



Photo By Gary Stewart

DO IT THIS WAY — KMHS girls basketball coach Kathy Brooks goes over team strategy with her players during a key timeout in Friday's game with Burns at the KMHS gym. The

Mountainettes gave one of their better efforts of the season but Burns used a good four-corners to seal the victory in the final three minutes.

Mature Gray Meets The Premature Gray

WINSTON-SALEM — The mature gray will meet the premature gray this Saturday night at Memorial Coliseum when the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons step out of the Atlantic Coast Conference to face Appalachian State University's Mountaineers.

Deacon head coach Carl Tacy recently sat his team down at a practice and showed them a four year old picture taken when his hair was as jet black as Rhett Butler's. "See what you've done to me," joked Tacy. Appalachian head coach Bobby Cremins, at age 19, is as gray as Tacy is now. Tacy is the wisened veteran of ACC wars, Cremins remains the sparkling young head coach who copped Coach of the Year honors in the Southern Conference as a rookie a year ago.

There's a contrast in coaching and personal styles that will be interesting for basketball fans to watch. Tacy controls a well-oiled machine that has played strong basketball since the season opens at the Big Four tournament. There's little question in the minds of basketball observers that Tacy sits atop his game right now as never before. Last week at the Wake Forest Sportsman Club network analyst Billy Packer said "If a vote was conducted today there

would be no question that Carl Tacy is the number one coach in the nation today."

Many would brand such statements as heresy until you look at the mileage Tacy is getting from his starting five, and sixth and seventh men Leroy McDonald and Don Mulnix.

On the other hand, Cremins has his hands full right now with his Southern Conference schedule. Many picked the Apps to have another strong season this year but they have sputtered of late with a tough slate after Christmas that included Marshall, William & Mary, VMI, Furman, and UNC-Charlotte. If you're looking for comparative scores, the Apps beat William & Mary in Boone, lost to them in Williamsburg, and the Deacs went to overtime against William & Mary before Christmas. Appalachian lost to Maryland by two points at College Park while the Deacs won by one in overtime. Appalachian also clipped Furman, a team that should have the talent to challenge VMI for the SC title this season.

While the Apps have not played strong basketball for a while, they still have the capacity to play with anybody around. Having spent two years at Appalachian prior to coming to Wake Forest I have an appreciation of the way a

Bobby Cremins team can play basketball in January and February. There's no doubt that Cremins won his coaching honors last season based on the play of his team in the last six weeks of the slate. Right now the Apps have a strong team that is waiting to jell and when the pieces fall together Cremins will be on the road to wins again.

For the Deacs the Appalachian encounter provides a break in the ACC race prior to entering a February slate that is as tough as January has been. Carl Tacy is finding more reasons to smile during this portion of the slate than in past years. He has a veteran team that understands the intricate subtleties that make the game happiness in winning times and sadness during losing. But it's a team with the capacity to bounce back from adversity quickly.

Most assuredly both coaches will gray a bit more and there will probably come a time when Carl Tacy looks down toward the ASU bench, sees Cremins, and gets the feeling he's looking to a mirror of the past. Cremins most assuredly will see Tacy as his mirror of the future.

An interesting game is on tap... one that will probably fuel the fires for a full time Wake Forest-Appalachian rivalry.

Patriot Grapplers Win 29-16

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers copped their fifth straight victory Wednesday at Shelby, defeating the previously unbeaten Blue Devils 29-16.

The Patriots host Newton Thursday afternoon and close out their season the following Wednesday against undefeated Sullivan of Rock Hill.

KMJH gave its best effort of the year in defeating Shelby. The Patriots won five decisions, two major decisions and one pin.

THE RESULTS
90 Pd. — Terry McClain (KM) dec. David Chadwick.
100 — Robert Oates (KM) dec. Devon Howell.
107 — Bernard Womack (KM) won major dec. over Benjie Davis.
114 — Luckadoo (S) dec. Scott Cabanniss.
121 — Johnny Ross (KM) dec. Tony Morton.
128 — Jeff Rowell (KM) dec. John Noblitt.
134 — James Bell (S) pinned Robert Sheffield.
140 — Todd Bell (KM) won major dec. over Chris Green.
147 — Maurice Jamerson (KM) pinned Tim Clark.
157 — Kenny Womack (KM) dec. Ricky Hicks.
169 — Todd Carpenter (S) dec. Darryl Brown.
Unl. — Orlando Ager (S) won major dec. over Lennie Thompson.

1977 Golf Schedule Announced

Kings Mountain Country Club will kick off its 1977 golf season February 26 with the qualifying for the annual member-member tournament which begins on March 30.

Other tournament set for 1977 include:
The fourth annual Kings Mountain Rotary Club Scholarship Fund Tournament set for April 23-24.
Dogfights resuming on April 26.

The Kings Mountain Country Club Invitational on May 14-15.

Scotch Foursome on May 8.

Scotch Foursome on June 12.

Calcutta on June 19.

Scotch Foursome on July 4.

The seventh annual Member-LGuest on July 16-17.

The American Legion tournament on August 6.

Scotch Foursome on August 14.

One round of the annual Cleveland Country Golf Tournament sometime in August.

The second annual Kings Mountain Country Club team Invitational August 27-28.

The annual club championship on September 3-4-5.

Scotch Foursome on September 18.

Calcutta on October 23.

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