

Eric Tate, left photo, and Amanda Halmess, right photo, score from close range in Friday night's Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball games with South Point at the KMHS gym. The KM teams are on the court.



road for the next several games, playing at Crest Friday and Burns Tuesday.

Mooresville sweeps Mounties Tuesday

Kings Mountain High's basketball teams dropped a twinbill to non-conference foe Mooresville Tuesday night at the KMHS gym.

The girls fell 62-52 to a strong Mooresville team which they had defeated in the recent Lincoln Bank Classic, and the boys lost 64-60 as Mooresville came from behind in the second half.

The KM teams battle Crest in non-conference action Friday night at Crest, and they resume Southwest 3-A Conference play next Tuesday at Burns.

Mooresville's girls blazed away from three-point range to get on top early, and Kings Mountain never was able to catch up. The Lady Mountaineers cut the margin to four points on several occasions but the Lady Blue Devils could get hot again and build a comfortable lead.

Mooresville hit three three-pointers to grab an 18-10 lead after the first quarter. They led 30-24 at the half and 48-38 going into the fourth quarter.

"They hit from the outside with

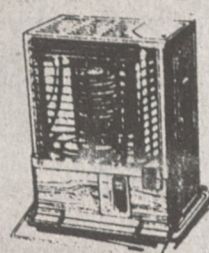
tremendous accuracy," said KM Coach Tony Leigh. "We had some trouble with their press early. It created some turnovers and we didn't settle down."

"Our girls played hard," he added. "They ran the floor hard but

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Mountaineers sweep Raiders in conference openers Friday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers had little trouble defeating South Point in their opening Southwestern 3-A Conference games Friday night at the KMHS gym.

The girls grabbed a 15-2 first quarter lead and rolled to their seventh win in nine outings, 53-17. South Point managed only four points in the first half and had only six with two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Tameeka Anderson led the KM scoring with 16 points. Coach Tony Leigh began clearing his bench early in the game and 10 KM players got in on the scoring act.

Kings Mountain's boys fought off a scrappy South Point five in the first half, then blew the game

open in the third quarter en route to a 86-62 victory.

With just three players on the bench the Red Raiders couldn't contend with Kings Mountain's depth for a full four quarters, but Bill Hannon's outfit gave a good account of itself in the first half.

South Point grabbed an early lead but Kings Mountain came back to lead 23-14 at the quarter break. South Point scored the first eight points of the second quarter to get back in the game but Kings Mountain managed to stay on top 35-30 at halftime.

The second half was all Kings Mountain. The Mountaineers outscored the Raiders 25-12 in the third quarter to make the score 60-42, and the rout was one.

The Mountaineers, who improved their overall record to 4-5, got 24 points from Bryan Leftwich. Sharee Hopper added 14, Eric Tate 12 and Marcus Bell 11.

Ronnie Falls led the Raiders with 18 points. Steve Barton scored 12 and Robbie Waldrop 10.

GIRLS GAME

SP (17) - Bell 6, Smith 4, Lobell 3, Gilreath 2, Humphries 2.

KM (53) - Anderson 16, Halmess 6, Harrison 6, Barnett 6, Cole 5, Queen 4, Hamrick 4, Whitaker 2, Wilson 2, Putnam 2.

BOYS GAME

SP (62) - McLean 7, Porter 2, Waldrop 10, Stowe 9, Bolden 4, Falls 18, Barton 12.

KM (86) - Jarrett 5, Moss 2, Huntsinger 4, Leftwich 24, Tate 12, Perkins 5, Smith 5, Jeffries 2, Minor 2, Hopper 14, Bell 11.

Mountaineers pin South Point

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers defeated South Point 57-18 in their opening Southwestern 3-A Conference match Friday night at South Point.

The Mountaineers, 7-5, return home next Tuesday to battle Burns in a 7 p.m. contest.

THE RESULTS

103 - Derrick Chapman (SP) p. Sok Phongs; 112 - Steve Lemmons (KM) p. Pepper Martin; 119 - Robbie Dalton (KM) p. Scott Griggs; 125 - Gary Hughes (KM) p. Max Broome; 130 - Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Andrew Shook; 135 - Mario Robbs (KM) won by forfeit; 140 - Michael Bell (KM) d. Chuck Wesson 10-4; 145 - David Muter (KM) p. Brian Byers; 152 - Jeff Jeffries (SP) p. Lance McClain; 160 - Shane Logan (KM) p. Chris Reep; 171 - Jahi Smart (KM) p. Josh Hollins; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) p. Jimmy Cagle; Hwt. - Daniel Simonds (SP) p. Tameron Gaines.

4-Packers win in bowling loop

The 4-Packers won three of four games from the Night Crawlers and the first place Gold Diggers split with the Tar Heels in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

Jack Barrett rolled a 129 line and 361 set to lead the 4-Packers into a tie for second place. Robert Hullender led the Night Crawlers with a 127-327.

Allen Myers' rolled three straight 111 lines for a 333 set to lead the Gold Diggers over the Heels. Tommy Barrett led the Heels with a 113-328 and Bobby Rathbone added a 114-321.

Standings - Gold Diggers 6-2, Tar Heels 5-3, 4-Packers 5-3, Night Crawlers 1-7.

Middle School boys win opener, 46-38

Kings Mountain Middle School's boys basketball team opened its season Monday with a 46-38 victory over Burns.

Ralph Williams led the Patriots with 13 points and Marlon Byers, Ty Toney and Joseph Bell added eight each. Andy Leigh grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Patriots host West Lincoln Thursday. Girls action gets under way at 4 p.m. and the boys game will begin around 5 p.m.

Next week, the KM teams host Crest Tuesday and East Lincoln Thursday, and then will have seven straight road games.



Jason Wade tries to catch up with a wayward pass in recent Kings Mountain JV basketball game. The JV boys won two more games during the past week to run their record to 6-2.

Junior varsity boys defeat Raiders 85-59

Kings Mountain High's JV boys rolled to a 85-59 victory over South Point in Southwestern 3-A Conference action Friday afternoon at the KMHS gym.

The Mountaineers lost their starting point guard Sidney Crocker when he injured his knee in pre-game warm-ups, but Coach Ronny Funderburke got an outstanding performance from all of his other players.

The Mountaineers led only 14-13 after the first period but widened the margin to 35-26 at intermission. The Mountaineers turned the game into a rout in the third period, building a 56-39 advantage.

Jason Wade led the Mountaineers with 12 points and

C.C. Smith added 11. Justin Champion had eight, Marcus Smith seven. Corey Jones, Des Holland and Brad Jones six each, Jonathan Rhodes and Cameron Falls five each, Alex Burris four, Jon Sizemore three and Ricky Southard two.

"C.C. Smith had a strong game inside along with Justin Champion," said Funderburke. "South Point had two 6-5 guys inside but C.C., Justin and Cameron Falls battled tough. Our quickness with Marcus Smith, Desmond Holland and Jason Wade was the difference."

Jason Lunsford led South Point with 16 points. Brett Hoover added 14 and Michael Hudson 12.

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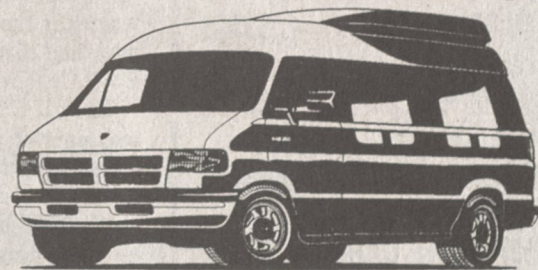
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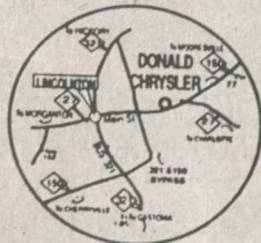
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