

KM Boys Defeat Clover

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers came from behind in the second half to edge Clover, S.C., 71-67 Friday night for their third straight non-conference victory.

The visiting Blue Eagles jumped out front early behind the downtown gunning of star senior Mannix Bailey, but the Kings Mountain defense took control in the third period to help the Mountaineers of Coach Larry Sipe come from behind.

Kings Mountain outscored its foe 20-6 in the third period to take a 54-45 lead. Still, Clover put up a strong fight until the end.

The big difference in the game came at the foul line, where the Mountaineers hit 21-of-27 shots to only 4-of-6 for Clover. At one stretch in the first half, the Mountaineers hit 12 in a row to keep the game close.

Seniors Cliff Meeks and Brent Bagwell led the KM scoring with 18 points apiece, and Bagwell also pulled down 11 of KM's 33 team rebounds. Jeff Ross added 13 points and James Roberts 12.

Clover led 20-16 after the first quarter and 39-34 at intermission before the Mountaineers began their comeback.

Bailey scored a game-high 29 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Eagles. Derek Watson added 12 points.

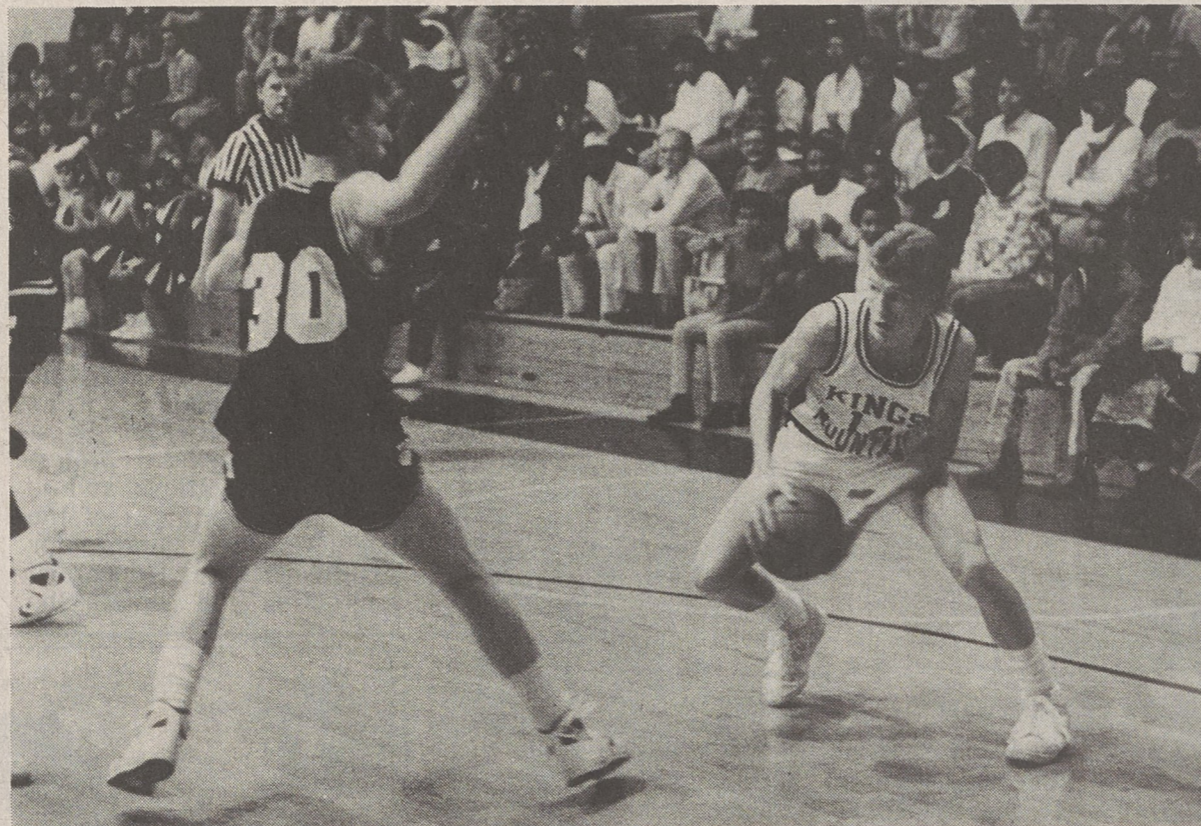


Photo by Gary Stewart

TRAPPED - Kings Mountain's Cliff Meeks seems to be in a hopeless situation in Friday's basketball game with Clover at the KMHS gym. The Blue Eagles didn't contain the talented KM senior for long, though. He scored 18 points to lead the Mounties to a 71-67 win.

Kings Mountain's jayvee boys also remained undefeated with a 58-38 win in an afternoon contest. Coach Ronnie Funderburke's charges are now 3-0 with a pair of victories over Clover and one over East Lincoln. Daniel Honeycutt scored 14 points and Petie McNeil 10 for the Mountaineers. Scott Gardner of Clover was the game's top scorer with 16.

Kings Mountain's girls continued to show improvement but fell 46-40 for their third straight loss. Kings Mountain

trailed by only 20-19 at halftime but a cold third quarter, when they were outscored 14-6, was the difference.

Brett scored 15 points and Adams 13 for the visitors. Adrienne Woods was KM's only double-digit scorer with 11 points.

GIRLS GAME
KM (40) - Epps 4, Ruff 7, Smith 6, Melton 6, Woods 11, Helms 6.

CLOVER (46) - Adams 13, Brett 15, Brown 7, Spurrier 2, Wilson 2, Wright 5, Oglesby 2.

BOYS GAME
KM (71) - Meeks 18, McClain 6, Ross 13, Bagwell 18, Goode 4, Roberts 12.

CLOVER (67) - Adams 5, White 2, Bailey 29, Pettis 6, Kennedy 6, Watson 12, Falls 7.

JAYVEE GAME
KM (58) - Hollifield 6, Honeycutt 14, Smith 9, McNeil 10, Williams 8, Sessoms 4, Whitener 6, Gamble 1.

CLOVER (38) - Gardner 16, Ballard 4, Robbins 9, Sherer 2, Benton 2, Stokes 5.

★★ Meeks, Mountaineers Sizzle In Win Over East Lincoln ★★

Kings Mountain High's varsity cagers divided a non-conference twinbill at East Lincoln Thursday night. The boys won 73-57 and the girls lost 54-50.

The KM teams will battle Mooresville in their final action before the Christmas holidays Friday at the KMHS gym. Jayvee action will get underway at 3:30, girls at 5 p.m. and the boys around 7 p.m.

Cliff Meeks scored a season-high 26 points for the Mountaineers, who hit a blazing 66 percent from two-point range and 100 percent from three-point territory. The Mounties connected on all three of their three-pointers. Joe McClain added 11

points and Brent Bagwell 10 as 10 different players took part in the KM scoring. Doug Friday led the Mustangs with 19 points and Scott Killian added 17.

Kings Mountain led all the way. After a 20-17 edge in the first eight minutes, the Mountaineers broke out to leads of 42-28 at halftime and 56-36 going into the fourth quarter.

A cool third quarter was the difference in the girls game as the KM ladies lost a halftime lead. KM was out front 8-6 after the first quarter and 18-17 at intermission. A 16-9 scoring advan-

tage gave East Lincoln a 33-27 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Four players scored in double figures for East Lincoln with Tonya Finks' 16 points leading all scorers. Kim Padgett added 13 and Lynn Reid and Denise Duncan 10 apiece. Selma Epps scored 14 for Kings Mountain, and Adrienne Woods and Sharon Melton added 12 and 11, respectively. Woods grabbed 11 rebounds and Melton had 10 rebounds, three assists and six steals.

GIRLS GAME
KM (50) - Epps 14, Melton 11, Ruff 2, Smith 7, Ad. Woods 12, Helms 4.

EL (54) - Reid 10, Stroud 5, Padgett 13, Duncan 10, Finks 16.

BOYS GAME
KM (73) - Meeks 26, Bagwell 10, P. Jones 3, Roberts 8, Goode 6, B. Jones 2, Ross 4, McClain 11, Ballard 1, Griffith 2.

EL (57) - Forney 2, Cloninger 5, Killian 17, Friday 19, Costner 7, Hunt 7.

Pats' Streak Hits 19

Kings Mountain Junior High's boys basketball team continued its roll during the past week with victories over Crest and Burns.

Coach Gary Blake's Patriots, 3-0 this year, are 19-0 over the past 2½ seasons. They won their last six games year before last and went 10-0 in claiming the Western N.C. Junior High Athletic Association title last year.

The Patriots see their final pre-Christmas action Thursday at home against Burns. The girls game begins at 4 p.m.

Kings Mountain's girls lost both games during the past week after opening their season with a victory over Castle Heights of Rock Hill, S.C.

Darius "NuNu" Ross was the big gun for the Patriots in their last two outings, scoring 23 points against Crest Thursday and 17 against Burns Monday. Ara Vaughn added 16, Tony Currence 14, Marquiz Williamson and Scottie Hopper seven each, Mark Byers and Rick Lewis four each and Mike Ledford two against Crest; and Williamson added 15, Byers eight, Vaughn 12, Currence 10, Quam Jackson five, Lewis four and Kevin Moss two against Burns.

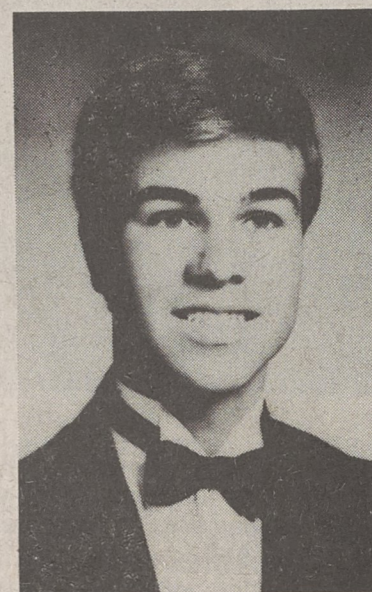
One Of 75 Players Chosen

Bryan Jones All-American

Kings Mountain's Bryan Jones has been named to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association All-American tennis team for 1987.

Jones is one of only 75 boys and girls in the nation to receive the honor. Each All-American and his or her school will be honored with duplicate award plaques.

Jones' accomplishments in high school tennis during the past three years earned him the prestigious award. He has been named All-Southwestern 3-A Conference and the SWC's Player of the Year his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons and was North Carolina 3-A Player of the Year in 1987, when he won the state championship. He has been selected Kings Mountain's Most Valuable Player



BRYAN JONES

each of his first three seasons, was Gaston County Schools Champion in 1986 and

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