

Mounties Whip Cherryville, But Lose To Avery

Barnes Sparks 57-56 Victory Over Ironmen

The Mountaineers had their second straight scare Thursday night in the conference tournament finals, but Coach Bob Hussey's charges still had enough in them to hold off a much-improved Cherryville team, 57-56.

Behind the scoring of Charles Barnes, who finished with 26 points, the Mountaineers romped on a 34-20 halftime advantage only to see the Ironmen come paring from behind to almost null the SWC's upset of the year.

The victory was the 23rd in a row for Kings Mountain and gave them their second tournament title in the event's three-year history.

Otis Cole was the only other Mountaineer to reach double figures, and he was way below par with 12 points.

Jerry Smith led the Cherryville comeback attempt, scoring 13 of 14 team-leading 15 points in the second half. Dan Stroup added points, along with Keith Harris, and Stroup led the Ironmen rebounds with nine.

Rebounding played a big part in the Mountaineer victory. The Mounties won the battle of the boards, 37-28, with Cole and Jewel Watson grabbing 12 and 11, respectively.

Cherryville jumped off to a 5-1 lead in the first three minutes, but the Mountaineers came from behind to tie the score at 9-9 at the quarter break.

Barnes started doing his "thing" in the second period and the Mountaineers soared ahead, but the Ironmen turned the tables in the third quarter and cut the difference to seven points, 43-36, leading into the fourth quarter.

The Ironmen, using a full-court press, tied the score at 49-49 with 4:50 to go on a bucket by Smith, but Barnes put in a pair of buckets and four key free throws to ice the victory for the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers hit on 38.1 percent of their field goals, sinking 24 of 63 shots. Cherryville shot 31.8 percent, hitting 20 of 63. KM was nine for 14 from the foul line and Cherryville was 16 for 27.

The second-seeded Burns girls pulled an upset in the opening game, defeating R-S Central, 47-41.

BOYS SCORE

Cherryville	(56)
F-Stroup	11
F-Tate	8
C-Harris	11
C-Smith	15
C-Randall	3
Subs-Chapman	4
Allen	2
Eaker	2

Kings Mountain (57)

F-Cole	17
F-Gladden	6
C-Smith	7
C-Francis	6
C-Barnes	26
Subs-Howard	6

HT Score: KM 34, Cherryville 20.

Tidying Up Come Readily?

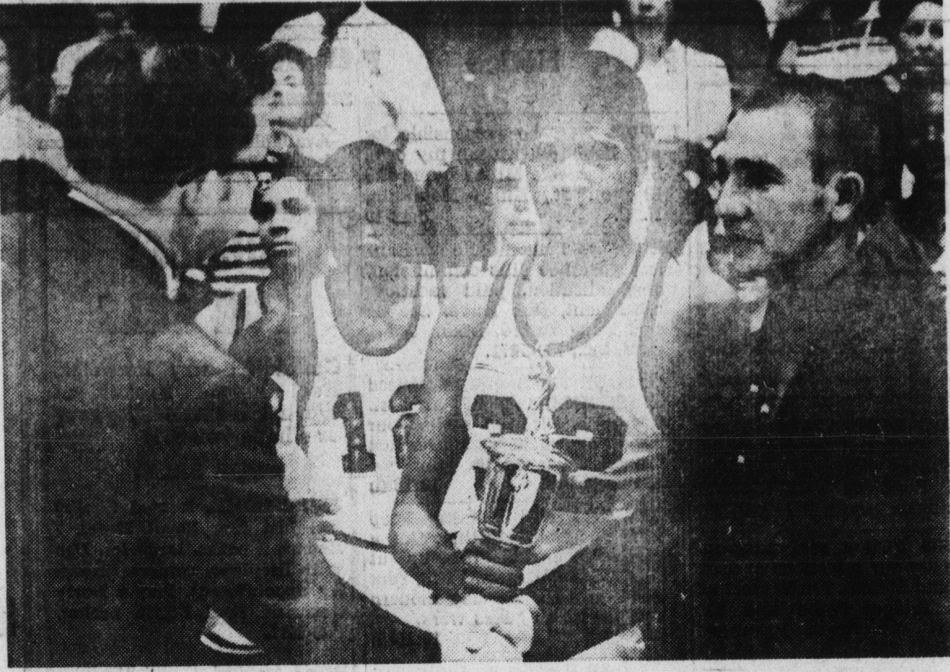
RALEIGH—When it comes time for Johnnie to make his bed, pick up his toys or tidy up his room after playtime, does he grumble or has he learned to accept these personal responsibilities willingly?

If you answer yes to the latter, chances are you have succeeded in sparking the development of a growing sense of responsibility, one extension family relationships, North Carolina State University.

But if getting your child to do these small jobs is more work or you than him, perhaps it's time to consider the whole matter of what will help him see the importance of responsibility at home.

Many parents feel that requiring their children to do certain jobs will automatically instill responsibility. This is not always true. Too much responsibility too early may result in a child thinking he can't do all that's expected of him.

The key is to make him feel it's a part of the overall family usefulness of helping. Give him different jobs to do. There's no reason why he should always be tucked with the more unpleasant tasks, such as carrying out the garbage.



RECEIVE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY—Kings Mountain schools superintendent Donald Jones presents Southwestern Conference championship trophy to Coach Bob Hussey and captain Otis Cole during post-game ceremonies Thursday night at KMHS. The Mountaineers nipped Cherryville, 57-56, for the title. (I. G. Alexander photo.)

Mounties Opened Baseball Season Against Dallas

Kings Mountain High was scheduled to open baseball season here yesterday afternoon against non-conference Dallas High School.

The two clubs are scheduled to play again Friday in Dallas, then the Mountaineers open Southwestern Conference play Tuesday afternoon at Burns.

The Mountaineers have had only one day of practice (Tuesday) under Coach Bob Hussey, but all except basketball players have been working out under Jaycee coach Blaine Fronberger.

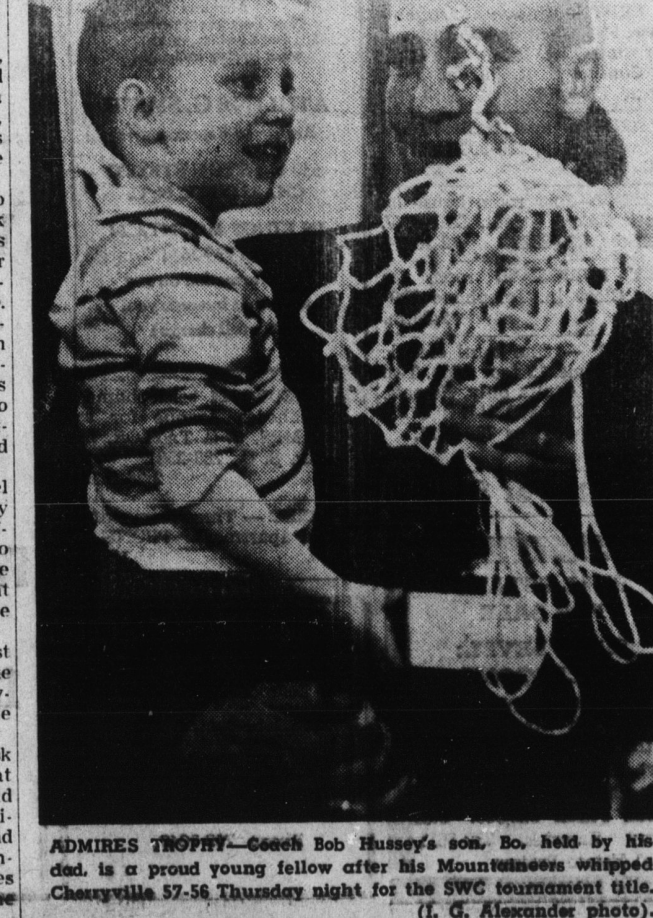
Coach Hussey, who last pitching ace Rocky Goforth and his top three hitters—Mike Smith, Wayne Mullinax and Clarence Ash—will probably use the two practice tilts as experimental games.

Hussey, who coached the Mountaineers to the state 3-A title last spring, is expected to use at least three pitchers in each practice tilt.

The Mountaineers aren't regarded as any title threat. Shelby is the pre-season pick to win the conference while South Point and Cherryville are rated as strong contenders with East Rutherford and Crest listed as darkhorses.

The Mountaineers have only two home conference games during first round play and there is a possibility that these will be changed in order that the Mountaineers can play all their conference tilts on their new field at KMHS.

Fences, dugouts and backstops have already been built at the new diamond, but the grass was recently re-sown and cannot be played on until later in the season.



ADMIRE TROPHY—Coach Bob Hussey's son, Bo, held by his dad, is a proud young fellow after his Mountaineers whipped Cherryville 57-56 Thursday night for the SWC tournament title. (I. G. Alexander photo.)

Ramsey, Culbertson, Oates In High Games

Mull Ramsey and Richard Culbertson locked in a point battle Monday night at Mountain Bowling Center as Quality Sandwich and Culbertson's team split a four-game set.

Ramsey, captain of the Quality team, had single games of 129, 132 and 131 for a 392 set in leading his team to victory in the first and third games. But Culbertson, captain of the Quality team, finished with a 153 line in the third game, giving him a 389 series and earning his team a split.

Jenny Oates gained scoring honors for the week by rolling a 150 line and 390 set in Tuesday's ladies action. Those totals weren't enough, however, as her team dropped three games to Plunk Brothers. Kay Hawkins scored a 125 line and Dessie Loftin added a 319 set for the winners.

Edna Bowen had a 109 line and 324 set in leading Griffin Drug to three wins over the American Legion. Pat Barrett topped the losers with a 108-306.

Betty Fite's 122 line and 322 set lead Mountaineer Pharmacy to a 2-2 split with McGinnis Furniture. Evelyn Early had a 122-307 for McGinnis.

Men's League Meeting Tonight

Men interested in trying out for the Men's Softball Traveling League are invited to meet at C.H. Hall Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m.

Prospective players unable to attend tonight's meeting should contact Gene Tignor or Jim Gayton.

Marion Clubs Take Titles

Both Marion High School basketball teams won Northwest-Southwest Conference titles Tuesday night at Boone.

The Marion girls nipped Newton-Conover 27-23 in the opening contest and the Rippers whipped Avery County 54-46 in the finale.

Avery's 7-4 whiz, Tommy Burleson, scored 39 points, but his teammates could manage only seven between them against Marion's quick, man-to-man defense.

Marion was led by Chuck Cordehl with 18 points and David Bobo with 15.

The Marion clubs go to Lexington Friday to play for the association championship.



WE'RE NUMBER ONE—Members of the Kings Mountain High School basketball team give the "we're number one" sign in dressing room following 57-56 victory over Cherryville in SWC tournament finals Thursday night. Coach Bob Hussey, in white shirt, had just been tossed into the showers. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)

Cole, Barnes And Francis All-Tournament

Kings Mountain landed three players to the SWC All-Tournament team, selected by sportswriters and sportscasters covering the third annual event here last week.

The Mountaineers placed three players who were earlier named to the All-Conference team—guards Charles Barnes and Phillip Francis and forward Otis Cole.

Also landing three players was Cherryville, the club which KM defeated 57-56 for the title Thursday night. The Ironmen placed Dan Stroup, Jerry Smith and Doug Rowland.

Champion Burns and runner-up R-S Central each placed three players on the girls team.

The complete teams follow:

GIRLS

Player	School
Gail Newton	Burns
Karen Putnam	Cherryville
Donna Daniel	R-S Central
Tina Holland	East Rutherford
Joanne Davis	R-S Central
Terry Rogers	South Point
Sherry Sisk	South Point
Lynn Betts	Burns
Susan Parker	Burns
Betty Butler	East Rutherford
Debbie Murphy	Lincolnton
Kathy Davenport	R-S Central

Exams Are Open For Clerk-Carrier

Examinations are now open for substitute clerk-carrier positions in Post Offices throughout North Carolina.

Tests for this area will be conducted in Charlotte, N. C. An application form may be secured at the local Post Office, announces Postmaster Charles Alexander.

KMHS SPRING SCHEDULES

VARSITY BASEBALL

April
9 Cherryville, East Rutherford, Kings Mtn. at Shelby
16 Burns, East Rutherford, Chase, at Kings Mountain.
23 Kings Mtn., Rutherfordton, at Crest

May
1 Conference Meet at Shelby
8 Bi-Conference Meet at Shelby
16 Association Meet at North Rowan

VARSITY TENNIS

March
31 Kings Mtn. at Rutherfordton

April
3 Kings Mtn. at Watauga
7 Belmont at Kings Mtn.
10 East Rutherford at Kings Mtn.
14 Kings Mtn. at Shelby
17 Rutherfordton at King Mtn.
21 Watauga at Kings Mtn.
24 Kings Mtn. at Belmont
28 Kings Mtn. at East Rutherford

May
1 Shelby at Kings Mountain

NINTH GRADE BASEBALL

DATE TEAM PLACE TIME

April	6 Shelby	Away	3:45
9 Belmont	Home	3:45	
13 Wray	Away	4:00	
16 Grier	Home	3:45	
20 Hunter Huss	Away	4:00	
23 Shelby	Home	3:45	
27 Belmont	Away	4:00	
30 Wray	Home	3:45	

May
4 Grier Away | 4:00 || 7 Hunter Huss | Home | 3:45 |

NINTH GRADE TRACK

April
8 Kings Mountain, Highland, Grier at Shelby
15 Kings Mountain, Cramerton, Belmont, at Grier (Wray)
22 Kings Mountain, Cramerton, Belmont, at Shelby
30 Kings Mountain, Hunter Huss, Cramerton, at Highland (Wray)

May
13 Conference Meet—at Shelby

Plunk Oil Clinches Tie For Cage Title; Tourney Begins Monday

Plunk Oil Co. clinched a tie for its second straight recreation league championship Thursday night by defeating KM Savings and Loan, 66-51.

The victory gives the Plunk team a 11-3 season record, and a game lead over second place Gastonia, which is 10-4. Plunk plays KM Gulf and Gastonia meets Bessemer City in regular season finals tonight at the armory.

Tournament play (single-elimination) opens Monday night. Plunk Oil and Gastonia will draw byes, while third place Bessemer City takes on last place Imperial and fourth place KM Savings and Loan takes on fifth place KM Gulf.

Leading Thursday's Plunk Oil victory was Lawrence Bolin with 20 points while Jerry Rockholt topped the losing Savings and Loan team with 16.

In the only other game played Thursday, Gastonia nipped Imperial 60-53 behind Ricky Gibby's 15 points. Coker was high for the losers with 18.

There was only one game played Monday night, Bessemer City whipping Savings and Loan, 62-55. Robert Phillips and Perry Gray hit 21 and 19 points, respectively for the winners while Jerry Rockholt and Tommy Carpenter led the losers with 15 apiece.

STANDINGS

Teams	Won	Lost
Plunk Oil	11	3
Gastonia	10	4
Bessemer City	8	5
KM Savings & Loan	8	7
K. M. Gulf	6	9
Imperial	1	14

East School P-TA Benefit Saturday

East School Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a chicken and dumpling supper Saturday with serving from 4 until 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children. Take-out orders are also available.

Reeves Taps John Reeves

John E. Reeves, Jr., was elected corporate vice-president of Reeves Brothers, Inc. at a meeting of the board of directors. Son of the board chairman, the new officer will perform in a general management capacity. He has been with Reeves five years.

Burleson Leads Vikings To Win Monday Night

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers were added to Tommy Burleson's list of victims here Monday night in the opening round of the Northwest-Southwest Conference basketball tournament.

Burleson, a 7-4 giant who is one of the most sought-after high school cagers in the nation, fired in 38 points — including Avery County's last seven markers — to lead the NWC Vikings to a 63-62 come-from-behind victory over the previously undefeated Mountaineers.

The loss ended KM's season at 23-1 and the victory advanced Avery County into the bi-conference finals against Marion, an easy 85-51 winner over Cherryville.

Southwest Conference girls clubs were also eliminated in first round play. Marion edged Burns 43-35 and Newton-Conover came from behind to almost null the second half to nip R-S Central, 40-38.

Burleson's 29-foot jumper with two seconds remaining gave Avery County its 63-62 upset over the Mountaineers. KM held a five point lead (61-56) with 1:29 left, but Burleson hit a three-point play, tipped in a missed shot, and then led the game-winner with two seconds left on the clock.

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Burleson Has Relatives Here

Avery County's 7-4 basketball whiz, Tommy Burleson, wasn't really a stranger when he came to Kings Mountain Monday night to take on the Mountaineers in the Northwest-Southwest Conference tournament.

The All-American and the state's most sought-after prep cager has some relatives here, including Paul Ware, Toby Williams and Mrs. Elmer McGill. All are cousins of young Burleson.

Kings Mountain had three opportunities to ice the victory in the final minute, but Otis Cole, Geep Howard and Phillip Francis all missed foul shots and Burleson got key rebounds following every miss.

Francis went to the line with nine seconds left and KM ahead by 62-61, but missed on the first of a one-and-one. Burleson rebounded and the Vikings called timeout at midcourt with four seconds left.

Though everyone knew the inbound pass would go to the giant, KM didn't have a man big enough to defend him and his jumper from the left of the foul line swished the net.

Burleson, who allowed the Mountaineers only one shot on practically every trip downtown, got 10-point help from All-Conference mate Kenny Ward. Cole topped the Mountaineers with 22 points and Roger Smith added 10.

Though he scored 38 points, KM's Smith and Jewel Watson did fine defensive jobs on the Avery monster. Watson stole the ball from Burleson several times and once controlled a jump ball at the Avery County circle.

Avery County jumped off to a quick 8-0 lead, but the Mountaineers came back to grab the lead (18-16) before the end of the first period. The score changed hands on several occasions throughout the game.

Another key play in the Avery County victory was a 60-foot bucket at the halftime buzzer by the Vikings' Bill Watson. It was his only goal of the night and enabled the Vikings to hold a 34-34 tie at intermission.

Avery County's defense was another big factor in the victory. The Vikings held Charles Barnes, an 18-point scorer, to only nine points.

BOXSCORE

Avery County	(63)
F-Ward	10
F-Turbyfill	8
C-Burleson	38
G-Blabock	3
G-Daniels	3
Subs-Edwards	3
Watson	4

Kings Mountain (62)

F-Cole	21
F-Gladden	6
C-Smith	10
G-Francis	9
G-Barnes	9
Subs-Howard	7
Watson	3

HT Score: KM 34, Avery Co. 34.

Walter Johnson, Hall of Fame pitcher for Washington, won 414 games in his career.

In spite of pitching for a chronic losing team, Walter Johnson still amassed a grand total of 414 victories in his 21 years.

Babe Ruth, the home run king, started his career as a brilliant pitcher.

SWEETIE PIE



"I was young once myself and I know just how it felt!"