

## Mountaineer Grapplers Host Warriors In Big SWC Match

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers, off to their best start ever, could take a giant step toward their first Southwestern Conference championship tonight at home when they host pre-season favorite, East Gaston.

The match begins at 7:30 p. m.

The Mountaineers ran their conference record to 2-0 and their overall mark to 4-1 Monday with a 52-15 victory over Chase.

Coach Steve Moffitt's men lost only one match by pin, one by forfeit and had one draw.

Coach Moffitt feels tonight's match will go down to the

wire. The Mountaineers and Warriors finished third and fourth, respectively, in the pre-season Gaston Invitational Tournament and outclassed the remaining SWC schools in that event.

won by forfeit.

107 — Miles Boyce (KM) dec. Jim Reynolds.

114 — Jeff Guyton (KM) pinned Rodney Green.

121 — Sammy Bell (KM) pinned Tony Melton.

128 — Larry Curtis (C) pinned Monte Rhea.

134 — Johnny Ross (KM) dec. Bart Green.

140 — Robert Ingram (KM) pinned Terry Wallace.

147 — Maurice Jamerson (KM) pinned Forrest Scoggins.

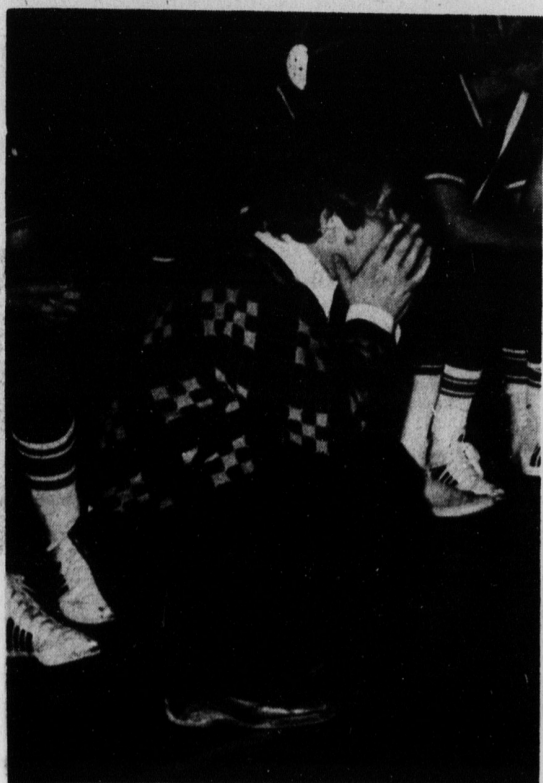
157 — Mike Womack (KM) dec. Eric Scruggs.

167 — Norman Phillips (KM) pinned Mitchell Owens.

187 — Kenny Womack (KM) pinned Roger Green.

197 — Len Thompson (KM) and Kenny Hines (C) draw. Unl. — David Gordon (KM) pinned Gary Ruppe.

THE RESULTS  
100 Pd. — Jeff Hineswell (C)



**EYEING TITLE** — Steve Moffitt, in his first year as KMHS wrestling coach, currently has his Mountaineers 2-0 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 4-1 overall, their only loss to 4-A power Ashbrook. The Mountaineers host East Gaston tonight at 7:30 in a match that could decide the SWC championship.

## Cagers Beaten, Host Warriors

Kings Mountain High's varsity cagers open second round of Southwestern 3-A Conference play Friday night when they host a pair of tough East Gaston teams.

The KMHS girls, who lost to the Lady Warriors in their season's opener, are 4-3 after dropping a 65-47 decision to Crest on the road Tuesday night. The Mountaineers are 3-6 in the SWC and 4-7 overall after losing to Crest 82-64.

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## Jayvees Slip By Chargers

Kings Mountain High's jayvees ran their record to 7-2 Monday with a thrilling 71-67 overtime victory over Crest.

The Little Mountaineers host East Gaston Friday at 4:30 in a preliminary to the varsity doubleheader, which starts at 6:30.

Kings Mountain battled from behind to tie the score at 59-all after regulation play, then grabbed the lead early in the overtime period.

Crest led 58-55 with 20 seconds remaining but the Mountaineers cut it to 58-57, and with just 15 seconds left KM was called for a flagrant foul which gave the Chargers two free throws.

Crest hit the first to make it 59-57, but missed the second. Kings Mountain rebounded, came down the court and missed the shot, but Jerome Miller rebounded and tied the score at 59 with four seconds left.

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Neither Kings Mountain team was in the game Tuesday night. The Crest girls jumped out to a 17-7 lead in the first quarter and led by 31-16 at the half and maintained a healthy lead throughout the second half.

Priscilla Rickenbacker was the only scoring threat for the Mountaineers as she tossed in a season's high 23 points.

The Crest boys came out bombing and held an eight-point margin after one period (20-12) and at halftime (35-27). They were up by 10 (52-42) after three periods and finished with a 30-point burst in the final eight minutes.

KM's Everett Burris and Crest's Jimmy Huskey shared game scoring honors with 27 points but Vernon Bell, who had 13, was the only other Mountaineer in double figures.

It was the sixth straight conference loss for the Mountaineers, who opened the season with three straight victories.

### GIRLS GAME

KM (47) Henderson 5, Littlejohn 4, Bristol 5, Rickenbacker 23, Hickman 4, McSwain 2, McClain 2, McGill 2.

CREST (65) — Lee 11, Harris 19, Roberts 13, Watson 9, Woods 2, Su. Carroll 1, Sa. Carroll 2, Hunt 2, Price 6.

### BOYS GAME

KM (64) — Dixon 7, Lockhart 4, Bell 13, Burris 27, Adams 3, Prescott 3, McClain 4, Falls 2.

CREST (82) — Wilson 6, Young 15, Cannon 7, Hunt 8, Huskey 27, Huntsinger 4, Petty 7, Clark 2, Rippy 2, Michaels 1, Rice 3.

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