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Prep Standings

Southwestern Foothills		
Teams	Conf.	All
Burns	3-0	8-0
Crest	3-0	7-0
Hickory	2-1	6-2
S. Step.	2-2	3-6
K. Mtn.	2-2	2-6
F.T. Foard	0-4	1-7
RS Cent.	0-4	0-8

Last Week's Games

Crest 28, St. Stephens 0
Kings Mountain 24, R-S Central 7
Burns 49, Fred T. Foard 0
Hickory 17, Alexander Central 14

This Week's Games

St. Stephens at Kings Mountain
Hickory at Burns
Crest at Fred T. Foard
Mitchell County at R-S Central

Big South 3A

Teams	Conf.	All
S. Point	4-0	7-1
Ashbrook	3-1	4-4
E. Lincoln	2-1	5-3
H.Huss	1-2	3-4
Forestview	1-2	5-3
E. Gaston	1-2	4-4
N. Gaston	0-4	1-7

Last Week's Games

S. Point 33, Forestview 0
Ashbrook 41, Eat Gaston 14
Eat Lincoln 34, North Gaston 21

This Week's Games

E. Gaston at N. Gaston
Huss at East Lincoln
Ashbrook at Forestview

Southern Foothills 1A

Teams	Conf.	All
Maiden	2-0	6-2
B. City	2-0	4-4
Polk Co.	1-1	1-6
Hen'ville	1-1	4-4
C'ville	0-2	0-8
Highland	0-2	1-7

Friday's Games

Bessemer City 45, Polk County 23
Maiden 49, Cherryville 0
Hendersonville 27, Madison 14
Highland 20, Westminster-Catawba 13

This Week's Games

Bessemer City at Maiden
Cherryville at Hendersonville
Highland at Polk County

KM opens playoffs with win over East

Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team opened defense of its State 3A championship Tuesday night with a 15-8, 15-10, 15-3 victory over East Gaston at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The Lady Mountaineers advance to a second round game tonight at 6 o'clock at R-S Central, a team they defeated twice during the regular season. Kings Mountain, which finished second to Fred T. Foard in the Southwestern Foothills 3A, carries a 20-3 overall record into the match.

R-S Central, which finished third in the SWFH, advanced with a victory over Mountain Athletic Conference champion North Buncombe.

The winner of tonight's game will advance to a third round game Saturday. The likely opponent is Fred T. Foard. The Western Regionals Championship game is next Tuesday.

The big difference Tuesday against East

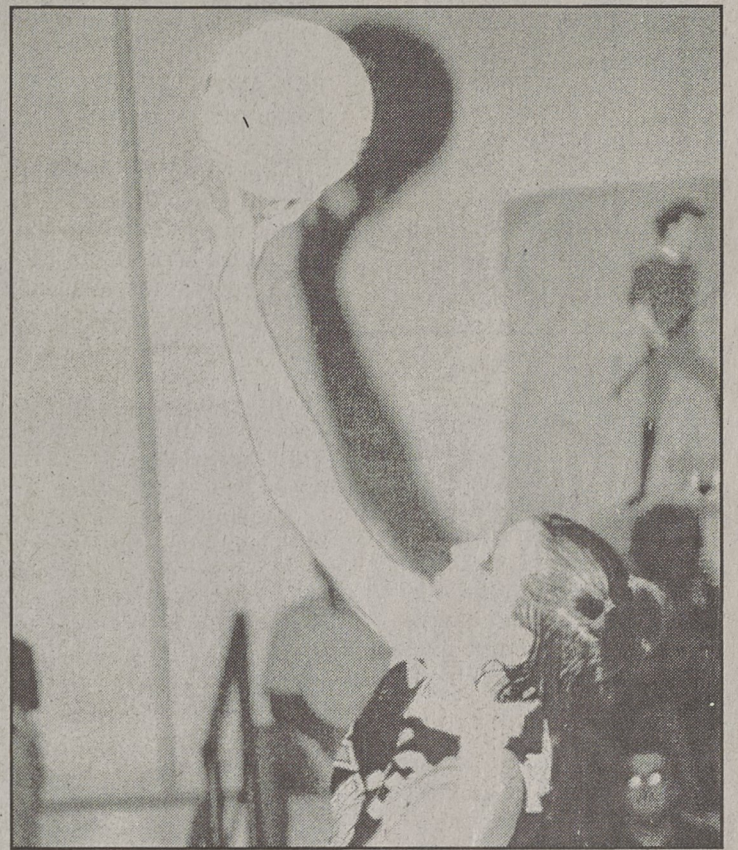
Gaston, the #2 team from the Big South 3A, was Kings Mountain's strength along the front line, and some outstanding passing and setting.

Shonda Cole had her usual outstanding game along the nets with 10 kills and four blocks, but she got plenty of help from Alex Dawson who had 10 kills. Danielle Gill and Pam Parker contributed three blocks apiece, and LaRonda McClain had one.

Setters Courtney Osteen and Blair Heffner had six and five assists, respectively. Osteen was 18-for-18 serving with 13 service points, and Heffner had five digs and was 7-for-7 serving with four service points.

Lauren Horne had seven digs and an assist, and was perfect on 14 serves with 11 service points. Jackie Jarvis added three digs and was 6-for-6 serving with four service points.

Cole had five service points, Parker four and Ashley McDaniel two.



GARY STEWART / HERALD
Pam Parker goes tips a ball back over the net in volleyball game with Fred T. Foard at KMHS gym.

Foard claims crown

Kings Mountain jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead but Fred T. Foard's Lady Tigers came roaring back for a 15-5, 15-4, 15-2 victory to claim the Southwestern Foothills Conference regular season volleyball championship Thursday evening at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The victory left Foard with a perfect 12-0 conference mark. The Lady Tigers shared the SWFH title with Kings Mountain last year, but the Lady Mountaineers defeated them in the third round of the State 3A playoffs and went on to win the State championship.

This time, though, the Lady Tigers rebounded from that early deficit to score eight straight points and went on to dominate the best-of-five match.

Kings Mountain finished 10-2 in the conference. The Lady Mountaineers, 19-3 overall, were scheduled to host East Gaston, the #2 seed from the Big South Conference, last night in the opening round of the State playoffs.

If Kings Mountain and Foard both win their first two playoff matches, they would meet again in the third round on October 26 at Foard. The Western

See Foard, 3B

Indians here Friday for home finale

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

The Southwestern Foothills Conference #4 playoff seed will likely be on the line Friday when Kings Mountain's Mountaineers host St. Stephens in their final home game.

The game has been designated as Senior Night. All senior players and their parents will be recognized.

The Mountaineers carry a 2-2 conference and 2-6 overall mark into the game while St. Stephens comes in at 2-2 and 3-6. They are tied for fourth place behind unbeaten Burns and Crest (both 3-0) and Hickory (2-1).

On paper, the Mountaineers are favored but as Coach Dave Farquharson's charges found out last year in Hickory, games aren't won on paper. The underdog Indians took advantage of five turnovers and numerous mental mistakes by the Mounties to post a 20-13 upset.

Coach John Jarman lost most of the players off that team, including SWFH player of the year Thomas Gordon at fullback. But one of the few starters that returned, quarterback Shane Matthews, is one of the best all-around athletes in the conference. He threw for over 1,000 yards last year and has been consistently over 100 yards per game this year.

See Indians, 2B

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