

KM At North Gaston Tonight

Mounties, Shelby Split

SPORTS

Kings Mountain High's basketballers split a Southwestern 3-A Conference doubleheader with Shelby Friday night at the KMHS gym, the Mountaineers winning 72-67 and the Mountainettes losing 58-50.

The local fives continue SWC warfare tonight with a key doubleheader at North Gaston.

The Mountaineers, now 2-0 in the SWC and 4-0 overall, held the lead most of the ballgame but never could ice the victory over the determined Golden Lions.

Kings Mountain built up a 16-point advantage a minute into the fourth period, but a late comeback bid by Shelby cut the score to 70-67 with 30 seconds left. Carl Smith hit a pair of free throws to clinch the victory.

Paul Ingram set the scoring pace for the Mountaineers with 22 points. Todd Wray added 13 and Smith 10. Quinton Lytle of Shelby was the game's top scorer with 25 points.

The Mountaineers blazed to a 20-9 first quarter lead but Shelby cut the gap to 30-25 at intermission. The Mountaineers got another hot hand in the third quarter and stretched the lead to 49-37 going into the final eight minutes.

The loss was the first for the Golden Lions, who are now 1-1 in the SWC and 3-1 overall.

BOYS GAME

KM (72) - Byers 8, Smith 10, Wray 13, Goode 8, Blalock 7, Ingram 22, Roseboro 4.

S (67) - Fuller 14, Cannon 4, Q. Lytle 25, Porter 10, Willis 8, Wray 2, R. Lytle 6.

Kings Mountain's girls battled from 13 points down at the beginning of the fourth quarter to pull within four, but Shelby's clutch free throw shooting in the final minutes proved to be the difference.

The Lady Lions hit on 18 of 31 shots from the charity stripe while the Mountainettes connected on only four of 18. Kings Mountain hit only one foul shot the second half.

Kings Mountain's Diane Williams, who drove the baseline for two consecutive baskets to cut the difference to four (52-48)

with a minute to play, had one of her best all-around games of the year which a game-high 21 points and 13 rebounds. But she was the only Kings Mountain player in double figures.

Brenda Cannon led three double digit scorers for Shelby with 17 points.

Shelby led by 9-6 after one period, 23-20 at intermission and 42-29 going into the final eight

minutes. Kings Mountain, 1-1 in the SWC and 2-2 overall, hit only 27 percent from the floor in the first half and 44 percent in the second half.

GIRLS GAME

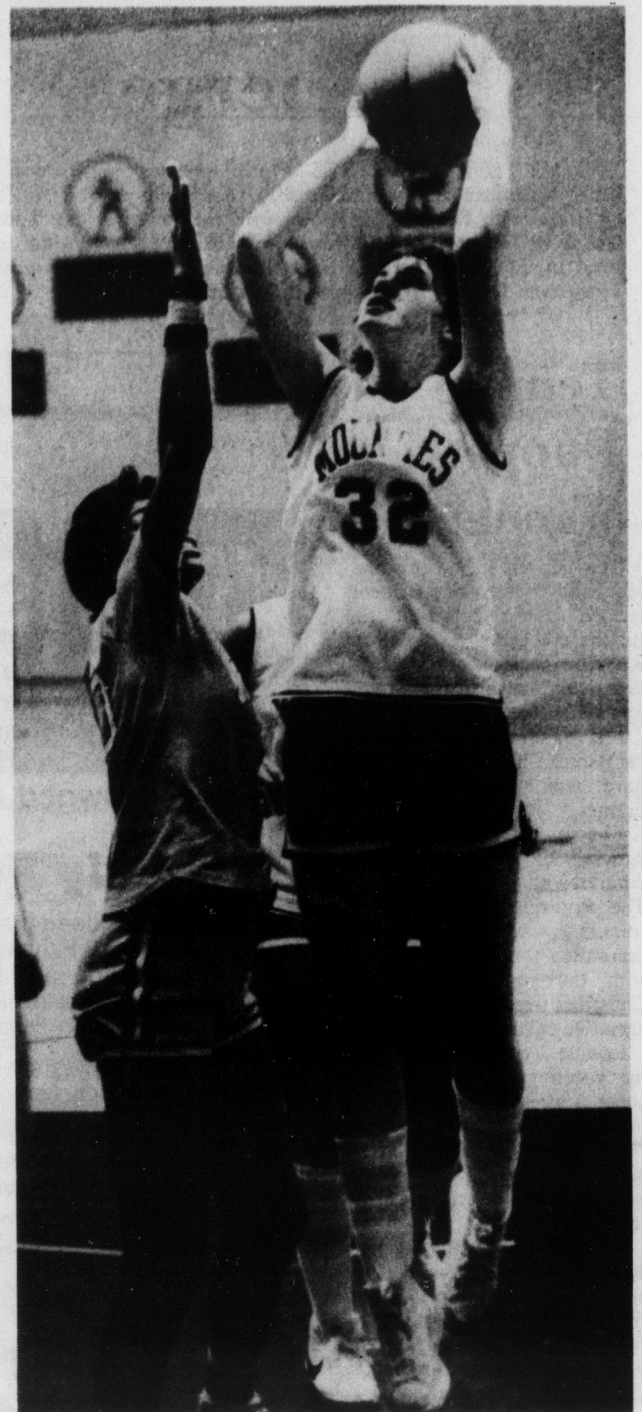
KM (50) - Williams 21, Goode 4, Bolton 4, Glass 6, Bell 2, Hamrick 9, Curry 4.

S (58) - V. Cannon 10, B. Cannon 17, Sanders 6, Whitworth 6, Smith 13, Freeman 6.



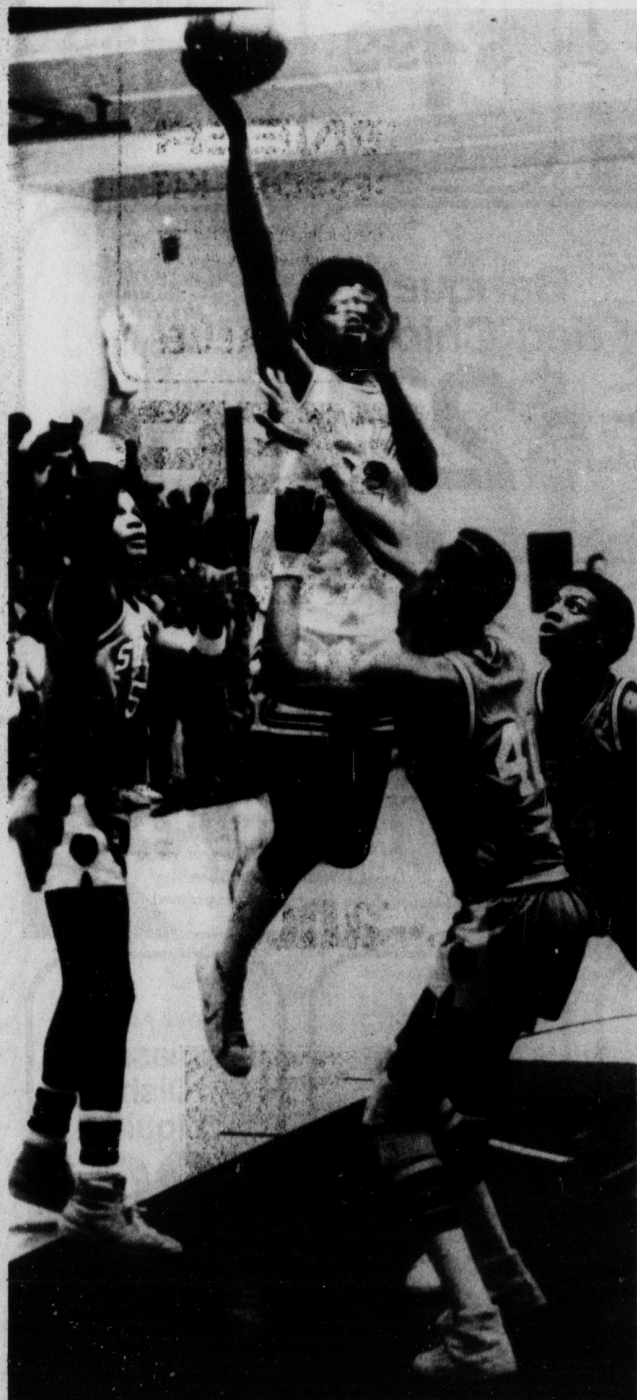
DRIVING FOR TWO - Kings Mountain's Paul Ingram drives past a Shelby defender in Friday's Southwestern 3-A Conference basket-

ball game at the KMHS gym. Ingram scored 22 points to lead the Mountaineers to a 72-67 victory.



HIGH SCORER - Kings Mountain's Diane Williams shoots a short jump shot for two of her game-high 21 points in Friday's Southwestern 3-A Conference game with Shelby at the KMHS gym. Shelby won the game 58-50. The two KMHS teams travel to North Gaston tonight for a SWC twinbill.

Photos by Gary Stewart



UP FOR TWO - Kings Mountain's Gerald Byers (32) fires a jump shot over several Shelby defenders in Friday's Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball game at the KMHS gym. The Mounties led the entire ballgame but had to hold on in the fourth period for a 72-67 win.

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