

Mounties fall to Foard

Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team got off to a fast start, but State power Fred T. Foard came from behind to hand the Mountaineers their first Southwestern Foothills Conference loss Tuesday night at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

KM won the first game of the best of five match 15-8, but the Tigers roared back for consecutive wins of 15-2, 15-11 and 15-11.

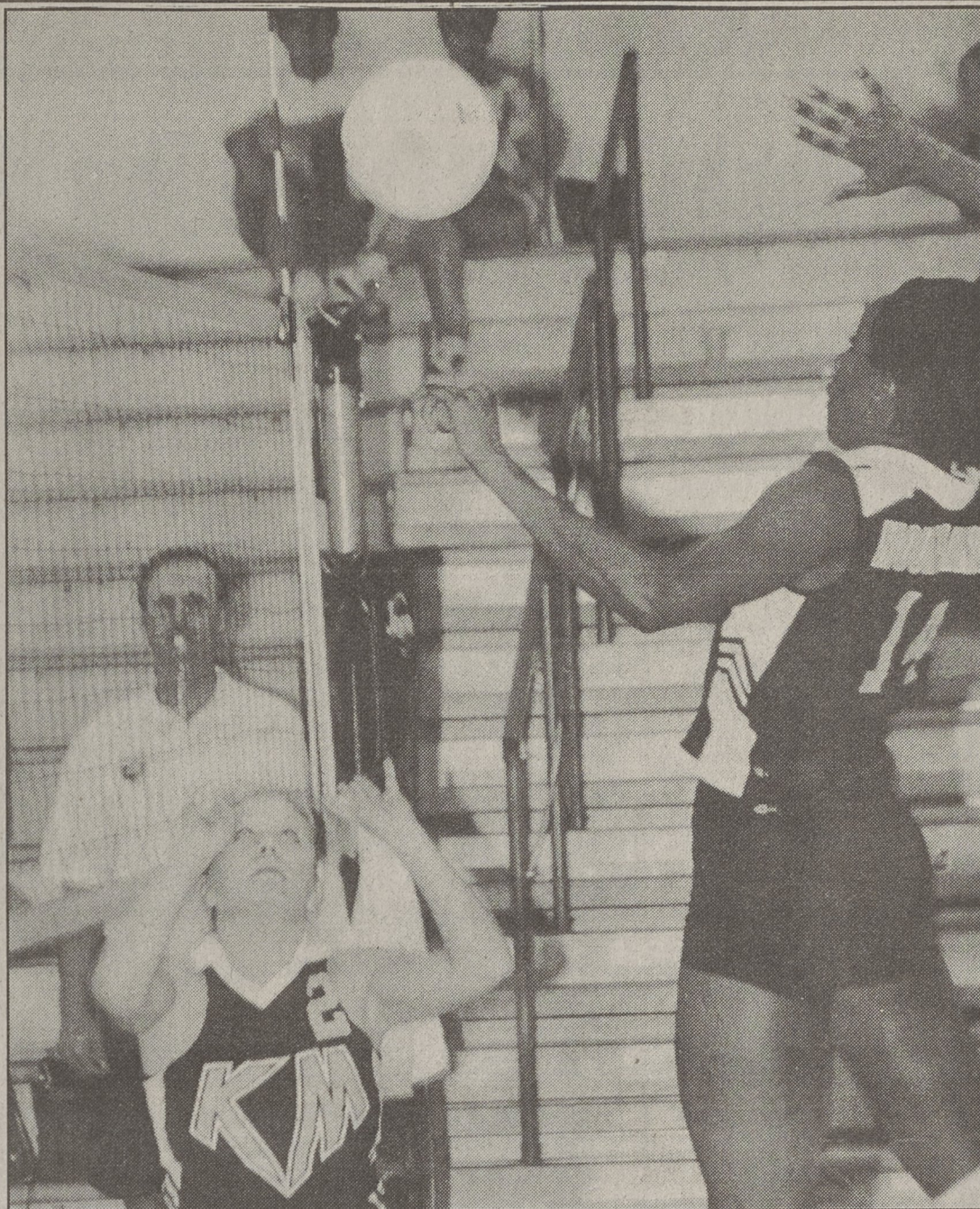
The loss dropped KM to 5-1 in the SWFH and 13-2 overall. Foard took over sole possession of first place with a 6-0 league mark.

Shonda Cole had another big game along the nets. She registered 23 kills and two blocks, and also had 11 digs and was 16-for-21 serving with 12 service points.

Alex Dawson had 12 kills and Danielle Gill contributed five kills, a block and three digs.

Blair Heffner and Courtney Osteen had 18 assists each. Heffner added 10 digs and was 13-for-15 serving with five service points, and Osteen had four digs and was 11-for-12 serving with two service points.

Lauren Horn had eight digs and was 24-for-24 serving with 13 service points.



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Courtney Osteen (2 in top photo) sets up Shonda Cole (14) for a kill and Pam Parker (13 in bottom photo) returns the serve for Kings Mountain in Thursday's volleyball match with Crest at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

KM spikers beat Crest, Myers Park

Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team recovered from a sluggish start to defeat Crest 15-10, 15-4, 15-10 in a Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference match Thursday night at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The victory improved the defending State champions' record to 5-0 in the SWFH heading into a game last night against perennial power Fred T. Foard.

Shonda Cole, last year's State Player of the Year, continued her excellent play along the nets with 26 kills and four blocks. She also contributed seven digs and was 12-for-15 serving with nine service points.

She had plenty of help up front and in the middle from several other players, including Alex Dawson, Pam Parker, Molly Hamrick and Danielle Gill.

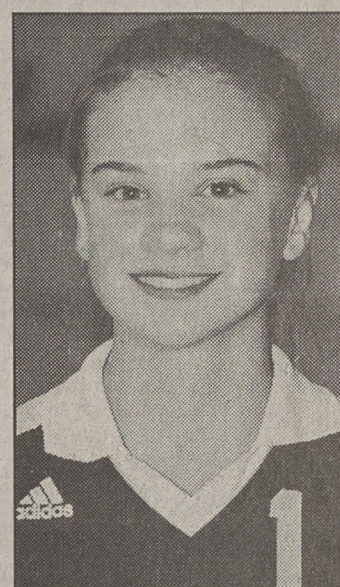
Parker had two kills and four blocks, and also contributed a game-high 11 digs. She was 13-for-14 serving with eight service points.

Dawson had eight kills and a block, Gill had five kills and five blocks, and Hamrick had four kills and two blocks.

Kings Mountain's setters, Blair Heffner, and Courtney Osteen, did a good job of setting up their teammates. Heffner recorded 24 assists and three digs, and was a perfect 19-for-19 serving with 14 service points.

Osteen added 10 assists and three digs and was 10-for-11 serving with six service points.

Jackie Jarvis contributed five digs and was 6-for-6 serving with two service points, and Lauren Horne had three digs and was 12-



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In a non-conference match on Saturday morning, the Lady Mountaineers defeated 4A Myers Park of Charlotte, 15-3, 15-5, 15-8 to run their overall record to 13-1.

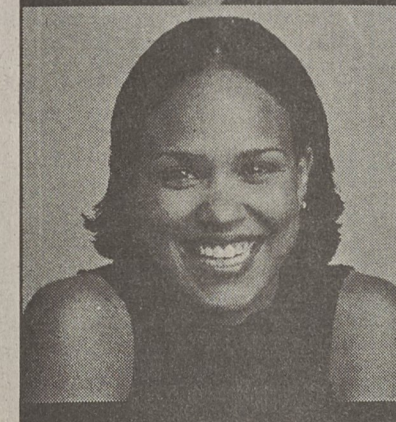
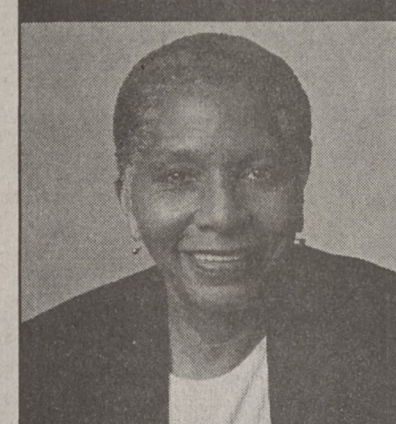
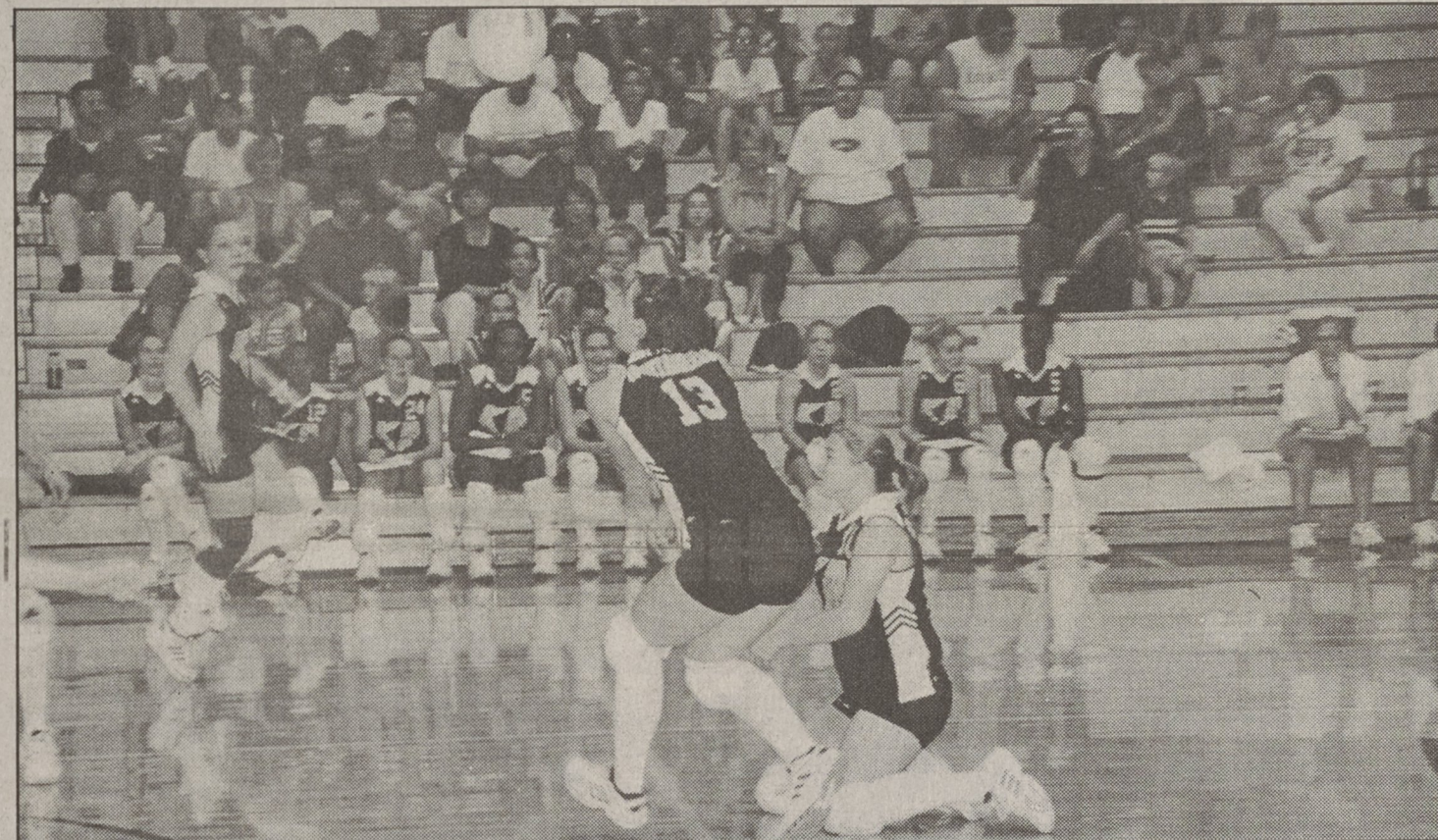
The Lady Mountaineers had one of their best efforts of the year. As a team, they were true on 68 of 69 serves.

Osteen was 23-for-23 serving with 18 service points, and Lauren Horne was 16-for-16 with 11 service points.

Cole had 18 kills, nine blocks and three digs and Parker had two kills, four blocks, five digs and was 9-for-9 serving with five service points.

Dawson had five kills and two digs, Teague two kills, one dig and one assists, and Gill one kill and one block.

Jarvis had seven digs and was 5-for-5 serving, and Heffner had four digs, seven assists and was 5-for-5 serving.



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