



HERALD SPORTS

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Adams Top Scorer

Gardner-Webb's George Adams, a native of Kings Mountain, is the leading scorer in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Through 10 games, the 6-5 All-American is averaging 35.8 points per game and is among the highest ranked small college players in several other statistics.

Adams is fourth in the nation in field goal percentage, having hit 149 of 226 field goal attempts for an average of .569.

The Bulldogs as a team are also ranked highly. Coach Eddie Holbrook's cagers are leading the nation in scoring, having tallied 1,154 points in the first 10 games for a 115.4 average.

Gardner-Webb is fourth in team field goal percentage, having made 468 of 865 field goal attempts for an average of .542. The Bulldogs also lead the nation in winning margins by outscoring their opponents by 29.4 points per game.

The Bulldogs have registered 12 wins in 13 outings against NAIA competition and Holbrook's squad also captured a victory over the Australian Olympic team.

Adams, who has been scouted by the pros in most of Gardner-Webb's games, has had only a few bad nights. His high game was against Mars Hill in the opening round of the Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament, when he scored 46 points despite sitting out the final 10 minutes of action. His low game was against Allen University last Thursday when he fouled out two minutes into the second half with only 13 points.

Freshmen Rule

Last week the National Collegiate Athletic Association declared freshmen eligible to participate in football and basketball, if his coach feels he is ready. (Freshmen have been eligible to participate in baseball the past five years.)

The NCAA rule, however, pertains only to post-season play. Each individual conference will decide whether they will be allowed to compete during the regular season.

The new rule will probably bring a mixed reaction in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which is perennially one of the nation's strongest basketball leagues.

University of North Carolina head coach, Dean Smith, said Sunday on his Tar Heel basketball show that UNC is against allowing freshmen to participate. He said athletes just coming out of high school need time to adjust to college life, especially academic-wise.

North Carolina State, no doubt, will be in favor of the freshmen rule. In fact, the Wolfpack has at least one freshman, David Thompson of Crest, who could be a varsity standout right now. Young Thompson is averaging over 40 points per game for the State freshman team and hit hot shooting hand would be a big boost to Norman Sloan's varsity program.

The rule, of course, does not go into force until next August, thus, Thompson is not affected by it. But Sloan has come up with North Carolina's top prep player the past two years (Tommy Burleson and Thompson) and if he could do that again, he'd be set next year.

Second Half

Several Duke basketball fans have been disappointed with the showing of the Blue Devils this cage season but Coach Bucky Waters feels his charges are going to give a much better effort during the second half of their ACC season.

The Blue Devils thus far are 5-5 overall and 0-1 in the conference. They evened their record last week in the Charlotte Coliseum by trouncing Virginia Tech 83-73.

A lot of Duke fans, particularly the students at the Durham University, would like to see Waters get the ax but it should be pointed out that injuries played a key role in Duke's early season misfortunes. One of the Blue Devils' top three performers, Gary Melchionni, missed four December games with an ankle injury.

In the last two games, against Syracuse and VPI, Melchionni, Alan Shaw and Rich'e O'Connor played the entire 40 minutes. Waters has hinted that they'll have to continue to go the route if the Blue Devils are to be a winner.

Because of the route-going performances of that trio, (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)



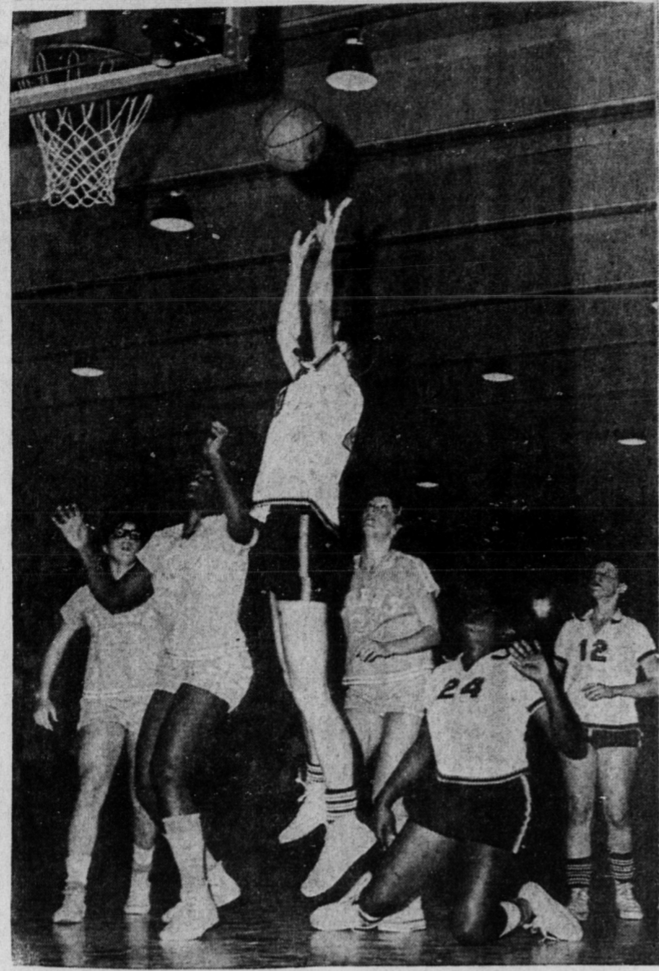
HARD WORKER — Hard work has paid off for Kings Mountain's George Adams. The All-American senior is currently leading the nation in scoring with a 35.8 average.

KM Cagers Host Shelby Friday, R-S Tuesday

Kings Mountain High cagers will be at home for their next two Southwestern Conference tests, hosting county rival Shelby Friday and R-S Central Tuesday. The Mountaineers of Coach Blaine Froneberger, who are off to one of their finest starts in years, will be slight favorites in both contests but the Mountaineers of Allen Dixon will be considered underdogs.

The girls will carry a 5-1 conference record and 7-1 overall mark into Friday's game while the boys are 2-4 in the conference and 2-8 overall. Coach Froneberger's lassies, who have won five straight games since dropping their conference opener to unbeaten South Point of Belmont, will be trying to

strengthen their hold on second place. The Mountaineers' 5-1 league mark puts them one game ahead of Shelby and Burns, who are 4-2. Shelby was tied with the Mountaineers until Tuesday night, when it lost to Burns. The Shelby boys sport a 4-2 conference mark and are tied with defending champion Crest for third place. South Point and East Rutherford continue to share the top spot with unbeaten 6-0 marks. The two appear to be headed for a Tuesday show down at South Point. The R-S Central teams aren't having one of their better years but the Rutherford County cagers are always tough on the local squads. The Hilltoppers sport a break-



LEE IN CLOSE — Debbie Lee (40) fires from close range for Kings Mountain's girls in their 47-37 win over Burns here Friday. Lee scored 11 points, her season's high, to help hand the defending SWC co-champs their second loss of the year. (Photo by I. G. Alexander).

KM Girls Take Over Second Place

Mounties Get Revenge With Win Over Burns

Kings Mountain High School's basketball teams captured their second straight doubleheader sweep here Friday night when they dropped Burns in a Southwestern Conference twinbill. The girls, led by Diane Cornwell and Debbie Lee, broke open a close game in the second half and posted a 47-37 victory and the Mountaineers came from behind in the second half to win by 63-55.

Cornwell and Lee tallied 11 points apiece to spark the Mountaineers to their fourth league win in five starts. The victory dropped Burns to 3-2 in the conference and out of a second place tie with the Mountaineers and Shelby. Coach Blaine Froneberger's girls led by only two points 17-15, at the half but Cornwell and Lee led a balanced scoring attack which broke the contest open in the final two periods. Four other players scored well for the Mountaineers. All-Conference forward Carolyn Mitchem had eight points, leading scorer Deborah Crockett had six, and Jane Henderson and Susan Cash added five apiece.

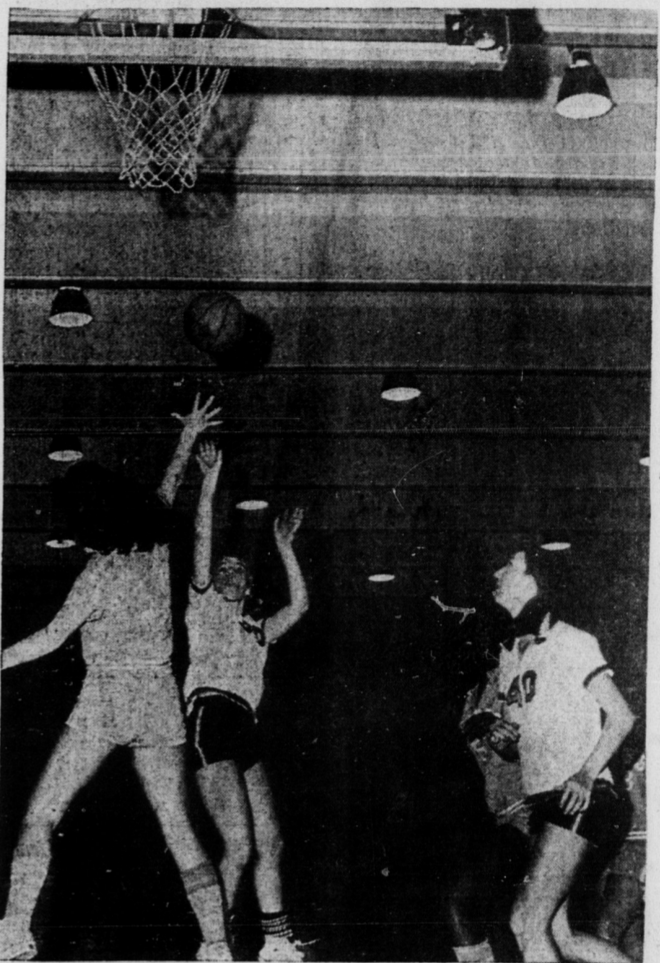
The Mountaineers trailed by two, 31-29, at intermission but Coach Allen Dixon's charges came on strong in the final two periods to capture their second straight SWC win. The victory avenged an earlier loss to Burns in the opening round of the Burns Tournament. Mike Thombs, the Mountaineers' leading scorer, once again paced the attack with 19 points. Ben Brown enjoyed one of his best nights, scoring 14, and Randy Wingo added 11 markers. Lamar Queen and Andy Powell had 13 and 12 points, respectively, to lead Coach Bill Powell's Bulldogs.

GIRLS GAME
Kings Mountain (47)—Crockett 6, Mitchem 8, Cornwell 11, Lovelace 1, Lee 11, Henderson 5, Cash 5.
Burns (52)—Warlick 13, Meade 1, Rameuse 8, Dixon 7, Pryor 4, Bolt 2, Elliott 1, Ruff 1.

BOYS GAME
Kings Mountain (63)—Crocker 4, Brown 14, White 7, Thombs 19, Dawkins 4, Wingo 11, Blalock 4.
Burns (55)—Powell 12, London 2, Accor 9, Howell 9, Queen 13, Borders 8, Gantt 2.

Plonk Brothers, Optimist Winners
Optimist and Plonk Brothers came away with victories in youth league basketball Thursday afternoon at the community center.

Plonk Brothers edged Rotary Club 18-15 and Optimist romped over First Union Bank, 31-10. Johnny Gamble scored 19 points to lead Optimist to its big win. Five players had two points apiece for First Union Bank. Jackson's 12 points and Dixon's six lead Plonk Brothers over Rotary. Hinnant scored nine points for Rotary.



CORNWELL GUNS — Diane Cornwell (30) guns in two of her 11 points in Friday's 47-37 win over Burns. The win kept the Mountaineers in a second place tie in the Southwestern Conference. (I. G. Alexander photo).

Cornwell Leads 37-34 Victory Over Cherries

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team took over sole possession of second place in the Southwestern Conference Tuesday night by defeating Cherryville 37-34. The Mountaineers had their two game winning streak snapped in the nightcap, 77-72.

Diane Cornwell, who sparked the Mountaineers over Burns Friday night, had another fine outing, scoring 13 points to lead the scoring for both clubs. Susan Cash and Carolyn Mitchem added eight points apiece for Coach Blaine Froneberger's club.

The Mountaineers built up a three-point edge, 16-13, at half-time and then played the hosts on even terms over the final two periods. Kings Mountain's defense held Karen Putnam, the SWC's top scorer, to a season's low of six points and that turned out to be the difference in the contest. It was the third straight loss for the Ironwomen, who at one time were tied with South Point for the conference lead.

A pair of Dennises, Giles and Tate, were the difference in the boys game. Tate tallied a game-high 28 points and Giles added 23 as the Ironmen evened their conference record at 3-3. Jimmy Graves was also in double figures for Jim Ramsey's club, scoring 14 points. Three players scored in double digits for the Mountaineers, who dropped their eighth game. Mike Thombs and Vernon Crocker led the way with 17 apiece and Ben Brown added 15. Cherryville led most of the way but never could break the contest open. The Ironmen were out front by six, 40-34, at intermission.

GIRLS GAME
Kings Mountain (37)—Mitchem 8, Crockett 1, Cornwell 13, Lee 5, Cash 8, Lovelace 2.
Cherryville (34)—Putnam 6, Giles 3, Gaston 11, Sellers 2, Dellinger 2, McKinnon 2, Farres 6, Hope 2.

BOYS GAME
Kings Mountain (72)—Dawkins 5, Wingo 8, Thombs 17, White 5, Brown 15, Blalock 5, Crocker 17.
Cherryville (77)—Giles 23, D. Tate 28, Graves 14, Reid 4, Allen 4, B. Tate 2, R. Graves 2.

Craftspun And Imperial Claim Wins In Industrial Loop Action

Craftspun and Imperial claimed victories in mens industrial league basketball action Thursday night at the community center.

Craftspun whipped Duplex, 67-61, and Imperial edged the Merchants, 54-48.

Charles Jones scored 24 points and Bill Barnes added 19 to spark Craftspun's victory. Ernest Merritt scored 16 for the losers.

Craftspun jumped off to a quick 21-8 lead and was never headed. Duplex cut it to 49-44 in the third period but that was as close as it came.

Tommy Carpenter scored 23 points to lead Imperial to its win over the Merchants. Keith Helms added 15 and J. W. Helms 13.

SWC Cage Standings

Team	GIRLS			Pct.
	W	L	T	
South Point	6	0	1	1.000
Kings Mountain	5	1	1	.833
Burns	4	2	0	.667
Shelby	4	2	0	.667
Cherryville	3	3	0	.500
East Rutherford	3	3	0	.500
Crest	3	3	0	.500
R-S Central	2	4	0	.333
Chase	0	6	0	.000
Lincolnton	0	6	0	.000

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	W	L	T	
East Rutherford	6	0	1	1.000
South Point	6	0	1	1.000
Crest	4	2	0	.667
Shelby	4	2	0	.667
Cherryville	3	3	0	.500
R-S Central	3	3	0	.500
Kings Mountain	2	4	0	.333
Burns	2	4	0	.333
Chase	0	6	0	.000
Lincolnton	0	6	0	.000

Imperial (54)—J. Helms 13, K. Helms 15, Purkey 1, Carpenter 23, Smith 2.
Merchants (48)—Jackson 3, Eades 10, McCraney 4, Foster 15, Jones 12, Littlejohn 2, Biddix 2.

Gardner-Webb Has Pair Games

BOILING SPRINGS — Gardner-Webb's fourth ranked NAIA team has a busy schedule this week with two games on the road which can play an important part in the club's drive to a higher rating.

Coach Eddie Holbrook's team, sporting a 12-1 record for the season, avenged its only loss of the year by defeating the powerful Lenoir Rhyne Bears Saturday night 64-58 in Hickory. The game (Continued On Page Four)

Jayvees Defeat Burns By 78-52, Host Undeclared Shelby Thursday

Kings Mountain's junior varsity basketball squad romped to its fifth victory in seven outings here last Thursday, defeating Burns by a 78-52 score.

Coach John Blalock's charges jumped off to a 16-9 first quarter lead and were never headed.

Thurman Jordan and Carl Roseboro were again the big guns for the Little outlanders, who host undeclared Shelby Thursday night. Jordan scored 20 points and hauled down 14 rebounds and Roseboro had 17 points and 14 rebounds. Mike Adams added 10 points and three assists.

Coach Blalock cited Jordan, Roseboro, Wayne Leach, Tony Falls, John McGill, Mike Payseur and John Plonk for their defensive play.

Jordan is the top scorer for the Jayvees, having hit 106 points for a 15 ppg average. Roseboro and McGill are also averaging double figures. Roseboro has scored 83 points for a 12 ppg average and McGill has scored 65 markers for a 10 ppg average.

Trailing then are Falls with 63 points, Adams 42, Leach 24, Payseur 19, Plonk 16, Ron Harrison 13 and Larry Hamrick 8.

THURSDAY'S GAME
Kings Mountain (78)—Jordan 20, Roseboro 17, Leach 3, Falls 3, Adams 10, Hamrick 2, Harrison 2, McGill 6, Plonk 6, Payseur 7.

Outboard motor boat racing really started to grow after 1928 with improved boats and motors.

In the tag match, the Great Bolos, who haven't been in these parts in quite a while, will battle Dale Starr and Hoss Strickland.

In the singles matches, Buck Forrest will take on Joe Wilson and Haystack Muldoon will battle Doug Hawkins. Haystack is one of the biggest men in wrestling, tipping the scales at 452 pounds.

Tickets will be \$1.00 for children, \$2.00 for adults and \$2.50 for ringside. Ringside tickets are on sale now at Kings Mountain Drug.

Bolos Highlight Wrestling Card Friday Night
Wrestling returns to Kings Mountain's community center Friday night at 7:30.

A tag team match featuring the Great Bolos and two single matches are included on the card.

Hard Work Pays Off For KM's George Adams

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — A 23-year-old senior, one of nine children in a low income family in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, has helped propel Gardner-Webb College into national basketball prominence.

George Adams, 6-5 center, is not only leading the nation in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics statistics, but he is also playing a major role in the team's 12-1 record which has the Bulldogs rated fourth in the NAIA national rankings.

Adams is scoring at a pace of 35.8 points per game and the Bulldogs are scoring at a rate of 115.4 points per game. Both are tops in the NAIA. The Bulldogs are also first in the winning margin with a 29.5 average and fourth in field goal shooting with a .542 average per game. Coach Eddie Holbrook's team is also tenth in rebounds with a recovery average of 58.7.

Adams is also fourth in individual field goal shooting with a 65.9 average from the floor.

Adams is a "legitimate" All-American. He made the NAIA first team All-American last year

and the Basketball Writers of America College Division first team. He seems a sure bet to repeat on these two teams and possibly add many other honors.

Adams has an outstanding collegiate career which has not gone by unnoticed by professional scouts. Pro scouts have already been seeing the big fellow play in person and a number of pro clubs have inquired about him from the college's public relations office.

The interest shown in Adams is not the results of this season's record alone. He has been an outstanding player for the Bulldogs since he came here from Kings Mountain where he was coached by Bob Hussey.

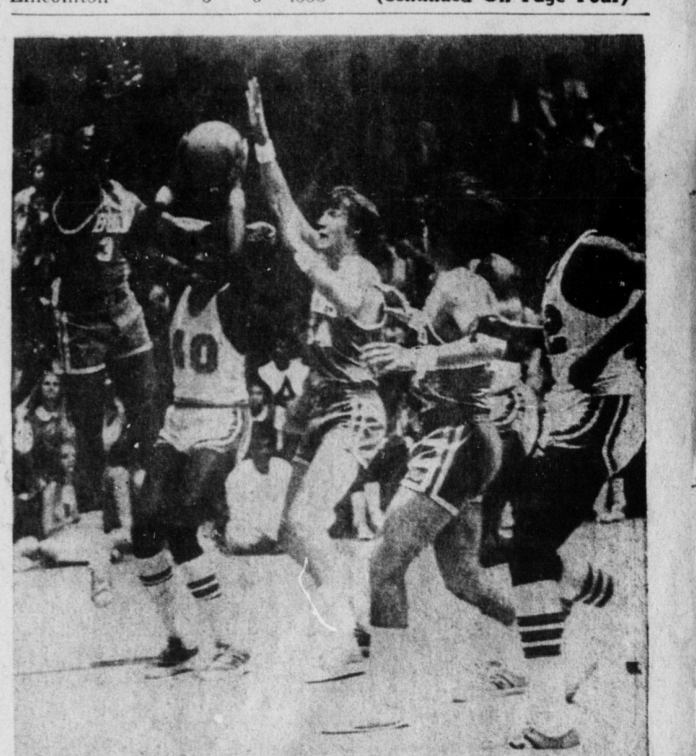
His first year with the Bulldogs Adams scored 17 points per game while playing as a freshman with Artis Gilmore and Ernie Fleming. He helped lead the Bulldogs to a 31-5 record that year, the Bulldogs last as a junior college.

While Gilmore and Fleming went to Jacksonville University, Adams chose to stay with Holbrook and a Gardner-Webb.

It has been a smart move on his part since he has brought fame to the college's athletic program and national recognition to himself. He scored an amazing 30.8 points per game as a sophomore even though the Bulldogs fell to a 17-7 record their first year playing all senior colleges.

Adams earned All-American honors his junior year by scoring 27.8 points per game and pulling down an average of 15 rebounds. He also shot 73.1 per cent from the free throw line.

His junior year record helped the Bulldog finish with a 20-4 record and a final rating of seventh in the NAIA.



WINGO SURROUNDED — Kings Mountain's Randy Wingo (40) tries to get off shot during Friday's game with Burns but is surrounded by a pack of hungry Bulldogs. KM won, 63-55. (Photo by I. G. Alexander).