

Cole's 28-point effort leads KM ladies over Shelby 43-41

Kings Mountain High's varsity basketball teams split a non-conference twinbill at Shelby Tuesday night.

Behind a 28-point effort from junior sensation Shonda Cole, the Lady Mountaineers broke a two-game losing streak with a 43-41 victory.

The boys grabbed an early lead, but created too many turnovers against Shelby's pressing defense and Ken Napier's Lions stormed back for a 61-47 victory.

The KM teams continue a four-game road streak Friday night at Clover, SC. They travel to North Gaston next Tuesday and return home Wednesday to face a very talented East Gaston team. The East Gaston boys are led by one of the best prep players in the state, 6-9 Tyler Berg who has already committed to Wofford College.

Kings Mountain's girls (3-2) won for the first time since edging Shelby in the second game of the season on November 26.

Cole's strong inside play was

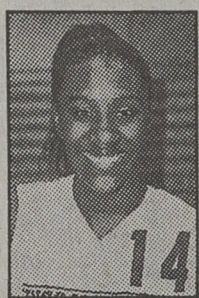
too much for the Shelby girls (0-4) to overcome.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 22-9 lead after the first half but Shelby hung tough down the stretch, cutting the margin to just two points with 22 seconds remaining. The Lady Mountaineers clinched the win at the foul line.

Cole was the only double-digit scorer for the KM ladies. Lauren Montgomery scored 13 points, Shakita Jefferies 11, and Jada Bratton 10 for Shelby.

Kings Mountain's boys grabbed a 12-8 first quarter lead, but Shelby (2-2) turned up the defensive pressure in the second quarter and turned the game around.

Shelby's pressing defense forced numerous KM turnovers



COLE

and the Lions came back to grab a 19-18 halftime lead. Shelby outscored KM 20-11 in the third quarter to go up 39-29, and the Lions led by as many as 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Will Young scored 13 points and James Ryan 11 for the Lions, who broke a two-game KM winning streak. Josh Gash was the only KM player to reach double figures with 13 points.

BOYS GAME

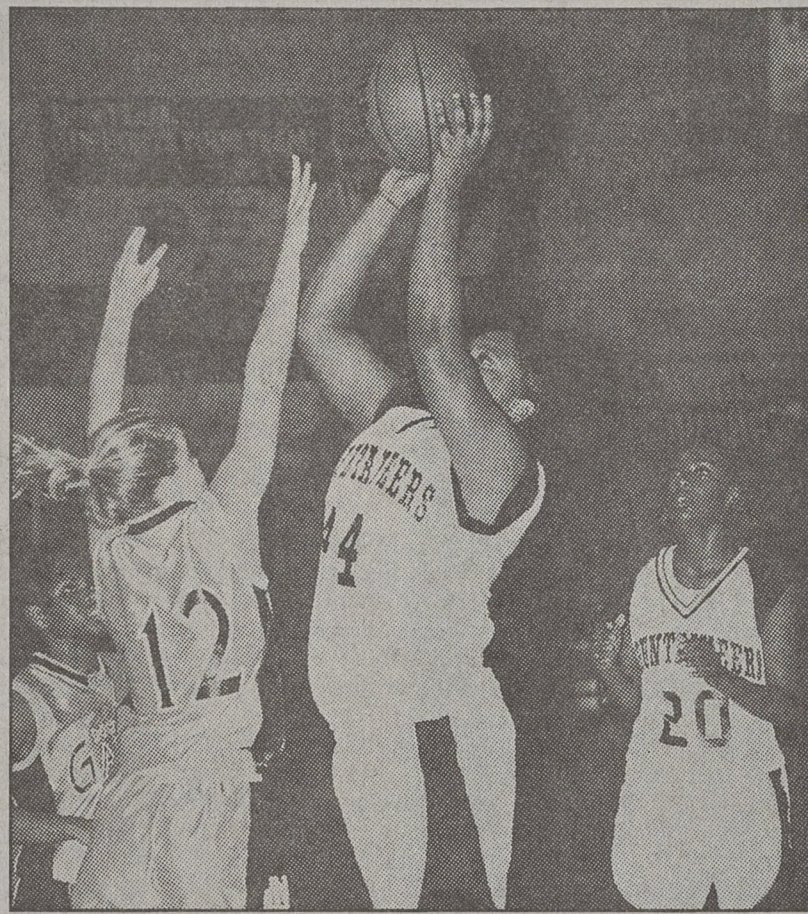
KM (47) - Gash 13, Houze 8, Burris 5, Roberts 4, C. Smith 4, Young 4, S. Blair 4, Adams 2, D. Smith 2, Roebuck 1.

Shelby (61) - Young 13, Ryan 11, Lawrence 8, Pharr 6, Banks 6, Chambers 4, England 4, Wright 3, Downs 3, Cherry 2, Burns 1.

GIRLS GAME

KM (43) - Sho. Cole 28, Gill 6, Leigh 4, She. Cole 2, Miler 2, Bell 1.

Shelby (41) - Montgomery 13, Jefferies 11, Bratton 10, Russell 5, Houze 2.



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
Crystal Miller (44) fires up a short jump shot for Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team, which edged Shelby 43-41 Tuesday night in Shelby.

Optimist banquet set at high school

The Kings Mountain Optimist club football/cheer-leading banquet will be held December 8 at the KMHS cafeteria.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and the meal will be at 11:30. Awards will be presented.

For more information call Tony Branham at 739-0296.

Unbeaten softball team honored at KMMS

Kings Mountain Middle School honored its undefeated softball team during an assembly Friday in the school gym by awarding team members with trophies.

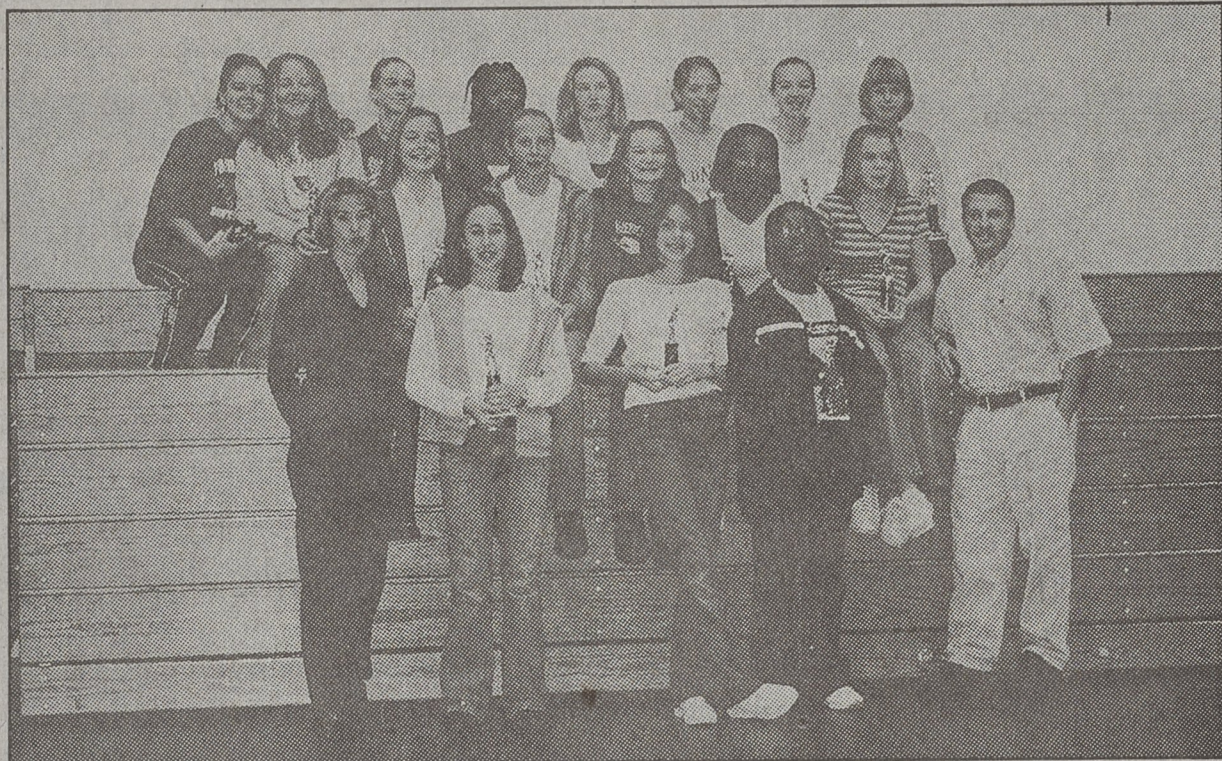
The 12-0 Patriots, coached by Channon Vogell and Shelby Mosely are: Kala Buchanan, Casey Camp, Kristyn Funderburke, Brittney Gaddy, Lauren Gaffney, Heather Hale, Samantha Hamrick, Morgan Mayer, LaRonda McClain, Mone't McClain, Amber Milwood, Brittney Thornburg, Angel Watson, TiAnna Whitaker, Jessica Yarbro, Stephanie Houser, and Kaycee Coleman.

KMHS 2001 Defensive Football Statistics

Player	T	TFL	S	FF	FR	H	PBU	INT	TD
Tanner Putnam	56	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Justin Early	53	13	3	3	0	3	0	0	0
Dejuan Jones	53	10	0	2	2	0	3	0	0
LaDrecus Gingles	52	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
Nick Curry	48	9	7	1	1	4	0	0	0
Adrian Parker	44	7	0	0	0	0	7	2	0
Antonio Crocker	40	5	1	0	0	4	1	0	0
Travis Clark	36	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Daniel Mason	35	9	7	1	1	4	0	0	0
Brandon Roberts	31	2	0	0	0	0	19	4	0
Brandon Pressley	27	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
Adonis Mathews	25	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Orlando Curry	22	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Chris Williamson	19	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	1

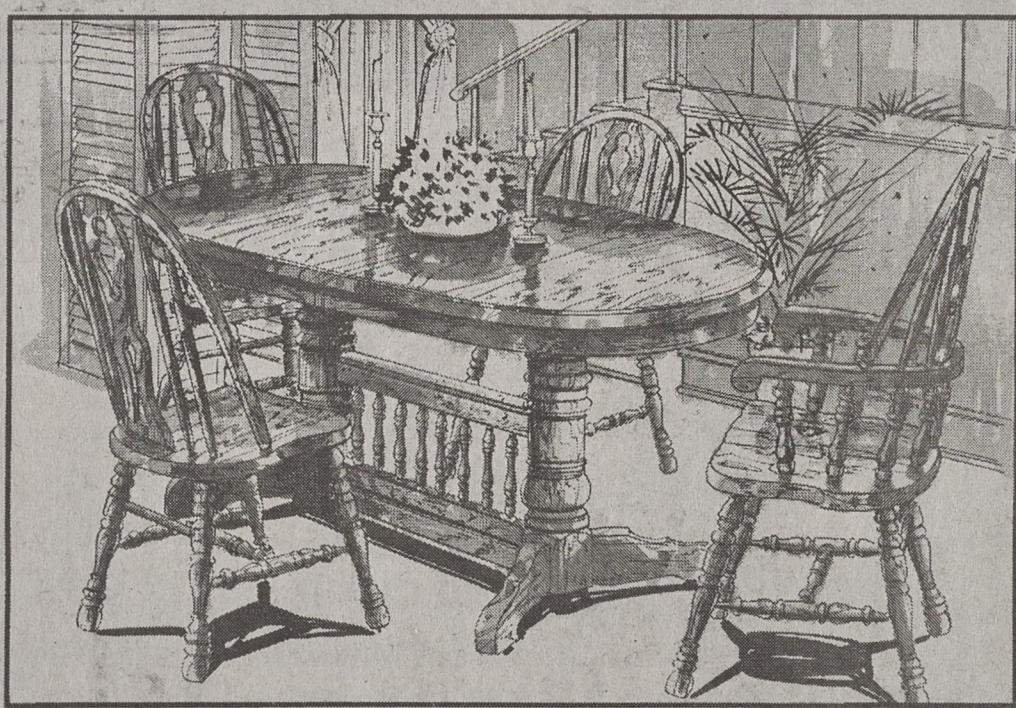
T - Tackles; TFL - Tackles for Loss; S - Sack; FF - Forced Fumble; FR - Fumble Recovery; H - Hurry; PBU - Pass break-up; INT - Interception; TD - Touchdown.

*Team averaged giving up 118 yards rushing and 67 yards passing per game.
*44% of opponents' drives were 10 yards or less.
*Team forced 18 turnovers.



BEN LEDBETTER/THE HERALD
Members of the undefeated Kings Mountain Middle School Softball team pose for a team picture after a team assembly Friday. Pictured from left, back row, Amber Milwood, Brittney Thornburg, Heather Hale, LaRonda McClain, Morgan Mayer, Brittney Gaddy, Stephanie Houser, Jessica Yarbro, middle, TiAnna Whitaker, Casey Camp, Kristyn Funderburke, Angel Watson, Samantha Hamrick. Front, Coach Shelby Mosely, Lauren Gaffney, Kaycee Coleman, Mone't McClain, Coach Channon Vogell.

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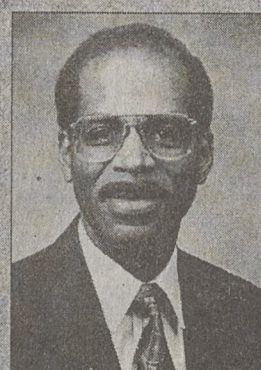
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