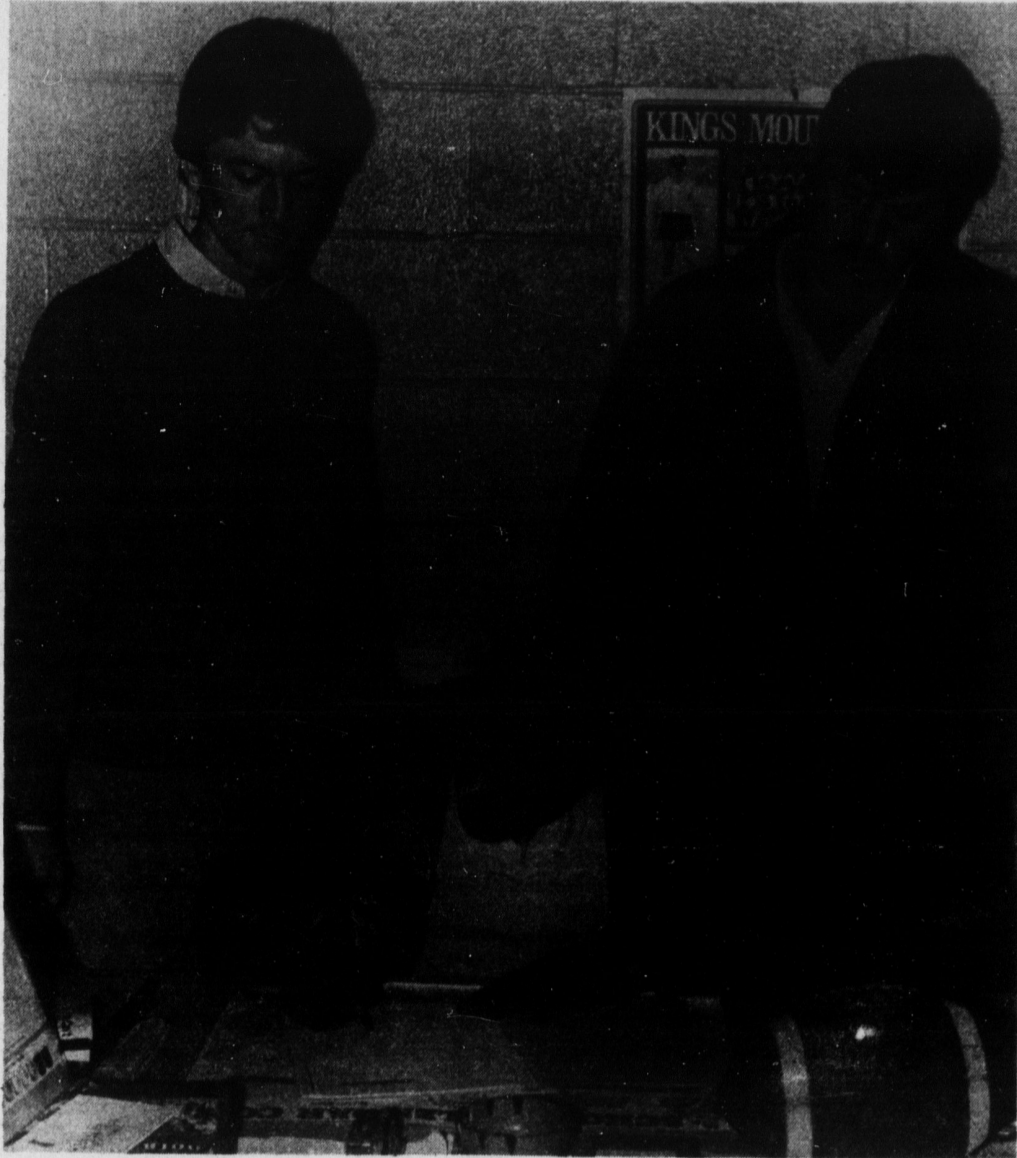


KMHS Cagers Split With Shelby, Host North Gaston Tonight



INKS WITH G-W—Avery Smith, seated, signs a football grant-in-aid with Gardner-Webb College Wednesday. Looking on are Rut Livingston, left, and assistant coach at G-W, and Kings Mountain High football coach Dan Brooks. Smith, a fullback, is the first member of the 1979 Mountaineer team to sign a college scholarship.

Kings Mountain High's girls came from behind with a 19-point fourth quarter to defeat Shelby 49-41 Friday night in a Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball game at Shelby, but the KM boys fell to their second straight SWC defeat and fourth straight overall, 52-46.

The two KMHS teams return home tonight to host North Gaston. Action begins at 4:30 p.m. with a boys jayvee game. Varsity girls action gets underway at 6:30.

The Mountainettes' fourth quarter press and their ability to hit the key foul shots was the difference as Coach David Brinkley's ladies ran their SWC record to 1-1 and overall mark to 2-2.

"We played two real fine quarters," commented Brinkley of the second and fourth periods when the Mountainettes scored 18 and 19 points, respectively. They were held to eight points in the first period and only four in the third.

"If we can ever put together four quarters like those two we'll be in good shape," he said.

Shelby blazed to a 12-0 lead before the Mountainettes went into a pressing, man-to-man defense. KM scored the next eight points to get back in the ballgame.

By halftime, the Mountainettes had come from behind to take a 26-21 lead but Shelby came back to take a 35-30 edge going into the final stanza.

"Angle Bell came off the bench and did a real fine job for us in the final five minutes," said Brinkley. Bell scored all six of her points during that span.

Diane Williams led the KM attack with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sheryl Goode added 13 points and nine rebounds and Tammy Bolton had eight points and nine rebounds.

Kings Mountain, which hit 39 percent from the floor, had a 38-31 edge in rebounding and a big factor was KM's offensive rebounding strength. The Mountainettes pulled down 15 offensive rebounds and scored on six of them.

A fourth quarter press almost allowed the winless Mountaineers to catch the unbeaten Lions in the nightcap, but Shelby was tough at the free throw line in the closing minutes.

The Lions, who were led by Quinton Lytle's 26 point effort, maintained a healthy lead

throughout most of the first three and one-half quarters. But the KM press, led by sophomore point guard Carl Smith, trimmed the lead to 47-44 with 2:40 left. That's when the Lions got tough at the charity stripe and kept their unbeaten string alive.

Smith was KM's only double-digit scorer with 19 points.

GIRLS GAME

KM (49) - Williams 15, Goode 13, Bolton 8, Appling 5, Bell 6, Glass 2.

S (41) - Hamrick 17, Smith 9, Whitworth 9, Cannon 6.

BOYS GAME

KM (46) - Smith 19, Goode 7, Dixon 6, Byers 6, Blalock 4, Moore 4.

S (52) - Lytle 26, Greene 9, Toms 6, Tiddy 6, Surratt 3, Spangler 2.

KM Jayvees Unbeaten

Kings Mountain High's jayvee basketballers are off and running under first-year head coach Danny McDowell. The Little Mountaineers have posted early victories over East Gaston and Shelby and at 4:30 this afternoon go after their third straight win when they host North Gaston.

The Little Mountaineers whipped East Gaston, coached by former KMHS athlete Darrell Van Dyke, 63-58 in their opener last Tuesday and on Thursday defeated arch-rival Shelby 57-53.

Paul Ingram had a big night against the Warriors, hitting 21 points and collecting 12 rebounds. Todd Wray added 21 points and seven rebounds and Jimmy Brown and Vince Roseboro had five and four assists, respectively.

"We were a little tight," said

McDowell, "but we had real good transition against a taller team. Our zone press and fullcourt man to man pressure kept them off their game."

The Little Mounties led 29-20 at intermission and maintained a 10-to-12 point lead throughout most of the second half.

"I was pleased with the team's effort for a first game," he added. "It's always nice to win your first game. It builds confidence and pride."

The pride paid off in the Shelby game, said McDowell, when the Little Mounties blew a big lead and then came back with a strong fourth quarter to win by four.

KM's fullcourt press led to a 10-point halftime lead but in the process of running up the lead several KM players got into foul

trouble. Shelby came back to tie the game at 35-35 going into the fourth period and the lead changed hands several times in the final period.

With two minutes to play, McDowell sent his team back into the pressure defense and the turnovers it caused meant the difference.

Thomas Bess led the KM scoring with 18 points, Ingram added 14 and Roseboro 12. Ingram had eight rebounds, Wray six and Roseboro five, and Brown had five assists.

"The team showed a lot of character," McDowell said. "This was a good team effort and a big win for us."

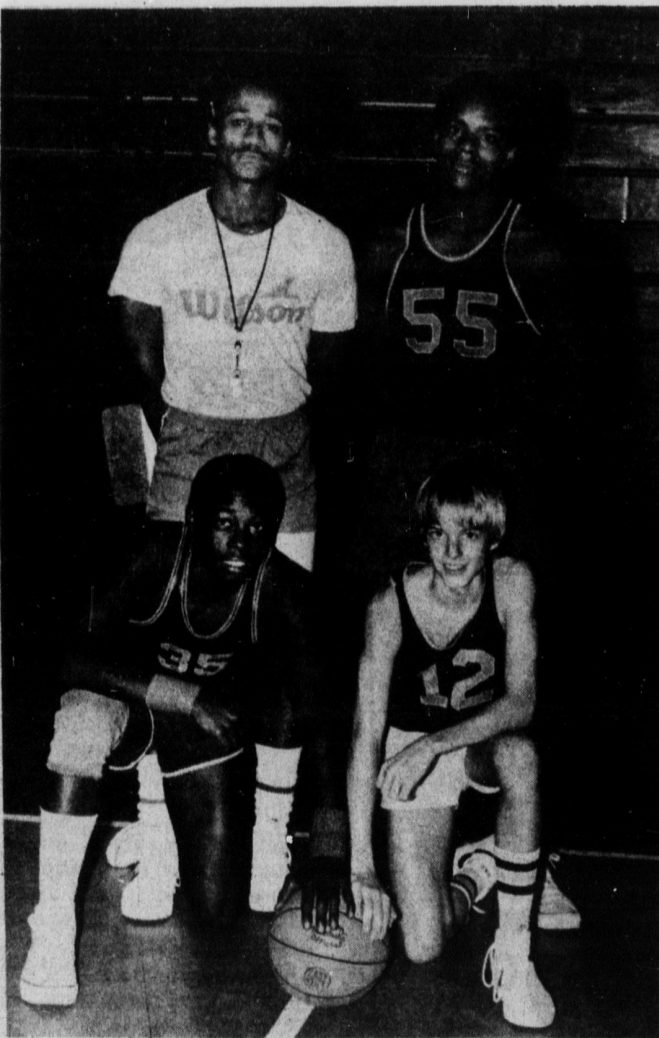
EG GAME

KM (63) - Ingram 21, Wray 21, Bess 7, Roseboro 6, Brown 4, Barnett 2, Tate 2.

EG (53) - Harris 21, Roman 7, Schenck 6, Jennings 4, Moore 4, Anthony 4, Lee 2, Hamrick 2, McDowell 2, Belcher 1.

SHELBY GAME

KM (57) - Bess 18, Ingram 14, Roseboro 12, Wray 8, Brown 5.
S (53) - Canner 12, Bonion 10, Degree 10, Ruff 10, Smith 6, Miller 5.



PATRIOT CAPTAINS—Kings Mountain Junior High tri-captains for the 1979-80 season are pictured above with coach Ken Napier. Kneeling, left to right, are Frank Parker and David Peeler. Back row are Coach Napier and Avery Grier. The Pats, who were scheduled to open their season yesterday, are seeking their second straight Western Junior High Athletic Association title and their fourth conference crown in five years under Napier.

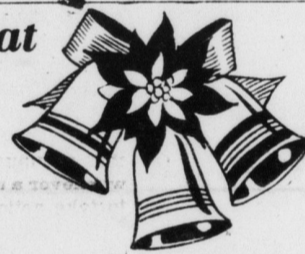
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