

GOOD MOVE INSIDE - Kings Mountain's Ryan Hollifield (14) makes a good move around an unidentified Bessemer City player for two points in Thursday's jayvee basketball game at Kings Mountain. Mounties won 96-58.

KMHS Ladies Whip North 76-75 In Three Overtimes

Cindy Gardner's 15-foot jumper with eight seconds left in the third overtime gave Kings Mountain's varsity girls a thrilling 76-75 victory over North Gaston in Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball action Friday night at the Wildcats' gym.

North Gaston's boys scored a 60-57 victory in the nightcap to run their SWC mark to 2-0, giving them a share of first place with R-S Central and Shelby. Kings Mountain's boys fell to 0-2 in the SWC and 6-4 overall.

Kings Mountain's girls seemed to have their game in control in regulation, but North Gaston came from eight points down in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 62-all and force an overtime.

The score was knotted at 66-all after the first extra period and 70-all after the second overtime.

The victory was the first in the conference for the KM Patriots Win 21st Straight

Kings Mountain Junior High's Patriots scored their fifth straight win of this season and 21st straight over the past 2½ seasons Monday on their homecourt, 58-43 over Sullivan Junior High of Rock Hill, S.C.

Gary Blake's Patriots host Rawlinson Road of Rock Hill Thursday at 6 p.m. following a 5 p.m. contest between the girls teams from the two schools. KM travels to Burr Monday and Crest Wednesday.

Blake's starting five played less than 2½ quarters Monday afternoon. Darius Ross led the scoring with 18 points, Era Vaughn had 13, Tony Currence 10, Quam Jackson and Marquiz Williamson four each, Kevin Moss, Shane Crocker, Jerry Black and Darrell Patterson two each, and Freddie Adams one.

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BOYS GAME
KM (57) - Meeks 17, Bagwell 6, B. Jones 10, Goode 10, Ross 5, McClain 6, Wilson 3.

NG (60) - Welcome 15, Woods 3, Watson 24, Carter 6, Littlejohn 10, McGraw 1, Ferguson 1.

GIRLS GAME
KM (76) - Epps 2, Smith 14, Ruff 13, Helms 23, Ad. Woods 14, An. Woods 8, Gardner 2.

NG (75) - Fortner 3, Caldwell 13, Brady 13, Rushing 15, Hall 31.

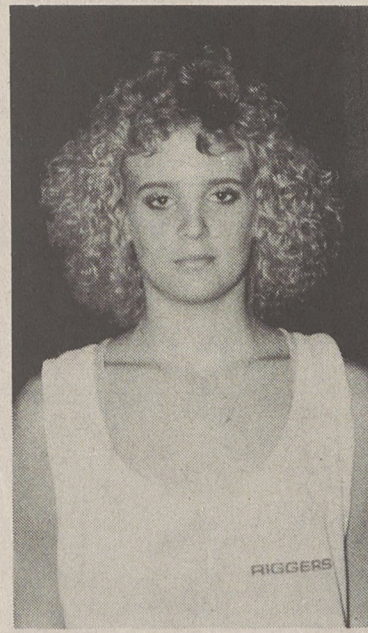
KM Girls Edge Shelby 40-39, Boys Lose

Kings Mountain High's girls won their second straight one-point decision and the boys dropped their third straight conference game in Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball action against Shelby Tuesday night at the KMHS gym.

The girls won 40-39 when a last-second field goal attempt by Shelby failed and the boys fell 86-72 to the Shelby quint which is unbeaten in the conference.

The KM teams travel to South Point Friday night and to Chase next Tuesday before returning home for four straight games.

Melissa Helms scored 12 points, Adrienne Woods 11 and Carmen Smith had eight



CARMEN SMITH

points and 16 rebounds to lead the KM ladies to their second SWC win in three outings. Dianna Bridges' team is 3-8 overall.

Smith, a sophomore, has grabbed 30 rebounds in the last two ballgames.

A big third quarter was the difference for the Shelby boys. The Lions led by only 38-37 at halftime but outscored the Mountaineers 31-19 in the third period to break the game open.

Michael Christopher led the Shelby effort with a game-high 29 points and seven rebounds. Shawn Collett had 14 points and David Alexander 10 for Shelby. Bryan Jones scored 21 points, Brent Bagwell had 13 points

and seven rebounds, and Patrick Jones and Tim Goode had 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Mountaineers.

BOYS GAME
KM (72) - Meeks 8, B. Jones 21, Bagwell 13, Ballard 1, Goode 10, Ross 3, P. Jones 12, James 2, Griffith 2.

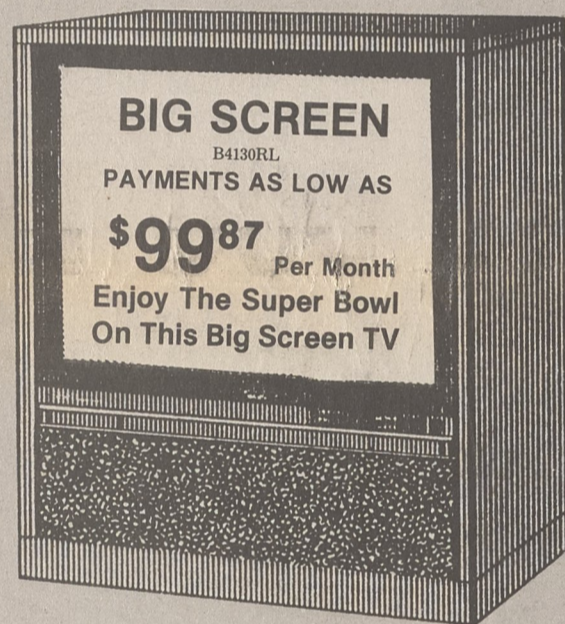
SH (86) - Finney 6, Mauney 7, Christopher 29, Collett 14, Davenport 4, Alexander 10, Moore 4, Holbrook 4, Allen 2, Triplett 6.

GIRLS GAME
KM (40) - Ruff 5, Ca. Smith 8, Epps 4, Helms 12, Woods 11.

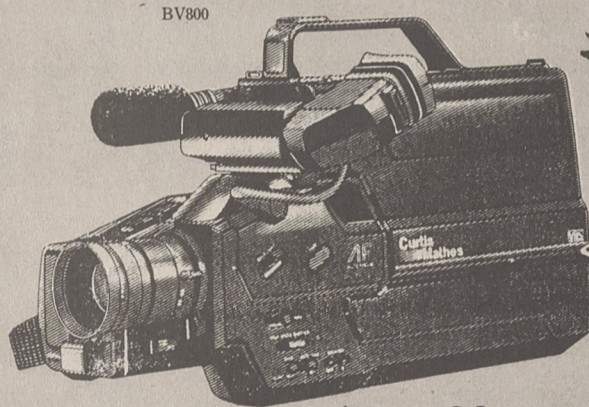
SH (39) - La. Smith 12, Gash 6, Ch. Smith 8, S. Robertson 8, Pompei 3, A. Robertson 2.

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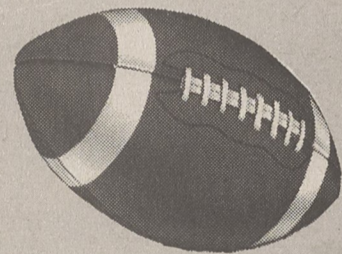
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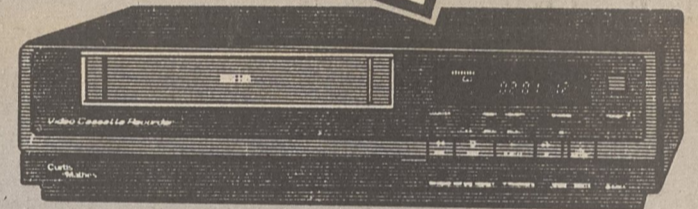


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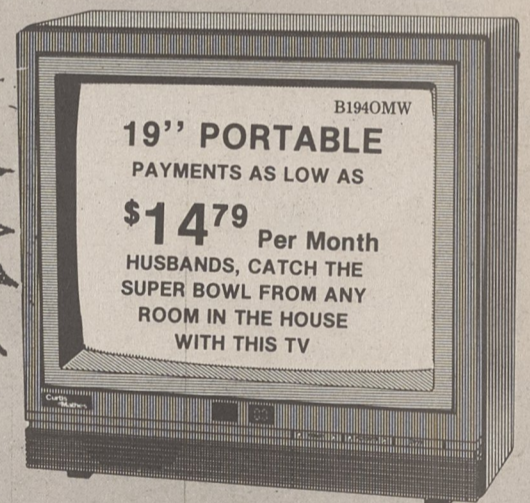
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