

SPORTS

At North Gaston Friday

Mounties Sweep R-S

Kings Mountain High's varsity basketball teams opened Southwestern 3-A Conference action at home Tuesday night with a sweep over R-S Central's Hilltoppers.

The girls, winning their third victory in four decisions, built up a 16-2 first quarter lead and coasted to a 65-46 victory. The boys broke open a close game in the final minutes to score their second win in three outings, 72-52.

Frank Parker scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Mounties. Arnold Jordan added 15 points and David Hager 10.

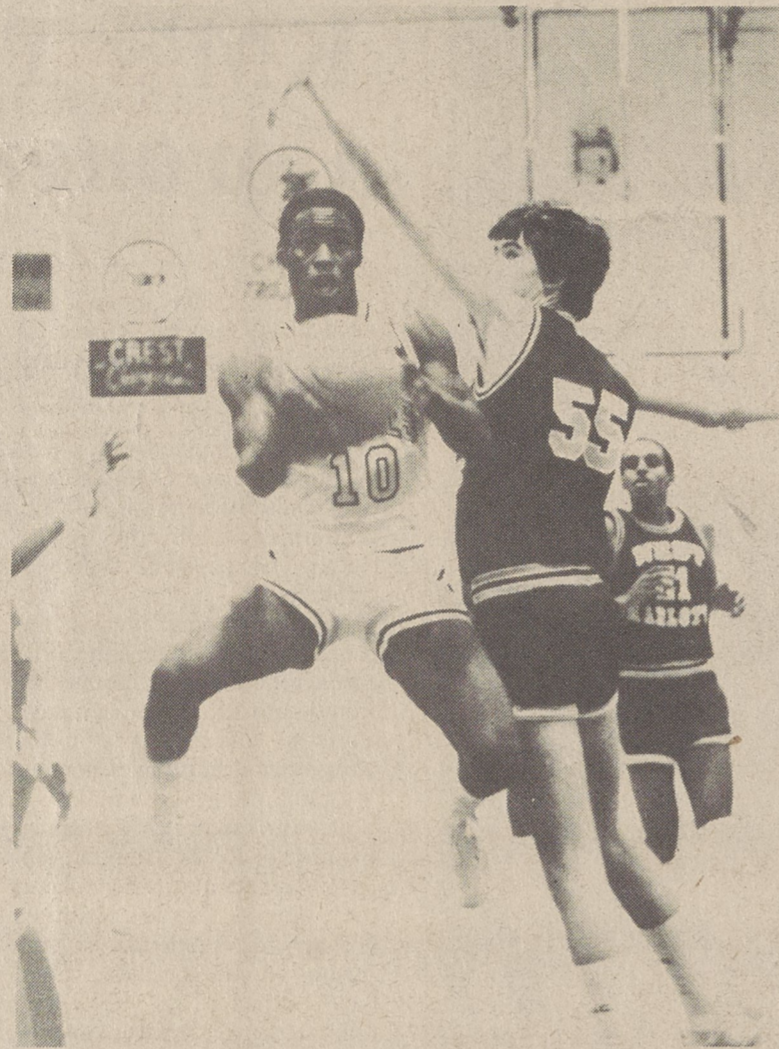
"The score is not an indication of how close the game was," noted first-year coach Charles Lockee. "If we played every quarter like we did in the fourth quarter, we'd beat some people."

The Mounties, who had a bad night on the boards, began to go to the boards better in the final eight minutes and Parker began to strip the nets.

"We played a real intense defense and stole the ball several times, too," Lockee said. "The guys started smelling victory and really wanted to win."

After a 14-14 tie after the first period, the Mounties went ahead 29-25 at the half. R-S came out hot in the third period and hit three straight baskets to take the lead but KMHS came back to lead 42-39 going into the fourth period.

"I was impressed with the way we kept our poise after they came out hot in the third quarter," Lockee said. "We're



LAVAR CURRY
...Helps KM Win

young but David Peeler and Lavar Curry stepped right in and really controlled the game for us.

"Nobody knows what this win meant for us," he went on. "I think we suffered from a little confidence problem after being

beaten so badly at West Charlotte Friday. They really came out and jumped all over us."

Hager led the Mounties in the rebounding department with 10 and Jordan added four.

The Mountainettes hit 44.2 percent of their field goal attempts and dominated the boards to easily score their first SWC victory.

Senior standout Trina Hamrick scored a game-high 24 points, Linda Stowe added 20 points and 10 rebounds and Sonya McClain scored 12 points. McClain hit 6-of-7 field goal attempts and Hamrick hit 11-of-19. Anita Ware added nine rebounds, Hamrick six and McClain and Dorene Pettus four apiece.

After the 16-2 streak in the first period, the Mountainettes built up a 30-16 halftime lead and were on top 51-30 going into the final eight minutes.

The KMHS teams go to North Gaston Friday for a key SWC twinbill and travel to Crest Tuesday.

GIRLS GAME

KM (65) - Hamrick 24, McClain 12, Stowe 20, Curry 2, Ingram 2, Moore 2, Pettus 2, Roberts 1.

RS (46) - Lynch 19, Littlejohn 4, Michaels 3, Burnette 2, Causby 4, Shehan 4, Hamilton 4, Morgan 4, Crawford 2.

BOYS GAME

KM (72) - Parker 22, Jordan 15, Hager 10, Curry 8, Peeler 5, T. Grier 7, A. Grier 3, Champion 2.

RS (52) - Carpenter 10, Camper 9, A. Patterson 9, Kincaid 6, Logan 6, Wilkerson 6, Harris 2, Hamilton 2, Craig 2.

KMHS Wrestlers Win

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers came on strong in the championship round to win their first Gaston Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday at North Gaston High School.

The Mountaineers compiled 140½ points to edge out North Gaston, which had 132½ points. They were followed by East Gaston 132, Crest 123½, Ashbrook 120½, Hunter Huss 81, Chase 58 and South Point 16.

The Mountaineers, who finished second in four of the previous five Gaston tour-

naments, were back in the pack following the first round of action. But Coach Steve Moffitt's team placed seven wrestlers in the finals and came out on top in six of the seven matches.

North Gaston, which led at the halfway mark, placed six wrestlers in the finals but lost five of the six matches.

"The tournament was so close that either one of the top five teams could have won it," Coach Moffitt said. "Winning six of our seven championship matches turned it around for us. We picked up most of our points in the

championship bracket."

Winning titles for the Mountaineers were 105-pound Tim Hamrick, 112-pound sophomore Farris Turner, 132-pound Jimmy Watkins, 155-pound David Parker, 167-pound Tommy Welch and heavyweight Dale Moore. Roger McClain finished second at 138 pounds.

"We were glad to finally win it," added Moffitt. "This is the first time a Cleveland County team has ever won it. But winning the tournament doesn't put us in the favorite's role in the Southwestern Conference. I feel

like the conference will be very close between four or five teams. If a team's not ready to wrestle every night, it will get beat. Nobody's going to have a rest."

The Mountaineers were scheduled to face North Gaston in a non-conference bout Tuesday and will battle Shelby in a non-conference match Thursday at Shelby. The Mounties will then compete in a tournament at Shelby beginning on December 18. Other teams entered are Shelby, Crest, Burns, East Mecklenburg, St. Stephens, Gafney and West Lincoln.

Mounties Defeated By Lions

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers found West Charlotte's Lions to be much tougher on their home court Friday, as the Lions defeated the Mounties 70-57 to gain revenge for an opening season defeat three nights earlier at KMHS.

The Lions blazed to a 19-6 first period lead and never let up as they dropped the Mounties' non-conference record to 1-1.

West Charlotte held Kings Mountain's Frank Parker to just four points. Parker had shot the eyes out of the bucket the previous Tuesday with 22 points in Kings Mountain's 60-58 victory.

David Hager of the Mounties scored a game-high 24 points and sophomore Lavar Curry added 11, but they were the only Mountaineers in double figures. Jerry Nance led four double-digit scorers for West Charlotte with 18 points.

The Lions held a 32-21 halftime lead and were on top 48-31 going into the fourth quarter.

THE BOXSCORE

KM (57) - Hager 24, Parker 4, Jordan 6, A. Grier 8, Curry 11, Crocker 4.
WC (70) - Nance 18, Moses 14, McKnight 13, Best 15, Sosoman 4, Watson 2, Erwin 2, Trusch 2.

Junior High Wrestlers Win Opener Over West

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers opened their season Wednesday with a 66-10 victory over West McDowell.

Coach Phil Weathers' Patriots were scheduled to face Crest in a tough Western Conference test Wednesday and will host Shelby in another key battle Friday at 4 p.m. at Central School.

"I was very pleased with the way our guys wrestled and was especially pleased with our first year wrestlers," Weathers noted. "I have to give a lot of credit to our lightweights for getting us started off on the right foot."

Kings Mountain won the first nine matches, including eight on pins, to build up a 54-0 lead.

THE RESULTS (Prelims)

Tim Adams pinned Rousse;

Eric Pardo lost by pin to Heffner; Todd Maples pinned Pardo; Wayne Brazzell pinned Scott.

(Reg. matches)

78 - John Turner pinned John Mosteller; 88 - Raynard Roberts won by forfeit; 98 - Charles McClain pinned Ricky Brown; 105 - Thomas Goddard pinned Richard Burleson; 114 - Greg Anthony pinned Scotty Berryhill; 119 - Sidney Brown pinned Joey Suttles; 126 - Derek Jordan pinned Todd Fortune; 132 - Vince Sullens pinned Steve Clontz; 138 - Paul Terry pinned Charlie Avery; 145 - Roderick Boyce pinned Steve Burnette; 157 - Robert Huggins lost dec. to Ricky Messerr; 167 - Brian Spicer won by forfeit; Unl. - Perry Davis pinned by Mark Tate.

Local Bowlers Win In Handicap Tourney

Kings Mountain bowlers claimed most of the top places in the Mountain Lanes Open Handicap Bowling Tournament held last week at the Dilling Heating Lanes.

A total of 85 entries from Kings Mountain, Concord, Eden and Burlington competed. Prize money of \$425 was given.

In women's singles, Kings Mountain bowlers took all four places. Edna Bowen won with a 491 series, followed by Helen Brackett at 479, Sara Cash at 463 and Betty Hullender at 450.

In men's singles, Kings Moun-

tain bowlers won three of the four places. John Dilling was first with a 538 set, Johnny Dye was second with a 527, Jim Hardy of Concord was third with a 510 and Albert Brackett was fourth with a 507.

Johnny Dye and Albert Brackett won the doubles crown with a 1,031. Helen Brackett and John Dilling were second with a 1,010 and Albert Brackett and John Dilling were third with a 977. Doris Spain and Claude Case and Betty Hullender and John Dilling tied for fourth with a 968.

Hipp, Bowen Winners In Duckpin Bowling

Gerald Hipp's and Wimp Bowen's teams won three games apiece in Tuesday Night Duckpin Bowling League action Tuesday at the Dilling Heating Lanes.

Hipp's team won three of four games from John Dilling's team. Charity Tignor had a 123 line and 323 set, Steve Rathbone had a 310 series and Hipp had a 123 line and 340 set to lead the winners. Sara Cash had a 117 line

and 317 set and John Dilling added a 115 line and 324 set for Dilling's team.

Bowen won three of four games from Albert Brackett's team. Bowen led the winners with a 153 line and 346 set and Edna Bowen added a 138-342. Johnny Dye had a 144 line and 385 set and Albert Brackett added a 138 line and 345 set for Brackett's team.

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Mountainettes Place Second

Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team fell to 4-A South Mecklenburg 36-35 Wednesday night in the championship game of the West Mecklenburg Tipoff Tournament.

The Mountainettes won their opening two contests over Charlotte Catholic and West Meck before experiencing cold shooting against South.

Kings Mountain managed to hit only 33 percent of their field goals and 45.4 percent of their free throws in the championship game.

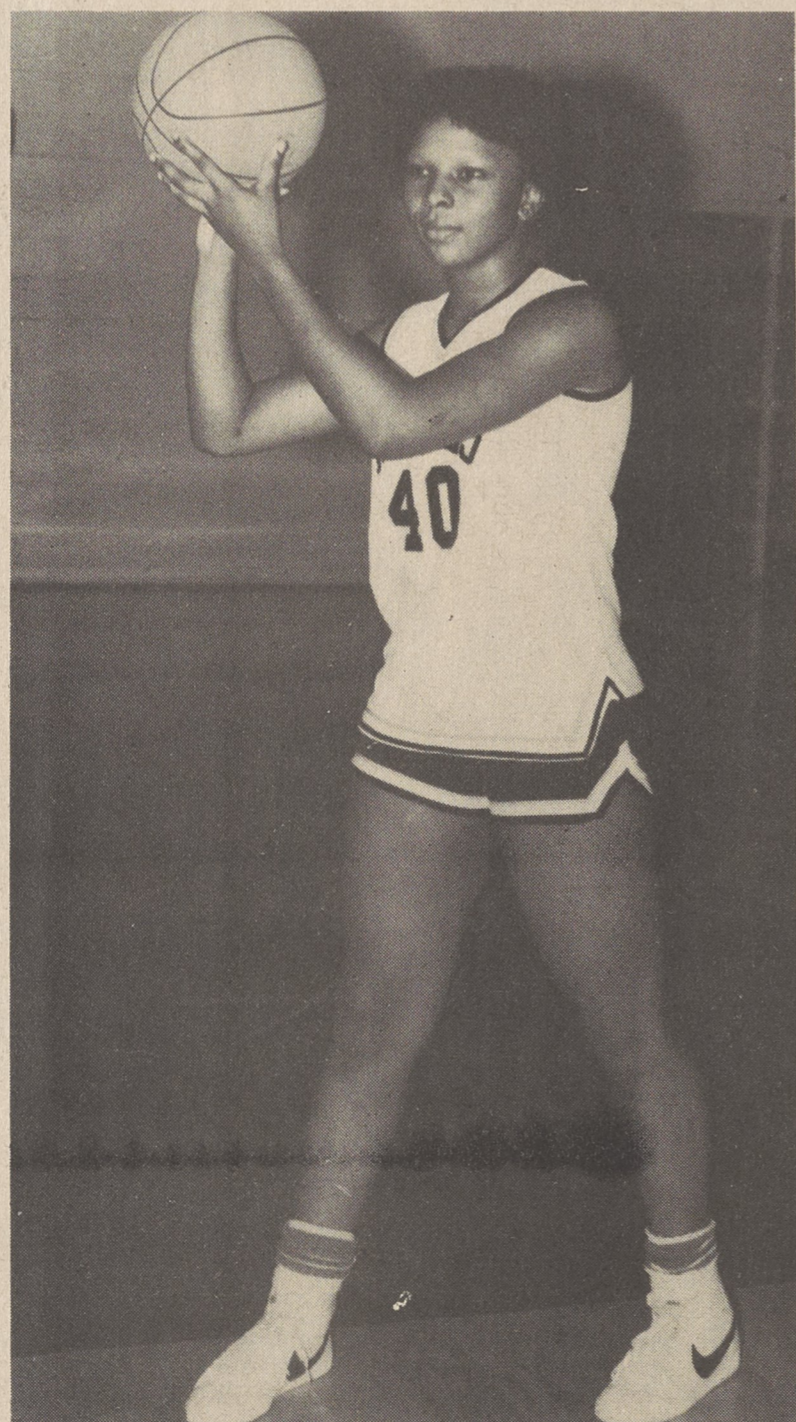
The Mountainettes jumped out to a 13-10 first quarter lead but then went cold. They were held to six points in the second period as South went ahead 22-19 at halftime and the Lady Sabres opened up a 34-28 lead going into the final eight minutes. Kings Mountain outscored South 7-2 in the final quarter to fall one point shy.

Despite the loss, Kings Mountain's Trina Hamrick was voted the tournament's most valuable player and was selected to the all-tournament team. She had 16 points in the final game to give her 69 points in three contests. Sonya McClain added 10 points.

Linda Stowe led the KM rebounding effort with seven. Hamrick and McClain had six apiece, Lisa Ingram five and Anita Ware four.

THE BOXSCORE

KM (35) - Hamrick 16, McClain 10, Curry 4, Stowe 4.
SM (36) - McNeely 10, Shaw 10, Bondurant 6, Sturdival 3, Crickette 7.



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