

Mounties to host North-South Doubleheader

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will use this weekend's North-South Doubleheader at the KMHS gym to try to build a stronger backcourt and inside game.

The Mountaineers and Bessemer City will be joined by York and Blacksburg in the second annual event sponsored by First Charter National Bank/Carolina State Bank.

Blacksburg will battle Bessemer City Friday at 7 p.m., followed by Kings Mountain and York. Bessemer City will play York

Saturday at 7 p.m., followed by Kings Mountain and Blacksburg.

According to Jay Rhodes, Senior Vice President of First Charter National Bank, the event will give fans the opportunity to win valuable prizes and the cheerleaders from the four schools will again be competing for the Spirit Award.

Shooting contests and drawings will give the fans a chance to win prizes such as meals and Charlotte Hornets tickets. Tickets are \$4 at the door.

Kings Mountain will take a 2-4

overall record and three-game losing streak into the doubleheader, and Coach Larry Sipe said he hopes to use the final two pre-holiday games to find a winning combination.

"Monday night, Shelby really exposed our biggest weakness," Sipe said of the 73-49 loss to the Golden Lions. "And that's in the backcourt. We knew coming in that losing an all-conference backcourt was going to be a weak spot. Of course, Shelby's going to expose a lot of weaknesses in teams they

play because they're so quick at every position."

Sipe said the Mountaineers also must work hard on their half-court offense and developing a tougher inside game.

"I was really disappointed in our half-court offense against Shelby," Sipe said. "I thought we were disciplined enough to get into a half-court offense but Shelby's quickness took us out of it."

"And it was evident that we're not getting the perimeter game we need," he added. "We have to have

to develop a strong inside game.

"But," he added, "it takes awhile to get kids to play together. It takes a while to find the way that best suits you to play the game, and we're going to find a way to win."

Sipe said the North-South Doubleheader gives the teams a chance to play teams their fans don't ordinarily see, and it's a good chance for the players to improve before beginning conference play after Christmas.

"I appreciate Carolina State

Bank for doing this, not only for the teams but for the schools, too," Sipe said. "It's a chance to play two games and it's a chance for the kids to understand and realize that this is something done especially for them."

"These past two years, Carolina State Bank, Jay Rhodes and all of the employees down there have gone out of their way to take care of the kids that come in as far as feeding them and supplying them with extra momentoes of the North-South Doubleheader."

Mountaineers lose two to Shelby

Kings Mountain's girls dropped their sixth straight game and the boys lost their third game in a row to a pair of tough Shelby teams Monday night at the KMHS gym.

The Shelby girls, who are regarded as one of the teams to beat in the Southern Piedmont 2A this winter, built an early lead but had to hang on at the end to defeat the improving Lady Mountaineers, 67-64.

Ken Napier's Shelby boys, who are undefeated and also regarded as the team to beat in the Southern Piedmont, also jumped out to an early lead and held it all the way in a 73-49 win.

Kings Mountain's girls take a holiday break until January 2, when they go to Shelby for a rematch. The KM boys host the second annual First Charter National Bank North-South Doubleheader

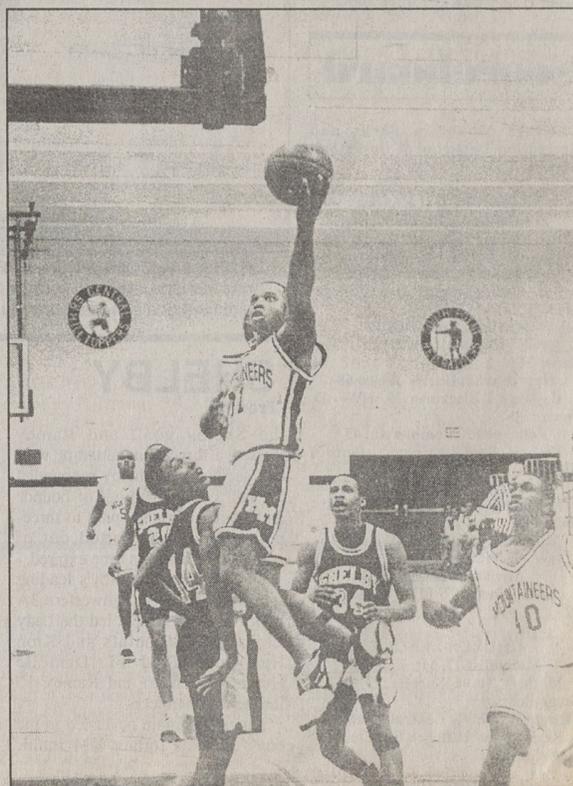
Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Shelby's girls erased a 15-12 first quarter deficit to build a 37-28 halftime lead before Kings Mountain began slicing away at the deficit late in the third quarter.

Even though they never regained the lead, the Lady Mountaineers cut the score to 48-46 after three quarters. Shelby used some clutch free throws to get the lead back to five points but Kings Mountain cut

it to 61-59 on a three-point goal by Anna Ramey. The Mountaineers had an opportunity to send the game into overtime after a goal from the top of the key by Kristie Brinkley and another three-point goal by Ramey cut the margin to 67-64 with nine seconds remaining. Shelby's long inbounds pass from beneath the Kings Mountain basket went out of bounds under

See Shelby, 2C



TWO FROM IN CLOSE - Kings Mountain's Lamar Adams (11) drives the lane for a basket in Monday's nonconference basketball game with Shelby at the KMHS gym. The quick and experienced Shelby team led all the way in a 73-49 victory.

Mountaineers drop pair at Clover

Kings Mountain High's varsity basketball teams dropped a pair of games Friday night at Clover.

The girls lost their fifth straight game, 67-33, and the boys lost for the second time to the Blue Eagles and the third time in five games overall, 72-53.

Clover's 6-4 senior sensation Travis Robbins continued his torrid scoring pace with 35 points, and Mike Burris added 11 and Jim North 10 for Bennie Bennett's Eagles. Clover jumped out to a 26-12 first quarter lead and led 38-22 at the half and 54-41 going into the fourth quarter.

Marlon Byers was held below 20 points for the first time this year but still led the Mountaineer scoring with 16. KeLee Thompson, who just joined the team after playing football, chipped in 10 points and had a big game inside.

Clover's girls also got off to a

quick start and never looked back in defeating the Lady Mountaineers for the second time in a week. Clover led 15-10 at the quarter break, 35-21 at halftime and 47-26 going into the fourth quarter.

Shanisa Phillips scored 19 points, Renata Phillips 13 and Tasha Reid 11 for Clover. Nikki Ingram and Jacquie Hall scored 10 each for Kings Mountain.

GIRLS GAME

KM (33) - Brinkley 1, Pearson 4, Currence 1, Ingram 10, R. Hall 2, J. Hall 10, Hunter 5.

Clover (67) - Thompson 8, Adams 3, Wolford 2, J. Reid 11, S. Phillips 19, R. Phillips 13, Walker 6, Boyd 1, Ware 4.

BOYS GAME

KM (53) - Turner 5, Byers 16, Bell 9, Bess 4, Huskey 2, Thompson 10, Campbell 5, Goode 2.

Clover (72) - Barnett 3, Goddard 7, North 10, Ware 2, Robbins 35, Hasseldon 4, Burris 11.

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