



JUNIOR HIGH ACTION — Diane Williams, hauling in a rebound in photo at left, and Kim Gladden, driving in for a layup in photo at right, are two of the big reasons Kings Mountain Junior High's girls basketballers are off to a good start in Foothills Conference



Photos By Gary Stewart

play. Williams is the leading scorer and rebounder for the undefeated Jayvees and Gladden had her best night of the season last Tuesday when she scored 23 points in a narrow loss to Lincolnton.

Hussey Eyes Better Year

Belmont Abbey's Crusaders, hoping to rebound from their first losing season ever under Coach Bobby Hussey, open their 1976-77 campaign Saturday night at the Charlotte Coliseum against Johnson C. Smith.

Howze Is Golf Champion

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but plans are already being made for several events in '77. Tournaments to be held include the fourth annual member-member, third annual KMCC Invitational, seventh annual member-guest, Cleveland County Tournament, American Legion Tournament, fourth annual Rotary Club Scholarship Tournament, second annual KMCC Team Invitational and the club championship. Dates for the tournaments will be announced in January.

Crusaders will be in the running for the District 26 title this winter.

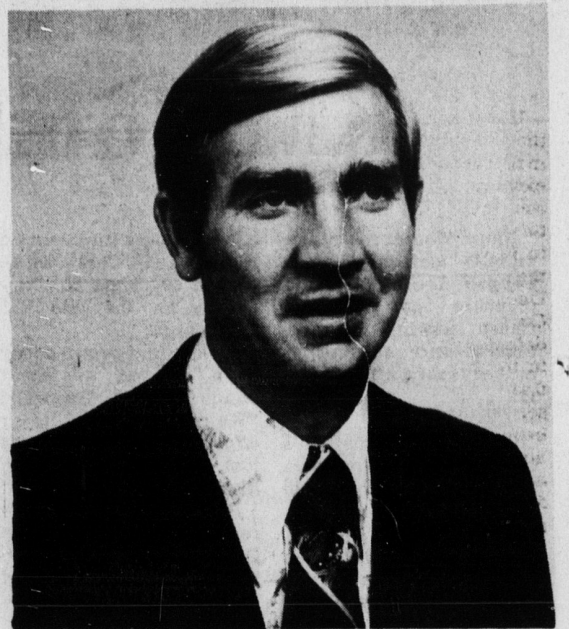
Top returnees are co-captains Bobby Moran and Clint Bryant, but the Crusaders also return a host of other lettermen, including Desmond Dennis, Glenn Tambo, Jimmy Crawford, Paul Carver, Mike Littlejohn, Craig Wink, Harold Albany and Greg Leslie.

The former KMHS coach, who won two Southwestern Conference titles in three years as Mountaineer mentor before entering the college ranks, has also signed some blue chip freshmen. Those include Jack Campbell, Reggie Vattelle, Phil Timberlake and Billy Holmgard.

Another player being counted on heavily is sophomore walk-on, Tom Toporek. Hussey said he's highly impressed with his attitude, hustle and desire.

The Crusaders play a tough 26-game schedule, including games which arch rivals Gardner-Webb and Lenoir Rhyne.

The Abbey will again host the WBTV Carolina Classic at Wheeler Center and will meet LR in the first round. Gardner-Webb won the event last year and will be favored again.



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UNCC Special Set For Airing On WBTV

CHARLOTTE — WBTV Sports Reporter Bob Taylor hosts a half-hour special report, "UNCC Basketball... The Return of the Mean Green," Thursday, November 25, at 7:30 p. m. on Channel Three. He takes a look at the coach, the team, their past accomplishments, and what may be coming up in the season ahead.

The program features an interview with head basketball coach Lee Rose and film of the team at work preparing for the new season. Coach Rose introduces the incoming freshmen on the team, and we get a look at them going through some of their drills.

"We went a long way last year toward solving our identity crisis and building team self confidence," says Coach Rose. "This season we have four of our starters back, and their experience will be vital,

but we won't be riding on last year's laurels. Come November 27, we'll be ready to prove ourselves all over again at the opening game."

UNCC-Cats

Game Is Set

For Channel 3

CHARLOTTE — WBTV will televise the basketball game between UNCC's 49ers and the University of Tennessee's Volunteers Saturday, Dec. 4 beginning at 7:55 p. m. from Knoxville, Tennessee.

WBTV's production crew will utilize the Jefferson Production Mobile Unit to televise the game, which will be seen exclusively on Channel Three. Sports Director Jim Thacker will provide the play-by-play.

Lee Rose's "mean green" team had a spectacular season last year, finishing second to Kentucky in the N.I.T. Four starters will be back this year, including Charlottean Lew Massey, Melvin Watkins, Kevin King and Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the N.I.T.

The Volunteers, coached by one of America's outstanding defensive coaches, Ray Mears, are rated second to Kentucky in pre-season rankings for the Southeastern Conference. One of their great phases is Ernie Grunfeld, U. S. Olympic player and All-American candidate.

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