

R-S Central Here Tuesday

KM Defeats Wildcats

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers moved a step closer to a possible showdown with R-S Central Tuesday night with a 72-60 victory over North Gaston in a Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball game played at the KMHS gym.

The Mountaineers are now 7-0 in the SWC and 9-2 overall. They travel to Shelby Friday and host R-S Tuesday. If Kings Mountain defeats Shelby Friday and R-S wins over Chase, the Tuesday game will be for sole possession of first place in the conference.

Lavar Curry, Kings Mountain's All-Conference standout,

had his biggest night of the season Tuesday against North Gaston, pumping in 34 points. Darrell Crocker added 14 and Aubrey Hollifield eight.

The Mountaineers jumped out front early against the talented Wildcats and held the upper hand most of the way. Kings Mountain led 17-9 after the first period, 27-23 at intermission and 41-38 going into the fourth quarter.

Mike Leach led North Gaston, which is in third place in the SWC, with 24 points. Tracy Armstrong added 12 and Matt Smith 10.

Kings Mountain's girls broke back into the win column in Tuesday's opener, edging the winless Lady Wildcats 37-35. Regina Brown of Kings Mountain led all scorers with 22 points. Angela Marker had 14 and Thomasena Little 13 for North Gaston.

Kings Mountain had to hold off a North Gaston rally in the fourth period to clinch its second conference victory and third overall. The Mountaineers led 12-4 after the first quarter, 26-15 at intermission and 30-19 going into the fourth period but North Gaston outscored KM 16-7 in the final eight minutes.

GIRLS GAME

KM (37) - Boheler 7, S. Moore 2, Roberts 2, Woods 2, Brown 22, L. McClain 2.

NG (35) - Little 13, Marker 14, Anthony, Wilson 6, Friday 2.

BOYS GAME

KM (72) - Curry 34, Jordan 6, D. Crocker 14, Hollifield 8, Rayford 5, T. Crocker 3, Sherer 2.

NG (60) - Leach 24, Armstrong 12, Smith 10, Walker 9, Jones 5.

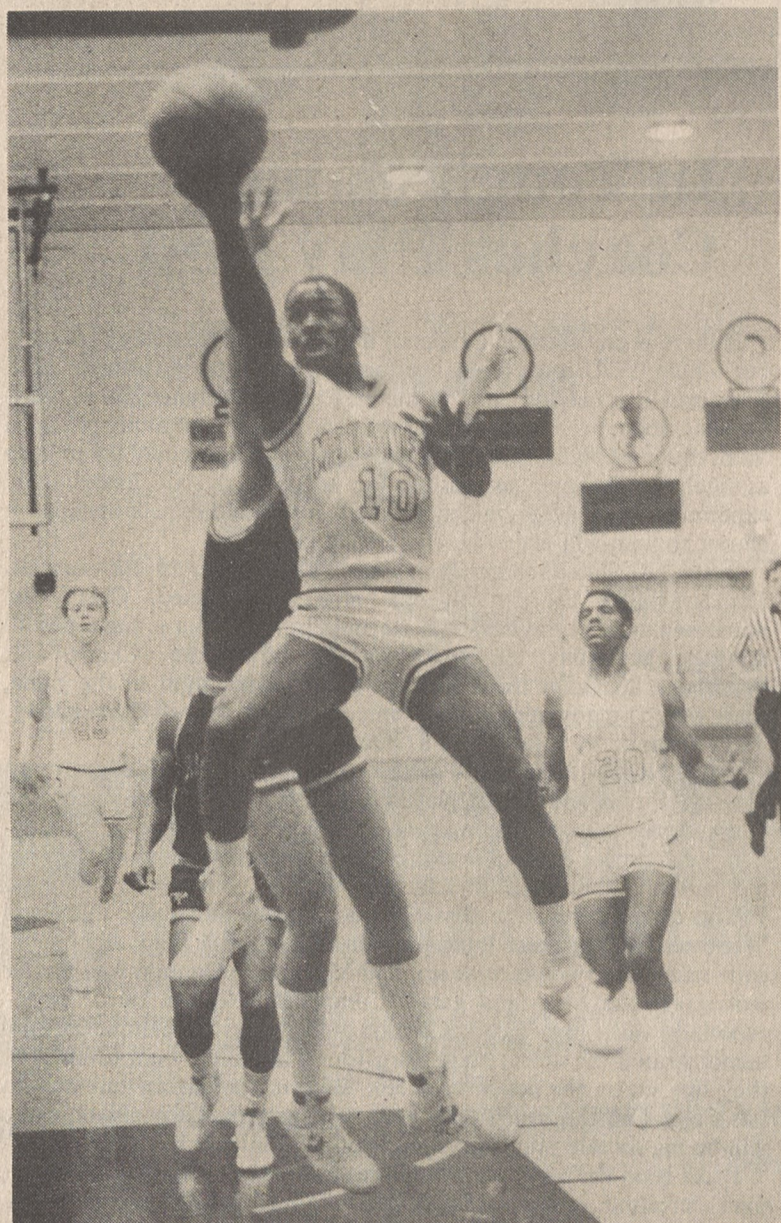
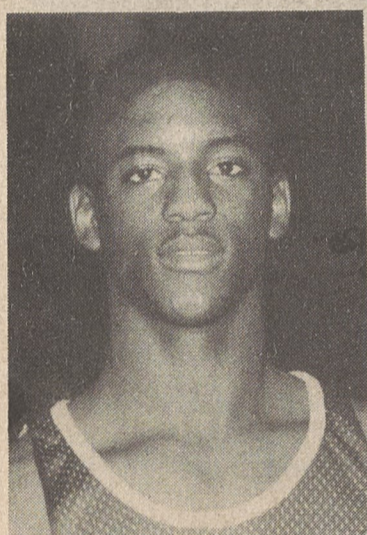


Photo by Gary Stewart

LEADS KM WIN - Lavar Curry scored 34 points to lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 72-60 win over North Gaston Tuesday night at the KMHS gym. The Mountaineers travel to Shelby Friday and host a powerful R-S Central team Tuesday night.

Balanced Scoring Keys KM Victory Over East Rutherford



JERRY JORDAN

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers held to their share of first place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball race Friday night with a 77-62 victory over East Rutherford's Cavaliers in a game played in Forest City.

Kings Mountain's girls fell 44-41 in the opener.

Balanced scoring was the key for the Mountaineers, who ran their record to 6-0 in the SWC and 8-2 overall. They are currently tied for first place with R-S Central, which is 6-0 and 10-1.

Jerry Jordan scored 17 points and Lavar Curry, Darryl Crocker and Edwin Sherer added 14 apiece for Coach Larry

Sipe's Mountaineers. Kings Mountain held the upper hand most of the game, leading 16-11 after the first quarter, 34-24 at intermission and 54-40 going into the fourth period.

Kings Mountain's girls fell to 1-5 in the SWC and 2-8 overall in the opener despite a strong 24-point performance by Regina Brown. Cindy Justice led the Lady Cavs with 18.

East Rutherford held a 12-8 advantage after the first period, was on top 20-16 at the half and 33-28 going into the fourth quarter.

GIRLS GAME

KM (41) - Boheler 6, Roberts 3, Woods 4, Brown 24, McClain 2, Crocker 2.

ER (44) - Elmore 11, Wright 4, Justice 18, Sanford 4, Smith 4, Matt 2, Ferguson 1.

BOYS GAME

KM (77) - Curry 14, Jordan 17, Hollifield 8, D. Crocker 14, Sherer 14, McCullough 4, Marable 4, Brooks 2.

ER (62) - Smith 13, Byrd 6, Shauls 2, Stroud 14, Twitty 21, Johnson 2, Wilkerson 4.

Patriots Still Unbeaten, Face Sullivan Again

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers won two matches last week to run their record to 4-0 in the Western Junior High Athletic Association and 8-0 overall.

The Patriots defeated Shelby 60-18 in a non-conference match Monday to give Coach Phil Weathers his 70th career victory and whipped Burns 60-18 in a conference match Wednesday to take over sole possession of first place. KM is now a game ahead of Burns and Crest who are tied for second with 3-1 records.

The victory over Burns was highlighted by co-captain Daron Schenck's eight-second victory in the 126-pound match. Schenck's win was the quickest in history of KMJH wrestling.

The schedule gets tougher now for the Patriots who are closing in on their 10th straight Western Association championship. They travel to Rock Hill,

S.C., Monday for a rematch with national power Sullivan Junior High, and on Wednesday of next week they host Shelby in their final conference match.

"Overall, I'm pleased with the way the team has performed," Coach Weathers said. "John Turner, Bradley Henderson and Wayne Brazzell wrestled well in both matches last week and they've been consistent all year for us."

SHELBY MATCH

78 - Tracy Sullens (KM) won by forfeit; 88 - John Turner (KM) pinned Chris Cloninger; 98 - Dan Pearson (S) pinned Tony Parker; 105 - Keena Jones (S) pinned Johnny Nations; 112 - Jimmy Sanders (KM) pinned Greg Holman; 119 - Ricky Ross (S) pinned Lyn Goddard; 126 - Daron

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Crow For New Year

Most people eat pork (for health), greens (for greenbacks) and peas (for change) on New Year's Day. According to Bud Medlin of the Kings Mountain Post Office, who is probably our town's biggest sports fan, Oklahoma football coach Barry Switzer must have had a big helping of crow. All week prior to the Sooners' Orange Bowl game with Washington, Switzer told the press how he thought his team should be ranked number one. "If he had spent half as much time preparing his team for Washington as he did making a plea for number one, Oklahoma might have won the Orange Bowl," Medlin said. Washington defeated the Sooners 28-17 for the Orange Bowl crown and unbeaten Brigham Young was voted the national championship. Washington finished second.



RONALD FRANKS

A number of Kings Mountain runners competed in the annual Charlotte Observer Marathon Saturday.

Top finisher among the local entries was Ronald Franks who placed 277th with a time of 3:34.56.

In the 10,000-meters, Dr. Scott Mayse finished 1,302nd in 47:24, 14-year-old Stuart Spires was 1,495th in 48:13, John Caveny was 1,813th in 49:46, Jerry Ledford was 2,353rd in 52:15, John Bumgardner was 2,393rd in 52:22, Debbie Smith was 2,490th in 52:50, Charles Mauney was 2,507th in 52:53, Jeff Mauney was 2,509th in 52:54, Dale Caveny was 2,627th in 54:23, Robert Wingo was 2,711th in 55:01, Gail Smith was 3,136th in 59:31, Leigh Mauney was 3,305th in 1:10.49, and Martha Myers was 3,312th in 1:01.51. Over 3,700 runners competed in the 10,000 meters.



Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart

Two area football standouts—end Terry Whisnant of Cherryville and quarterback Mark Young of South Point—have been named to the WBTV All-State football team. South Point basketball standout, Teresa Bowlin, has committed to play for Furman's Lady Paladins next fall.

N.C. State's basketball team may be missing 6-9 Craig Washburn, who has been suspended from the team pending the outcome of a court case against him, but the Wolfpack's main problem this year is in the backcourt. With their guards, they're not likely to go far.

Kings Mountain High basketball fans will see one of the best basketball teams in North Carolina next Tuesday night when R-S Central's Hilltoppers come to town for a Southwestern 3-A Conference showdown with the Mountaineers. Many observers feel like this year's R-S team, which is tall and quick, is better than the 1980-81 team which featured Vincent Hamilton and won the State 3-A title.

Would you believe that former WSOC-TV sports director, Bill Curry, known better in these parts as the "Mouth of the South", is now a preacher? Curry is out of a sports casting job for the first time in years and preaches without pay at a small chapel in Pittsburgh.

Vince Sullens of the Mountaineers remained undefeated at 145 pounds with a 46-second pin over Norman Perry. Sophomore Daron Hillman remained unbeaten at 138 pounds with a first period pin over Mike Chapman. He is 7-0 at 138 and 7-1 overall, having lost his only match when he wrestled in a higher weight class.

Dale Smart ran his record to

11-3 in the 132-pound division with a 23-8 superior decision over Mike Bucker of Chase, who had finished second to Smart's third in the recent Cleveland Invitational Tournament.

THE RESULTS

98 - Owens (C) won by forfeit; 105 - McGinnis (C) ma-

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Young's Pin Clinches Victory Over Crest

Jarvis Young's first period pin over Mike McSwain insured Kings Mountain High's 41-30 victory over Crest in a Southwestern 3-A Conference wrestling match Thursday night at the KMHS gym.

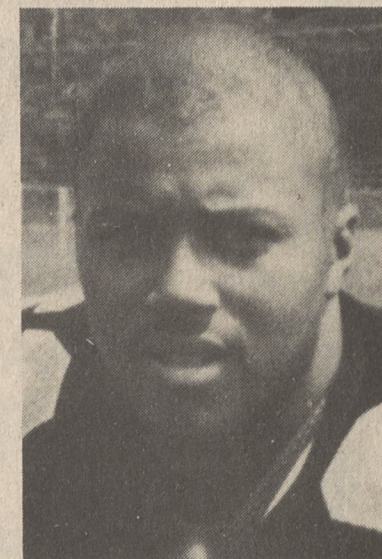
The victory gave the Mountaineers of Coach Steve Moffitt a 2-1 SWC and 4-2 overall mark heading into a conference match Monday night at Chase. The Mountaineers travel to West Lincoln Thursday night to face the state's 11th-ranked prep team, and return home Monday to face Shelby in another conference match.

Kings Mountain built up a 35-12 lead Thursday night before Crest rallied to cut the margin to 35-30 heading into the final match. A Crest pin would have given the Chargers the victory.

The Mountaineers are now in a three-way tie for second place in the SWC with Crest and Burns. East Gaston leads the league with a perfect 3-0 record.

THE RESULTS

98 - Double forfeit; 105 - Tommy Chapman (KM) pinned Richard Hamrick in first period; 112 - Albert Mitchell (C) won by forfeit; 119 - Farris Turner (KM) won by forfeit; 126 - Mike Sellers (KM) pinned



JARVIS YOUNG

ed Marcus Myers in third period; 132 - Dale Smart (KM) superior dec. over Chuck Lowery; 138 - Darren Hillman (KM) pinned William Toms in first period; 145 - Charles Thomas (C) won by forfeit; 155 - Roderick Boyce (KM) pinned Tom Harris in second period; 167 - Donald Moore (C) pinned Todd Perry; 185 - Lee Gregg (C) pinned Danny Hamrick in second period; 195 - David Wesson (C) pinned Perry Davis; Unl. - Jarvis Young (KM) pinned Mike McSwain in first period.

Grapplers Whip Chase

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers spotted Chase a quick 15-0 lead and then came back for a 47-28 victory in a Southwestern 3-A Conference match Monday night at Chase.

The victory improved Kings Mountain's record to 3-1 in the SWC and 5-2 overall. The Mountaineers travel to West Lincoln tonight to face the state's 11th ranked team and

return home Monday to battle Shelby in a conference match.

Two KM grapplers turned in quick pins Monday night. Roderick Boyce stopped Jay Godwin in 25 seconds in the 155-pound match and Farris Turner whipped Steve Motley in 28 seconds in the 119-pound bout. Turner has a 9-2 record and Boyce is 12-2 and leads the team in pins with 10.