# Mountaineers Resume Play Tuesday Against East

### Herald Sports

DURHAM, N. C. — Kentucky's Dan Issel couldn't beat him and that item pretty well pales the fact that neither could Dayton's George Janky.

And, for a boy who got his basketball shoes in the not-particularly-rich North Carolina high school cage circles, that's no small feat.

But people have been saying all along that Randy Denton, now in his second year at Duke, has all the equipment to be collegiate super star if he could find that touch of aggressiveness that all great basketball players must

Well, apparently coach Bucky Waters has come across the secret to getting Denton "up".

The huge 240-pound, 6-10 junior is averaging 23.4 points per game and 12.4 rebounds. Nobody does that simply by using size to outplay opponents.

It takes moves, intelligence and a certain fondness for contact that lets the other fellow know he's going against somebody to be reckoned with.

It's notable that Denton himself says "I play best against the better players", meaning that he has the desire to perform well against men he knows are good-like Issel, Janky, Michigan's Rudy Tomjanovich and Gil McGregor

Issel wasn't able to show Denton a thing when they met in the finals of the Kentucky Invitational. The Wildcat center scored a commendable 20 points and retrieved seven rebounds. But Denton wowed'em with 28 points and 21 rebounds.

In the semifinals of the same tournament, Janky managed only 12 points while Denton poured in 23.

And, against McGregor two days before Christmas,

Denton showed a superiority by holding McGregor to 16 points while scoring 31 himself.

All of which just goes to show the devastating power the Raleigh basketballer possesses when he's near the basket. He's making 53 per cent of his field goal attempts

Atlantic Coast Conference are rolling over for him. In fact, there are several major tests that the Blue Devil giant must hurdle...hurdles like North Carolina's quick-silver stringbean Lee Dedmon and two tremendous sophomores - South Carolina's well-publicized Tom Riker and N. C. State's powerful Paul Coder.

first varsity meeting a year ago, and that Denton has re-rough this trip. The Gulf team, 50. turned the favor, it would appear that Dedmon, and the which lost its opening season rest of the ACC's centers, had best beware.

Randy Denton is coming of age.
When Penn State's Nittany Lions come to Duke In- Gaston College door Stadium to play the Blue Devils Saturday, they'll

have a few scores to settle. For one thing, if the Lions have read their own record book, they'll notice that Duke holds three team records against them:

-Most points scored against a Penn State team in a

121-88 Duke win on Jan. 5, 1965. . .
—Most field goals made, 54, in that same game. . -And most rebounds ever by a Penn State opponent,

72, in an 83-58 Duke win on Jan. 3, 1966. The first time the two teams met was a significant

one as Penn State squeaked by the Blue Devils, 51-48, in the 1949 Dixie Classic, then topped West Virginia 46-41, but lost in the finals to N. C. State, 50-40.

Nichols, a 6-9, 215-pounder who didn't play basketball in high school. Nichols played very little last year, but has C., near Gastonia. Top returnee STANDINGS been groomed by second-year coach John Bach to the point where he has earned the starting center position.

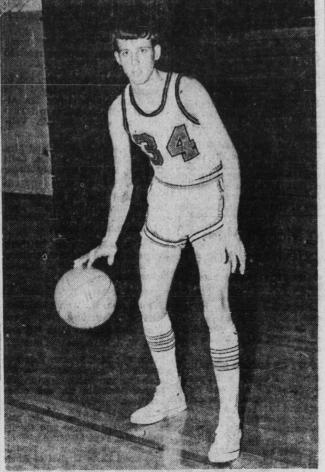
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In the backcourt is senior Tom Daley, the Lions' top scorer last year with 14.2 average, and sophomore Ron

Penn State, going into Monday's Kodak Classic in Rochester, N. Y., had a 2-2 record.





SENIOR FORWARD-Steve Gladden, above, is one of five senior starters for the Kings Mountain High basketball team. He'll be in the lineup Tuesday when the Mountaineers travel to Forest City to take on unbeaten East Rutherford.

## and drawing fouls by the dozen. But Denton isn't so good that other centers in the KM Gulf Drops Second,

Kings Mountain Gulf, the game to defending champ Plonk player twice. Of Riker and Coder, Denton says, "I'm anxious to play against them just to see how good they are."

Rings Mountain Guil, the game to defending chain Flohis player twice and number two team in the City Oil, dropped its second straight Gardner-Webb makes its final Recreation Basketball League Monday night, losing to Kings tournament venture this week-last winter, is finding the going Mountain Savings & Loan, 55- end, playing in the Spindale

Plays At Duke,

and tied with the starters have scored more than 15 points per game on Ken Cash led the Plonk vic-

Gametime is 6 p.m. The Duke- KM Savings-Loan

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ims, continuing to show his bes form in tournament play was the high scorer and high re-bounder in the fourth annual Gardner-Webb Holiday Basket-ball Tournament held Monday and Tuesday at Bost Gymnasium

on the C.W campus.

Big Geonge, a 6-5 sophomore, scored 84 points and hauled in 30 rebounds as the Eulldogs fin ished second to Louisiana Col-

lege in the two-day event.
For his performance, the for mer KM High All-American was unanimous choice for All-Tournament honors and he also was awarded the most valuable player trophy.

Adams, hitting on 23 of 37 shots from the floor, scored 49 points and got 13 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs to a 95-75 victory over Hamtden-Sydney the tournament's opening round game and he added 35 points and 17 rebounds as the Dogs lost to Louisiana, 77-70, in the

The 49 points in Monday's game established three all-time records and also represent a caeraging over 33 points per game for the Bullicgs.

The 49 points were the most ever scored by a Gardner-Webb in Bost Gym, and the most points ever scored in the G-W Holiday

For the tournament, Adams hit over 65 percent of his field goal attempts, about his average The Bulldogs have played in

three tournaments this year while compiling a 7-4 record and Adams has been All-Tournament three times and most valuable Gardner-Webb makes its final

The victory gives the Savings & Loan team a 1-1 record and fourth lace in the standings.

In prior tournament play.

years of playing experience.

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to face the New Year while participating in a two-day tournament at Pensacola, Florida on
January 2-3.
The Mountaineers, who posted
a 2-4 record prior to the Christmas holidays, will face Valdosta
State College (Georgia) at 7
p.m. in the first game of the
tournament the day after New
Year's. The University of West
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game.
The championship game is set the most yards rushing for a season with 2435, breaking the for 9 p.m. Saturday, January 3, while the losers will meet at 7 p.m. for the consolation honors.

Appalachian and Valdosta Appalachian and Valdosta State appear to be pretty evenly matched. The Rebels have posted 1 a 3-5 won-lost record thus far with 6-1 freshman Willie Oxford b leading the way with an 18 points 0 2 3 8 per game average. Valdosta's tal-0 3 2 4 lest player is 6-9 center Carlos 0 4 3 4 McSwain, and he is the only Rebel over the 6-4 mark.

The Apps scoring to date has been led by 6-5 forward Ron Co-2 ker (4.3), 6-5 center Darryl Gibson (12.8) and 6-0 guard John 3 2 Thomas (12.0). 1 2 The Mountaineers have played

3 a tougher schedule thus far than 2 the Retels, as the Apps have 0 3 0 4 played three NCAA member 0 3 0 5 schools in their first six games. ASU has also played five of the 3 0 5 0 first six games on the road.
3 0 5 0 Following the trip to Pensa3 0 5 0 cola, the Mountaineers will play
2 1 4 1 10 of their last 17 games at home.

3 The Apps will begin that stretch 3 by facing arch-rival Western 3 Carolina in Boone on January 8 3 High Point comes to town two days later for a January 10 bat



TOP RESERVES-Chuck Easley, left, a senior, and Geeper Howard, a junior, are two top reserves for the KMHS Mounties who carry a perfect 5-0 record into Tuesday's game at East. Howard started last year but has been hampered so far this season with

### Queen Breaks Murphy's winners with 17 points and Ron-ald and Butch Stalcup added 17 and 10 respectively. For the los-ers, T. Stewart had 16, Jody Long 14 and Reggie White 11. Three teams are undefeated, with Plack Oil helbing a plate. In prior tournament play, the Bulldogs finished second in the Rome, Ga., Invitational and first in the Asheville Tip-Off Tourna-ment, when they defeated UNC Asheville in overtime. BOONE — Appalachian State games this fall extend the re-turnity and the properties of the properties

DURHAM, N. C. — The undefeated Duke freshman basketball team bids to make it win No. 6 here tomorrow night against Gaston College.

The Duke frosh haven't scored less than 97 points in romping past five teams and are averaging 104 points per game.

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Asheville in overtime.

In Tuesday's title game with proved the pre-tournament favorite, Adams ran head on Louisiana's All-American centers, who posted their third straight winning searly to up the mark for total games holding foes scoreless to games this fall extend the record consecutive games scoring the University's football team broke seven. school records during the provention one shutcut during the 1965 season. The Aprs posted one shutcut during the 1965 season. The Aprs posted one shutcut during the 1965 season. The Aprs posted one shutcut during the 1965 season. The Aprs posted one shutcut during the 1965 season. The Aprs posted one shutcut during the 1965 season. The Aprs posted their third straight winning season and are averaging 104 points per game.

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Appalachian quarterback Hal was the only individual to break Bobby Ethridge have captured six straight wins, including a close 89-84 decision when they last met in the 1966-67 season.

All that's history, however.

This year's game pits Duke center Randy against Phil Nichols, a 6-9, 215-pounder who didn't play basketball in Gaston is located in Dallas N.

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in the Southwestern re-open their 1969-70 ba East Rutherford in Forest City.

Tuesday's game will probable the Mounties' toughest test the early season. The Cavalle are 5-0 overall, also, and are tied for the league lead along with

R-S Central and Chase in cor ence play and added a pair of non-loop victories over Lowell Hol-

Senior forward Greg Price, a Chase transfer, tops the Cavaliers in scoring and he'll probably be the Mountaineer's main concern. However, he is not a one-man team.

It will be the first game in two weeks for both clubs. East won easily over Chase in its final pre-Christmas game while the gest (point - wise) win in two years, bombing Cherryville, 93-52.

Otis Cole, who led the way in KM's win over the Ironmen, leads the Mountaineers in scoring heading into the East game. In five contests, the senior sharpshoote has tallied 112 points, an average of 22.4 points per game.

Charles Barnes is second scoring with 99 points and a average and is the only of Mountaineer averaging figures.

Senior guard Phillip who has shown improven every game, is third in with 38 points and a .6 and center Roger Smith behind with a 7.2 figure.

The fifth member of the ing team — Steve Ga averaging 5.4, giving the unit an average of over 5 per contest. The entire averaging slightly better points per game.

It appears that the Mo eers have played a tought ule than East but the C ave the advantage of on their home court and

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next Friday night to hos and they'll remain home lowing Tuesday to take or MOUNTIE SCORING

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