

# Mirror sports

## Mounties Win, Girls Lose In Overtime Blalock Cracks School Point Marks



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### Smith Finishes 12th

### In Permatex 270 Run

Short cuts from the world of sports:  
Gardner-Webb College is looking for an assistant football coach to replace Richard May, who has joined the staff at Tennessee Tech...UNC-Charlotte is looking for a bid to the NCAA basketball tournament. The 49ers were 17-4 at the time of this writing...

Some ABA coaches are looking seriously at N.C. State's mighty mite, Monte Towe. They figure he'd be good at shooting three-point field goals...Kings Mountain's George Adams of the San Diego Q's seems to play his best against Indiana. George had a super game earlier in the year against the Pacers' hot-shot, George McGinnis, and Adams pumped in 17 points in a game last week against the Indiana club...

One wonders just how long it will take the major colleges to try to lure basketball coach Eddie Holbrook away from Gardner-Webb. Heading into this season, the Bulldogs had a 211-49 record under Holbrook and Eddie's averaging over 23 victories a season. Assistant coach Ron Hooper has this to say about Holbrook: "One thing that sets him apart is that he has established his own personal philosophy of life and his basketball philosophy, neither of which for him is separable from the other. Moreover, he does not stray from this philosophy and as a result he bears a tremendous influence on the people around him..."

Kings Mountain's Otis Cole had a good game Saturday at Greensboro against North Carolina, hitting 15 points, but his Florida State Seminoles lost a 104-85 decision. The loss probably eliminated any hopes FSU had for a post-season tournament bid as they had earlier in the week been blown off the court by Jacksonville...

Kings Mountain High will field a girls tennis team this spring and will compete in the Northwest-Southwest Conference. Ed Guy will coach the Mountaintettes, who open season's play at home on April 5 against McDowell...Freddie Smith had a great day at Daytona Saturday, finishing 12th in the tough Permatex 270 and pocketing \$625. He was driving a '71 Mercury...

### Smith Eyes ACC Tourney

Any persons wishing pictures of any of the recreation basketball league teams may obtain them by seeing Roy Pearson at the community center. The photos are 8 x 10 color prints and sell for three dollars...

WBTB will televise the semi-finals and finals of the ACC basketball tournament March 8 and 9. Jim Thacker will handle the play-by-play and Billy Packer will do the color...Speaking of the tourney, University of North Carolina coach Dean Smith says he has been gearing his team for the event since its first practice session last October. "The longer you think about something, or at least psychologists would say this, the longer you point for something, the better job you'll do at that time," Smith noted...

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Kings Mountain High cagers ended regular season play here Monday night on a happy and sad note.

It was a happy time for Mountaineer Butch Blalock who crashed a pair of school scoring records; but a sad note for the Mountaintettes when they fell short in a bid to upset East Gaston's girls. The EG girls tied South Point for the regular season title.

Blalock tallied 35 points to lead a 73-66 victory over the favored Warriors, plus hauled in 18 rebounds as the Mountaineers garnered 72 stray shots, by far their best showing of the season.

Blalock's 35 markers give him a career total of 1,306 points, breaking the old school career record of 1,292 points set by Otis Cole, now a senior standout at Florida State. His effort also gave him 714 points on the season, breaking George Adams' old mark of 679.

Blalock had 20 points at halftime, when the Mounties led by 41-27, then broke Cole's record with his first bucket in the third quarter. The game was halted and Blalock was presented the game ball by head coach Allen Dixon.

Blalock had ample assistance from his teammates. Edward Goode tallied 14 points and William Thompson 10 to give the Mounties three players in double figures, but the big difference was on the boards, where the Mounties completely dominated play.

Three men besides Blalock had double figures in rebounding as Larry Hamrick had 13, Goode and Thompson 12 apiece. Reserve John Yarbrough missed double figures

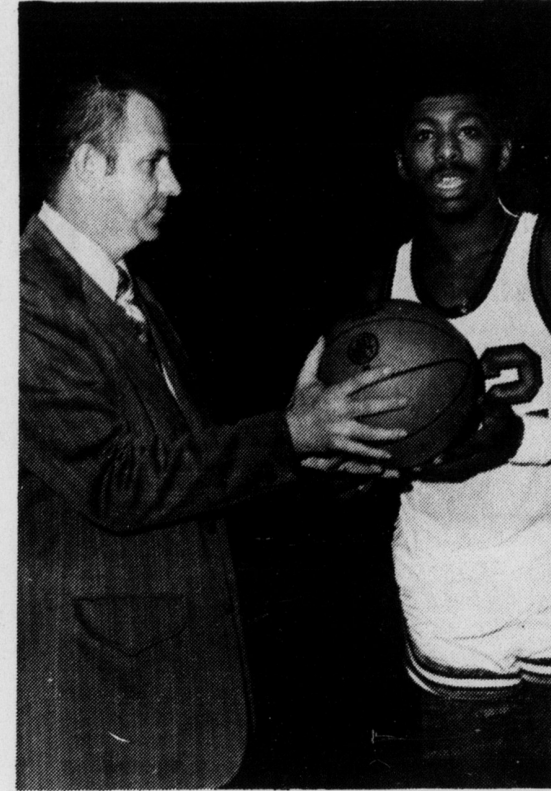
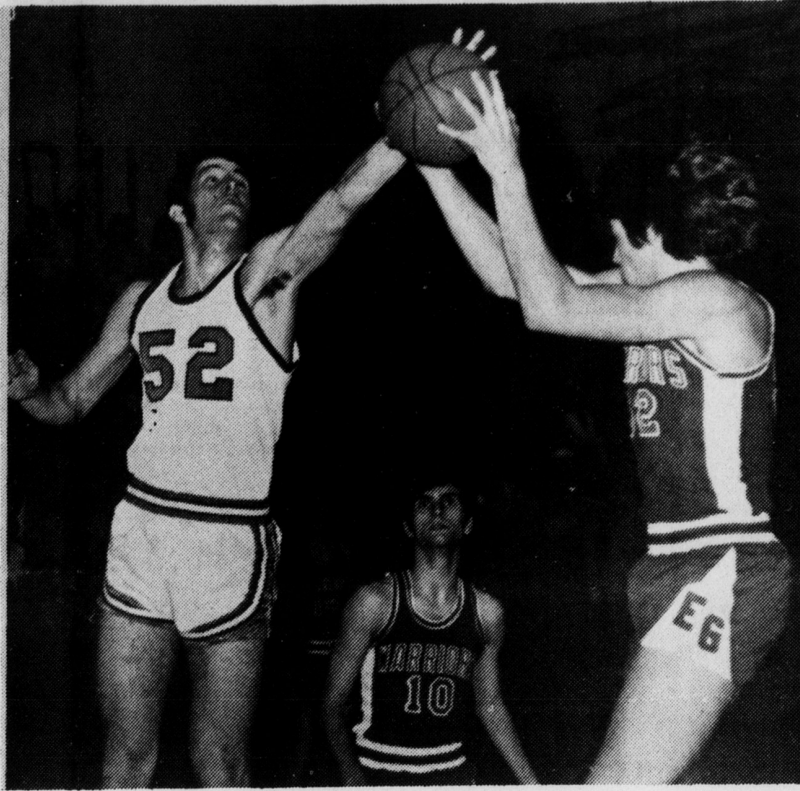
in rebounding with nine. East Gaston's girls came from 10 points down in the final three minutes of regulation play to send the opener into overtime, then

whipped the Mountaintettes 47-45 on a bucket by Sherry Payne with five seconds left. Kings Mountain had led throughout most of the regulation contest, but tur-

novers killed the Mountaintettes in the fourth quarter. East Gaston scored five unanswered field goals to tie the game at 39-all. Freshman Susan Mitchem,

who led the Mountaintettes with 14 points, scored all six of KM's overtime points. Kathy Ledford was the only other

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Photos by Gary Stewart

### KM Wins!

A BIG NIGHT - Victories haven't come in big packages for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers this basketball season but Monday's regular season finale with East Gaston proved to be a big night for KM fans. In photo at left, Larry Hamrick (52)

battles for one of 72 rebounds pulled down by the Mounties and at right, Butch Blalock accepts game ball from Coach Allen Dixon after breaking the school scoring record. Mounties won, 73-66.

## Tourney Pairings

### (GIRLS DIVISION)

#### LAST NIGHT'S GAMES

No. 4 (Shelby) vs. No. 13 (Cherryville) at Burns  
No. 5 (Chase) vs. No. 12 (B. City) at R-S Central  
No. 6 (K. Mtn.) vs. No. 11 (N. Gaston) at E. Gaston

No. 7 (R-S) vs. No. 10 (Lincolnton) at S. Point  
No. 8 (E. Ruth.) vs. No. 9 (Crest) at K. Mtn.

### (BOYS DIVISION)

No. 4 (Burns) vs. No. 13 (Cherry) at Burns  
No. 5 (R-S) vs. No. 12 (N. Gaston) at R-S Central  
No. 6 (E. Gaston) vs. No. 11 (Linc.) at E. Gaston  
No. 7 (S. Point) vs. No. 10 (B. City) at S. Point  
No. 8 (K. Mtn.) vs. No. 9 (Chase) at K. Mtn.

#### TONIGHT'S GAMES (At Crest)

5 p.m.-Girls No. 4-13 winner vs. No. 5-12 winner  
6:30 - Girls No. 8-9 winner vs. No. 1 seed (S. Point)  
8 p.m.-Boys 8-9 winner vs. No. 1 seed

#### FRIDAY'S GAMES

5 p.m.-Girls 6-11 winner vs. No. 3 seed (Burns)  
6:30 - Girls 7-10 winner vs. No. 2 seed (E. Gaston)  
8 p.m.-Boys 7-10 winner vs. No. 2 seed

#### SATURDAY'S GAMES

5 p.m.-Girls Thursday 5 p.m. winner vs. Thursday 6:30 winner  
6:30 - Boys 4-13 winner vs. Thursday 8 p.m. winner  
8 p.m.-Boys 6-11 winner vs. No. 3 seed (E. Ruth.)

#### MONDAY'S GAMES

5 p.m.-Girls Friday 5 p.m. winner vs. Friday 6:30 winner  
6:30 - Boys Sat. 8 p.m. winner vs. Friday 8 p.m. winner  
8 p.m.-Boys Thursday at 8 p.m. winner vs. Sat. 6:30 winner

#### TUESDAY NIGHT

6:30 - Girls championship. Monday 5 p.m. winner vs. Sat. 5 p.m. winner.  
8 p.m.-Boys championship. Monday 6:30 winner vs. Monday 8 p.m. winner.



Photo by Gary Stewart

MAPPING STRATEGY - Kings Mountain High girls cage coach Blaine Fronberger goes over final minute strategy during his team's regular season finale against East Gaston

here Monday night. The KM lassies had the upset of the year in their hands but fell in overtime, 47-45. The win gave East Gaston a share of the SWC title.

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