

Mounties Win In Tourney

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers won both of their games in the Ashbrook Holiday Tournament last week, defeating a stubborn Hunter Huss team 60-55 Tuesday and storming past Ashbrook 91-70 Wednesday.

The games were the final non-conference contests of the year for the Mountaineers, who resumed their rugged Southwestern 3-A Conference schedule Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers were sluggish in their opening night win over Hunter Huss, and were saved by the inside play of Todd Wray and Demetrius Goode, who scored 19 points apiece.

Hunter Huss put up a sticky defense against Kings Mountain's three outside threats—Carl Smith, Frank Parker and Terrence Blalock—limiting them to a combined total of only 16 points.

The Mountaineers still held the upper hand throughout the contest, but never could put the contest on ice. Kings Mountain led 15-10 after one quarter and 36-23 at the half, but the Huskies outscored them 20-12 in the third period to cut the third quarter margin to 48-43. They trimmed the margin to three points halfway through the fourth period but the Mounties held them off.

Wednesday night's showdown with Ashbrook, which was upset by Burns 79-78 in overtime the night before, was no contest. The Mounties jumped out to an early lead and never let up in recording their ninth victory in 10 outings.

All five of the KM starters scored in double figures, led by Smith with 23 points. Blalock, Goode and Wray added 14 apiece and Parker scored 10.

TUESDAY GAME

K. Mtn. (60) - Smith 4, Blalock 6, Goode 19, Wray 19, Parker 6, Brown 2, J. Barnette 1, Hager 4. Huss (55) - Accor 4, Brice 6, Harper 11, R. Smith 6, T. Smith 8, Gore 14, Hudgens 6.

WEDNESDAY GAME

K. Mtn. (91) - Smith 23, Parker 10, Blalock 14, Wray 14, Goode 14, Brown 6, J. Barnette 2, Hager 3, Floyd 2, Campbell 2, Looney 1.

Ashbrook (70) - Walker 9, Petty 8, Ross 4, Bradley 8, Watson 2, Poag 6, Givens 9, Montgomery 2, Goodrich 2, Pratt 14, Stewart 6.

Jayvees Win Over Shelby

Kings Mountain High's jayvee basketballers began post-holiday play Tuesday afternoon at the KMHS gym, defeating county rival Shelby 46-38.

The Little Mounties are now 5-2 in the Southwestern Conference and 5-3 overall. They play at East Rutherford Friday and at Chase Monday.

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KM's Kevin Mack On Move For Clemson

Mack Aids Tiger Win

Kings Mountain can lay claim to a share of the NCAA major college football championship for the 1981 season.

Clemson's Tigers completed a perfect 12-0 season New Year's Night by defeating Nebraska 22-15 in the Orange Bowl in Miami.

The next day, the final AP and UPI polls were released, and the Tigers were voted number one in both.

Kevin Mack, a 197-pound sophomore from Kings Mountain, started at fullback for the Tigers and was a key factor in the school's first national title.

He carried the ball five times for 15 yards, and did an excellent job of blocking for Clemson tailbacks Cliff Austin and Chuck McSwain. He also was a deep back on the receiver team, and although he didn't return a kickoff, he threw a key block to spring All-American Perry Tuttle on a 50-yard return.

Mack also threw the key block—which took out two Nebraska defenders—on Austin's two-yard run in the first half which erased a 7-6 Nebraska lead and put the Tigers on top for good. Mack was the key rusher in the go-ahead touchdown drive, carrying the ball three times for a total of 11 yards, and picking up two first downs. His second first down run was a three-yard run up the middle which gave the Tigers a first-and-goal at the two, from which point Austin scored on the next play.

For the year, Mack carried the ball 76 times for 287 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns. He alternated at the fullback slot all year with Jeff McCall, a junior from Fayetteville, but Mack started the last two regular season

games following an injury to McCall, and also got the starting nod in the Orange Bowl.

Mack, who set a number of season and game rushing records his senior year at KMHS, is the first Kings Mountain athlete to play for a national championship team, and the second KMHS product to perform in the Orange Bowl. George Harris, a Shrine Bowl quarterback for the Mounties, quarterbacked Duke in the Orange Bowl game in the late 1950's.

Clemson's national championship was only the second in football for the Atlantic Coast Conference. Maryland won the NCAA crown in 1953.

Mack, whose playing weight is 27 pounds more than his senior year here, is big in Clemson's plans for the next two years. His coach, Mike Reidy, and Clemson head coach Danny Ford, have both been highly pleased with his progress.

Industrial Loop Play Underway

Eaton, Commercial Shearing and Spectrum won games in the Men's Industrial League basketball action last Wednesday night at the Community Center.

Eaton defeated Norick Brothers 64-43 as George Jackson scored 21 points. Timmy Davis led Norick with 12.

Stanley Glenn scored 32 points to lead Commercial Shearing to a 55-49 win over Anvil Knit. Berlie Barnes scored 14 points for Anvil.

Spectrum scored a 44-34 win over Foote Mineral as Mike

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Get Tickets Early For R-S - KM Game

Fans planning to attend the R-S Central-Kings Mountain basketball game on Fri., Jan. 15 should plan to purchase their tickets in advance.

KMHS Principal Bob McRae said that tickets will go on sale on Fri., Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. in the KMHS cafeteria for \$2.00 each. No one will be allowed to purchase more than three tickets. McRae said 400 tickets will be sent to R-S Central and only 600 to 700 tickets will be sold here.

McRae said if all 700 tickets are sold during the day of the 15th, there will be no tickets sold at the door. No one will be allowed inside the gym without a ticket.

Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. In the event all 700 tickets are not sold during the day, those remaining will be sold at the door.

Because of fire regulations, only 1,200 people will be allowed inside the gym, and only 1,100 tickets will be sold at both schools.

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