

# Shelby Girls Edge KM 5-4

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team came within one point of dethroning perennial Southwestern 3-A Conference Shelby Thursday at Shelby, but the Lady Lions won a tie-breaking game in the match-deciding second doubles match to keep alive their record of having never lost to a conference foe.

The Shelby girls claimed a 5-4 victory over the Mountaintettes for the second straight year and handed the Mountaintettes of Coach Ed Guy their first defeat, Kings Mountain, which has a makeup match next Monday at Chase, is now 11-1 overall, its

best record ever.

The two teams split the six singles matches. Shelby claimed a victory in the number one doubles match to go ahead 4-3 but Kings Mountain came right back and won the number three doubles match to tie at 4-4.

The second doubles match between Pat Davis and Leigh Anne Odell of the Mountaintettes and Lucy Spragins and Crista Branton of Shelby went three sets before Shelby won a tie-breaker for the victory.

Odell and Davis started off in high gear, claiming a 6-0 victory in the first set. The Shelby duo

took the deciding set 7-6.

"We were within a hair of winning and just didn't pull it off," said Coach Guy. "But all of our girls played well and should be congratulated for their fine season. This is the best season we've ever had and this is the best team we've ever had."

"All of my girls did a fine job," he continued, "but I'm especially proud of my two sophomores who did an excellent job all year long. Robin Warlick has an 11-1 record and Leigh Anne Odell is 12-0."

The Kings Mountain girls, even though they lost the con-

ference, were still considered favorites in the Sectional Tournament scheduled for Wednesday at Thursday at Shelby. Eighteen area high school are entered in that event.

Karen Ledford of KMHS is seeded number two and Warlick is seeded three in singles competition. Davis and Odell are seeded three in doubles and Becky Bolt and Mary Starnes are seeded eighth. The top four singles and doubles finishers will advance to the Regional Tournament next week in Hickory.

"We're the only team out of the 18 to have all of our players seeded," Guy noted. "If we play up to our expectations we'll have

a good chance to win the team championship, which would be some consolation for losing the conference."

## THE RESULTS (Singles)

Elizabeth Lutz (S) def. Karen Ledford 6-2, 6-2.  
Robin Warlick (KM) def. Lucy Spragins 6-4, 7-5.  
Leigh Anne Crum (S) def. Pat Davis 6-1, 6-3.

Leigh Anne Odell (KM) def. Crista Branton 6-0, 6-4.

Carol Moss (S) def. Becky Bolt 6-3, 6-2.

Wendy Smith (KM) def. Beth Jones 6-3, 6-0.

## (Doubles)

Lutz-Crum (S) def. Ledford-Warlick 6-3, 7-5.

Spragins-Branton (S) def. Davis-Odell 0-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Bolt-Smith (KM) def. Moss-Jones 6-3, 6-1.

# Southwest Standings

Teams	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Crest	7-0	8-0
E. Ruth.	6-1	7-1
Shelby	5-2	6-2
K. Mtn.	4-3	4-4
N. Gaston	3-4	4-4
E. Gaston	3-4	3-5
S. Point	3-4	3-5
Burns	2-5	3-5
R-S Cent.	1-6	1-7
Chase	1-6	1-7

## LAST WEEK'S GAMES

K. Mtn. 9, Chase 6  
Shelby 17, R-S Central 0  
N. Gaston 16, Burns 0  
East Rutherford 22, East Gaston 13

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

R-S Central at K. Mtn.  
Shelby at E. Gaston  
Crest at N. Gaston  
Chase at Burns  
East. Ruth. at S. Point

# Jones Ranked Among N.C.

Kings Mountain's Bryan Jones is ranked fifth in the boys 12-year-old division in the fall rankings released recently by the North Carolina Tennis Association.

Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones, is also ranked number two in doubles, along with his partner, Victor Meir of Raleigh.

Several other KM juniors are ranked.

Jeff Guy is ranked 35th in the boys 12 and Guy and his partner, Shawn Ferreria, are ranked fourth in doubles.

Brad Jones is ranked 34th in boys 16, J.J. Warlick is ranked 34th-46th alphabetically in girls 12, Robin Warlick is 49th in girls 16 and Karen Ledford is 21-34th alphabetically in girls 18.

This is the largest number of KM players ever ranked during the same year, according to KMHS Coach Ed Guy.

"This is the first year that Kings Mountain has more juniors ranked than Shelby," said Guy, "so maybe that says something about the future."



Photo by Gary Stewart  
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# KM's Terrence Blalock On Greensboro Roster

Terrence Blalock, a 6-4 freshman forward from Kings Mountain, is a member of the Greensboro College basketball team, which opens its season November 26 in the Washington & Lee Tipoff Tournament.

With three freshmen gone from last year's squad, third-year head coach Ron Mikel is looking to Blalock and other recruits to take up the slack.

The Hornets are playing a rugged schedule. After the Washington & Lee Tourney in Lexington, Va., the Hornets will compete in the Kiwanis Classic at the Greensboro Coliseum December 1-4, and the Quaker Classic at Guilford College December 17-18.

Regular season tests are against such powers as North Carolina Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Virginia Wesleyan, St. Andrews, Elon and UNC-Greensboro. Virginia

Wesleyan is nationally ranked and St. Andrews, the defending conference champion, had a 27-3 record last year and was ranked number one in the nation entering the post-season tournaments.

Coach Mikels believes his current squad has the best talent of any team he's ever coached, noting that the team has great speed and exceptional depth.

But he admits to one major weakness.

"The inability to land a strong inside player will hurt us," he said.

Blalock, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blalock of Kings Mountain, was a three-year starter at Kings Mountain High School and helped lead the Mountaintettes to two straight Southwestern 3-A Conference titles. He was All-Conference and led the team in scoring his senior year.

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