

# Kings Mountain Rolls Past Cherryville For 14th Win

## Herald Sports

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### "Busted Lip" Tells Story

Why son, what happened to your lip? Well, Mom, it's like this. As I was leaving the Belmont gym tonight, a few boys thought they were going to beat up on me, well, you know me, I didn't let them do it. I got the "busted" lip when they jumped me. I hit one boy and the other one hit me while I had my back turned to him, and that's how I got my lip messed up. If it hadn't been for Jed I could have gotten hurt pretty bad.

Were there any others involved in the fight, she asked? Well mother, I can't tell you how many because I didn't have time to count. But I can assure you that there were more than just a few. Did anyone get into trouble? No, the police just told us to get in the car and head for Kings Mountain, and boy, did we do that.

### Ever Since Last Year

The preceding story may not be true, but I can say that many incidents like this occurred last Friday night when the Kings Mountain Mountaineers traveled to Belmont to play the Raiders.

Since last year, when the Mountaineers beat the Raiders in a very close game, the two schools have been arch rivals. The trouble all started when, a group of Belmont boys chased the Kings Mountain High School Activity Bus out of Belmont.

The Belmont boys stoned the bus and many tried to enter it. Well Belmont paid for the glasses that were broken out of the bus and this seemed to put an end to the trouble. You noticed I said it seemed to have put an end to the trouble, but it didn't.

### Watch Out Mr. Rabbit

This year the Kings Mountain fans began to do the same kind of thing. Except they didn't go to the extremes of stoning the bus.

In the first meeting of the two teams this year, Belmont placed a rabbit in the center of the Kings Mountain basketball court. The rabbit wasn't bothering a thing, but just for the sake of being noticed or just trying to cause trouble, a Kings Mountain student walked to the center of the court, picked up the rabbit, and placed it on the Belmont bench. Well of course the Belmont student body didn't take it too lightly.

Another student, this time from the Belmont side, took the rabbit off the bench, and placed it back in the center of the basketball court. As taking times about usually goes, a Kings Mountain fan raced to the center of the court and once again removed the rabbit.

Then the Belmont student body began to get furious. A group of boys stood up out of their seats and began to dare the Kings Mountain boys to remove the rabbit when they placed it in the center of the court for a third time. Man, did names start flying then. Most of them I am unable to print. From one side of the gym to the other the yells and screams of profanity heard.

Seeing that trouble was getting started, a Belmont teacher removed the rabbit from the center of the court for good.

What could have happened, if the teacher had not removed the rabbit, would have been very disturbing to the good name that the Kings Mountain High School Athletic program has.

Well, so much for the first game. Lets get down to the action. As it usually goes Kings Mountain had to return the call and play the second game of the season in Belmont.

The game was once again a close one. The Mountaineers had to work a little harder for the win, but they still came out on top.

What could have started the trouble this past Friday was the fact that the officials were on their "high horses", calling about everything just the opposite from what the Kings Mountain fans thought they should be. After seeing two games officiated the way that these two were, I can honestly say that my temper was up in the air.

### Don't Blame The Officials

I do not blame the fights on the officials. The credit for starting the fights should be equally divided. As I have heard it, one fracas started when a Kings Mountain boy started to run his mouth, saying that he was going to do this and that to someone from Belmont and another boy from Belmont saying that he was going to beat a Kings Mountain boy up.

As a whole the Belmont and the Kings Mountain High School student bodies are well behaved young men and women. The trouble makers are people like the two boys that I have already mentioned. They are a minority, but they affect it as a whole. They are the ones that give the school the bad reputations, they are the ones causing all the damage to the school buildings, they are the ones who cause a innocent fan to be hurt, they are the ones that cause the school to have to pay for windows that are broken by students who just want to get back at the other school for the acts that the minority of delinquents have committed.

### Are Belmont, Kings Mountain In Running?

You know, there are several awards presented to the teams who win the conference. But there is one award that can be presented to the team in the last position in the conference standings or it can be presented to the first place team, the second, third, fourth, fifth or any other team that is in the conference. However this trophy can not be won by the team alone. It takes the cooperation of every student and teacher of the school.

I am speaking of the SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY awarded to the team and student body who has the conduct record deserving it. The school that can take defeat along with winning, and winning along with defeat. Do you think Kings Mountain and Belmont are in the running for this award?

## Same Old Song

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It was the same old song, only this time it was the 14th verse, as the Kings Mountain Mountaineers defeated Cherryville this past Tuesday, 71-44. George Adams once again led the Mountaineers in scoring as he dumped in 28 points. Adams connected on 11 field goals and six foul shots for his game leading total.

Steve Spencer was second in scoring. Spencer tallied 17 markers on six field goals and five foul shots. The quick guard scored 10 of these points in his brilliant fourth quarter performance. Several times in that quarter he drove in for the points.

Ken Mitchem was third in scoring for the Mountaineers, dumping in 12, on six field goals. Larry Giles led Cherryville with 14 tallies. In the first quarter the Mountaineers jumped out in front 16 to nine. The scoring was well rounded for the conference leaders, as all scored well. Big Adams led the scoring with five points.

In the second, the Mounties tied the Ironmen at 13 all. Giles led Cherryville with nine of the 13. Adams, as usual led the Mountaineers with seven. At intermission the Kings Mountain lads led by seven points, 29-22.

Adams again paced the Mountaineers in the third, as he dumped in seven more points to his night's total. In that period of play the Mountaineers outscored Cherryville 15-9. Roger Beck led the Ironmen with six.

Going into the fourth the score was 44 to 31 Kings Mountain. Then the Mounties rallied, and left Cherryville behind, scoring 27 markers to Cherryville's 13. In that period senior guard Spencer and Adams performed for the Mountaineer fans. Spencer tossed in ten points and Adams added nine.

The win was the 14th straight for the Mountaineers.

### Box Scores

Kings Mountain (71)		Cherryville (44)				
Player	Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Adams	F	6	0	12	4	4
Mitchem	F	2	0	4	3	3
Finger	F	11	6	28	3	3
Adams	F	4	0	8	4	4
Cole	F	6	5	17	3	3
Spencer	F	1	0	2	0	0
Eaker	F	4	6	14	3	3
Cherryville	F	4	0	8	4	4
Giles	F	4	1	9	2	2
Beck	F	3	0	6	2	2
Graws	F	0	1	1	1	1
Littlejohn	F	0	1	1	0	0
Fisher	F	1	1	3	0	0
Bumgardner	F	1	1	3	2	2
Young	F	1	1	3	2	2

## Wilson Named To Post 155 Baseball Post

Carl Wilson was named to succeed Dick Shaney as athletic officer for the Post 155 Legion Junior baseball team.

It's the second term for Wilson, who served as head of the KM Junior program from 1963 thru '66. Announcement of Wilson's appointment was made by Commander Carl Wiesener.

"I had a reason for dropping out of the program last year," said Wilson, "but I'm glad to get back in it. I've appointed Dave Delevie as my assistant. "We don't have another meeting until the last Monday of this month, but we'll get with the committee and probably name the coach then. "As far as I know the league will have the same set up," continued Wilson. "They're having a Hall of Fame Banquet in Charlotte this month and I'm sure that will be brought up then." During Wilson's first term as Post 155 Athletic Officer, teams here never had a losing season, going to the semi-finals of the area playoffs each year. Buster Ledford served as head coach under Wilson in '63, John Gold in '64 and '65 and Bob Hussey in '66.

The Mountaineers once again fell to the hands of the Ironmen 25-21, but the Kings Mountain lads still gained the win by a narrow one point margin.

## Mounties Ambush Crest, 75-55

It was once again victory for the Kings Mountain Mountaineers, as they dumped the Crest Chargers, 75-55 last week. Coach Bob Hussey's lads had a hard time with the Chargers in the first period and at the end of that period the score was tied at 17 all.

The Mountaineers staged a late rally in the last of the third and all through the fourth to pick up the win. George Adams led the Mountaineers with 21 points, he was followed by Ken Mitchem with 18. Otis Cole added 13 markers to the Mountie cause.

Darry Ledbetter led the Chargers with 16 points, he was followed by Thomas McSwain with 15.

### Box Scores

Kings Mountain (75)		Crest (55)				
Player	Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Mitchem	F	4	18	3	21	21
Spencer	F	3	11	3	11	11
Adams	F	5	8	3	13	13
Finger	F	2	13	3	13	13
Cole	F	0	1	1	1	1
Hambright	F	0	2	2	2	2
Barnes	F	0	2	2	2	2
Crest	F	1	12	3	15	15
Player	Pos. <td>G</td> <td>FG</td> <td>TP</td> <td>PF</td> <td>FTM</td>	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Lail	F	4	16	4	16	16
Thomas	F	0	2	2	2	2
Ledbetter	F	0	2	2	2	2
Wilson	F	0	2	2	2	2
Hamrick	F	0	2	2	2	2
Cameron	F	0	1	1	1	1
Woods	F	0	1	1	1	1
Thomps	F	1	2	2	2	2

## Little Mounties Escape Loss

The Kings Mountain Little Mountaineers fought right down to the wire this past week, as they picked up their second straight win. The Mountaineers outscored Cherryville 55-54 in a hard fought battle.

Steve Gladden led the winning Mounties, dumping in 19 points. Geper Howard striped the nets scoring 13. Gladden's total also gained game scoring honors. In the first quarter the Little Mountaineers outscored Cherryville 10-6. Steve Hearnman and Danny Dellinger scored all of Cherryville's points.

In the second the Little Ironmen outscored the Mounties 11-10 to gain one point toward defeating the Mountie lads. Jack Bell led the Mountaineers in that period scoring six of the ten.

Kings Mountain went into the dressing room, at the half with a nine point lead. Cherryville rallied in the third, as they cut the Mountaineer margin to five points.

In the last quarter of play

## Kings Mountain Number One

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers currently lead the Southwestern Conference with a 11-0 mark. The Mountaineers are followed by Lincolnton and Shelby both sporting 7-3 records.

In the Northwestern Conference, Marion and Morganton are currently tied for the league lead. Both teams are sporting perfect 9-0 records.

In the girls division, in the Southwestern Conference, Chase and Shelby are in the lead with 10-1 marks. Kings Mountain is a close third with a 9-2 record. The following standings are through February 2, 1968:

GIRLS		GIRLS	
NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE		N. PIEDMONT CONFERENCE	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Morganton	9 0	North Stanly	9 0
Hickory	7 3	Davie County	8 2
Valdese	7 3	Central Davidson	7 3
Marion	7 3	North Davidson	7 3
Marion	6 3	North Iredell	7 3
Wilkes Central	6 3	Mooresville	4 5
Watauga	5 4	South Iredell	3 6
Newton-Conover	4 4	North Rowan	2 8
Hudson	3 8	West Rowan	2 8
Lenoir	1 9	East Rowan	0 11
Taylorsville	1 9		
BOYS		BOYS	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Marion	9 0	Central Davidson	9 1
Morganton	9 0	West Rowan	8 2
Hickory	7 3	North Stanly	7 2
Watauga	5 4	Davie County	7 3
Wilkes Central	5 4	North Rowan	7 3
Newton-Conover	6 5	North Iredell	5 5
Lenoir	5 5	South Iredell	3 6
Valdese	2 8	North Davidson	3 7
Hudson	1 10	Mooresville	2 7
Taylorsville	0 10	South Iredell	1 8
GIRLS		GIRLS	
SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE		SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Chase	10 1	Statesville	8 0
Shelby	10 1	Kannapolis	4 1
Kings Mountain	9 2	Asheboro	4 4
East Rutherford	6 4	Concord	3 3
Rutherfordton	5 5	South Rowan	3 4
Burns	3 6	Albemarle	2 5
Crest	3 7	Thomasville	0 7
Belmont	2 7		
Lincolnton	2 8		
Cherryville	1 10		
BOYS		BOYS	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Kings Mountain	11 0	Kannapolis	7 1
Lincolnton	7 3	Albemarle	7 2
Shelby	7 3	Lexington	7 2
Cherryville	7 4	Statesville	7 3
Crest	5 5	Concord	5 3
Belmont	4 5	South Rowan	3 6
Burns	3 6	Salisbury	2 6
Rutherfordton	3 7	Thomasville	1 8
Chase	2 9	Asheboro	1 9
East Rutherford	1 9		

# Mountainettes Defeat Belmont, 32 - 29



Vickie Turner (left) and Debbie Plunk (right) have played a large part in the Mountainettes' success this season. Plunk is a regular starter and is currently doing a great job on defense for the Lady Mounties. Turner could be considered the team's number six lady.

Coach Blaine Froneberger's girls defeated Belmont this past week by a score of 32-29. Linda Childers paced the winning Mountainettes over the Raiders by scoring 12 points. Childers was followed by Sharon Gold who had ten. However, game scoring honors went to Sheila Brice who had 16 tallies.

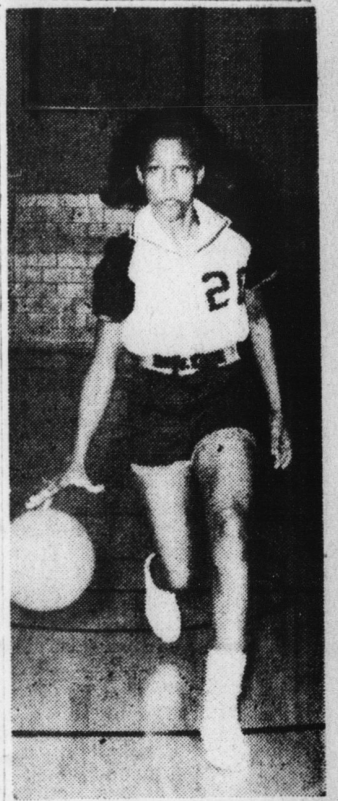
Belmont led Kings Mountain after the first, six to four. But in the second the Mountainettes outscored the Belmont girls ten to four to gain the lead. When rest time came the Mountainettes led by four points (14-10).

In the third the Mountainettes could only score six to Belmont's 11 and they lost the lead by one point.

Kings Mountain rallied in the fourth and came out with the very close, winning margin.

### Box Scores

Kings Mountain (32)		Belmont (29)				
Player	Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Gold	F	3	4	10	0	1
Childers	F	5	2	12	1	7
K. Plunk	F	3	2	8	2	0
Reynolds	F	1	2	1	0	0
Turner	F	1	2	1	0	0
Atkinson	F	1	2	1	0	0
D. Plunk	F	1	2	1	0	0
Finger	F	1	2	1	0	0
Totals		12	8	32	15	13
Belmont (29)		Kings Mountain (32)				
Player	Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Brice	F	5	6	16	2	4
Breeland	F	3	3	6	0	0
Lorance	F	2	4	3	3	3
Beaty S.	F	1	2	5	2	2
Hodges	F	1	1	4	1	1
Ward	F	1	1	4	1	1
Totals		11	7	29	16	11
Score by Periods		1	2	3	4	0
K. M.		4	10	6	12	32
Belmont		6	4	11	8	29
Referee, Percy						
Umpire, Crunkleton						
Scorer, Sherry Bell						



Linda Childers (above) scored 12 points, as she led the Kings Mountain Mountainettes over Belmont.

## Mountainettes Stop Crest

The Kings Mountain Mountainettes, defeated the Crest Chargers last Wednesday, 40-34. Sharon Gold and Linda Childers combined scoring abilities, scoring 18 and 13 points respectively.

The Mountainettes were down by two points going into the second period of play. However, they outscored their opponents in the second, 10-7 to gain the lead.

As the teams headed for the dressing rooms at the half the score was Kings Mountain 16, Crest 15.

The two teams tied scores in the third as they both scored 13, and the Mountainettes held their one point lead.

In the fourth period of play, the Mountainettes broke away from the Lady Chargers and scored 11 points to Crest's six. Cathy Washburn led Crest with 12 markers. She was followed by Dianne Borders and Gayla Lowery both having eight.

Kathy Plunk and Nancy Reynolds round out the scoring for the Mountainettes. Plunk scored seven and Reynolds scored in two.

### Box Scores

Kings Mountain (40)		Crest (34)				
Player	Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Gold	F	7	4	18	3	3
Childers	F	5	3	13	4	4
Plunk	F	2	3	7	1	1
Reynolds	F	1	0	2	2	2
Crest	F	2	4	8	4	4
Player <th>Pos.</th> <th>G</th> <th>FG</th> <th>TP</th> <th>PF</th> <th>FTM</th>	Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Dianne Borders	F	2	4	8	4	4
Lynn Bridges	F	1	0	2	1	1
Sherry Jones	F	1	1	3	1	1
Theatt	F	0	1	1	2	2
Cathy Washburn	F	6	0	12	2	2
Gayla Lowery	F	3	2	8	4	4

## Hussey's Lads Win Again

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers had to work for every point they got, but as the old song goes, the Mountaineers came out on top, 56-47, over Belmont last Friday night.

Coach Bob Hussey's lads probably played their worst game of the year, in Belmont that Friday. The Mountaineers were cold in every respect, but with the determination that they have had in the past the Mountaineers salvaged the win. Their 14th of the season.

Ken Mitchem and George Adams along with Steve Spencer led the Mountie attack. Mitchem and Adams both dumped in 14 points for the Mountaineers. Spencer added 13 to the Mountie cause.

At the end of the first period of play the Mountaineers led by