and Tommy Barrett tallied 22 points each for the winners while Robert Owens scored a game high 31 points for the losers.

Cash Grocery led, 35-29, at halftime.

Six teams are entered in this year's race. The two other teams entered are Optimist-Timms, co-sponsored by the local Optimist Club and Timms Furniture, and the Meat Cutters.

Defending league and tournament champ Belk's Dept. Store did not enter a team in this year's league. Lithium is the only returning entry.

Doubleheaders will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Armory. The remaining schedule follows:

Dec. 15 — Optimist-Timms vs. Meat Cutters; Fulton's vs. All-Stars

Dec. 20 — Cash Gro. vs. Optimist-Timms; Lithium vs. Meat Cutters

Dec. 22 — Fulton's vs. Cash Gro.; Lithium vs. Optimist-Timms

Jan. 3 — Meat Cutters vs. All-Stars; Fulton's vs. Optimist-Timms

Jan. 5 — Meat Cutters vs. Cash Gro.; Lithium vs. All-Stars

Jan. 10 — Fulton's vs. Meat Cutters; Optimist-Timms vs. All-Stars

Jan. 12 — Cash Gro. vs. Lithium; Fulton's vs. All-Stars

Jan. 17 — Optimist-Timms vs. Cash Gro.; Lithium vs. Meat Cutters

Jan. 19 — Cash Gro. vs. Fulton's; Optimist-Timms vs. All-Stars

Jan. 24 — All-Stars vs. Meat Cutters; Lithium vs. Fulton's

Jan. 26 — All-Stars vs. Cash Gro.; Meat Cutters vs. Optimist-Timms

Jan. 31 — Meat Cutters vs. Fulton's; All-Stars vs. Optimist-Timms

Feb. 2 — Lithium vs. Cash Gro.; Optimist-Timms vs. Fulton's

Feb. 7 — Cash Gro. vs. Meat Cutters; All-Stars vs. Lithium

Feb. 9 — Meat Cutters vs. Optimist-Timms; Cash Gro. vs. All-Stars

Feb. 14 — Lithium vs. Fulton's; All-Stars vs. Meat Cutters

Feb. 16 — Optimist-Timms vs. Lithium; Fulton's vs. Cash Gro.

Feb. 21 — Meat Cutters vs. Lithium; Optimist-Timms vs. Cash Gro.

Feb. 23 — All-Stars vs. Fulton's; Lithium vs. Optimist-Timms

Feb. 28 — Meat Cutters vs. Cash Gro.; Fulton's vs. Optimist-Timms

Mar. 2 — All-Stars vs. Lithium; Meat Cutters vs. Fulton's

Mar. 7 — Cash Gro. vs. Lithium

### Plonk Brothers Lead By 16 Games

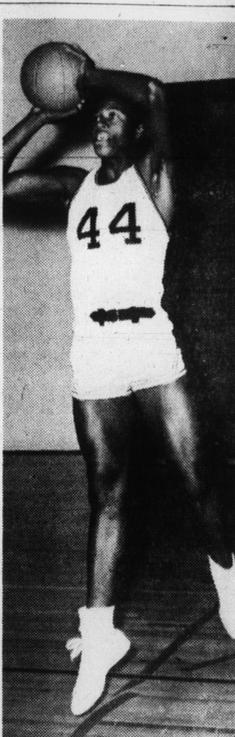
Plonk Brothers stretched its ladies' bowling league lead to 16 games Tuesday night after winning four games off Kings Mountain Drug.

Team captain Lib Gault was high scorer in the match with a 118 line and a 337 set while Becky Barnett led the losers with a 105 line and a 286 set.

Second place Oates-Henderson Shell was shut out by third place Victory Chevrolet. Louise Dover rolled a 113 line and Evelyn Early added a 320 set for the winners while Jenny Oates led the losers with a 124 line and a 356 set.

Barbara Miller rolled a 133 line and a 326 set to lead Minute Grill to a 3-1 win over Griffin Drug Co. Jo Ann Berry topped the losers' scoring with a 102 line and a 296 set.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Plonk Brothers	51	9	.850
Oates-Henderson	35	25	.584
Victory Chevrolet	33	27	.550
Minute Grill	30	30	.500
Kings Mtn. Drug	17	43	.284
Griffin Drug	14	46	.234



**HIGH SCORER** — Pictured above is 6'4" junior George Adams, who currently leads Kings Mountain's varsity basketball team in scoring with a 16.0 average. Adams scored 18 points Friday night to lead the Mountaineers to their third straight win, 61-31, over Holbrook.

### Gardner Webb To Host Holiday Cage Tourney

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — Four of the nation's better junior college basketball teams will collide here Friday and Saturday in the First Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament at Gardner-Webb College.

Teams will begin coming in Thursday from Brewton-Parker College of Mount Vernon, Ga.; Cumberland College of Lebanon, Tenn. and Ferrum College of Ferrum, Va. The host squad, Gardner-Webb, sports an 8-0 mark and the only spotless record among the teams entered.

Coach Eddie Holbrook states that teams will eat in the college dining room but will probably stay in motels in the Shelby area.

Sponsored by the Bulldog Club of the college with proceeds set to go into the athletic scholarship fund, the tourney is headed by William Elliott of Boiling Springs. Advance tickets are on sale in the Cleveland and Rutherford Counties with fans able to purchase tickets for both evenings at \$3 rather than the \$2 per night cost at the gate. Student tickets are \$1.

Advance sale sites are: Loy's Men Shop, Cohen's Department Store, Suttles Drug Store, Bill's One Hour Cleaners, all in Shelby.

The Snack Shop, Boiling Springs Drug, C. J. Hamrick Store, and the Campus Den, all in Boiling Springs. Rexall Drug in Rutherfordton, Rexall Drug in Spindale, Smith Drug No. 2, Forest City, James' BBQ in Caroleen, Hawkins' Hardware Store in Cliffside, W. J. Dixon's Store in Fallston and Lawndale Auto Parts in Lawndale.

The Cordovas, a group of talented Greensboro students who are at Gardner-Webb College this year, will furnish entertainment Friday night between halves and Mrs. Oscar tuart of Shelby, an organist, will entertain Saturday evening.

Miss Terry Bayne of Charlotte has been elected Holiday Tournament Queen. Miss Bayne will reign over the activities and will present trophies at the conclusion of the tourney. Her attendants are Miss Sandy Lucas, Lincolnton and Barbara Straughn of Greensboro.

### Mitchem Scores 14 As Mounties Capture Third

Holbrook's Lions put a real scare into Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers for a quarter Friday night in Lowell but KMHS shook it off and cruised to a 61-31 victory.

The lead changed hands twice in the first period before Nelson Connor bucketed a field goal to put KM ahead for good, 7-6. Kings Mountain led at the end of the first quarter, 9-7. The Mountaineers stretched their lead to 27-17 at halftime and led 41-23 heading into the final period.

Coach Parker pulled his first unit with 6:30 left in the game, at which time the Mountaineers held a 49-23 advantage.

George Adams and Ken Mitchem were again the big guns in the Mountie attack. Adams stripped the nets for 18 points while Mitchem was close behind with 14. Adams had nine and Mitchem tallied eight in the first half.

The Mounties did better with their foul shooting, hitting 17-of-29, however, they looked bad from the floor. Kings Mountain hit on 22-of-68 shots from the floor for a 32.4 percentage. Holbrook hit on 14-of-42 for a 33.3 percentage.

"We had a rough time of it for a while," said Mountaineer Coach Parker, following his team's third straight win of the new season. "We looked bad the first half."

"The boys must have thought they had it made before they got on the floor," he added. "After the first half, we got straightened out and looked all right."

The victory was the second over Lowell this year. The Mountaineers defeated the Lions 58-23 two weeks ago in the season opener.

The KMHS subs out-scored the hosts 12-8 during the final six and a half minutes. Center Bert Smith led the KM reserves with six points.

### BOX SCORE

Kings Mountain	(61)
F—Mitchem	14
F—Burton	7
C—Adams	18
C—Connor	5
G—Spencer	5
Subs Scoring: Smith 6, Finger 3, Putnam 2, Laughter 1.	
Holbrook	(31)
F—Waters	12
F—Threat	2
C—Howard	0
C—Pack	4
G—Glitters	6
Subs Scoring: McCrary 4, Guffy 2, Norton 1.	
Halftime Score: Kings Mountain 27, Lowell 17.	

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to a 5-5 season and also was a standout as a defensive halfback. Mauney, a 180-pounder, was the Mounties' offensive center for the past two seasons and a line-backer, his play was outstanding.

The Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy went to 230-pound senior tackle Kenny Plonk, nephew of the donor. Plonk was one of those unheralded heroes, Bates said. While the backs usually got credit for winning most of the ballgames, it was blocking by linemen such as Plonk that paved the way, Bates continued.

Kings Mountain's only representative on the All-Conference team, middle guard Eddie Bridges, was named the most improved player. Bridges, a 215 pounder who played behind Mauney on offense, was actually the backbone of the Mountaineer defense.

Offensive guard Chucky Gladden was the winner of the John Gamble Scholastic Award, which is given annually to the player whose grades are highest during football season. Gladden was also outstanding with his offensive blocking.

Coach Bates also awarded plaques to the 14 senior members of the 1966 Mountaineer squad. The following boys received those awards: Tommy Goforth, Tommy Finger, Tony Leigh, Jerry Mitchem, William McSwain, Sandy Mauney, Larry Patrick, Bob Moss, Chuck Gladden, Eddie Bridges, Carl Wiesener, Kenny Plonk, Richard Shank and Phillip Putnam.

### Mounties Seek Fourth Straight Exhibition Win

Kings Mountain high school basketball teams play host to Bessemer City Friday night at 7:00.

The two KMHS teams swept a doubleheader from their Little Seven opponents last Tuesday night in Bessemer City, the boys winning 59-33 and the girls winning by a 34-21 margin.

Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers will be after their fourth straight pre-season win while Coach Bob Hussey's girls will be seeking their second against two losses. The girls lost twice to King's Business College while the boys beat Bessemer once and Holbrook of Lowell twice.

Junior center forward George Adams will lead the Mounties into the game against Bessemer with a 16.0 scoring average. To date, Adams has tallied 48 points with 21 field goals and six free throws.

Second in scoring for the Mountaineers is sophomore forward Ken Mitchem who has 42 points and a 14.0 average. Rounding out the top five are Nelson Connor with 19 points, Steve Spencer with 18 and Larry Burton with 17.

Those five are expected to start for the Mounties Friday with Gene Putnam, Bert Smith, Tommy Finger, Luico Wilson and Stan Laughter ready for reserve duties.

Bessemer's starting lineup will consist of Jody Long and Dan Cunningham at the forwards, Buddy Rice and Richard Kincaid at the guards, and Mike Milwood at center. Long scored 19 points against the Mounties last Tuesday night.

Junior Sharon Gold and senior Hilda Lowery currently lead the Mountainettes in scoring. Through the first three contests, Gold has tallied 58 points for a 19.3 average, while Lowery has scored 17 for a 5.7 percentage.

Third on the Mountainette scoring parade is Linda Childers and fourth is Kathy Plonk.

Gold hit her early season high, 25 points, in last Tuesday's win over Bessemer. Lowery's high mark was 11 points against King's in the season opener.

Forwards Gwyn Yarbrough, Debbie Hager and Kathy Elmore, and guards Debbie Milwood, Mary Player and Linda Picklesimer will make up Bessemer's starting lineup. Hager tallied 10 points against KM last week.

Friday's game will be the last pre-season contest for the Mountainettes. The KMHS boys have two remaining. Tuesday, Coach Parker takes his charges to York, S. C., and the Green Dragons return the visit on Jan. 3.

The two KMHS squads open conference play on Jan. 13 at Lincolnton.

### King's College Wins, 35-23, Over KM Girls

Kings Mountain's girls lost their second game in three outings Thursday night as King's Business College swept a 35-23 victory.

Poor shooting from the free throw line told the tale, as the KMHS lassies missed 14 of 21 attempts. High scorer for the Mountainettes was Sharon Gold with 10 points.

The Mountainettes stayed with King's for two periods, but scored only one point, a free throw by Gold, in the first period to trail 25-14 going into the fourth quarter.

King's outscored KM only two points, 7-5, in the first quarter and led 17-13 at halftime. Gold scored five points in each half.

Second in scoring for the Mountainettes was senior Hilda Lowery with five points, Kathy Plonk had four, Linda Childers tallied three and Libby Tedder had one.

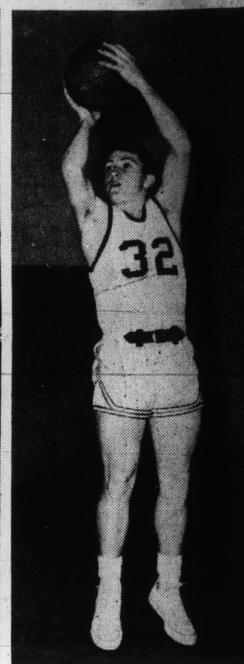
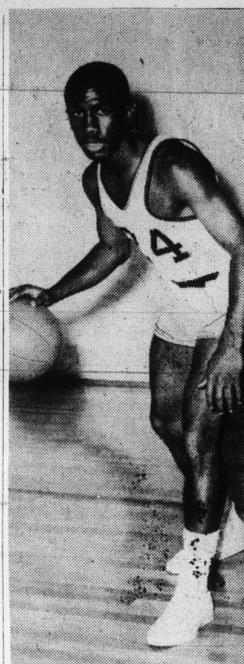
Daphne Fore, Sharon Batteg and Patty Milner had eight, seven and six points respectively for the winners.

Libby Tedder, KM's scrappy junior guard, fouled out in the final period.

A total of 39 fouls were committed during the contest with King's having 20 and KM 19.

### BOX SCORE

Kings Mountain	(23)
F—Gold	10
F—Lowery	5
F—Childers	3
G—Plonk	4
G—Tedder	1
G—Roberts	0
Subs Scoring: None.	
King's College	(35)
F—McCain	4
F—Milner	6
F—Baxter	8
G—Fore	7
G—Batten	6
G—Trexler	1
Subs Scoring: Cook 2, Brown 2.	
Halftime Score: King's 17, Kings Mountain 13.	



**MOUNTAINEER GUARDS** — Pictured above are Kings Mountain high school's starting guards, Steve Spencer (left) and Nelson Connor. Both boys have been instrumental in leading Coach Don Parker's Mounties to an unbeaten season thus far. Spencer, a junior, has shown much talent with his ballhandling and defensive ability while Connor has performed well with his ballhandling and playmaking. To date, Connor has tallied 19 points while Spencer has scored 18.

### R. Culbertson, Ranny Blanton Tie For First Half Men's Keg Title

Steve Culbertson rolled a 132 line and Red Morrison scored a 347 set to lead the Richard Culbertson team to a 3-1 win over Clyde Culbertson and into a tie for first place for the first half championship of the men's duction bowling league with Ranny Blanton.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Ranny Blanton	37	31	.544
Richard Culbertson	37	31	.544
Albert Brackett	35	33	.515
Clyde Culbertson	32	36	.471
Plonk Oil Co.	32	36	.471
Dilling Heating	29	39	.427

Blanton went into Monday night's action with a two-game lead but lost three games to Plonk Oil Co.

The R. Culbertson and Blanton teams will meet this Monday at 7:30 at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center in a best-of-three series to determine the first half champion. Total pins will not be counted in the roll-off.

Both teams finished the 17-week first half with identical 37-31 records. Albert Brackett came in third with a 35-33 mark while Plonk Oil and Clyde Culbertson tied for fourth and Dilling Heating finished last.

All five members of the R. Culbertson team posted 300-plus sets Monday. The winners capped the first and second games and total pins. High scorers for the losers were Lee Norville with a 142 line and Clyde Culbertson with a 364 set.

Clarence Plonk tallied a 133 line and a 340 set to lead Plonk Oil Co. to a 3-1 win over Blanton. Richard Bridges chipped in a 317 set for the winners while Furman Wilson rolled a 132 line and a 350 set for the losers.

Albert Brackett rolled a 137 line and a 368 set to lead his team to a 4-0 win over Dilling Heating. The win left Brackett just two games off the pace. John Dilling had a 122 line and Bob Herndon added a 340 set for the losers.

In the tight first half race, only Johnny Belk tallied a 146 line and a 358 set to lead his team to a 3-1 win over Ranny Blanton. Bill Gault chipped in a 329 set while Aud Tignor had a 136 line and a 327 set for the losers.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Bob Herndon	22	14	.611
Bill Mullinax	20	16	.555
Ranny Blanton	17	19	.472
Ronnie Culbertson	17	19	.472
Lib Gault	17	19	.472
Clyde Culbertson	15	21	.417

Kings Mountain's junior varsity basketball team ran up a 25-4 halftime lead and then cruised to a 42-24 victory over Holbrook in its season opener Friday night in Lowell.

Coach Bill Bates' Little Mountaineers were led by guard Alan Hambright who scored a game high of 14 points. Second in scoring for the Little Mounties was center Otis Cole with nine points.

Coach Bates played his first unit throughout the first half but substituted freely during the final two periods.

Nine boys figured in the scoring for Kings Mountain. The Little Mounties held a 9-0 lead after one period.

The Little Mounties play their second game Tuesday night in York, S. C.

**JV SCORING** — Kings Mountain (42) — Hambright 14, Cole 9, Hood 4, Bell 3, Etheridge 3, Frances 3, Barnes 2, Easley 2, Weiss 2. Holbrook (24) — Huckaby 6, Gardner 6, Seagle 4, Bailes 3, Smith 2, Harris 2, Rankin 2.



Two homey ideas about food, though harmless enough, run counter to sound nutrition. One is the emphatic conviction that a good hot meal is much more nourishing than a cold one. Nutritionists explain that the nutrients in the food, not the temperature at which it is served, determine how nourishing it may be. Another misconception is that hot biscuits and bread fresh from the oven are not as good for you nutritionally as those served cold. Whether food should be served hot or cold is strictly a matter of taste.