

BASKETBALL ACTION - Kings Mountain High's varsity cagers swept Bessemer City in a twinbill Tuesday night at the KMHS gym. In photo at left, Kings Mountain's Tonya Gardner (44) drives the lane for a layup, and in photo at right, Daniel Honeycutt (14) scores two of his

game-high 20 points to lead the Mountaineers to their sixth win in seven outings. Kings Mountain travels to Bessemer City Friday and hosts R-S Central next Tuesday.

R-S Central Here Tuesday

Mounties Sweep Bessemer City

Kings Mountain High's varsity basketball teams returned to action Tuesday night by sweeping 2-A Bessemer City in non-conference games at the KMHS gym.

The Kings Mountain girls played their best game of the season to win the opener 44-25 and the Mountaineers won their sixth game in seven outings in the nightcap, 84-62.

The same clubs meet Friday night in Bessemer City. Kings Mountain opens Southwestern 3-A Conference play Tuesday night at home against R-S Central.

Sophomore Nicole Barnes moved into the starting point guard position for the Lady Mountaineers and led all scorers with 14 points. Woods scored eight and Melton seven. Dawn King led BC with 12.

Kings Mountain was in command

from the opening buzzer. Coach Ronny Funderburke's ladies held a 14-3 advantage after the first quarter, a 26-9 lead at halftime and a 35-14 margin going into the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain dominated the boards with Woods, Melton and Degree getting seven rebounds each and Suzette Feemster four.

"In the last two weeks, we've lost both of our starting guards, Tessie Ruff and Carmen Smith," Coach Funderburke noted. "But Barnes stepped in and did a great job." Ruff injured her knee in the recent Shelby Star Holiday Tournament at Burns and Smith, who moved from the shooting guard to point guard to replace Ruff, injured her ankle in

practice Monday.

"But we got Angela Woods back for the first time tonight and she helped out a lot," Funderburke said. "We need her to come in and give us some inside strength when Adrienne Woods gets into foul trouble. Sharon Melton did a great job and Velma Degree also came in and helped out a lot."

The victory improved KM's record to 2-5. Bessemer City fell to 2-3.

Daniel Honeycutt came off the bench to score 20 points to lead the Mountaineers to victory in the nightcap. Kings Mountain raced to a 20-4 first quarter lead and Coach Larry Sipe was clearing his bench by the end of the first period. All of his players saw action.

Jeff Ross and Patrick Jones added 14 points each to the Mountaineer

cause and Mickey Beason and Chris Partlow added 14 each for the Yellow Jackets.

BOYS GAME

BC (62) - C. Byers 4, Brandon 8, Beason 14, Partlow 14, Merritt 8, Gaylord 6, Lomick 6, Rummey 2.

KM (84) - J. Ross 14, Jones 14, Hollifield 3, Honeycutt 20, Smith 3, Vaughn 8, Hager 4, D. Ross 2, M. Byers 4, McNeil 2, McClain 2, Odems 8.

GIRLS GAME

KM (44) - Gardner 2, Barnes 14, Degree 6, Ad. Woods 8, Melton 7, Feemster 1, Roseboro 1, Hardin 1.

BC (25) - King 12, Beattie 9, Aldrich 3, Ross 1.

Lakers Win Boys Club Tourney

The Lakers edged the Jazz 45-44 in overtime Friday to win the annual Kings Mountain Boys Club Holiday Basketball Tournament at Central School.

Tournament Most Valuable Player Bryan Leftwich scored 28 points and Cedric Smith added 11 to lead the winners. Raphael Williams scored 13 points and Corey Leach 10 for the losers.

Making the all-tournament team were Tank Roseboro, Rodney Brown, Eric Tate, Raphael Williams, Jarvis Adams, Cedric Smith, Lamount Littlejohn, Cameron Falls and Corey Leach.

In the consolation game Friday, the Pistons outscored the Hawks 58-53. Cameron Falls scored 12, Rodney Brown 11 and Tico Crocker 10 for the winners and Robert Williams had 18, Eric Tate 12 and Alex Burris eight for the Hawks.

Temple Double Winner At KMBC

Temple won a pair of games as the Kings Mountain Boys Club's 15-under Basketball League opened its season Friday at the Central School gym.

Temple edged Carolina 62-61 in overtime in the opening game of a four-game schedule, and then came back in the final game to defeat Duke 74-59. In other action, Duke outscored Clemson 80-66 and Carolina defeated Clemson 67-56.

Stanker Williams was the big gun for Temple, scoring 28 points in the win over Carolina and 32 in the victory over Duke. Todd Bell added 10 against Carolina and Tyron Crocker had 18 against Duke. Sheldon Thompson scored 31 and Bryan Wilson 11 for Carolina and Rodney Falls had 20 and John Adams 10 for Duke.

Rodney Falls scored 29 points, Billy Davis 13 and Rodney Guinn 12 to lead Duke over Clemson. Casey Holland scored 16 and Calvin Whitner 12 for Clemson.

Sheldon Thompson scored 31 points, Bryan Wilson 16 and Tank Roseboro 12 to lead Carolina over Clemson. Casey Holland and Rodney Brown led Clemson with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Tournament action got underway last Tuesday with all three first round games going overtime. The 76ers edged the Pistons 36-34, the Lakers outscored the Bulls 60-57 and the Jazz nipped the Cavaliers 37-35.

Lamont Littlejohn scored 14 points and Lance McClain 10 to lead the 76ers victory. Rodney Brown scored 17 and Tico Crocker eight for the Pistons.

Bryan Leftwich scored 21 points, Cedric Smith 20 and Maurice Jarrett 10 to lead the Lakers. Tank

Roseboro had 36 and Marcus Smith 10 for the Bulls.

Raphael Williams scored 17 points and Corey Leach 10 to lead the Jazz over the Cavaliers. Brian Hillman led the Cavs with 14 and Jarvis Adams added 11.

Two of the three second round games Wednesday also went overtime, with the Cavaliers edging the Bulls 31-29 and the Jazz beating the Hawks 38-35. In the other game, the Lakers defeated the 76ers 54-38.

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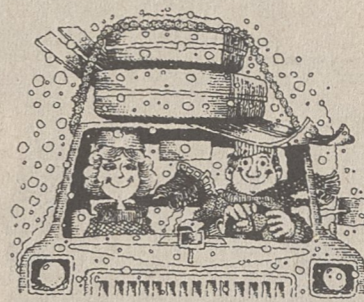
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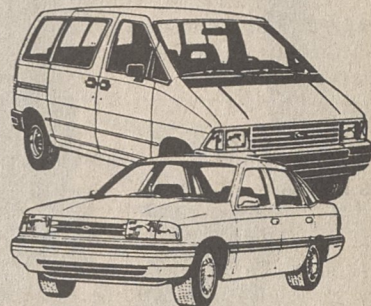
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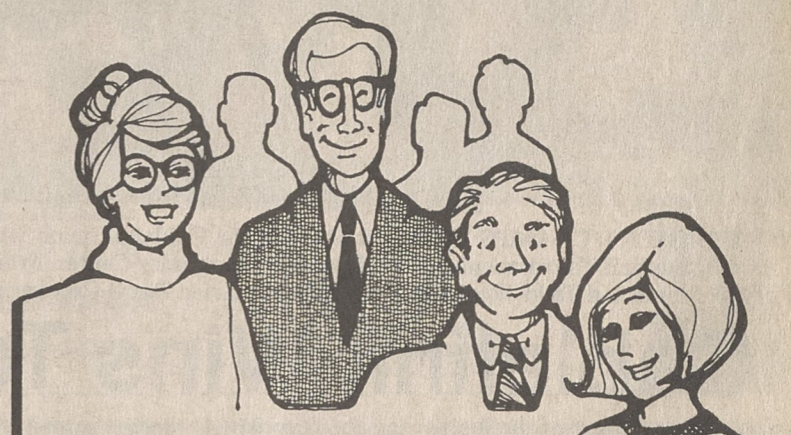
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