

Mounties sweep Chargers, host R-SC Friday

After two tough post-holiday games on the road, Kings Mountain High's basketball teams will be happy to get back into the friendly confines of Donald L. Parker Gymnasium for a spell.

Although it wasn't easy, the Mountaineers managed to sweep Crest Tuesday night in Boiling Springs - with the girls winning 49-43 and the boys 53-46 - after splitting with Burns last Friday in Lawndale.

Kings Mountain girls carry a 2-1 Southwestern Foothills and 7-5 overall mark into Friday's home game with R-S Central. The boys are 2-1 in the SWFH and 10-2 overall, but Coach Danny McDowell has not been pleased with the way his team has performed since Christmas.

Kings Mountain remains at home next Tuesday to face St. Stephens before closing out their first round of conference play on January 17 at Hickory. Both Hickory teams are the pre-season choice to win the SWFH.

Kings Mountain's girls came from behind in the fourth quarter to post their

second straight victory Tuesday night at Crest. The Lady Chargers led most of the first three periods, holding advantages of 15-12 at the first quarter break, 27-22 at intermission and 35-30 going into the fourth quarter.

But several of the KM ladies saved some of their best basketball for the last quarter. Brittany Dee scored five of her seven points, including a 3-point field goal, in the final eight minutes. Shonda Cole, who led the Mountaineers with 21 points, was drawing double- and triple-teaming from the Crest defense, but Candace Springs scored five of her 11 points and Danielle Gill hit six of her eight in the final chapter.

"The girls really wanted to win this game," said KM Coach Kevin Moss. "They played hard the entire game and just took over in the fourth quarter."

In addition to her 21 points, Cole grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked five shots.

Guard Chasidy Petty scored 20 points, and forward Shahiddah Petty added 11 for the Lady Chargers.

Kings Mountain's boys led most of the game but the Mountaineers could never pull away from the Chargers, who have won only one game in 12 starts this year.

KM led 16-8 at the quarter break, 23-21 at halftime, and 37-36 going into the fourth quarter.

Crest was forced to foul in the final minute of the game, and the Mountaineers clinched the win at the foul line.

Dominique Odems led the Mountaineers with 15 points and Deshaun Young added 12. Gene Proctor led Crest with 14 and Travis Lee added 10.

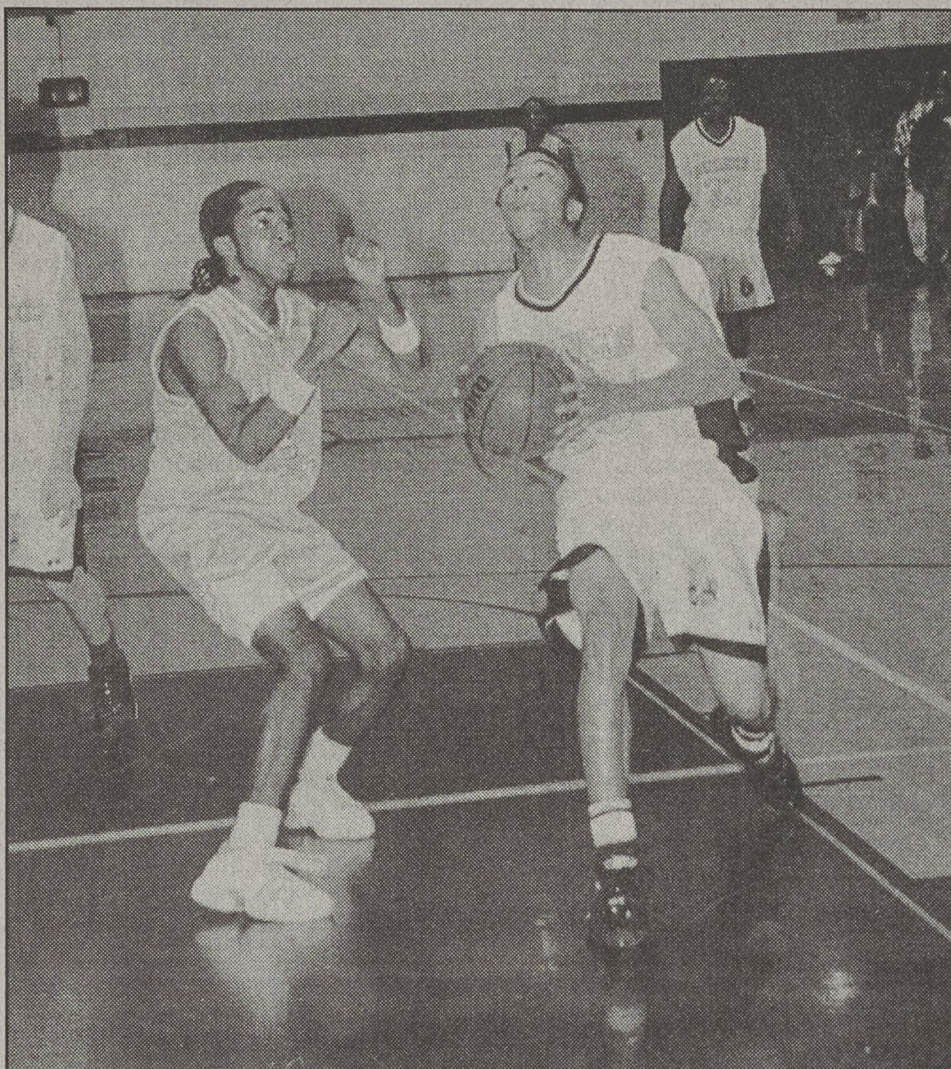
BOYS GAME

KM (53) - Odems 15, Young 12, C. Smith 8, Houze 4, Crosby 4, D. Smith 4, Byrd 4, Johnson 2.

Crest (46) - Proctor 14, Lee 10, Tom s8, Roberts 7, Spikes 5, S. Smith 2.

GIRLS GAME

KM (49) - Gill 8, Springs 11, Cole 21, Lappe 2, Dee 7. Crest (43) - Charles 2, C. Petty 20, Maddox 8, Smith 2, S. Petty 11.



GARY STEWART / HERALD
Derrick Smith (20) drives the lane for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers. The Mountaineers return home Friday night for a Southwestern Foothills Conference game with R-S Central.

Girls win, boys lose Friday night at Burns

Shonda Cole scored off an inbound pass with two seconds left to give Kings Mountain's girls a 50-48 victory over Burns in a Southwestern Foothills Conference game Friday night in Lawndale.

Kings Mountain's boys had their nine-game winning streak snapped in the nightcap, 66-42.

The Lady Bulldogs came from seven points down in the final minute to tie the game at 48-all with six seconds left. A 3-pointer by Markita Lee brought the Bulldogs to within two points, and Tierra Smith's layup tied the game.

After Cole's shot put the Lady Mountaineers ahead, Burns hurried the ball down court but missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Lady Mountaineers built a 30-17 lead in the first half, but Burns took advantage of free throw opportunities to stay in the game. Burns outscored the Mounties 14-4 in the third period to trail by only 34-31 going into the final eight minutes.

For the game, the Lady Bulldogs hit 13 of 20 free throws and KM was only 5-for-6, including 4-of-5 in the fourth quarter.

Candace Spring's 21 points led the Mountaineers, who improved to 1-1 in the SWFH and 6-5 overall. Cole was the only other double-digit scorer with 14. Tierra Smith had 14 for Burns, which fell to 0-1 in the SWFH and 2-8 overall.

"This was a hundred percent team win," said Coach Kevin Moss of the Mountaineers. "Every player on the team played a big part in this win. Hopefully we can get back on a winning streak. We need to play more consistent in order to make a playoff run. Going back and forth winning and losing will not make the playoffs."

Poor shooting and heavy legs plagued the Mountaineers all night long in the nightcap, and Burns handed them one of their toughest losses in the past two seasons.

The Bulldogs grabbed the lead and never let up in winning their first conference game and dropping the Mounties to 1-1 in the SWFH and 9-2 overall. Burns led 19-13 after the first quarter, 35-24 at the half and 47-35 going into the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain managed to cut the margin to 10 points one time in the fourth quarter, but couldn't get any closer.

Big Chris Gash led the way for Eddy Taylor's Bulldogs with 20 points, including his 1,000th career point. Josh Briscoe added 13.

Guards Dashawn Young and Derrick Smith led the Mountaineers with 11 points each, but not a single reserve scored for the Mountaineers who had been getting balanced scoring from all of its players.

The Mountaineers managed only 29 percent shooting from the foul line, 29 percent from 2-point range and 19 percent for 3-point range.

"We were a step slow all night," said Coach Danny McDowell. "We made them look like All-Americans. We had no legs. I knew we'd be rusty, but not that bad. We've just got to reload and get back to doing the things we need to do to be successful."

BOYS GAME

KM (42) - Young 11, D. Smith 11, Odems 9, C. Smith 5, Byrd 6. Burns (66) - Gash 20, Briscoe 13, Izokovic 10, Auten 6, Goolsby 4, Bridges 4, Clark 4, Goss 3, Alcide 3.

GIRLS GAME

KM (50) - Springs 21, Cole 14, Gill 6, Dee 5, Jarvis 2, Bell 2. Burns (48) - Lee 14, Smith 14, Lewis 8, Hemphill 3, Hawthorne 3, McKissick 3.

Coaching changes in making

With the holidays over we should be hearing soon about new coaching appointments in the high school football ranks.

A number of head coaching positions became vacant after the recently-completed season.

Two of the higher-profile jobs are in Gaffney, SC and Hickory.

Gaffney's long-time head coach Joe Montgomery resigned after his third straight losing season.

According to recent reports in the Gaffney Ledger, some of South Carolina's top coaches showed interest in the job but many of them have taken their names out of consideration.

Montgomery's replacement could be named later this week.

Montgomery had come under heavy fire from some school administrators last year and waited until the final day before South Carolina's deadline to sign his 2002-03 contract.

Hickory's longtime head coach, David Elder, either resigned from his duties or was fired, according to whom you want to believe.

According to a Hickory newspaper, Elder, who averaged nine wins a year and won a State championship during his tenure, and who last week posted his 400th victory as the Red Tornadoes' girls basketball coach, says he was fired. The Hickory principal says he resigned.

Elder admitted that in a discussion with the principal two years ago he said he intended to get out of football in a few years. The principal apparently took the word "few" to mean "two" and after the season announced Elder's resignation and appointed assistant coach John Worley as head coach.

An interesting twist to this story is that the action came after the Hickory branch of the NAACP reportedly wrote the principal a letter. A spokesman for the NAACP told the Hickory newspaper that it wrote a letter to the principal but it didn't contain any reference to the athletic program.

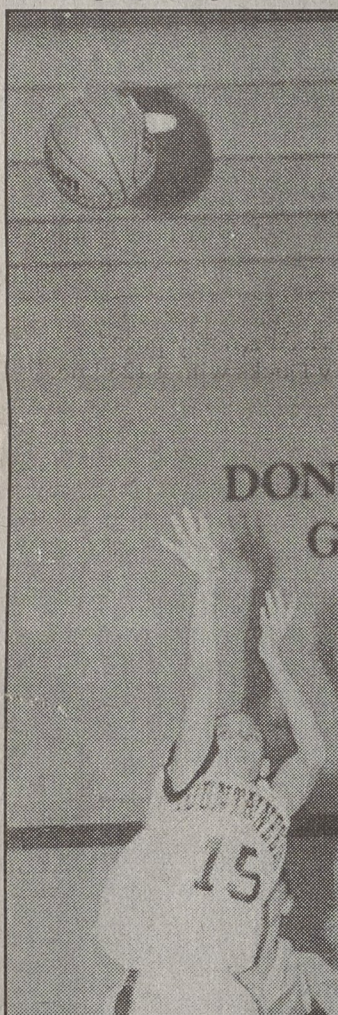
Two other Catawba County schools - Fred T. Foard and St. Stephens - are also looking for head football coaches. Jon Jarman resigned as coach at St. Stephens after three years on the job, and Charlie Lloyd was fired after his second straight losing season at Foard. As of this writing neither of those vacancies has been filled.

Fred Davis, who developed quite a rivalry with nearby Crest over the past several seasons, resigned as Anson County's coach to focus on being a full-time athletic director. The head jobs are also open at Parkwood, Sun Valley and Asheville Erwin.

The rumor mill has it that Mike Carter is retiring after several successful years at Mooresville. If so he'll be sorely missed by the Blue Devil faithful because he turned that program into one of the best in North Carolina.



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Gabby Petty fires a short range jumper for Kings Mountain High's girls basketball team.

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WINTER 2003 Bible Study Schedule

This winter there will be twelve opportunities to learn and grow in the Lord.

Bible Study	Day & Time	Start Date	Teacher
Jesus on Leadership	Sun. 5:30 PM	Feb. 2nd	Kyle Sheppard
Crown Ministries	Sun. 5:00 PM	Feb. 2nd (12 wk)	Nile & Cynthia Wilson
Crown Ministries	Wed. 6:00 PM	Feb. 5th (12 wk)	Don & Sherry Sellers
Precept Study (Joseph)	Sun. 10:30 AM (Sunday School)	Feb. 2nd	Michael Ware
Beginning Steps (New Believers)	Sun. 10:30 AM (Sunday School)	Feb. 2nd (6-8 wk)	Rusty Bridges
Called and Accountable	Wed. 6:00 p.m.	Feb. 19th	Mark Toney
"Follow Me" Prayer Walk	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Feb. 4th	Katie Gray & Buffy Gray
True Love Waits (YOUTH)	Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Jan. 29th (5 wk)	Jarius & Jennifer Laughter
(Precept Study) Morning Study for Ladies 1 Year Study	Tuesday 9:00-11:00 A.M.	Jan. 7th-May 6th	Ashley Sullens
First Place (Beginners)	Wed. 6 P.M.	Feb. 5th	Audrey Toney
First Place (Repeaters)	Wed. 6 P.M.	Feb. 5th	Judy Walker
Experiencing God as Couples	Sunday 5:00 P.M.	Feb. 2nd	Vince & Ashley Sullens

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION DATES: Sunday, Jan 19th & Jan 26th at 3:30 p.m.
Location: Christian Freedom Baptist Fellowship Building.
 All studies will be small group, classes will fill up quickly.
 An orientation for each study will be held on these dates, to introduce you to the studies.
Registration will immediately follow orientation. Here you will be able to sign up for the study the Lord has led you, through prayer, to take. At this time, you will pay for the materials needed for the study. If you have any questions concerning the studies contact Vince & Ashley Sullens. 704-734-0964

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County Club holds New Year's tourney

Stoney Jackson, Sylvia Neisler, Toney Wells and Mike Deninger combined for a 15-under-par 57 to win the New Year's Day Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

John Gamble, Rich Sari, Jim Champion and Jerry Ross finished second with a 58. Gerald Putnam, Pat Frazier, Ken Cloninger and Tony West finished third with a 59.

Closest to the pin winners on par 3 holes were Dennis Hicks, Sylvia Neisler, and Gerald Putnam.

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