



Photos By Gary Stewart

TAKING UP SLACK — Kings Mountain's leading scorer, Susan Mitchem, was slowed by an ankle injury in Tuesday's game with Shelby, but several other players took up the slack and led the Mountaineers to a 48-45 win.

In photo at left, Judy Henderson goes up for two points and in photo at right, Gayla Roberts scores two of her 18. Lisa Bridges, a key reserve, won the game for KM with a foul shot with 11 seconds left.

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**Bridges Shot
Whips Shelby**

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Susan Mitchem, who turned her ankle early in the game, suffered through perhaps one of her lowest scoring nights ever, hitting only eight points.

But sophomore Priscilla Rickenbacker took up the scoring slack, hitting the nets for a game-high 17. Gayla Roberts played her usual consistent game, scoring 10, and Judy Henderson added eight points and some key rebounds.

Shelby led 28-17 at intermission and 37-30 after three quarters and opened up a 10-point lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter before the Mountaineers started their comeback.

The Mountaineers, who saw their record drop to 4-14 in the SWC and 4-16 overall, had four starters to foul out in the final minutes as Shelby came from behind to avoid the upset of the year.

KMHS held a 35-32 lead at halftime and was out front 48-46 after three periods. But, in the final quarter, Eddie Ingram, William Lockhart, Bobby Odums and Everette Burris all fouled out and Shelby took advantage of the situation by canning the free throws.

Four players, led by Mark Cummings with 16, hit in double figures for the Lions, who ran their SWC mark to 16-2 and their overall record to 17-8.

KM's Vernon Bell led all scorers with 21 points but was the only Mountaineer able to score in double figures.

GIRLS GAME

KM (48) — Mitchem 8, Roberts 10, Henderson 8, Rickenbacker 17, Hickman 2, Bridges 1.

Shelby (45) — Cline 16, Smith 8, Sutton 8, Cannon 9, Petty 4.

BOYS GAME

KM (68) — Ingram 6, Lockhart 8, Odums 8, Burris 7, Ellis 8, Bell 21, Cloninger 1, Boggan 4.

Shelby (61) — Manning 13, Cummings 16, Roberts 14, Homesley 4, Thurman 12, Roark 2.

The loss, along with South Point's win over Cherryville, eliminated the Mountaineers from any hopes of making the eight-team SWC tournament.

The two KMHS clubs travel to Cherryville Friday for a doubleheader beginning at 4:30. They host Crest in their regular season finale Monday night, beginning at 6:30.

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