

Mounties Sweep North, Burns Here On Friday

SPORTS

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers kept pace with R-S Central and East Rutherford in the race for first place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference Tuesday night at North Gaston, scoring a 64-57 victory over the Wildcats.

The victory was the third straight in conference play and fifth straight overall for the Mountaineers, who are off to their fastest start in years under veteran coach John Blalock.

Kings Mountain's girls made it a clean sweep in the opener, claiming a 46-33 victory to run their SWC record to 2-1 and overall mark to 3-2.

Junior Demetrius Goode had his best game of the year for the Mountaineers, scoring a game-high 17 points. Todd Wray added 15 points and Gerald Byers 11. Calvin Friday scored 15 and Greg Mackey 12 for the Wildcats.

Kings Mountain jumped out front early and led the entire ballgame. The Mounties were out front 16-11 after the first period, 34-24 at halftime and 50-41 going into the fourth period.

Diane Williams scored 16 points and Arjuana Curry came off the bench to hit for 10 more to lead the Mountaineers to victory. Dixie Friend of North Gaston was the game's top scorer with 19 points, but she was the only Lady Wildcat in double figures.

The big difference in the game was an 11-4 burst by the Mountaineers in the first period. North Gaston stayed with the Mountaineers the rest of the way but could never recover from KM's fast start.

The two KMHS clubs play a key SWC doubleheader here Friday night against Burns. Both Burns clubs are 2-1 in the conference and have been impressive in early-season play.

The Kings Mountain girls, off to one of their best starts in years, will have some added incentive going into Friday night's ballgame.

The Mountaineers have never beaten Burns since the Lady Bulldogs joined the Southwestern 3-A Conference, and the KM ladies hope they can give their coach, David Brinkley, a former Burns coach, an early Christmas present.

Burns is coached by Tommy Pruette, a former coach at Kings Mountain Junior and Senior High.

GIRLS GAME

KM (46) — Williams 16, Goode 9, Bolton 1, Glass 4, Hamrick 6, Curry 10.

NG (33) — Harris 3, Friend 19, McBee 4, Hoyle 6, Herndon 2.

BOYS GAME

KM (64) — Smith 6, Byers 11, Goode 17, Blalock 8, Ingram 4, Wray 15, W. Brown 2, Hager 1.

NG (57) — Mackey 12, Whisnant 4, Friday 15, Saylor 8, Watson 7, Coleman 9, Clemmer 2.



Photo by Gary Stewart

MOUNTAINEERS — Here's the 1980-81 Kings Mountain High boys basketball team, which is off to a fast start under veteran coach John Blalock. Front row, left to right, manager R.A. Bell, Max Brooks, Jimmy Brown, Bruce Young,

Vince Roseboro and Paul Ingram. Back row, Wayne Brown, Novelle Young, Demetrius Goode, Gerald Byers, Todd Wray, Terrence Blalock and Tommy Toms.

Jayvees Run Mark To 5-0

Kings Mountain High's jayvee cagers ran their record to 5-0 during the past week with victories over Shelby and North Gaston.

The Little Mountaineers, coached by Danny McDowell, scored an exciting 85-82 victory over Shelby Friday at the KMHS gym and defeated North Gaston 70-35 Tuesday in Dallas.

Frank Parker tossed in a season-high 32 points Friday to lead four double digit scorers against Shelby. David Hager added 17 points and Avery Grier and John Barnett 11 apiece.

Hager also had a big defensive game, pulling down 12 rebounds. Grier and Parker added nine apiece and David Peeler and Barnett had eight and seven assists, respectively.

Coach McDowell called the game a "real old-fashioned shootout." Kings Mountain jumped out to a 14-4 lead in the first five minutes but by the end of the first quarter Shelby had cut the margin to 19-16. Kings

Mountain led 46-43 at the half and the game was tied at 61-61 after three quarters.

"The fourth quarter was a pressure cooker," said McDowell. "This was a very well played game and had a lot of excitement. We had several players to play an outstanding game."

Parker scored most of his points from the foul line, where he hit 20 of 24 attempts. Hager and Grier picked up the scoring slack inside after Shelby's defense cut off the Little Mounties' outside shooting.

"This game was played with a lot of emotion," said McDowell. "The team just refused to lose. It was very proud of them. It was the biggest win for us so far this season."

Grier scored 18 points and Parker 16 Tuesday night as McDowell played everybody. Eleven different players scored for the Mountaineers.

Kings Mountain led by 17-4 after the first quarter, 31-17 at the half and 46-23 going into the

fourth quarter.

"I was proud that everybody got to play," said McDowell. "This was a total team win and I'm glad for all of my players."

The Little Mountaineers face another tough test Friday at 4:30 when they host Burns in a preliminary to the varsity doubleheader.

FRIDAY GAME

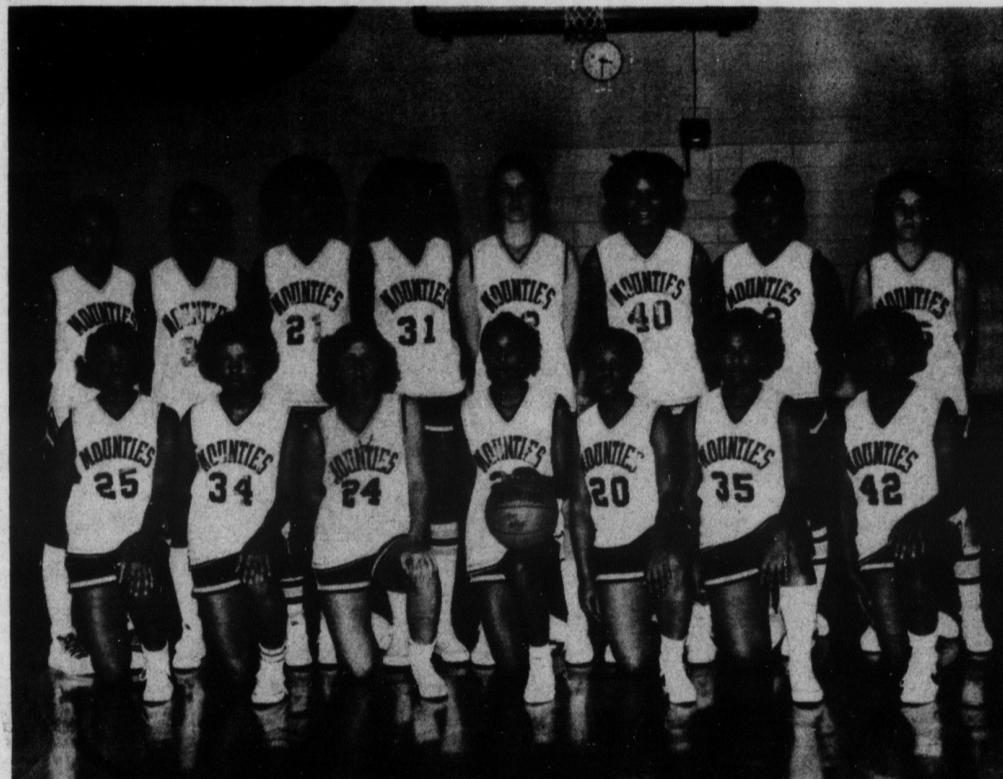
KM (85) — Parker 32, Hager 17, Grier 11, J. Barnett 11, Odems 6, Peeler 5, Barnett 2, Wheeler 1.

S (82) — Ager 31, Manning 17, Turner 8, Williams 7, McDowell 7, Whittenburg 4, Hopper 4, Young 2, Mitchell 2.

TUESDAY GAME

KM (70) — Grier 18, Parker 16, Hager 9, C. Barnette 7, Wheeler 4, M. Champion 4, J. Barnett 3, C. Champion 2, Thompson 2, Birsikonivch 2, Odems 1.

NG (35) — Alexander 7, Rhyne 6, Mills 6, Hill 6, Paysour 5, Carpenter 5.



MOUNTAINETTES — Here's the 1980-81 Kings Mountain High School girls basketball team. Front row, left to right, Rhonda Kimble, Theresa Freeman, Bridget Glass, Glenda Adams, Angie Bell, Arjuane Curry and Angie

Adams. Back row, Gloria Campbell, Elizabeth Floyd, Priscilla Odums, Sheryl Goode, Diane Williams, Trina Hamrick, Linda Stowe and Tammy Bolton.

Patriot Jayvees Win

Kings Mountain Junior High managed only one victory in four games against Crest Monday in opening-day action in the Western Junior High Athletic Association.

The junior varsity Patriots scored an impressive 42-11 victory in a game played on the Patriot floor. In other action, the jayvee girls lost 15-11, the varsity boys lost 58-30 and the varsity girls lost 41-33.

The jayvee boys, who scored their second win overall, opened the game with a full-court press, which Crest couldn't penetrate. Coach Greg Paysour's lads ran up a 27-3 halftime lead.

Kings Mountain hit 46 percent from the floor, with Tony Lewis hitting 66 percent and Lavar Curry 60. Curry led the scoring with 22 points and Lewis added 12.

Coach Paysour cited Lewis and Greg Young for their rebounding and Richie Gold for his all-around floor game. He dished out seven assists.

John Pettus aided the Patriot scoring with four points and Rodney Ballew and Eric Marable scored two apiece.

"We looked a lot better against Crest than we did against Asheville in our opener," said Coach Paysour. "We had a chance to play everybody at least one or two quarters."

The junior high cagers return to action today against arch rival Shelby with the varsity teams playing at home and the jayvees at Shelby.

cond half but the damage had already been done.

Arnold Jordan led the KM scoring with eight points and Curt Prssley was the leading rebounder with 10.


"They just had too much height for us," said first-year coach Rusty Cloninger. "I don't know if it was the first game jit-

ters or what. But we played them a whole lot better in the second half."

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Both teams suffered first game jitters in the jayvee girls game. "It was just not a very good game," commented Coach

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*** The varsity boys got off to a slow start, falling behind 30-8 at halftime. The Patriots stayed with the taller and more experienced Crest team in the se-