

Opponents of Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team have been seeing double for the past couple of seasons as identical twins Tina (left photo) and Tammie Welch (right photo) are usually on the floor at the same time, and scoring at a good pace. Each of the twins averaged in double figures for the Mountaineers in last week's Lincoln Bank Classic at East Lincoln. KM hosts Crest in a non-conference game Friday night and hosts R-S Central in their conference opener Tuesday.

## KM girls sixth in Bank Classic

Kings Mountain High's girls finished 1-2 and in sixth place in the annual Lincoln Bank Classic last week at East Lincoln High School.

Coach Tony Leigh's ladies fell to South Iredell in Wednesday's opener, 41-31; bounced back to defeat South Caldwell 43-18 Thursday; and then lost to Mooresville 31-26 Friday.

Lincolnton ran its record to 9-0 to win the event, defeating North Gaston 59-26 in the championship game. Burns defeated South Iredell 44-39 for third place, and East Lincoln whipped South Caldwell 59-35 for seventh place.

The Lady Mountaineers had trouble putting points on the board but continued to play good defense in running their season's record to 5-4.

A cold second and third quarter led to the loss to South Iredell in the opening round. KM held a 10-6 lead after the first period, but managed only five points in the second quarter and six in the third as South Iredell came back to take a 28-21 lead into the fourth quarter.

Tammie Welch led the KM scoring with 15 points, and Debbie Weatherman had 12 for South Iredell.

Tina Welch scored 14 points and Tammie Welch 11 as the Mountaineers bounced back Thursday to defeat South Caldwell. KM led 17-10 at the half and 25-18 going into the fourth quarter, then blew the game open by holding South Caldwell scoreless in the final chapter.

See Girls, 9-A

### WEDNESDAY GAME

KM (31) - Tammie Welch 15, Tina Welch 5, Hunter 4, Hamrick 3, Ingram 2, Moore 2.

SI (41) - Weatherman 12, Davis 11, Rucker 5, Mills 4, Wiggins 2, Michel 2, Ikard 2, Charcut 2, Blevins 1.

### THURSDAY GAME

KM (43) - Tina Welch 14, Tammie Welch 11, Hamrick 8, Hunter 4, Ingram 3, Byers 2, Adams 1.

SC (18) - Reid 7, Dingess 6, Joplin 5, Flint, Martin.

### FRIDAY GAME

KM (26) - Tina Welch 9, Tammie Welch 4, Hamrick 4, Hunter 4, Pearson 3, Moore 2.

MV (31) - Alexander 10, Faulise 9, Duckworth 5, Graham 4, Seamon 2, Stewart 1.



John Sizemore leads the fast break for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers in a recent non-conference basketball game at the KMHS gym. Sizemore is the Mountaineers' #2 scorer with a 10-points per game average. The Mountaineers return to the hardwood Friday at home with a non-conference game with Crest, then open Southwestern 3-A Conference action Tuesday at home against R-S Central's Hilltoppers.

## TAX LISTING 1996

### IMPORTANT NOTICE • READ THIS LISTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1996 GASTON COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

All owners of property in Gaston County are required to file a listing of the property they own each year during the month of January. Listings filed after the January 31 deadline will be considered late and will receive a 10% late listing penalty.

#### GENERAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. **VEHICLES** which were tagged on Jan. 1, 1996 do not have to be listed at all. These vehicles are under separate statute and will be billed approximately 3 months after the tag is renewed. Vehicles which were not tagged on Jan. 1, 1996 must be listed as untagged vehicles. There is a \$100 fine for failure to list an untagged vehicle. If the untagged vehicle is junked or has a blown motor, please note so when you make the listing.

2. **ITEMS TO BE LISTED ARE:** Untagged vehicles, boats, boat motors, mobile home, airplanes, boat trailers do not have to be listed if they have an active tag on them. If you have not received a listing form in the mail, call 866-3145 and one can be mailed to you. You may also pick up a form at 212 W. Main St. Gastonia. (County Administration Bld.) Hours 8:30-5:00.

3. **REAL ESTATE:** Land and buildings in Gaston County are on a permanent listing system. This means that you do not have to report sales or acquisitions of real property. This information is picked up from the register of deeds office. You are required to report all changes to real property if you did not get a building permit to make these changes.

4. **BUSINESSES** Must list on a special form (T8). These forms are mailed around the end of December to businesses who filed in 1995. If you are a new business or have not received your listing form, call 866-3060 or 866-3061 to receive a form by mail. Please call early to avoid a late listing penalty picked up at 212 W. Main St. Gastonia. (County Administration Bld.) Hours 8:30-5:00

5. **ELDERLY OR DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS:** If you are 65 or older on Jan. 1, 1996 and you own and reside in your own home, you may qualify for a special tax exemption if your 1995 income was less than \$11,000. Call 866-3145 and an application will be mailed to you. All elderly exemption forms must be filed by April 15 of each year. For disability exemptions you must provide a statement from your doctor stating that you are totally and permanently disabled.

6. **APPLICATIONS for exemption (Churches)** must be filed during the month of January.

7. **APPLICATIONS for use value deferrals (Farms)** must be billed during the month of January.

8. **DATES** through Jan 31, 1996 Mondays through Fridays

9. **PLACE:** Gaston County Tax Office, 212 W. Gastonia NC

## KM people go 'bowling'

Short cuts from the world of sports:

Kings Mountain was well-represented in recent college football bowl games.

Fifth-year senior D.J. Williams, a reserve wide receiver, saw his UNC Tar Heels defeat Arkansas 20-10 in the Carquest Bowl, assuring the Heels of their sixth straight winning season under Coach Mack Brown. UNC finished with a 7-5 record, marking only the third time in school history that the Tar Heels have put together a string of six straight winners.

Cari Sipe and Jill Jimison of Kings Mountain were members of the Tar Heel Marching Band which performed during halftime...

Kings Mountain's Benji Ingle was a member of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Band, and Benji was seen on television on several occasions as the Irish fell to Florida State in the Orange Bowl...

Former Kings Mountain High coach Dan Brooks, defensive interior line coach at Tennessee, helped coach the Volunteers to a 12-1 season and a victory over Ohio State in the Citrus Bowl...

Although he was red-shirted this year, Kings Mountain's Norris McCleary was a member of the East Carolina team which defeated Stanford in the Liberty Bowl. By the way, N.C. State may have made a big mistake scheduling the Pirates next year. They looked good in their win over Stanford...

Former South Point pitcher Stephen Cowie, who was probably the best baseball player in North Carolina last year but had to sit out the entire season with an arm injury, recently underwent successful arm surgery and expects to be pitching for the Duke Blue Devils this spring...Kings Mountain's Stephen Fisher, who pitched the Mountaineers to the 1993 state championship, will be pitching for the Appalachian State Mountaineers...

Kings Mountain's Marquize Williamson is averaging 6.6 points, 2.6 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.2 steals per game for the Radford Highlanders. Williamson is Radford's first guard off the bench and starts when the Highlanders (5-4) go to a three-guard lineup. Williamson is averaging the most minutes of any Highlander off the bench (23.6). He recently scored 18 points on 5-9 shooting from the field and 7-8 from the foul line at VMI, and he scored 13 points against Middle Tennessee State. Local fans can see Williamson and the Highlanders Saturday night at 7 p.m. at UNC-Greensboro...

New Year wishes: Fayetteville Byrd's Marcus Reaves in a North Carolina uniform. If the Tar Heels can sign Reaves to go with Leon Johnson at tailback, and Mack Brown can develop a good option quarterback, the Heels could take a big leap in the ACC

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standings next fall. By the way, the Heels open at home Labor Day weekend against Clemson's Tigers. Duke, for the second straight year, has a tough season's opener at Florida State. Talk about a morale buster!

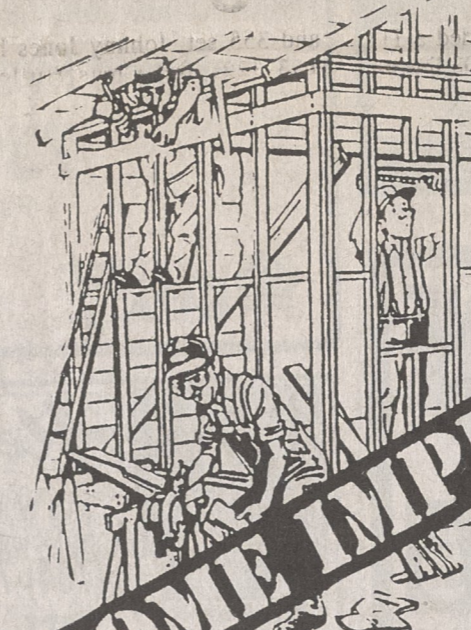
Burns' defensive end Derrick Chambers is one of the most highly-recruited football players in the south. Even though he gave an early verbal commitment to Florida, look for him to change his mind and stay in North Carolina...Duke has a commitment from the son of Richmond Flowers, and the word out of the Birmingham, Alabama area is that he's just as good a pass receiver as his dad was...

Several area football standouts from a year ago competed on the prep school level this fall while getting their grades in order, and they will be highly recruited again by major colleges in this area. Tony Scott, who led Burns to the state 3-A title in '94, played at a military academy in Virginia after originally signing with N.C. State. Bessemer City's first Shrine Bowl player, Phillip Crosby, played for a prep school in Kansas and the rumor is he hopes to transfer to Carolina...

ACC teams did well in post-season bowl games - winning three of four - but you have to feel a little sorry for Coach Ray Goff of Georgia whose Bulldogs came from three touchdowns back to tie Virginia in the final minute, only to lose on a long kickoff return...

Senior defensive tackle Jason Brewer, junior defensive back Speedy Mickles, and senior wide receiver Lonnie Custer of Gardner-Webb have been named to the Dr. C.M. Frank All-American football team. Brewer led the Bulldogs with 115 tackles. Mickles had 40 tackles and knocked away six passes, and Custer caught 39 passes for 637 yards and three touchdowns...

Because there are no teaching vacancies, Kings Mountain High School will probably stay within the system for a new head baseball coach to replace Nelson Connor who resigned in December after two seasons with the Mountaineers. Athletic Director Ron Massey and Principal Phil Weathers interviewed two candidates Tuesday and plan to interview one or two more prospects by Friday.



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