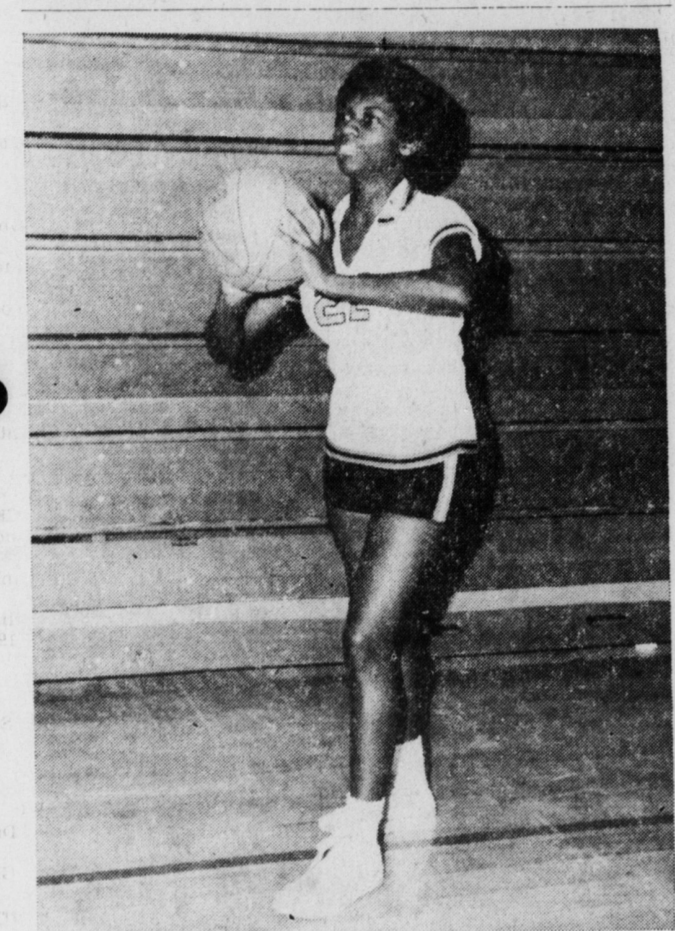


Mounties Baseball Team Opens Tuesday At Dallas

R-S Central Girls Edge Mountinettes In Tourney



Mountinettes Finish Season With 9-12 Mark

Sally Watson dropped in two free throws with no time remaining Saturday afternoon to give R-S Central a 35-33 victory over Kings Mountain's Mountinettes in the opening round of the Southwestern Conference basketball tournament being held at South Point gym in Belmont.

The loss ended KM's season. The Mountinettes of Coach Elaine Fronberger finished with a 9-12 overall record.

Kings Mountain fell behind by 11-3 in the first period but put 14 points on the board in the second quarter to trail by only five points, 22-17, at intermission.

Behind the scoring of Deborah Crockett, who scored 13 points, and Carolyn Mitchem, who added 10, the Mountinettes caught the Lady Hilltoppers in the third period.

The score was tied five times and the lead changed hands four times before Watson gave R-S Central the victory.

Donna Daniel scored 10 points to pace the winners. Watson had only three points for the game, but her last two were the ones that counted.

R-S Central lost out to East Rutherford in semi-finals play Monday. The finals were set for Wednesday night with the South Point girls meeting East Rutherford and the Crest boys taking on Cherryville.

Kings Mountain (33)—Crockett 13, Cornwell 4, Mitchem 10, Neilsen 3, Cash 2, Goins 1.

R-S Central — Daniel 10, Byrd 1, Whiteside 6, Hill 4, Edgerton 2, Watson 3, Mayes 9.

ALL-CONFERENCE — Junior forward Carolyn Mitchem was the only member of either Kings Mountain High basketball squad to be named to the 1970-71 All-Southwestern Conference squad.

Carolyn Mitchem Only Cager On All-League

Junior forward Carolyn Mitchem was the only member of either Kings Mountain High basketball team to be named to the 1970-71 All-Southwestern Conference team.

Carolyn was one of 24 players to receive All-Conference recognition. A total of 14 girls and 10 boys were honored.

Mitchem was a key factor in KM's girls finishing sixth in the SWC with an 8-10 conference record and 9-12 overall mark. She finished second to sophomore Deborah Crockett in the team scoring race.

Chase and Crest were the only teams not represented on the girls' all-league team. Kings Mountain, Chase, R-S Central and Lincolnton were not represented on the boys' team.

David Thompson of Crest and Paulette Abernathy of Lincolnton were named players of the year. Coach of the year in the boys division was Ed Peeler of Crest. Fred King of Cherryville was named top coach in the girls division.

Peeler edged Connie Hamrick of East Rutherford and Bill Hinson of Cherryville for the coaching honor while King was chosen over Jerry Bridges of Burns and Earl Lingafeldt of South Point.

In player of the year balloting, Thompson was chosen over Rick Chapman of East and Julian Roberts of Burns. Abernathy edged Donna Daniel of R-S Central and Karen Putnam of Cherryville.

FORWARDS — Karen Putnam, Cherryville; Donna Daniel, R-S Central; Lynn Bettis, Burns; Jane Biggerstaff, East; Carolyn Mitchem, Kings Mountain; Gail Whiteside, R-S Central.

ROVERS — Paulette Abernathy, Lincolnton; Amanda Whitaker, Burns.

GUARDS — Patricia Barnes, R-S Central; Sharon Byrd, R-S Central; Wanda Lovelace, East; Sylvia Ruff, Burns; Phyllis Ross, Shelby; Rebecca Thompson, Lincolnton.

BOYS TEAM

FORWARDS — David Thompson, Crest; Rick Chapman, East; Jerry Hunt, Crest; Keith Harris, Cherryville.

CENTERS — Floyd Bridges, Shelby; Larry Hunt, Crest.

GUARDS — Dennis Tate, Cherryville; Doug Surratt, Crest; Julian Roberts, Burns; William Hanson, South Point.



MOUNTAINEER SENIORS — Geeper Howard, left, and Chuck Carpenter, a pair of seniors, will see action at infield positions as well as on the pitcher's mound for Kings Mountain High's baseball team this spring. The Mountaineers open season play next Tuesday at Dallas.



baseball team this spring. The Mountaineers open season play next Tuesday at Dallas.

Twenty-Five Players Seek Starting Berth

Kings Mountain High's baseball team opens its 1970 schedule Tuesday afternoon, playing at Dallas in a non-conference contest.

The same two clubs will play a rematch in Kings Mountain the following Friday. The Mountaineers open Southwestern Conference play on Tuesday, March 16.

Barry Gibson, in his first year as head coach of the Mountaineers following a four-year stint at Central Junior High, has not decided on a starting lineup.

Gibson said he will play as many boys as possible and will probably use at least three pitchers.

The probable hurlers are Danny Hartsoe, Ricky Hord and Keith Parker. The only other two pitchers on the staff are seniors Chuck Carpenter and Geeper Howard, who got late starts because of when they're not on the mound, basketball.

Carpenter and Howard will probably be at third base and short stop, respectively. Parker, who played for Gibson at Central, will also see some duty at shortstop and possibly in the outfield.

The Mountaineers, 25 strong, are mostly young. Gibson has 12 sophomores, seven juniors and only six seniors on the squad.

Kings Mountain finished 9-11 and fourth in the SWC last season under Bob Hussey.

Gibson said competition is keen at most positions. He said his defense has shown lapses but he's been surprised with his club's hitting ability.

"Of course, we have been hitting hitting practice pitchers," said Gibson, "but the boys are hitting the ball much better than I thought they would. And, what impresses me most about their hitting is that they're hitting line drives."

Probably the best competition is for the first base job, where four players are rated about even. They are Grafton Withers, who started there last year, Jack King, Jerome Cash and Bill Watson.

At second base, Gary Kiser, a part-time starter last year, has returned but they're being pushed by sophomore Robbie Moore, who also played for Gibson at Central.

David Putnam is pushing Howard for the third base job. Carpenter and Parker will probably alternate at shortstop.

In the outfield, Tim Echols and Hartsoe return but they're being pushed by Bill Loftin, Parker, and others.

Tuesday's rain forced the Mountaineers inside.

"We got a little bit done," said Gibson. "You can't work too much on your hitting inside but you can work on game situations."

Gibson said his pitchers aren't throwing at full speed.

"They're throwing about three-quarters," he said. "We thought we'd save it until Friday or Monday. Everybody's arm is all right now. I hope nobody develops arm trouble."

Because of their late start, Gibson said Carpenter and Howard probably would not pitch Tuesday but will be at other positions.

Dallas, which won the Gaston County 2-A Conference last spring and participated in the state playoffs, has several returnees from that club.

Top prospects at Dallas are pitcher Jimmy Thornburg, catcher Gary Rhyne and third baseman Steve Edison. Rhyne, who played teenie ball in Kings Mountain, and Edison both hit well over .300 last year.

Hussey's Team Has Winning Mark, Barnes Leads Club In Scoring

Bobby Hussey, Appalachian State's freshman basketball coach and former Kings Mountain High

mentor, isn't happy with having a winning season, even if it wasn't expected.

Hussey's ASU team recently completed a 9-7 season. If one had told Hussey at the first

of the year that the Little Mountaineers would have a winning season, he would have said they were crazy.

"At the beginning of the season, nobody thought we'd be that good," says Hussey, "but it still disappointed me."

Hussey's club was small and not very talented. He had only four scholarship players and one of them didn't live up to expectations, and was beaten out by a non-scholarship performer.

"We had some good games against good teams," says Hussey. "I feel like we got better toward the end of the season. That always makes you feel good."

One of Hussey's former high school products, Charles (Bad News) Barnes, paced the Apps in scoring with a 22.8 average.

"He had two or three real outstanding games," said Hussey. "His worst game was the season opener against Wake Forest when he got into foul trouble, played very little and scored six points."

The next night out, however, Barnes gunned in 36 points in a losing cause at Virginia Tech.

Appalachian's most aggressive win was in its season finale in Boone, a 106-88 victory over the same Virginia Tech outfit.

"They had a good team," said Hussey, "so it made us feel good to come from behind and win like that."

Barnes' backcourt mate, Stan Davis, of Pittsburgh, scored 50 points in that contest...the highest production mark of the season for a Mountaineer.

"They played Barnes pretty tight after what he did against them before," said Hussey. "But Davis came through for us. Barnes played a good game. He scored 14 points and had a lot of assists. The way Davis was hitting, Charles didn't need to shoot a whole lot."

Barnes' top game, scoring-wise, came in a victory over Wilkes Community College. He scored 37 points.

"We feel like Charles did an outstanding job," added Hussey. "He was by far the most consistent man we had and he's going to have to be recognized next year when he joins the varsity. The varsity has both its guards back (Bobby Tate and Tim Parker) but Barnes, and Davis, too, will have to be looked at."

Hussey's future is uncertain. He's scheduled to finish work on his master's degree in May and whether he decides to stay at ASU or go elsewhere remains to be seen.

"I'm looking (for a job), just like a lot of other people," he says. "But there's nothing definite yet. I've filled out some applications and have talked to some people but I've not really had an offer."

Hussey says, in certain phrases, he likes college coaching better than high school.

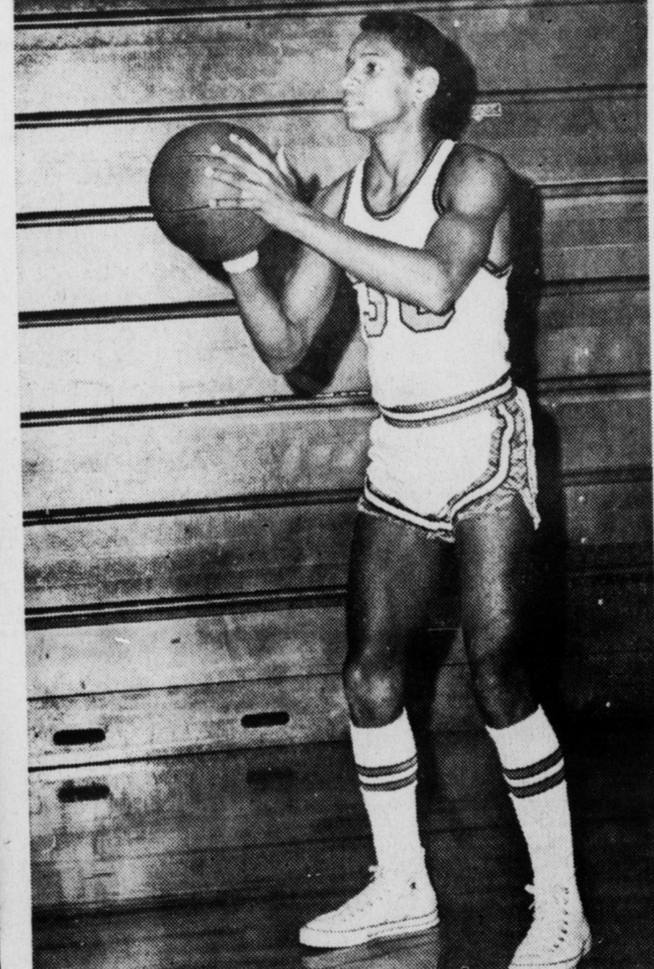
"I feel like you have just as close a relationship with your players as you do in high school," he said. "The main problem you run into in college is at the beginning of the year. It takes a while to get the players thinking like you do, because they come from different schools and their coaches had different philosophies. But, other than that, college coaching and high school aren't any different."

Now that the season is over, Hussey's taking in high school and junior college tournaments, trying to recruit some prospects for next season.

"We're looking mainly for big men," he said, "because that's what we don't have. We're scouting most of North Carolina and the eastern part of Tennessee and



GOOD YEAR AT APPALACHIAN — Bob Hussey, left, Appalachian freshman basketball coach, and Charles Barnes, the team's leading scorer, had banner years for the Little Mountaineers this winter. The ASU frosh finished with a 9-7 record with Barnes averaging 22.8 points per game. Barnes had a high game of 37 points against Wilkes Community College.



GOOD YEAR AT APPALACHIAN — Bob Hussey, left, Appalachian freshman basketball coach, and Charles Barnes, the team's leading scorer, had banner years for the Little Mountaineers this winter. The ASU frosh finished with a 9-7 record with Barnes averaging 22.8 points per game. Barnes had a high game of 37 points against Wilkes Community College.

Baseball Schedule

1971 BASEBALL SCHEDULE	
SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE	
March 16	
Belmont at Lincolnton	4:00
Burns at Kings Mountain	4:00
Chase at Rutherfordton	4:00
Shelby at Cherryville	4:00
Crest at East Rutherford	4:00
March 19	
Belmont at Rutherfordton	4:00
Shelby at Burns	4:00
Chase at Crest	4:00
Cherryville at King Mtn.	4:00
Lincolnton at E. Rutherford	4:00
March 23	
Crest at Belmont	4:15
Burns at Cherryville	4:00
E. Rutherford at Chase	4:00
Kings Mountain at Shelby	4:00
Rutherfordton at Lincolnton	4:00
March 26	
Chase at Belmont	4:15
Chase at Crest	4:00
Cherryville at E. Rutherford	4:00
Rutherfordton at Kings Mtn.	4:00
Lincolnton at Shelby	4:00
March 30	
Belmont at Cherryville	4:00
East Rutherford at Burns	4:00
Chase at Lincolnton	4:00
Crest at Kings Mountain	4:00
Shelby at Rutherfordton	4:00

Gardner-Webb Tennis Team Has Question Marks

BOLING SPRINGS, N. C. — "We have some question marks," Jim Taylor, Tennis Coach at Gardner-Webb College said when announcing the 1971 Bulldog net schedule.

"Although we have lettermen returning to fill the first four spots, the fifth and sixth positions are still up for grabs. How well we do could depend on how consistent our first four players perform and if we are able to get some help at the fifth and sixth positions," he said.

The Bulldogs will face a rugged 20 game schedule and Taylor is somewhat optimistic about the chances of improving on last year's record of 4-8.

"Our kids are very hard workers and if we are able to fill the fifth and sixth spots, then we could have a better than average season," Taylor said.

Four seniors, Larry Smith, Denmark, S. C.; Barry Nancy, Asheville; Billy Walters, Shelby; and Tommy Bell, Suffolk, Va., are expected to carry most of the burden. Smith, Walters, and Bell have all been number one on the Bulldog net teams during the past and at the present time Nancy is occupying that slot.

Patting it out for the fifth and sixth positions will be: Richard Granger, Columbia, S. C.; Charles Nixon, Charlotte Joe Mickey, Winston-Salem; Debbie Wilson, Charleston, W. Va.; Janet Vaughn, Shelby; and Rickard Jensen of Mt Holly.

Men's League Tourney Begins Monday Night

Two games will open the annual Industrial League basketball tournament Monday night at the Community Center.

At 7 p.m., Imperial will take on Craftspun and at 8 o'clock, Tryon will meet the KM Merchants.

Duplex and Plonk Oil, the top two finishers in regular season play, draw opening round byes.

Duplex will meet the winner of the Imperial-Craftspun game Wednesday at 7 o'clock and Plonk Oil will play the winner of the Tryon-Merchants game at 8 o'clock.

The winners of Wednesday's games will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. for the tournament championship.

Admission for all tournament action will be 50 cents.

Vincent's Union 76 Regains Bowling Lead

Vincent's Union 76 has moved back into first place in the men's bowling league while Drews Tax Service continues to show the way in the ladies' loop.

Vincent's won three games from first last week Dilling Heating Monday to move ahead of Ranny Blanton by one game. Mull Ramsey's 364 set and Rod Houser's 136 line led the winners. John Dilling's 125 line and Ron-

Softball Meeting Set For Friday

A meeting will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at the Community Center to plan for the summer men's industrial softball league.

Roy Pearson, recreation director, said that anyone interested in entering the league should be represented at the meeting.

Conversations per person continues as an important measure of the penetration of telephones into the social and business life of a country. The United States (745 per person), Canada (710), Sweden (650), and Iceland (645) lead in this category.

Cage Standings

YOUTH LEAGUE		
Teams	Won	Lost
Rippers	4	0
Buckeyes	4	0
Tryon Tigers	2	1
Tar Heels	2	2
Bucks	1	3
Cougars	1	3
Wildcats	1	3
Mountaineers	0	3