

Mounties Whip Crest, Force Tie For SWC Lead

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers threw the Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball race into a dogfight Friday night when they knocked off first place Crest 66-61 at the KMHS gym.

Kings Mountain's girls won the opening game, 65-40, to stay in a first place tie with R-S Central.

The Mountaineer victory caused a four-way tie for first in the boys division. Kings Mountain, Crest, East Rutherford and R-S Central now share the lead with 9-3 records. The loss was the third in four games for the Chargers.

The two KM teams try to maintain their share of the leads Friday when they host East Gaston. They remain at home Tuesday to face Burns.

Kings Mountain held the lead most of the game Friday against the Chargers. First-year coach

Charles Lockee got excellent inside play from Frank Parker, who scored 24 points, and David Hager, who collected 17 rebounds. Sophomore point guard Lavar Curry supplied the outside scoring punch with 23 points. The Mounties held Crest's high scorer, Andre Petty, to 12 points. Ben Brown led the Chargers with 14 points and Frank Roseboro added 13.

The Mounties led 15-11 after the first period, 32-27 at the half and 46-43 going into the fourth quarter.

The Mountainettes blazed to a 20-8 first quarter lead and never let up in registering their 10th victory in 12 SWC outings. They ran their record to 12-3 overall.

Junior forward Sonya McClain won game scoring honors with 22 points. Trina Hamrick added 19 and Tootie Roberts 10 for KMHS. Kim Hipps led Crest with 16 points.

Kings Mountain held a 36-24 halftime lead and increased it to 53-32 going into the fourth quarter. Coach Nancy Scoggins cleared her bench in the fourth period.

GIRLS GAME

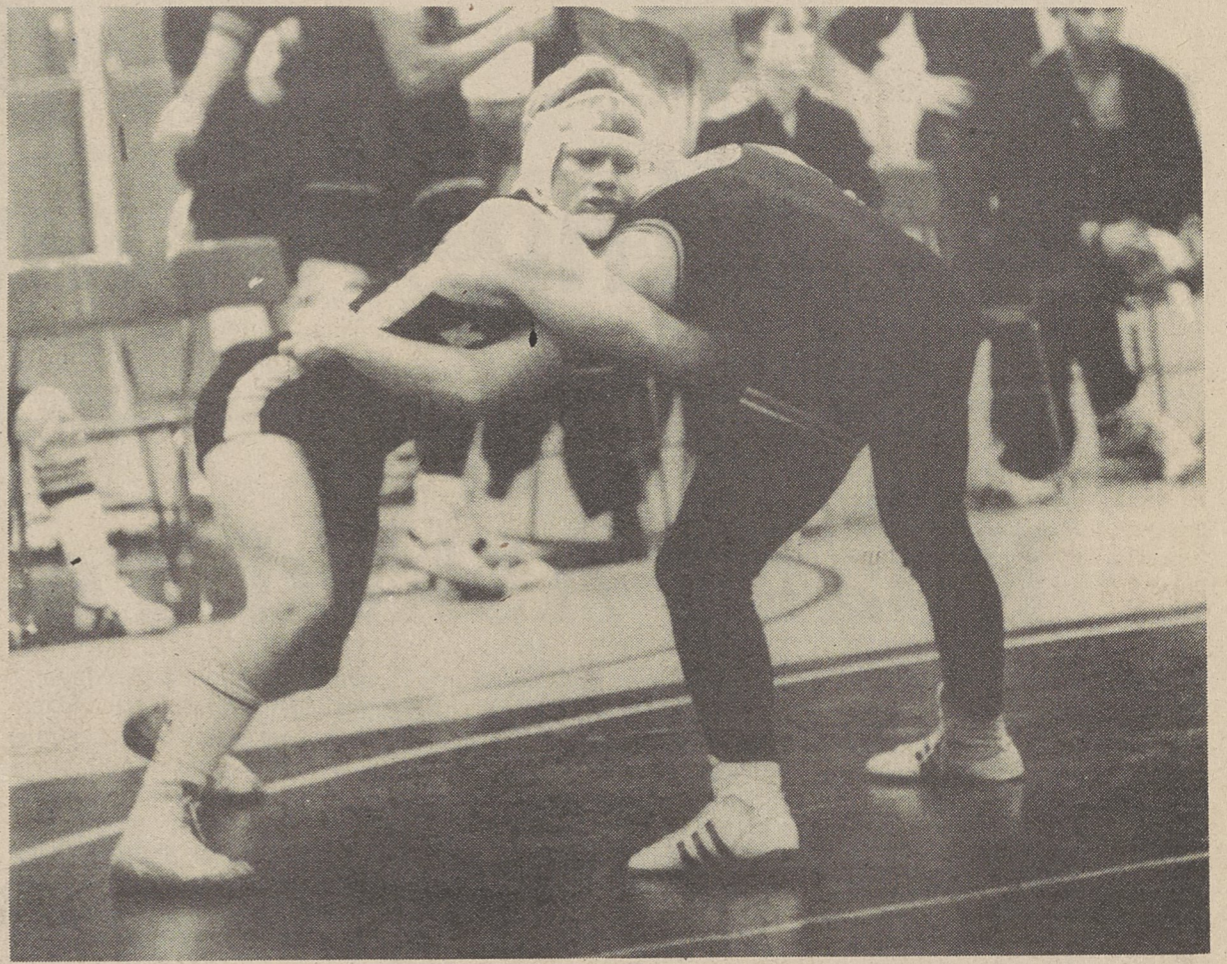
KM (65) - Hamrick 19, McClain 22, Curry 8, Roberts 10, Ingram 4, Pettus 2.

C (40) - Latham 4, Hipps 16, S. Harbison 2, T. Harbison 2, Young 12, Campbell 12.

BOYS GAME

KM (66) - Parker 24, Curry 23, Hager 9, Jordan 2, Peeler 2, T. Grier 2, A. Grier 4.

C (61) - Petty 12, B. Brown 14, T. Brown 4, Harbison 2, Poston 8, Roseboro 13, Brooks 8.



Tommy Welch, left, works on perfect season

Mountie Grapplers Claim SWC Title

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers claimed their third Southwestern 3-A Conference titles in five years under Coach Steve Moffitt Thursday night with a 56-14 victory over Chase.

The victory gave the Mountaineers a 6-0-1 conference record and 8-1-1 overall mark.

The Mountaineers will try to add the SWC tournament title to their trophy collection Friday and Saturday at East Gaston.

Tim Hamrick, Farris Turner and Tommy Welch all posted victories Thursday to end the conference schedule with undefeated records. Turner and Welch also won all of their non-conference matches.

(KM) pinned Charles McCaid; 169 - Tommy Welch (KM) pinned Mike Cole; 187 - Kevin McDaniel (C) pinned Jeff Stokes;

197 - Clinton Graham (KM) pinned Maurice Tate; Unl. - Jarvis Young (KM) dec. Dwayne Lawson.

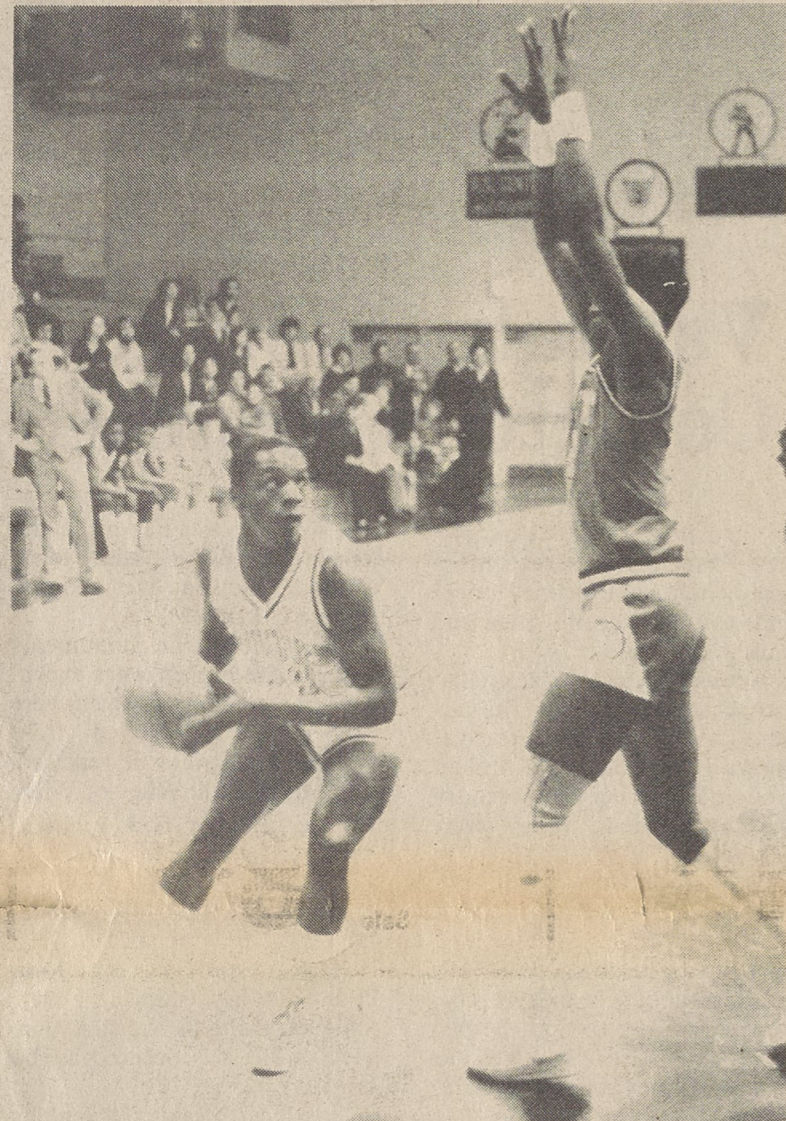
Holly Rollers Win

The Holy Rollers won four games from the Sinners and the Deacons won three of four from the Disciples in Church League Bowling Action Thursday night at the Dilling Heating Lanes.

Mark Dixon scored a 123 line and 339 set to lead the Holy Rollers. Jerry Barrett had a 112

line and 280 set for the Sinners.

Stan Barrett had the hot hand of the night, scoring a 126 line and 353 set to lead the Deacons over the Disciples. Larry Hamrick had a 116 line and Johnny Reavis a 311 set for the losers.



AVERY GRIER ...Makes inside move

Boyce Memorial Opens Two-Game Lead

Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church opened a two-game lead in the Thursday Night Church Basketball race last week by defeating East Gold Wesleyan 70-59.

In other games, First Presbyterian defeated El Bethel 46-45 to force a three-way tie for second place and Macedonia handed Patterson Grove its seventh straight loss, 76-40.

Mike Dixon's 29 points led Boyce Memorial over East Gold, which went into the game just one game behind the leaders. Jerry Jackson and Dwayne Clark had 18 each for East Gold.

Hayne Neisler scored 14 points to lead First Presbyterian over El Bethel. Terry Bullock led El Bethel with 17.

Chris Barrett's 32 points led Macedonia over Patterson Grove. Tim Jordan had 16 for the cellar dwellers.

In games next week, El Bethel plays East Gold, Macedonia faces First Presbyterian and Boyce Memorial meets Patterson Grove.

THE STANDINGS: Boyce Memorial 6-1, East Gold 4-3, El Bethel 4-3, First Presbyterian 4-3, Macedonia 3-4, Patterson Grove 0-7.



SONYA McCLAIN ...Leads girls win

Long Creek Takes Church League Lead

Long Creek Presbyterian defeated Resurrection Lutheran 62-37 last Tuesday night to take over sole possession of first place in the Tuesday Church Basketball League race.

Long Creek went into the game tied for first with David Baptist, which lost a 50-49 decision to First Baptist. In the other game, First Wesleyan defeated Central Methodist 52-34.

Mike Bridges scored 22 points to lead the Long Creek victory over Resurrection. Mike Blalock and Joel Lineberger had 10 points each for the losers.

Robbie Wilson's 15 points led

First Baptist over David Baptist. Bobby Bolin scored 17 for David.

Jody Deaton won scoring honors for the night with 27 points to lead First Wesleyan over Central. Larry Hamrick had 17 for the losers.

In games next week, Central plays First Baptist at 6:30, followed by Resurrection against David and Long Creek against First Wesleyan.

THE STANDINGS: Long Creek 7-1, David 6-2, First Baptist 4-4, Resurrection 3-5, Central Methodist 2-6, First Wesleyan 2-6.

NAMES NEEDED

Kings Mountain High School needs the names and a picture of every KMHS graduate who has ever played college football. The pictures will be framed and placed on the wall in the fieldhouse

at John Gamble Stadium. Any former college players or their relatives still living in the Kings Mountain area are asked to call Coach Dan Brooks at 739-8311 or 739-8328.

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