

Chuck Gordon Athlete Of The Year

Chuck Gordon, who had already won seven trophies this year for his accomplishments on the wrestling mat, added three more to his collection Tuesday night at the Kings Mountain High School All-Sports Banquet.

The 245-pound senior copped the first annual Mirror-Herald Athlete of The Year Award, the most

valuable wrestler trophy and shared the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy in football.

The selection of Gordon came as no surprise as most of the huge gathering expected him to win the top prizes. An All-Conference performer in three sports his junior and senior years, Gordon capped off one of the most brilliant indi-

dual careers in KMHS sports history last winter when he posted a 27-0 record in wrestling and won the state championship.

Gordon, who recently signed a wrestling grant-in-aid with Appalachian State, had already been named Wrestler of the Year in North Carolina and most valuable wrestler in

the Gaston Tournament and the Western Sectional. He won championship awards in the Gaston Tourney, the Southwestern Sectionals, Regionals and State.

Gordon was given two standing ovations by his teammates and fans, one when he received the MVP award for wrestling and the other when he accepted

the Athlete of the Year prize. The only other person to receive a standing ovation was the guest speaker, former Clemson University football coach, Frank Howard.

Several others received two trophies, including Pat Durham, who won the MVP Award for girls tennis and also the coveted Jan Fryar Memorial Trophy for excellence in girls tennis; Angie Hickman, who copped the MVP trophies for both girls softball and girls track; and Priscilla Rickenbacker, who won MVP trophies in girls basketball and girls volleyball.

Baseball MVP, Tim Leach and Andy Loftin. Girls basketball most improved, Faye Ramey. Girls basketball coach's award, Phyllis Mack. Boys basketball most improved, Jeff Prescott. Boys basketball coach's award, Vernon Bell. John Gamble Scholastic Award for football, Steve Boggan.

Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy, Kelly Land (co-winner with Gordon). George Plonk Most Valuable Player in football, Kenny Bell. Mountaineer Defensive Award for football, Bruce Valentine.

Other award winners included: Golf MVP, Darrell Austin. Boys Tennis MVP, Tim Riddle. Boys Track MVP, Terry McClain. MV Cheerleaders, Tammy Ross and Sharon Foster.

Most improved in football, Norman Phillips. Retiring members of the football coaching staff, head coach Bob Jones and assistants Bud Bumgardner and Warren Goforth, were given special awards by Principal Forrest Wheeler.



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Minor Sport MVPs...Tim Riddle, Angie Hickman, Terry McClain, Pat Durham, Darrell Austin



Football Winners...Norman Phillips, Kelly Land, Bruce Valentine, Steve Boggan



Basketball Winners...Phyllis Mack, Faye Ramey, Jeff Prescott, Vernon Bell



Baseball And Cheerleader Winners... Tammy Ross, Andy Loftin, Tim Leach, Sharon Foster



Major Sport MVPs...Priscilla Rickenbacker, Everette Burris, Kenny Bell, Tim Whitaker

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