

SPORTS

Mounties let one get away against C-Day

Like the fisherman that came home with a boat full of fish but couldn't land the big one, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers let one get away in their non-conference game with Charlotte Country Day Wednesday night at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

The Mountaineers led most of the game, but Country Day took advantage of some fourth quarter injuries and missed opportunities by the home team to post a 71-68 victory.

The Mountaineers, who lost their second straight game, also lost two of their players off an already-thin roster. Darrick Marable seriously injured his arm and will probably miss the rest of the season, and Brandon McClain suffered a concussion and had to leave the game.

"We were already in foul trouble and that just threw us for a loop," noted KM Coach Danny McDowell. "We basically played the rest of the game with five players and let them back into the game."

After a 20-20 first quarter tie, the Mountaineers built a 42-32 halftime lead and 61-51 lead going into the fourth period.

But Country Day's Ryan Daly, who finished with 39 points, shot the lights out in the fourth quarter. Kings Mountain still held the lead with just over a minute to play but missed some key

free throws and had some turnovers, and were then forced into a fouling situation themselves.

Antonio Feaster scored 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and David McClish added 11 points for the Mountaineers. McClish and D.J. Byrd each grabbed seven rebounds and Darik Gary and Xavier Whittenburg had six and three assists, respectively. Joel Guyton came off the bench to play a good all-around game.

Except for the final score, Kings Mountain had a good night overall, hitting 47 percent of its field goal attempts and 63 percent from the foul line.

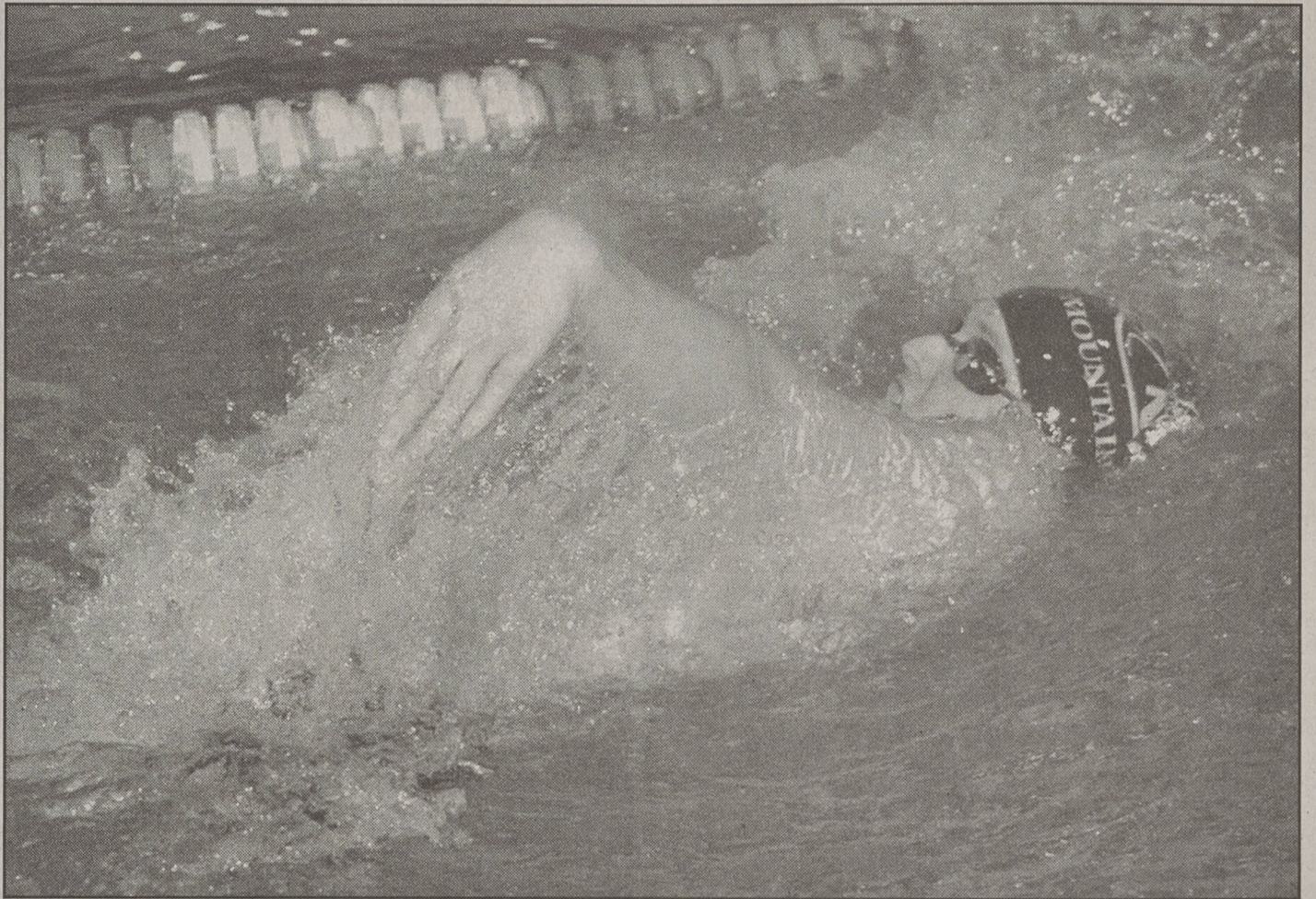
"We just didn't have enough leadership to hold on after the game got tight," McDowell said. "The kids played hard. It wasn't a lack of effort. We just made some mental mistakes down the stretch and you can't do that against a good team."

"We don't have the luxury of taking a night off," he added. "We have to click on all cylinders every single time. We don't have a superstar that we can ride his back. We have to do it by committee."

■ In girls action, Country Day built a 31-12 halftime lead and rolled to a 53-35 victory. Angel Smith led the Lady Mountaineers with 13 points.

(Boxscores on 7A)

DIFFERENT STROKES



GARY STEWART / HERALD
Defending State Champion Michael Allen helps lead Kings Mountain to victory in Wednesday's swim meet with Crest, R-S Central and Highland Tech at KM's Neisler Natatorium. Below, Melissa Franks competes in the women's 200 IM.

Mountaineer swimmers sweep Wednesday meet

Kings Mountain High's swim teams swept R-S Central, Crest and Highland in a meet Wednesday at Neisler Natatorium.

The KM girls won with 138 points, followed by R-S Central with 92, Highland 16 and Crest 4.

The Mountaineers won with 124 points, followed by Crest 88, RS 55 and Highland 12.

Boys results:

200 medley relay - KM first 1:52.56.

200 free - James Gladden first 1:55.69.

200 IM - Michael Allen first 2:06.86.

50 free - Michael Sabetti first 24.39, James Gladden second 25.10, Thomas Miller third 25.27, John Witherspoon 8th 28.73.

Diving - Alex Childers first 143.2, Dustin Calvert second 138.65, Steven Welsh third 101.1.

100 fly - Michael Allen first 58.06, Michael Sabetti third 1:00.04.

100 free - Thomas Miller second 57.82, Kyle Murphy fourth 1:01.20, Joseph Maner seventh 1:05.52.

500 free - Travis McDaniel second 5:49.22.

200 free relay - KM A



first 1:37.12, KM B fourth 4:08.45.

100 back - Travis McDaniel second 1:07.74, John Witherspoon fifth 1:20.21.

100 breast - Kyle Murphy second 1:18.59.

40 free relay - KM A first

Dominique Jager fourth 2:30.71.

200 IM - Taylor Rippy first 2:37.14, Melissa Franks third 2:56.40.

50 free - Jessica Yarbro second 27.81, Kelly Peeler fourth 29.32, Kelly Flynn fifth 29.81, Kara Fujita sixth 30.10, Maggie Hall 11th 31.58, Kelsey Harvey 13th 32.75.

100 fly - Phaedra Mangan second 1:17.95, Michelle Jones third 1:19.33, Kelly Flynn fourth 1:22.05.

100 free - Jessica Yarbro first 1:02.59, Kelly Peeler third 1:03.56, Lauren Hudachko fourth 1:05.57.

500 free - Taylor Rippy first 6:10.88, Katelyn Latham third 6:22.62, Lacey Beam fourth 7:33.62.

200 free relay - KM A second 1:57.99.

100 back - Dominique Jager second 1:15.58, Phaedra Mangan third 1:16.62, Maggie Hall fifth 1:17.43.

100 breast - Lorrin Plyler second 1:13.45, Melissa Franks fourth 1:28.95, Lauren Hudachko fifth 1:29.56.

400 relay - KM A first 4:21.17, KM B second 4:45.85.

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