

Mountaineers Win Again, Whip Lions 61-52

For three quarters Tuesday night at the Kings Mountain High gym, the Mountaineers of Coach Bobby Hussey looked like world-beaters. But, in the fourth period, they lost their cool and had to do some sweating before whipping county-rival Shelby, 61-52, for their 10th straight victory.

The Mountaineers, running and scoring almost at will against the taller Lions, built up a 36-19 halftime lead and led by as much as 25 points in the third period before the Lions outscored them 20-9 in the fourth period to cut the final margin to nine points.

Kings Mountain, leading 52-32 heading into the final eight minutes of play elected to sit on the lead in the fourth period and Shelby steals resulted in the Lions' late scoring splurge.

Still, the 20-point lead was too much for the Lions to overcome and the Mountaineers increased their Southwestern Conference lead to a full two games over Shelby, Crest and East Rutherford, all tied for second place with 6-2 conference marks.

The victory left the Mountaineers 8-0 in league play and 10-0 overall.

Senior All-Conference stars Otis Cole and Charles (Bad News) Barnes, showing more moves than a Swiss watch, was more than the Shelby defense could handle.

Cole led all scorers with 25 points, including 15 in the first half, and Barnes added 19 points, including 11 in the first half. Forrest Toms, one of the better players the Mountaineers have faced, scored 22 for Shelby and Cedric

Hogue added 10.

Baskets by Hogue and Toms put the Lions ahead 4-0 early in the game but three points by Barnes and a field goal by Cole put the Mountaineers in front 5-4. Shelby came back to tie it at 7-7 but a pair of baskets by center Roger Smith pushed KM ahead by 11-7 and the Mountaineers were never headed.

The Mountaineers went on to lead by 13-8 at the quarter, then outscored the Lions 23-11 in the second quarter for their 36-19 halftime margin.

The victory not only stretched the Mountaineers' league lead to two games, but also gained revenge for their last defeat, a 52-50 loss to Shelby in the semi-finals of last year's conference tournament.

Shelby, whose only other loss was to Crest, proved KM's toughest opponent to date, even though the Mountaineers were far superior during the first three periods.

Kings Mountain's girls led most of the way in the opener, but turned cold in the fourth quarter and Shelby came storming from behind for a 36-30 victory.

Pam Maloney scored 15 points to lead the Lionesses to their third win in eight conference starts. Andrea Huffstetter was KM's only double-digit scorer with 11 points.

Debbie Timms' eight points sparked KM to an 18-16 halftime lead, but the senior forward was held scoreless in the second half.

In the boys game, Shelby cut the margin to seven points, 53-46,

before consecutive baskets by Cole, Barnes and Phillip Francis put the contest out of reach.

KM went over five minutes in the fourth set to without scoring a field goal. All but one of the Mounties' nine fourth quarter points came after Hussey ordered them into the four corners offense with three minutes remaining.

Kings Mtn. (30)		BOYS GAME (52)	
F—Finger	1	Shelby	(52)
F—Huffstetter	10	F—Toms	23
F—Timms	8	F—Alexander	6
G—P. Lee	2	C—Hogue	10
G—Mitchem	3	G—Lane	7
G—Cash	4	G—Hardin	2
Subs—Cornwell 2		Subs—Eskridge 2	
K-M Shelby Boxscores GIRLS GAME		Subs—Kings Mountain (61)	
Shelby	(36)	F—Bass	25
F—Cole	15	F—Howard	2
F—Maloney	6	C—Smith	6
F—Caster	3	G—Barnes	19
G—Kennedy	1	G—Francis	5
G—Brooks	1	Subs—Watson 4	
G—Phillips	5		
Subs—Ross 5			

Duke Freshmen Hitting Over 100 Per Game

Durham, N. C. — It is difficult to find enough superlatives to describe the play this season of the undefeated Duke freshman basketball squad. Through eight games, the Blue Imps have averaged 100.9 points to their opponents 77.8 and have a rebounding edge of 55.6 to 38.4.

Only in the Big Four contests have the Blue Imps been held to less than 100 points. The two toughest contests have been at home against N. C. State and Wake Forest. State battled tooth and nail for 30 minutes before the Imps broke the game wide open to win 98-75. Against Wake, probably the strongest team faced thus far by the Duke frosh, the Imps found themselves railing for the first time all season and were hard pressed to hang on for a 91-83 win.

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, 8-0 in Southwestern Conference play and 10-0 overall, end first round of conference play Friday night when they travel to Bolling Springs to take on Crest.

Crest sports a 6-2 conference record and 8-2 overall mark. The Chargers are tied for second place with East Rutherford and Shelby. The Mountaineers have found the going gets tougher as the season progresses. After rather easy victories over their first six league foes, the Mountaineers have had to sweat out their last two wins, 78-68 over R-S Central and 61-52 over Shelby.

Friday night, the Mountaineers will run head on into one of the highest scoring teams in the conference and the highest scoring player in the league, 6-3 junior David Thompson.

Thompson, who leads KM's Otis Cole by 16 points in the SWC scoring chase, is averaging close to 25 points per contest and had a career high of 49 points in a non-conference victory over Bessemer City.

Guard Phillip Francis is third on the Mountaineer scoring parade, averaging just under 10 points per game.

A victory over Crest Friday night would make Kings Mountain the almost certain conference champion. However, a Crest win would throw the league race into a dogfight as it would pull the Chargers within a game of the Mountaineers.

Crest's only losses to date were narrow ones, 41-39 to East Rutherford and 49-46 to South Point

of Belmont. In each case, the opposing team played for the percentage shots.

The Chargers are much bigger, height-wise, than the Mountaineers, but KM has been at a size disadvantage in every game. Shelby put a team on the floor Tuesday that averaged 6-3, but the speed and overall quickness (both offensively and defensively) of the Mountaineers, plus good shooting, was the difference.

The Mountaineers open second round play Tuesday night against

South Point, the most improved team in the conference.

Kings Mountain won easily in the two teams' earlier meeting, 74-51, but the Red Raiders have come on strong, winning their last four games.

Included in those victories was the 49-46 victory over Crest. They also whipped Chase, Cherryville and R-S Central. They had favored Shelby most of the game before bowing by five points on the Lions' court earlier in the season. Senior Rick Cherry, perhaps

more for his football and basketball talents, has been the big gun in the Raiders' surge, but he has had plenty of help from sophomore guard Bill Hannon, and forwards Cliff Workman and Tom Weathers.

Kings Mountain's girls, 1-7 overall, need some victories to get in the running for a tournament berth. The Mountaineers are in ninth place and only the top eight teams advance to post-season play.

Mountaineers At Crest On Friday

Culbertson Bowling Victory

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Waters, Sloan For First Time

There'll be no more sports when N. C. breaks their fast Saturday, a fast that student nemesis Sloan played his last basketball game at State in 1949; Waters started his varsity career there in the 1955-56 season.

The contest will be televised regionally with the tap-off coming at 2:12 p.m.

Medical Expenses Tax Error Trap

Greensboro — Many taxpayers get smaller refunds — or have additional taxes to pay — because of errors in reporting medical expenses, J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina said today.

To avoid errors in deducting medical expenses on 1969 returns, Wall advised taxpayers to read the Form 1040 instructions carefully before filing.

A common error made by taxpayers reporting medical expenses is in the deduction of medicine and drug expenses. These expenses should be added to the taxpayer's other medical expenses only to the extent they exceed one percent of adjusted gross income.

"Some taxpayers," Wall said, "try to deduct in full their drug costs in excess of one percent of their adjusted gross income instead of adding this excess to their other medical expenses, which are subject to a three percent limitation."

Another common error made last year by taxpayers involved the medical insurance premium deduction. One-half the cost of the premium paid for medical insurance, up to \$150, can be listed without regard to the three percent of income limitation.

The Form 1040 instructions explain what is and is not deductible and also how the expenses should be reported.

"Up to These Hills," the outdoor drama which each summer retells the vivid story of the Cherokee Indian, drew a record attendance of almost 135,000 this summer.

in ladies bowling league action on Tuesday night.

Pat Herndon scored a 108 line and Louise Dover added a 293 set to lead Griffin Drug over Oates Shell. Jenny Oates had a 107 line and 309 series for the losers.

Dessie Loftin's 115 line and Glenda Belk's 309 set led Plonk Bros. over Mountaineer Pharmacy, despite a fine 111-322 by Betty Fite of the losers.

Sara Cash rolled a 117 line and 308 set to lead McGinnis Furniture over American Legion. Betty Fitzsimmons of Milford, Conn., and 6-4 Richie O'Connor of Union City, N. J. Fitzsimmons is averaging 19.3 points, connecting on 57.5 percent of his field goal attempts. O'Connor is at 18.3 points and is the team's second leading rebounder with a 40.0 average.

Fitzsimmons had a three-game streak in which he could not miss. Against State, East Carolina and Gaston College, he was 35 of 49 from the field, scoring 31, 29 and 23 points. His all-around play has been superb—he twice has had nine rebounds and once had seven assists. O'Connor, hampered early by a knee injury, had his best game against East Carolina with 27 points and 16 rebounds.

The quarterback of Duke's fast-breaking offense has been the amazingly consistent Gary Melchioni, 6-2, from Woodbury, N. J. Averaging 17.9 points, Melchioni has been successful on 56.6 per cent of his field goals and is 91.2 per cent of his free throws. He makes very few mistakes on the court. His backcourt partner, 6-1 Jeff Dawson from Downers Grove, Ill., is averaging 17.6 points, breaking loose in the last three games with 23, 21 and 20 points.

Plonk Oil Co. Undeclared In City League

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Southwestern Standings (Girls Division)

Teams	Won	Lost
Burns	7	0
R-S Central	7	1
Lincolnton	6	4
Crest	4	4
Cherryville	4	4
South Point	4	4
East Rutherford	3	5
Shelby	3	5
KINGS MOUNTAIN	1	7
Chase	0	8

Southwestern Standings (Boys Division)

Teams	Won	Lost
KINGS MOUNTAIN	8	0
Crest	6	2
East Rutherford	6	2
Shelby	6	2
South Point	5	3
Cherryville	3	5
R-S Central	3	5
Lincolnton	2	5
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Week's ACC Spotlight Falls On Duke-State

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Kings Mountain (30)	R-S Central (43)
F—Huffstetter	11
F—Finger	5
F—Oliver	4
G—Timms	3
G—P. Lee	3
G—Mitchem	1
Subs: Francis 2, Goforth 1	
F—Davenport	4
F—Davis	19
F—Daniel	11
G—Whetstone	7
G—Goforth	1
G—Upton	1

KM-Central Boxscores BOYS GAME

Kings Mountain (79)	R-S Central (68)
F—Cole	16
F—Howard	7
C—Smith	7
G—Francis	25
G—Barnes	7
Subs: Brown 10, Watson 7	
Gladden 4	
F—Lynch	26
F—Foster	6
C—Dickerson	6
G—Dukes	3
G—Green	4
Subs: Hamrick 10, Latham 4	

Checkers Host Generals Friday At Coliseum

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The Charlotte Checkers, unbeaten in their last three games, set their sights on the Greensboro Generals this week. The Checkers have back-to-back contests with their old rivals.

The first game will be played here Friday night — and there is an added attraction. During the first intermission, a fashion show will be held with ski wear being spotlighted by the Checkettes.

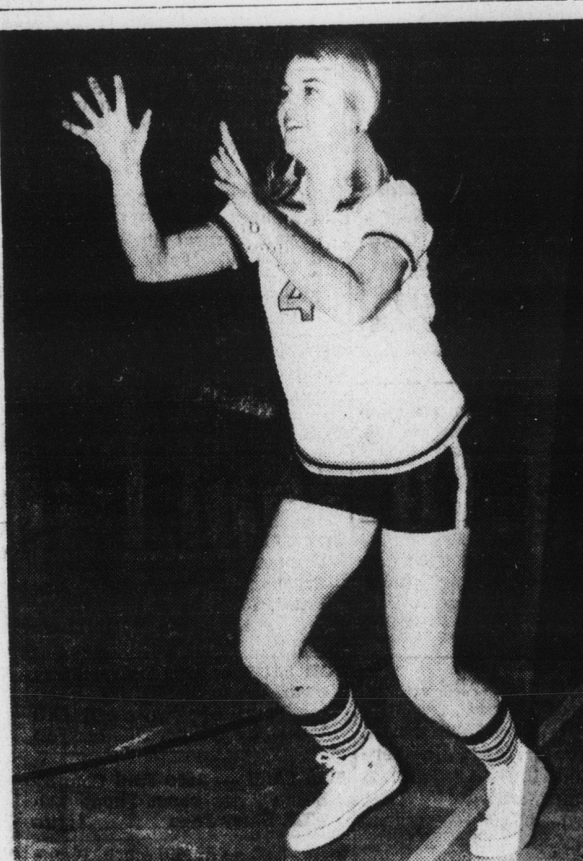
"It's going to be quite an entertaining evening," promises Mrs. Don (Scotty) Gallamore, who is handling the events. "We will have Linda Scott of Belk's do the narration. I think both the men and the women in the audience will enjoy a fashion show on ice."

Meanwhile, Coach Fred Creighton expects the most of his Checkers when the Generals appear. The Checkers will be well rested since no games are scheduled until the Greensboro set.

The Charlotte club has won two and tied one in its last three starts. A tie with Salem was gained in the final seconds on January 17 when Allie Sutherland popped in a goal. Big Hal Willis took charge on January 18 against Nashville and scored in the final 32 seconds for a 2 to 1 victory.

"Our offense is going well," scoring out Willis. "We should be scoring more goals because we're moving the puck quite well. I expect the club to be playing its best over the next few weeks."

John Voss has been in the nets for the past two Charlotte wins. He has played well since donning the blue and white of the Checkers.



MOUNTAINETTE STARTER—Senior Debbie Timms, who scored eight points Tuesday night as the Mountaineers lost to Shelby, 52-61, is expected to start Friday night when the KM girls travel to Crest.

Junior High Team Splits Pair; Seventh Graders Remain Unbeaten

Kings Mountain's junior high (ninth grade) basketball team split a pair of Bi-County Conference games during the past week while Coach John Ballock's jayvees (seventh and eighth grades) posted their third straight victory.

The ninth graders whipped Hunter Huss 51-34 Thursday afternoon but lost to undefeated Belmont, 50-34, on Monday. The seventh graders were idle on Thursday (Huss has no jayvee team) but the Patriots defeated Belmont Monday, 46-39.

In Thursday's victory over Huss, Woody Ross scored 21 points as the Mounties led throughout the game. Ross also played an outstanding defensive game and led KM in rebounding.

The Mounties led 8-6 at the quarter and was on top by 26-14 at halftime. They led 42-24 heading into the fourth period. High scorer for Huss was Nichols with 10 points.

In Monday's game, Belmont jumped off to a 145 first quarter lead and the Wildcats led by 26-20 at intermission. The score at the end of three periods was 35-27. Belmont outscored the locals 15-7 in the fourth period to break open the close game.

Jimmy Stowe scored 24 points to lead the Wildcats while Jimmy Jolley scored 12 for the Mounties.

Belmont took advantage of numerous Kings Mountain turnovers to post its sixth straight win. KM is now 3-3 overall and 1-1 in league play.

In the jayvee game Monday, John McGill and Butch Balock scored 12 points each and Carl Roseboro added 11 to lead the Central assault. Tim Williams had 13 for Belmont.

Kings Mountain held a 12-5 point lead throughout the game and substituted freely. The Patriots led 22-16 at halftime and 35-21 heading into the fourth period.

THURSDAY GAME (Jays)
Kings Mtn. (51) — Thombs 4, Williams 7, Bess 21, Jolley 8, White 9, Dakins 2.
Huss (34) — Cannon 4, Clark 8, Stewart 4, G. Nichols 10.

MONDAY GAME (Jays)
Kings Mtn. (40) — Thombs 7, Williams 9, Bess 21, Jolley 12, White 9.
Belmont (50) — Bowers 9, Clarke 12, Stowe 24, Grier 6, Wilson 2.

FRIDAY GAME (Jays)
Kings Mtn. (45) — Bumgarner 1, M. Williams 12, Balock 12, Roseboro 10, Bell 6, Jordan 1, Plonk 1, Hannon 2.

THURSDAY GAME (Jays)
Belmont (39) — Williams 13, Clarke 12, Adams 8, Crossby 1, Campbell 4.