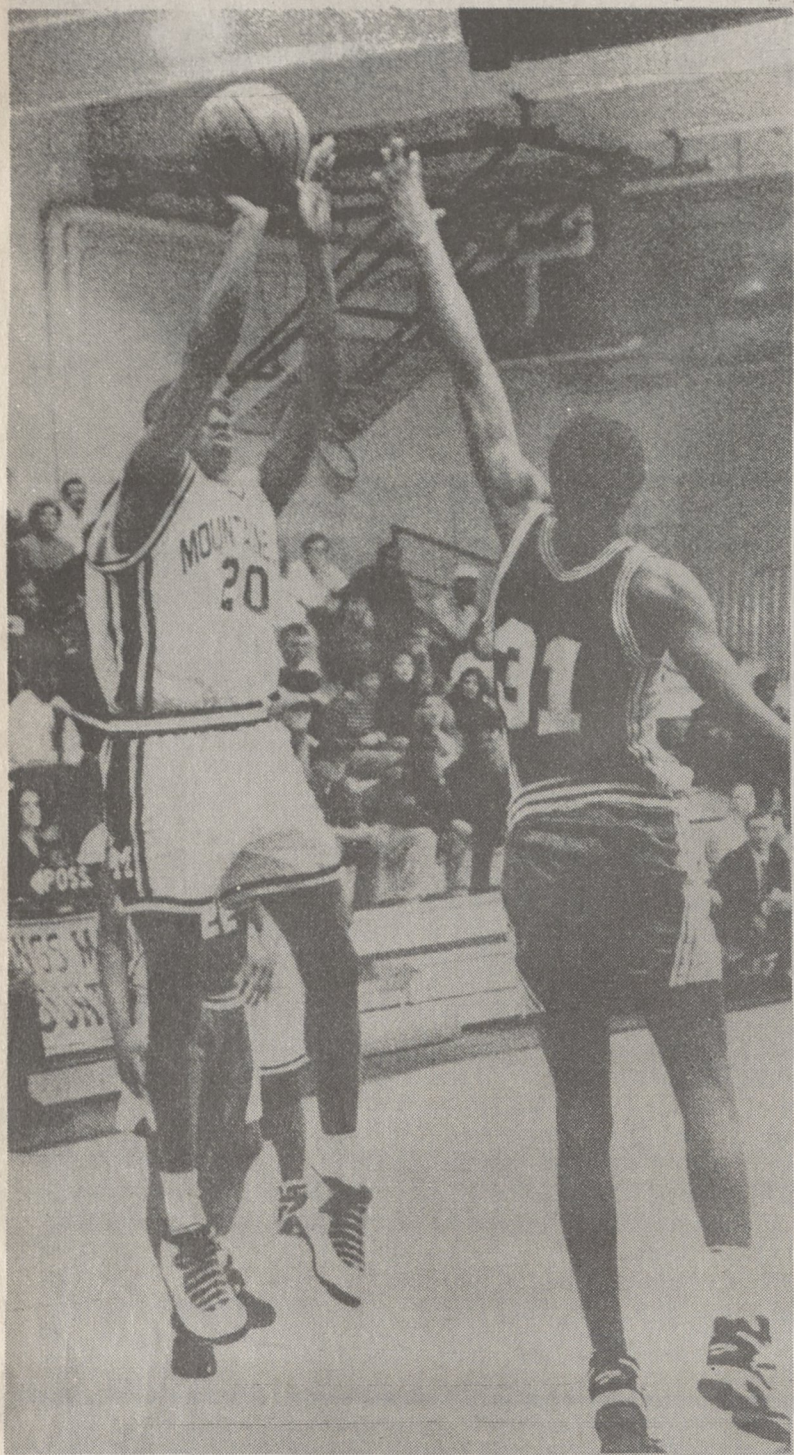


# Sharks win Blue Ridge swim meet



Albert Perkins fires a jumper in recent basketball game at KMHS. Perkins and his Mountaineer teammates hope to knock off Southwestern Conference co-leader East Rutherford Friday night at the KMHS gym.

The Sharks Aquatics Club scored 583 points to win a five-team Blue Ridge Swim League meet last week at Neisler Natatorium. Buncombe County was second with 340 points, followed by Catawba Valley 187, Morganton 159 and Piedmont 35.

Jessica Koenig and Nathan Mayse of the Sharks were triple first place winners.

Other first place winners were Emily Griffin, Kay Fornecker, Michelle Grose, Jill Mabry, Yuuki Nishiyama, Alan McDaniel, Clay Griffin, Alex Queen, David Angeles, Israel Angeles and Billy Stewart.

### Girls results:

8-under - Melissa Koenig, second 25 fly, fourth 25 free; Mary Wilson, second 25 breast; Kelsey Taylor, fourth 25 fly, fifth 25 breast; Carrie Findlay, fifth 25 fly; Findlay, Wilson, Sarah Watson, Koenig, first 100 free relay.

10-under - Jessica Koenig, first 100 IM, 50 breast and 50 fly; April Smith, second 50 free, 50 breast and 50 fly; Kelly Messera, second 50 back, fifth 100 IM and 50 free; Nikki Smith, third 50 back, fourth 50 breast and 50 free; Megan Emery, sixth 50 back; A. Smith, Messera, N. Smith, Koenig, first 200 free and 200 medley relay.

11-12 - Emily Griffin, first 50 back, fourth 50 free, fifth 50 fly; Keisha Haynes, second 100 IM, fourth 50

### KM Boys Club sets basketball tryouts

Tryouts for the Kings Mountain 10, 11 and 12-year-old and under AAU Junior Olympics basketball team will be held February 4-5 at 3 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Boys Club. The player's age as of September 1 will determine eligibility.

The state finals will be April 21-23 in Concord. The national championships will be held July 29-August 5 (11-under) and July 22-29 (12-under).

All players are asked to take a birth certificate to tryouts.

For more information, call Danny McDowell at 739-7026 after 3:30 p.m., Tom Bennett at 739-3667 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., R.A. Bell at 739-0102 after 5 p.m., and Gerome Parker at 739-1867 after 5 p.m.

## DIVING

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scuba diving training, underwater photography, navigation and search and recovery are offered.

Local divers often go to Florida for dives, and Hartsell is planning a trip to the Bahamas next month. Divers will go from Miami to the Bahamas on a 65-foot sailboat for a week, living and diving off the boat.

"A lot of interest has been show so far," Hartsell says. "In Gaston County alone, there are over 1,000 certified divers. I'm not sure of the number of divers in the Kings Mountain-Shelby area, but there are a lot."

The scuba diving section of AAA Sports is open from 8:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

back; Haley Hoke, second 50 breast, sixth 50 fly; Christy Findlay, third 100 IM, fifth 50 breast; Deitra Haynes, fourth 50 breast, fifth 50 back; Chrissy Bolton, sixth 50 breast; Hoke, K. Haynes, D. Haynes, Griffin, second 200 free and 200 medley relay.

13-14 - Michelle Grose, first 100 back, second 100 breast and 100 fly; Kay Fornecker, first 100 free, third 100 breast, fourth 100 back; Hanson Mabry, third 200 IM, 100 free and 100 back; Wenday Neisler, fourth 200 IM, sixth 100 back; Cassie Falls, fourth 100 breast; Kellie Jackson, fifth 100 breast; Elise Mayse, sixth 200 IM; Angela Strahler, sixth 100 free; Grose, Mabry, Strahler, Fornecker, first 200 free relay; Neisler, Falls, Jackson, Mabry, third 200 medley relay.

15-18 - Jill Mabry, first 200 IM, second 100 free and 100 back; Bethany Jimison, second 200 IM, third 100 back, fourth 100 free; Lynn Green, second 100 fly, fifth 100 free and 100 back; Jimison, Green, Melissa Martin, Mabry, first 200 free and 200 medley relay.

### Boys results:

8-under - Yuuki Nishiyama, first 25 free and 25 back, second 25 fly; Alan McDaniel, first 25 fly, second 25 breast, fourth 25 free; Doug Spada, second 25 free and 25 back, third 25 breast; Jason Strahler, third 25 fly, fourth 25 breast, fifth 25 free; Charlie Jones, fourth 25 fly, sixth 25 free and 25 breast; McDaniel, Spada, Strahler, Nishiyama, first 100 free and 100 medley relay.

10-under - Clay Griffin, first 50 fly, second 100 IM, third 50 back; Alex Queen, first 50 free, third 50 fly, fourth 100 KM.

11-12 - David Angeles, first 50 fly, second 50 breast, fourth 50 free; Zack Stevens, second 50 fly, third 50 free.

13-14 - Drew Thomas, third 200 IM, 100 free and 100 back.

15-18 - Nathan Mayse, first 200 IM, 100 free and 100 breast; Israel Angeles, first 100 fly, second 200 IM and 100 free; Billy Stewart, first 10 back, second 100 breast, third 200 IM; Chuck Kaylor, third 100 free and 100 breast; Chris Wilkes, sixth 100 breast; Kaylor, Angeles, Stewart, Mayse, first 200 free relay; Stewart, Angeles, Mayse, Wilkes, first 200 medley relay.

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## Girls lose first in SWC, Mounties win at Shelby

Kings Mountain's girls dropped their first conference game but the boys jumped right back in the thick of the battle for first place in Southwestern 3-A Conference football action Friday night at Shelby.

The girls, playing without the services of All-Conference center Karen Queen, who is injured, and forward Alica Cole, who is ineligible for the remainder of the season, fell 31-15 in a game in which Shelby took over sole possession of first place.

The boys, coming off a tough non-conference loss to 4-A Crest, led most of the game in turning back Shelby 76-71 and staying within a game of Burns and East Rutherford, both 3-0 in SWC action.

Larry Sipe's Mountaineers, who had their transition game clicking as well as it has all year, jumped to a 23-13 first quarter lead and remained on top 47-36 at intermission. Kings Mountain out-rebounded Shelby 23-11 in the first half and 48-24 for the game. Justin Champion led the way with 14.

Shelby scored the first seven points of the third quarter to pull within 47-43 but Kings Mountain was able to widen the lead to 62-56 after three quarters.

Kings Mountain increased its lead to double digits again early in the fourth quarter, but Shelby kept plugging away and cut the margin to 69-66 with two minutes remaining. The Mountaineers hit some key free

throws and grabbed some big rebounds down the stretch to preserve the victory.

Eric Tate led the KM scoring with 19 points. Steve Surratt added 15 and Albert Perkins 13.

Shelby's girls blew open a close game by outscoring Kings Mountain 15-2 in the second quarter.

Kacha Logan led the Lions with 16 points, including 11 in the second quarter. April Putnam led KM with seven.

### BOYS GAME

KM (76) - Tate 19, Surratt 15, Perkins 13, Champion 8, Leftwich 6, Bell 4, Minor 4.

Shelby (71) - London 19, Hopper 14, Fullenwider 13, Rose 11, Hopper 6, Yoxheimer 4, Thurman 4.

### GIRLS GAME

KM (15) - Putnam 7, Anderson 2, Tina Welch 2, Tami Welch 2, Tiesinga 2.

Shelby (31) - Logan 16, Humphries 8, Hopper 7.

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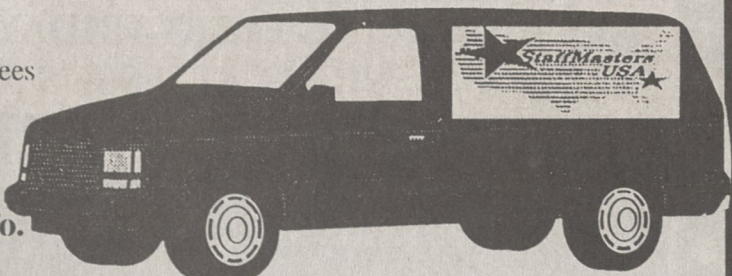


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