

Mountaineers. The Mountaineers host Shelby Friday.

Mounties fall to Burns, 54-49

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers almost pulled off what would have been a sensational fourth quarter comeback but fell to Burns 54-49 in Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball action Friday night at

The Mountaineers trailed 44-22 going into the final eight minutes but cut the margin to five points before giving out of steam in the final minute.

Burns, which committed 26 turnovers in the game, couldn't hold onto the ball in the fourth quarter and also missed six of nine foul shots in the final four minutes.

The Mountaineers, who experienced their coldest shooting night of the season, finally got the shots to start falling in the fourth quarter. With Burns leading 51-39 with 2 1/2 minutes to play, the Mountaineers got consecutive three-pointers from Marquiz Williamson, Bryan Leftwich and Justin Jones to pull within 53-48 with 50 seconds to play. But the Mountaineers couldn't hit a field goal after that.

The Bulldogs' height advantage was the big difference. They played a zone defense all night, forcing the Mountaineers to shoot from the perimeter, and the KM lads couldn't hit. The Bulldogs outrebounded the Mountaineers 45-

Kings Mountain kept the game close in the first quarter as Burns led by only 11-7, but the Bulldogs outscored the Mountaineers by 33-15 in the middle two quarters to build the big lead.

Freddy Lovelace led the Burns scoring with 14 points, but the big thorn in the Mountaineers' side was big Marlon Vincent who scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Monte Haynes had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Justin Jones and Marquiz Williamson were the only doubledigit scorers for the Mountaineers with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Sharee Hopper and Calvin Mathis led the Mountaineers on the boards with seven rebounds each.

The loss dropped the Mountaineers to 1-3 in the conference and 8-7 overall while Burns improved to 2-1 and 6-8.

■ Kings Mountain's girls dropped their fourth straight conference game in the opener, 55-31.

The KM ladies stayed close to the talented Lady Bulldogs in the first quarter but the Burns defense

held KM to just one field goal in the second quarter and built a 38-10 lead.

The win kept Burns unbeaten in the SWC at 3-0, and Tommy Pruette's ladies are 4-7 overall. Kings Mountain fell to 0-4 and 4-8.

The two Kings Mountain teams try to get back on the winning track Friday at home against Shelby. The Shelby boys are alone in first place with a 4-0 conference and 12-3 overall mark while the Shelby girls bring a 3-1 conference and 12-3 overall mark into the contest.

GIRLS GAME

KM (31) - Anderson 11, Harrison 7, SMart 4, Goforth 3, Barnett 2, Queen 2, McCleary 2.

Burns (55) - Geter 11, Lawrence 11, Gullante 11, Brazel 10, Lovelace 4, Wimbush 4, Ramsey 2,

BOYS GAME

KM (49) - Jones 15, Williamson 14, Mathis 8, Leftwich 6, Hopper

Burns (54) - Lovelace 14, Vinson 12, Haynes 10, Phelps 8, Leslie 5, Scott 5.



Lady Patriots down Lincolnton

Kings Mountain Middle School's girls basketball team defeated West Lincoln 36-29 Thursday for their first victory of the season.

The Lady Patriots of Candy Albergine carried a 1-3 record into a game Monday at home against Burns

Members of the team this year are Dee Byers, Kisha Hamrick, Tamra Webber, Katie Subler, Nancy Ely, Allene Barron, Jackie Houston, Amy Huggins, Kimberly Belt, Liza Falls, Shania Hillman. Danielle Hunter and Kim Parker. Managers are Candice Webber, Christy Hamrick and Melissa Camp and Tiffany Ely is score-keeper. Assistant coach is Angie

Albergine looks for much improvement as the season progress-

Alley Cats win against Naggers

The Alley Cats continued to roll in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night by winning three of four games from the Naggers.

The Alley Cats, 10-2, hold a three-game lead over the Naggers who lost four games to the TarPack. The Naggers are now 7-5, followed by the TarPack at 6-6 and the Flufs at 1-11.

Allen Myers rolled a 141 line and 366 set and Johnny Jones added a 110-305 for the Alley Cats. Jack Barrett had a 122 line and 312 set and Bill Myers had a 112-305 for the Naggers.

R.W. Hullender had a 134 line and 338 set and Dan Dilling added a 128 line and 338 set to lead the TarPack over the Flufs. John Caveny led the losers with a 114-332.

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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

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"We have excellent team speed, but sometimes we play too fast and it gets us in trouble," she says. "We have an unselfish attitude. The kids

lay hard and they play together. And we have pretty good size. We have some girls with size but we need to get tougher under the boards and make good outlet pass-Albergine said the team's biggest

weakness is a lack of confidence. "These girls do a lot of good things in practice, but we haven't done a good job of handling the pressure of game situations. We've worked hard on taking advantage of our speed but yet playing under control. We're improving in this area.

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I'm really counting on a few girls to give us the leadership we need.

'Kisha Hamrick, Tamra Webber, Dee Byers and Allene Barron are developing into good players and play well together. Kisha Hamrick scored 30 points in our game against West Lincoln and Allene Barron is developing into a real fine rebounder and defensive player. Our goal is to continue to improve over the next month and work on building our confidence as individuals and as a team."

Remaining schedule:

Feb. 1 - at Lincoln; Feb. 4 - at East Lincoln; Feb. 8 - Crest; Feb. 11 - at Shelby; Feb. 16 - West Lincoln; Feb. 18 - at Burns; Feb. 25 - Lincolnton.



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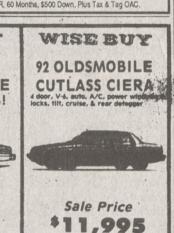


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