

Kings Mountain's Ashton Withers goes for a kill in last week's volleyball match with arch rival Shelby at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium. (Photos by Gary Smart)



Kings Mountain's Shaniya Portee keeps the ball in play for the Lady Mountaineers in last week's 3-2 victory over North Gaston.

## Déjà vu

## Draughn hands Mountaineer spikers third loss in three seasons in SMAC

As Yogi Berra would say, it was like Déjà vu all over again.

Kings Mountain High's women's volleyball team has lost only three conference games since joining the South Mountain Athletic 2A/3A Conference in 2013.

All three have been to Draughn High School.

The Lady Mountaineers saw the host Lady Wildcats come back from an early 2-1 deficit to post that third victory, 19-25, 25-18, 14-25, 25-22, 15-10 Wednesday in Valdese.

Draughn improved to 4-0 in the SMAC and shares the early season lead with its closest rival, East Burke, which is located just across I-40 in Icard. Kings Mountain fell to 2-1 in the SMAC and 3-1 overall heading into a game with Cleveland County rival Crest Monday at Parker Gym.

Kings Mountain fell behind early in the first set before Draughn grabbed the lead late and held on to win.

With the match tied at 1-all, the Lady Mountaineers closed out the third set with a 16-5 run to win by 25-14.

But Draughn wasn't to be outdone on its home floor. The Lady Cats led all the way in set four to tie the match at 2-all and fought from behind four times to finally grab a 10-9 lead and hold off the Lady Mountaineers in the deciding fifth game.



Kings Mountain's Sara Pasour sets up a teammate for a point in last week's volleyball game with Shelby at the KMHS gym.

## KM 3, SHELBY O

The Lady Mountaineers won their second straight conference game last week against Shelby 25-19, 25-14, 25-11 at Parker Gym.

Ka'Myiah Pressley recorded 10 kills. Leeasia Rhodes added five and Shaniya Portee four.

Sara Pasour had 23 assists. Ashton Withers had 14 aces and four digs, and Gretchen Boyles had six digs.

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The KM ladies went out

of the conference on Tuesday and came from behind to edge a good North Gaston team 25-18, 21-25, 21-25, 25-21, 15-11 at Parker Gym.

Portee had 10 kills, and Rhodes and Withers had nine apiece.

Pasour dished out 34 assists and had 26 digs. Boyles had 22 digs, Rhodes 19 and Withers 14.

Boyles and Pressley each had five aces and Pressley added three blocks.





Kings Mountain's Leeasia Rhodes bumps a serve in last week's non-conference match with North Gaston at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

