

Photo by I.G. Alexander

OCTOPUS DEFENSE - R-S Central's Johnny Smith appears to have four arms and three legs as he guards Kings Mountain's Demetrius Goode in Southwestern 3-A Conference

basketball game Friday night at Spindale. The Mountaineers clinched at least a tie for the SWC title with a 40-38 victory, their second two-point win over the Hilltoppers this year.

R-S Wins In Overtime

KM Jayvees Lose First

Kings Mountain High's jayvee basketballers suffered their first loss of the season Friday afternoon at R-S Central, dropping a 77-73 decision in overtime.

The loss gives the Little Mounties a 17-1 overall record heading into their final two games this week against South Point and Crest.

R-S Central came from 15 points down to tie the game at 70-all and force the extra period. The loss still left the Mounties in first place in the Southwestern Conference.

Kings Mountain held the upper hand throughout the first three periods but R-S took advantage of the Mounties' foul trouble to come from behind in the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain led 26-17 after the first period and 44-35 at the half. R-S cut it to 56-48 after three quarters.

R-S finally caught up at 70-all with 20 seconds to play and Kings Mountain missed a last-second shot which could have won the game.

"We don't have anyone to blame but ourselves," said Coach Danny McDowell. "We just didn't execute well down the stretch. But the pressure is off now, we are still leading the conference and I believe these guys will bounce back."

Frank Parker led the scoring for the Mounties with 25 points. Jimmy Brown added 14 points and eight assists and Avery Grier and John Barnett scored 13 and 11 points, respectively.

The Little Mounties won their 17th straight game last Tuesday night at Chase, 74-45, as Parker scored 14 points and Grier scored 12 points and hauled in 12 rebounds. Brown dished out 13 assists.

"Our transition game was very good," said McDowell. "Brown, David Peeler and Skip Birsikonvich really pushed the ball up the court. Our man to man defense was solid."

Kings Mountain built up a 26-8 lead after the first quarter

CHURCH FILMS

Macedonia Baptist Church will present two films during the next two Sundays. "A Thief In The Night" will be shown on Sun., Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. It is about Bible prophesy and show what can happen when Jesus returns. It portrays the Biblical prediction "there will be no place to hide." "A Distant Thunder," a sequel to "A Thief In The Night" will be shown on Sun., Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Events foretold in the Bible as a part of the Great Tribulation are vividly portrayed. The public is invited to attend both movies.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Three Kings Mountain students, Paul G. Davison, wildlife biology, Craig J. Mayes, agricultural education, and John O. Plonk, III, business management, are listed on the dean's list for the fall semester at N.C. State University.

Byers Tip-In At Buzzer Lifts KMHS Over Central

Gerald Byers scored his only basket of the night on a tip-in at the buzzer to give Kings Mountain's Mountaineers a 40-38 victory over R-S Central in Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball action Friday night at Spindale.

The victory, KM's second two-point decision over the Hilltoppers this year, clinched at least a tie for the SWC championship. The Mounties, 16-0 in the conference and 19-1 overall, can clinch the title outright tonight when they host South Point.

R-S Central's girls clinched the SWC title in the opening game with a 65-52 victory over the Mountainettes. R-S now has a 14-2 SWC record to KM's 11-5 mark.

The Mountaineers slowed the tempo Friday after Byers and Terrence Blalock got into early foul trouble. Both finished the game but had four fouls.

The lead see-sawed back and forth throughout the 32-minute contest and both clubs searched for a last-second shot after Paul Ingram of the Mountaineers hit a pair of free throws to tie it at 38-all with 3:28 to play.

Kings Mountain gained its last possession with 41 seconds to play when junior forward Demetrius Goode blocked a layup attempt by the Hilltoppers 6-6 center, Chris Michaels.

The Mountaineers used two time outs during the final 41 seconds and set up point guard Carl Smith, whose last-second shot whipped R-S 69-67 earlier in the year, for the shot.

Smith penetrated the lane with six seconds left and put up a soft jumper. It fell off the rim into Byers' hands, and he tipped it in as the final second ticked off the clock.

R-S Central Coach Stacy Lail protested that the shot came after the buzzer, but referee Jerry Carpenter, who was stationed underneath the basket

and with a good view of the clock, ruled it good.

Blalock led the Mountaineers in scoring with 14 points and Smith added 10. Johnny Smith scored 13 and Michaels 11 for the Hilltoppers.

points, Vera Young 14 and Susan Rogers 13 to lead a well-balanced R-S Central scoring attack. Diane Williams scored 18 and Sheryl Goode 15 for Kings Mountain.

BOYS GAME

KM (40) - Byers 2, Smith 10, Goode 4, Blalock 14, Ingram 6, Hager 4.

RS (38) - Harris 9, Michaels 11, Cash 4, Miller 1, Smith 13.

GIRLS GAME

KM (52) - Williams 18, Goode 15, Hamrick 6, Bolton 8, Curry 3, Adams 1, Stowe 1.

RS (65) - C. Logan 16, Lynch 4, E. Logan 2, Rogers 13, Young 14, Siegel 9, Littlejohn 1, Burnette 2, Camp 2, Michaels 2.

TUESDAY GAME

KM (74) - Parker 14, Grier 12, Odems 11, Barnett 10, Byers 7, C. Champion 5, M. Champion 4, Brown 4, Wheeler 4, Peeler 2, Hopper 2.

C (45) - Randall 18, Chapman 10, Smith 10, Henson 2, Harris 2, Murray 2, Allen 1.

FRIDAY GAME

KM (73) - Parker 25, Brown 14, Grier 13, Barnett 11, Hager 5, Odems 4.

RS (77) - Patterson 29, Camper 17, Wilkerson 13, Logan 9, Gray 6, Hamilton 3.

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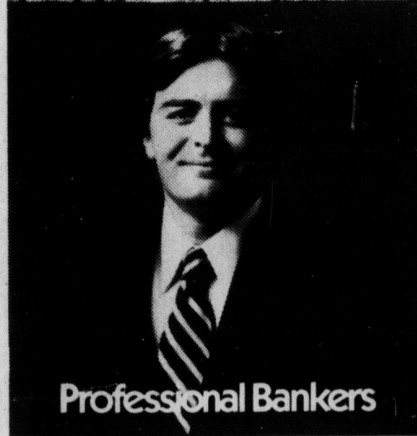
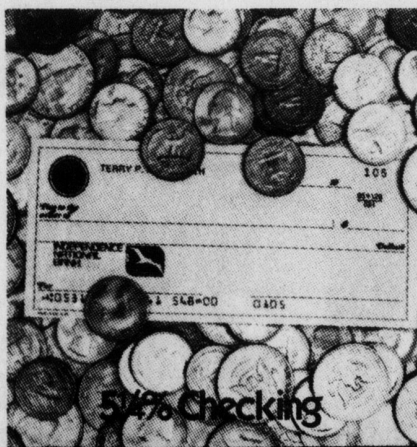
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