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....Scores 9 In KM Loss

## Late Comebacks Fall Short South Point Sweeps KMHS

# SPORTS

Kings Mountain High's basketballers suffered their first Southwestern 3-A Conference loss Friday night at South Point. The girls fell 54-53 and the boys dropped a 65-59 decision.

The victories kept both South Point teams unbeaten.

Both games were close throughout and weren't decided until the final minute.

Senior all-conference standout Sonya McClain had another big game for the Mountaineers, but she wasn't enough to offset the strong 1-2 punch of South Point's Teresa Bowlin and Shelly Frye. McClain led all scorers with 23 points but she was the only double-digit scorer for Kings Mountain. Bowlin, a promising junior, led the Raiderettes with 21 points and Frye added 15.

Anita Ware had her biggest game of the year off the boards for the KM ladies. She pulled down a game high 18 rebounds. McClain added 13.

McClain's scoring sparked a fourth quarter rally which almost pulled out the victory for the Mountaineers. South Point held a 47-38 lead going into the final eight minutes, but Kings Mountain outscored Coach Earl Lingerfelt's Raiderettes 15-7 in the final period.

The Kings Mountain boys also staged a late rally, which has been their pattern in every game so far this year, but unlike previous games, this rally fell short.

South Point held a 50-44 lead going into the fourth period but the Mountaineers cut the deficit to one with less than a minute to play. But Kings Mountain coach Larry Sipe was whistled for a

technical foul for calling a timeout when he had none remaining, and the Raiders cashed in at the free throw line.

Four players hit double

figures for the Mountaineers, led by guard Lavar Curry with 14. Tyrone Grier and Greg Young added 12 points each and Arnold Jordan scored 11.

**GIRLS GAME**  
KM (54) - McClain 23, Boheler 9, Pettis 7, Ingram 6, Ware 5, Woods 2, Roberts 1.  
SP (55) - Frye 15, Earney 7, Hall 7, Selem 2, Jeter 2.

**BOYS GAME**  
KM (59) - Curry 14, Grier 12, Young 12, Jordan 11, Crocker 4, Roberts 4, Lewis 2.  
SP (65) - Davis 15, McDowell 13, Pettis 13, Crump 8, Turner 7, Watson 5, Hargett 4.

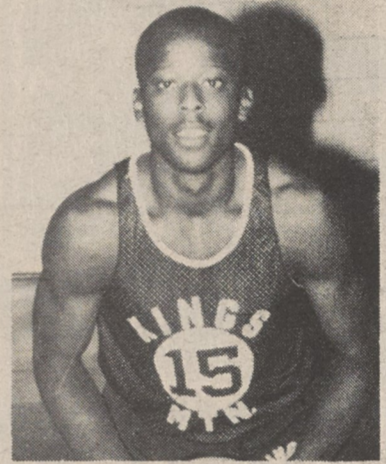
## Smith Returns Home But Minutemen Lose

By ED SPENCER  
(Special to the Herald)

**DURHAM, N.C.** - Kings Mountain's Carl Smith came home to North Carolina Monday night to lead the University of Massachusetts basketball team into action against Duke's Blue Devils at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Despite a good playmaking performance by the former Southwestern 3-A Conference Player of the Year, the Minutemen dropped their third straight game, 88-56.

Smith, who is leading the Atlantic 10 Conference in assists with seven per game, dished out seven assists and scored six points before exiting with an eye injury with 10 minutes to play. He was bringing the ball upcourt against a Duke press when a Blue Devil defender swiped at



**CARL SMITH**

the ball and hit Smith in the eye, cutting his eyelid. He was kept out of action the rest of the game but will be back in the lineup tonight when the Minutemen host Connecticut.

Five players scored in double figures to lead the Blue Devils. David Henderson led the way with 18. Johnny Dawkins and Mark Alarie had 14 each, Tommy Amaker 12 and Danny Meagher 10 as the Blue Devils remained undefeated with a 7-0 record. Center Edwin Green led Massachusetts with 14 points and Donald Russell added 12 points and a game-high 10 rebounds as the Minutemen suffered their 26th consecutive first loss. They had won their first two games at home over New Hampshire (75-73) and Bentley (80-75) before losing two games in last weekend's Hatter Classic in Deland, Fla., 68-55 to Houston Baptist and 67-64 to Georgia Southern.

"It feels good to be playing in

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## INSIDE STUFF

By DICK DEVENZIO

### Consider This My Two Minute Warning

Consider this my two minute warning. Al McGuire calls it the "Jim Valvano rule" because the rule was made after NC State used the intentional foul last year to win the national championship.

Game after game in the playoffs, State fouled at the end to force opponents to make pressure free throws, and game after game those free throws, all one-and-one situations, were missed. Of course, arguments came up about State's "intentions." State was fouling on purpose, yet referees were awarding the other team one-and-one situations instead of giving them two shots for intentional fouls.

Valvano, like all good coaches, taught his players to "make it look like you're going for the ball" which forced the referees to interpret the fouls as unintentional.

In short, the rule is abused. Referees had to pretend not to know anything about the game. They had to pretend not to know that the fouls were intentional, and the rules committee understood the pressure.

Millions of people last year in the viewing audience would know that particular fouls were intentional, but the referees wouldn't call them intentional.

The referees began to feel like dupes, so the rules committee decided to do something about it.

The result was the two minute rule. Now, in the last two minutes, every foul, intentional or otherwise, gets two shots.

The rules committee breathed a sigh of relief, and the pressure was off the referees. But that's not the end of the story.

Now, teams still use the intentional foul, before the two minute mark, so the same situation as last year still occurs in every close game, just not in the final two minutes.

But even more important is the Pandora's Box this rule is going to open as the season wears on.

Now that all fouls are given two shots, it makes no sense to play good defense on some players while waiting for an opportunity to intelligently foul the opponent's poorest free throw shooter.

Now, and it is going to happen soon, it is going to make sense in many situations to DELIVER THE POOREST FREE THROW SHOOTER TO THE REFEREE.

Think of the implications of "deliver." You know a certain guy is a poor shooter. Why wait until he gets the ball? And who dares to wait and hope the referee will spot a foul away from the ball?

In the closing two minutes, it is going to make sense to pick the poor shooter up, off the ground, and carry him over to the referee to be sure the foul is seen before any time at all elapses.

It should have happened in the recent Wake Forest-Virginia Tech thriller.

Tech's Perry Young was 2-for-10 from the line, had just missed four shots in a row including a final one which he obviously shot very short out of nervousness.

In short, he was clearly the man to foul, and it would have been intelligent basketball at the end to grab him with both arms, lift him up and walk him past the referee and deposit him on the line.

That would make a mockery of the rule and the game, but it would have been the intelligent thing to do.

Watch for this situation. And don't be surprised if it causes some fights. A nervous player under pressure isn't going to like being carried to the referee, and a desperate team isn't likely to foul him gently while hoping the referee spots the foul.

Imagine Maryland's burly Ben Coleman walking over and grabbing Wake's midget, Tyrone Bogues, and giving him to the referee.

There are some amusing scenes imaginable, and they'll be "cute" after a time-out when a team has a chance to tell the referee what they plan. (Are the referees going to pay attention?) "Ref, if we don't steal the inbounds pass, we're going to grab Brick Jones intentionally." If there's no advance warning, look for Brick and his assailant to be going at it intensely.

Mark this warning: the two minute rule is going to cause havoc-soon.

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