

KINGS MOUNTAIN HIGH GIRLS IN ACTION AGAINST CHERRYVILLE

ABA To Draft Under Classmen

The American Basketball Association has managed to "leak" word to the press that it plans to draft underclassmen this year.

The ABA always managed to "leak" something to reporters. Last year about this time an ABA official took a Charlotte reporter by the nose and led him to a motel room, where by coincidence they found league President Jack Dolph's briefcase open and contracts signed by Howard Porter and Jim McDaniels. The reporter huffed and puffed and wrote a copyrighted story about his discovery.

So here we go again. The ABA will sign underclassmen. The game of basketball in the Atlantic Coast Conference will suffer.

Without question, some pro team will attempt to sign Robert McAdoo of UNC and Tom McMillen of Maryland. Virginia's Barry Parkhill and NC State's Tommy Burleson and David Thompson will also be prime prospects.

It's hard to fault a college kid, who has the ability to put a round ball in a round hoop, for signing for huge sums of money. After all, a merger might soon come and the money won't be there. Putting it simply, if someone offered you a million dollars, would you decline in interest of pursuing an education?

Of course not and most of these college basketball players won't, either.

But now we must ask, where it is going to end? It's doubtful that the professional team could continue to spend millions on untested talent. And sooner or later, the pros are going to reach the saturation point. You can't continue to give rookies no-cut contracts and have room for more players.

For a lot of reasons, I don't like the idea of professional teams raiding the colleges like a bunch of pirates. It's going to continue, however, until a merger comes and the fans had might as well get used to it.

U.S. Sen. Sam Ervin has a point when he says a young man ought to be able to make money for his talents, if he so desires. Some coaches, North Carolina's Dean Smith and Marquette's Al McGuire, seem to agree with Sen. Ervin.

McGuire will no doubt lose his awesome junior center Jim Chones to the draft. He

knows it, accepts it, and feels that Chones should take the big pay day.

"When someone offers a kid hundreds of thousands of dollars to sign a basketball contract," McGuire says, "you can't in good conscience tell the boy not to sign. They can become financially secure for life. I'll help Chones get the best deal available at the end of this year and will encourage him to come back to school in the off-season to get his degree."

Smith also knows that McAdoo, also a junior, looks very good to the pros. Like McGuire, Smith will help McAdoo get the best deal available.

In North Carolina, the Carolina Cougars find themselves in an impossible situation. They would like to have McAdoo. If the Cougars don't take the Tar Heel junior, another team will.

But the Cougars have a relatively small following in this state, and UNC has an army of loyalists. A lot of people are going to be angry if the Cougars take McAdoo FROM Chapel Hill.

That, in my opinion, is unfortunate. McAdoo is going in the draft. That's a fact. His home is Greensboro. He attends school at the state university. Why shouldn't he have a chance to play professional basketball at home, where he most likely would like to be?

The ABA, struggling to keep alive, is in a mess. But the Carolina Cougars shouldn't be penalized more than other teams. If they have the long green, they should get Robert McAdoo's name on a contract.

Maryland's Lefty Driesell took a movie camera and a film home with him the other night. He knew the ending in advance and wasn't expecting to enjoy it.

I was the film of North Carolina's 92-72 victory over Lefty's Terps.

"You know something," Lefty said. "We didn't play a bad game. They blitzed us for three minutes in the first half and for two minutes in the second. Except for that, I thought we played very well."

Writers love to point out the feud that exists between Lefty and UNC's Dean Smith. But Lefty is quick to heap praises on the Tar Heels.

"They're great teams," Lefty says. "It's very hard

to get them out of their game plan because their players have such great poise."

Monte Towe, the stubby little guard of the North Carolina State freshman team, was touted for college ball by Dick Dickey, one-time Wolfpack All-American. Dickey predicted all along that Towe could make it as a collegian despite his 5-7, 140-pound build. Towe now looks like he has the potential of a varsity playmaker with a freshman team which has won 10 of 11 games.

Cincinnati's Pete Rose, who paid a visit to the Carolinas, said that he agrees completely with Roberto Clemente of the Pirates on the turf at Baltimore Stadium, which the Colts share with the Orioles. Grumbled Rose: "There is no way for a visiting outfielder to do any good there. Playing bounces on that field is like trying to catch flying goldfish. The turf is awful."

Brian Adrian, who was picked as a future "superstar" of offensive basketball when he entered Davidson College three years ago, seems to have lost interest in the game completely. He isn't making a great effort to get a knee back into proper shape after surgery last summer. He's all but written off the remaining year of what was once a promising college career.

Gary Cooper gets reams of publicity for being the strong, silent type in Hollywood. Far more, in fact, than had he tried to read lines. Duane Thomas has made more headlines by refusing to speak than he would if he had employed Flip Wilson's comedy writers.

KM Cagers To Close Season Facing R-S Central, Chase

Kings Mountain's Cagers close out regular season play with games at R-S Central Friday and here against Chase Tuesday.

The Mountaineers, who have won five loop games this year to qualify for the conference tournament, dropped both of its games last week while the Mountaineers won one and lost one.

Both local squads were defeated last Tuesday at Burns. The girls lost 41-36 to drop into a tie for second place with the Burns girls. The boys fell apart in the fourth period after leading the entire game and lost 60-55.

In Friday's home twinbill with Cherryville, the girls got a 20-point performance from Debra Crockett and won 52-41 while the boys fell 3 points short, 59-56.

The Mountaineers were in command all the way, leading by 24-19 at halftime. They gradually pulled away in the second half behind the scoring of Crockett and Carolyn Mitchell, who added 12 points. June Gaston was high for Cherryville with 15.

The Mountaineers stayed on the Ironmen's heels in the nightcap but Coach Allen Dixon's charges didn't have enough in them to pull out

the victory. Cherryville led by only two points, 30-28, at halftime.

Jimmy Graves scored 19 points for Cherryville and Dennis Tate added 17. Mike Thombs scored 17 and Wendell Dawkins 10 for the Mountaineers.

The two KM clubs were scheduled to play in Shelby last night. The conference's top eight teams in both the boys and girls divisions will participate in the league tournament at Burns beginning Feb. 24.

GIRLS GAME

KM-- (52) Crockett 20, Cornwell 4, Mitchem 12, Cash 3, Lovelace 3, Lee 4, Ledford 2, Henderson 2, Hambricht 1.

Cherryville (41)-- Gaston 15, Giles 11, Dellinger 9, Hope 2, Farris 1, Banks 1, Brown 2.

BOYS GAMES

KM (56) -- Dawkins 10, Crocker 6, Brown 3, Thombs 17, White 6, Wingo 6, Blacklock 6, Hedden 2.

Cherryville (59) -- Tate 17, Giles 8, Graves 19, Allen 12, R. Graves 5.

KM JV's vs. Shelby

Monday

KM Girls 34

Shelby 42

KM Boys 72

Shelby 69

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

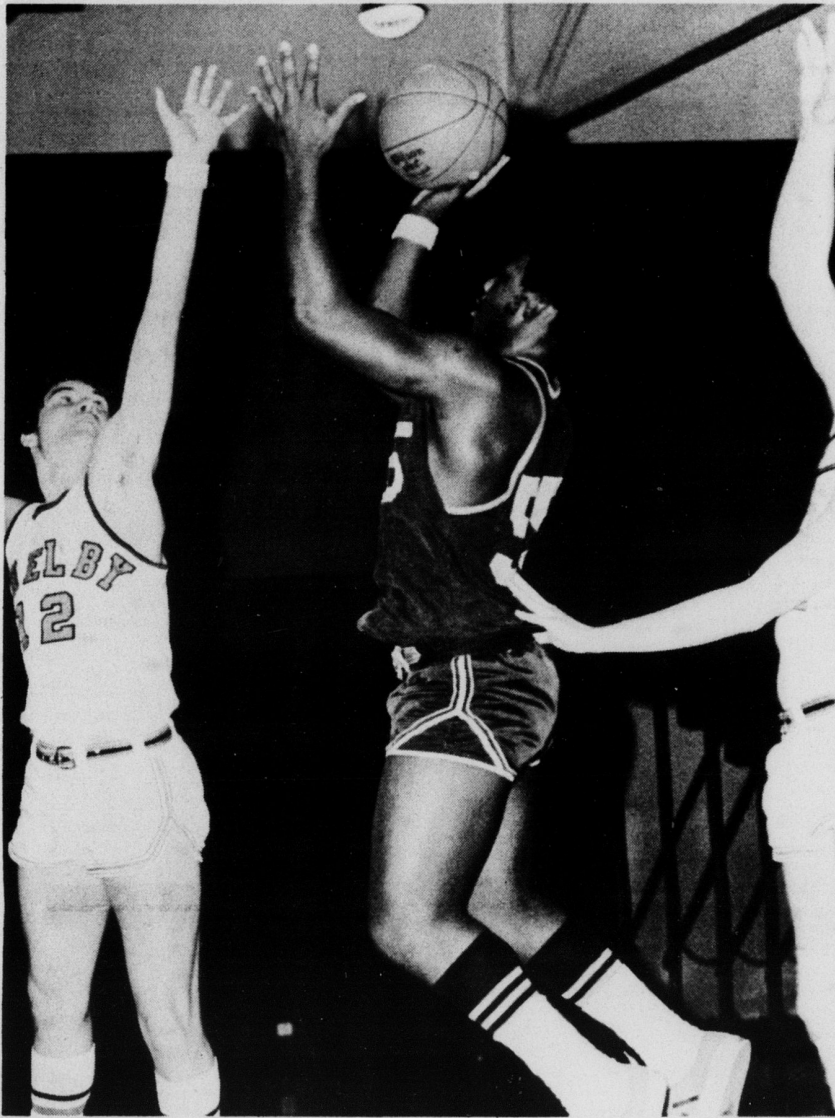
1. Who is Jeannie Evert?
2. Who is Chris Evert?
3. What player was picked 1st in the pro football draft?
4. For whom will Pat Sullivan play?
5. When does the American League begin play?

Answers to Sports Quiz

1. Fourteen-year-old tennis amateur from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
2. Older-sister tennis star.
3. Walt Pulaski of Notre Dame.
4. The Atlanta Falcons.
5. April 5th (California vs. Minnesota).

SHOE SIZES

Shoe sizes are determined in numbers for length and in letters for width. The difference between each numbered size is minute--only one-sixth to one-eighth inch, but it can seem mountainous when it comes to correct fit.




Carl Roseboro, 55, puts up a shot against Shelby Mon. Night

WHO KNOWS?

1. Define "quo warranto."
2. What is quartz?
3. For what is Elizabeth Kenny best remembered?
4. Name the capital of Kansas.
5. How do you determine one board foot?
6. When did James Oglethorpe land on the Georgia coast?
7. Name the U.S. President born on February 12th.
8. What are lichens?

Answers to Who Knows

1. Latin phrase meaning "what authority."
2. A common mineral found in many rocks which resembles broken glass.
3. For her new method of treating infantile paralysis.
4. Topeka.
5. One board foot is a board 1 foot long by 1 foot wide by 1 inch thick.
6. February 12, 1733.
7. Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1809.
8. Flowerless plants that grow on bare rocks, tree stumps and in waste places.



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