

# Gordon Wins Regional, Ingram Advances To State

## SPORTS

Two Kings Mountain High School wrestlers finished in the top eight in the Western Regionals Friday and Saturday at Hickory High School and qualified for the State Tournament to be held Thursday and Friday at Parkland High School in Winston-Salem.

David Gordon finished first in the heavyweight division and will carry a season's record of 23-0 and a career mark of 53-5 to Winston-Salem. He's the

winningest grappler in KMHS history.

Robert Ingram, a 188-pound senior, finished eighth despite being slowed by the flu and he'll be among 16 grapplers battling for the state title in his weight division.

KM's other two

representatives in the regionals, Maurice Jamerson and Johnny Ross, both lost first round matches and failed to qualify for the state tourney.

Ingram will meet the number one seed from the East in his opening round

match and Gordon will meet the number eight man from the East.

Gordon, who is in a good position to become the first KMHS wrestler to win the state championship, needs four victories to earn that honor. Alfred Ash, who wrestled here in the early '70s, won the Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association title.

Team-wise at Hickory, the Mountaineers finished 11th out of 72 schools. Concord was first.

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### Gordon, Ingram Repeat

## Seven All-Conference

Seven Kings Mountain High School wrestlers were named to the All-Southwestern 3-A Conference team announced Saturday by Mac Lancaster, secretary of the league.

The Mountaineers' unbeaten heavyweight, David Gordon, was honored for the second straight year along with two other seniors and four sophomores.

Joining Gordon on the team were 167-pound senior

Norman Phillips, 188-pound senior Robert Ingram, who was named for the third straight year, and four sophomores, 105-pound Miles Boyce, 119-pound Sammy Bell, 132-pound Johnny Ross and 145-pound Maurice Jamerson.

The complete All-SWC team included:

98 Pd. — Tracy Schiff, South Point, and Wayne Davis, Shelby.

105 — Boyce and Freddie Sims, South Point.

112 — Don Wallace, North Gaston.

119 — Bell and Tony Young, Crest.

126 — Joe Cunningham, East Gaston and Odell Foust, South Point.

132 — Ross and Danny Sparrow, South Point.

138 — Ingram and Landrum Miller, Shelby.

145 — Jamerson, Kevin Wiles, East Gaston, and Ken Harbin, North Gaston.

155 — Bobby Hogan, East Gaston, and Scott Bankhead, Shelby.

167 — Phillips and Ryan Wilson, Chase.

185 — Ricky McDowell, East Gaston, and Roger Green, Chase.

195 — Darryl Russell, South Point; Kenny Hines, Chase; and Ken Howell, Shelby.

Hwt — Gordon, Roger Patterson, South Point, and Roger Dill, East Gaston.



Photo By Gary Stewart

NEW KMHS COACH — Steve Foster, seated, signs contract to teach and coach at Kings Mountain High School Saturday as KMHS principal Forrest Wheeler,

left, and head football coach and athletic director Dan Brooks, right, look on. Foster will coach the line for the Mountaineers beginning next fall.

## KM Optimist Club To Host State Tournament

The Kings Mountain Optimist Club is sponsoring the first annual Tar-Heel State Classic basketball tournament for boys ages 10-12 at the Kings Mountain Community Center March 29-April 1.

Entries are now being accepted from teams from all across North Carolina.

Entry deadline is March 20.

The tournament will be a double-elimination event. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams plus all players who are named to the All-State team.

Boys who did not turn 13 before August 1, 1977 are eligible.

Teams interested in entering are asked to write Dan Bagwell at P. O. Box 121, Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086, or call Bagwell at (704) 799-5806.

Entry fee is \$25 per team. Checks should be made payable to the Kings Mountain Optimist Club. Admission for fans will be

one dollar for adults and 50 cents for persons under 12. Teams selected will be notified before March 22, and they should be prepared to mail their rosters on March 23. Teams will be mailed a copy of the tournament rules, application forms and official team roster forms.

## Girls Lose To Warriors

A disappointing School Wednesday when the varsity girls were eliminated by East Gaston

### Rickenbacker, Bell Named All-Conference

Kings Mountain High School placed only two players on the All-Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball team announced Saturday by league secretary Mac Lancaster.

Juniors Priscilla Rickenbacker and Vernon Bell were the Mountaineers selected.

Others named to the girls team included Vanessa Simmons, Mary Ann Wright and Susan Hull of Burns, Sheila Williamson and Musette

Mills of South Point, Jennifer Smith of East Gaston, Gina Miller of North Gaston, and Glenda Harris and Pat Watson of Crest.

Others on the boys team included Bobby Huskey and Wendell Wilson of Crest, Blanton Hamilton of Shelby, Jimmy Reeves and Joe Shepherd of South Point, Vince Hamilton of R-S Central, T. T. Twitty and Donnell Simmons of East Rutherford and Chuck McSwain of Chase.

in the opening round of the Southwestern 3-A Conference tournament at Burns, 59-35.

The loss left the Mountaineers with a final 8-11 record in a season in which they were picked as one of the leading contenders for the conference title. The boys, also a pre-season favorite, finished their season with a tour-

### Softball Champs To Gather

Kings Mountain's 18-15 year old girls softball team, which won the state tournament last summer and finished third in the Dixie Youth World Series in Whiteville, will be honored with an awards night dinner at 6 p. m. tonight at the Western Sizzler Steak House in Shelby.

All 17 members of the team will receive individual trophies and the team will receive the third place and sportsmanship trophies from the World Series.

Coaches Candy Albergine and Laura Brown and staff members of the sponsoring recreation department will present the awards.

### Big Pro Mat Card Here Friday

Mid-Atlantic championship wrestling comes to the Kings Mountain Community Center Friday night at 8:15.

Two big main events highlight the card. In one, Paul Jones meets the "Nature Boy," Ric Flair, and in the other, Johnny Weaver challenges the champion, Baron Von Raschke, for the TV title. In a tag team match, Crusher Blackwell and the Russian Stomper take on Roberto Soto and Abe Jacobs, and in another single feature, Bill White opposes Jerry Stubbs.

Advance tickets are now on sale at the community center.

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