

Mounties At Shelby

SPORTS

Kings Mountain High's Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball doubleheader at East Gaston Friday night was postponed because of bad weather and was to be made up Monday in the Warrior gym.

Kings Mountain's girls took a 5-4 conference record into the contest and the KMHS boys were 3-6.

The two local teams travel to Shelby tonight for a twinbill beginning at 6:30 and return home on Friday

for a tripleheader with North Gaston. The KM and North Gaston jayvee boys will play the first of three games at 4:30.

The Mountaineers will be trying for their third straight victory over Shelby tonight. The Moun-

tes whipped the Lions 55-52 in overtime in their first round conference game and added a 68-55 win over the Lions in the finals of the Cleveland County Tipoff Tournament.

The Mountaineers, who have defeated the Lions

four of the last five times they've met, are having the best success against Shelby of any team in the area. The Lions have lost only four games, including two to KM, and one each to R-S Central and 4-A Hunter Huss. The Lions are the only SWC team to defeat state-ranked South Point. Kings Mountain's girls will be seeking revenge tonight as they lost an overtime decision to Shelby in their earlier game.

Edge Crest 30-27

Patriots Win Fifth

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers took over sole possession of first place in the Western Junior High Athletic Association Wednesday when they edged previously undefeated Crest 30-27 in a match held at Central School.

Carlos Owens won a decision in the 170-pound match to clinch the victory for Phil Weathers' Patriots, who are now 4-0 and the only unbeaten team in the conference.

"We figured it would probably be a close match, and it was," noted Weathers. "We beat them pretty badly last year but they've really improved. I was pleased with the way Roger McClain and Ron Rowell wrestled. Both won by pins and really did a good job."

"We had the best crowd we've had all year," he went on, "and they really saw a great wrestling match. We have to go to Crest in February and I'm sure they'll be up for us. We'll really have to work hard and be ready for them."

In addition to the regular matches, David Bradley, Eric Alexander, Doug Caldwell, Danny Caldwell and John Fleming won preliminaries for the Patriots.

Weathers takes his charges to Burns Wednesday for a 4 p. m. match.



Photo By Gary Stewart

ON WAY TO WIN — Tommy Welch (right) of the Kings Mountain Junior High wrestling team is shown on his way to a victory in a recent Western Junior

High Athletic Association match. The Patriots edged Crest 30-27 Wednesday to run their league-leading record to 4-0.

The Patriots return home on Jan. 24 to host arch rival Shelby.

THE RESULTS
80 Pd. — Tim Hamrick (KM) and Dribble tied.
90 — Roger McClain (KM) pinned McCurry.
100 — Mike Smith (KM) dec. Curry.

107 — Ron Rowell (KM) pinned Jackson.
114 — Jones (C) dec. Eric Spicer.
122 — Jimmy Wadkins (KM) dec. Ingle.
128 — Sellers (C) pinned Walter Goode.
135 — Rhea (C) dec. Robbie Ervin.

141 — Tommy Welch (KM) dec. Bell.
148 — Freeman (C) pinned David Parker.
158 — Todd Bell (KM) dec. Rhea.
170 — Carlos Owens (KM) dec. Poteat.
Unl. — Blanton (C) pinned Dale Moore.

In Second Place

Pats Take League Lead

Kings Mountain Junior High's boys basketball team got back on the winning track Thursday with an impressive 60-43 win over East McDowell.

The Patriots of Ken Napier were 5-1 and in second place in the Western

Junior High Athletic Association heading into a home game yesterday against Shelby. The Patriots play Crest Wednesday.

Kings Mountain jumped out to a 14-6 first quarter lead and easily won its fifth

game in six outings. The Pats led 26-16 at the half and 42-26 going into the fourth period.

Carl Smith scored 17 points, Demetrius Goode 12 and Todd Wray 11 to lead the KM scoring. "Wray came off the

bench to play his best game of the year," noted Napier. "Kevin Wheeler came off the bench and played a super floor game and defensive game."

Kings Mountain hit 40 percent from the floor and 42 percent from the foul line.

"It was a big win for us," added Napier, "especially after our loss (70-58) to Grandview on Monday. We didn't play well at all up at Grandview but Thursday we put it all together. I think this team is about ready to peak."

"The guys still have a good attitude," he went on. "It really hurt them to lose the game up at Grandview because I think they had it in their minds to go undefeated. We play Grandview here on Jan. 29 and although we're not overlooking anybody, we're really looking forward to the rematch."

Grandview now leads the league with a 6-0 record while KM and College Park are 5-1.

Kings Mountain's jayvees came back from a 10-7 halftime deficit to win their game 38-18 and pull into a tie for first place with Crest. Both teams are 5-1.

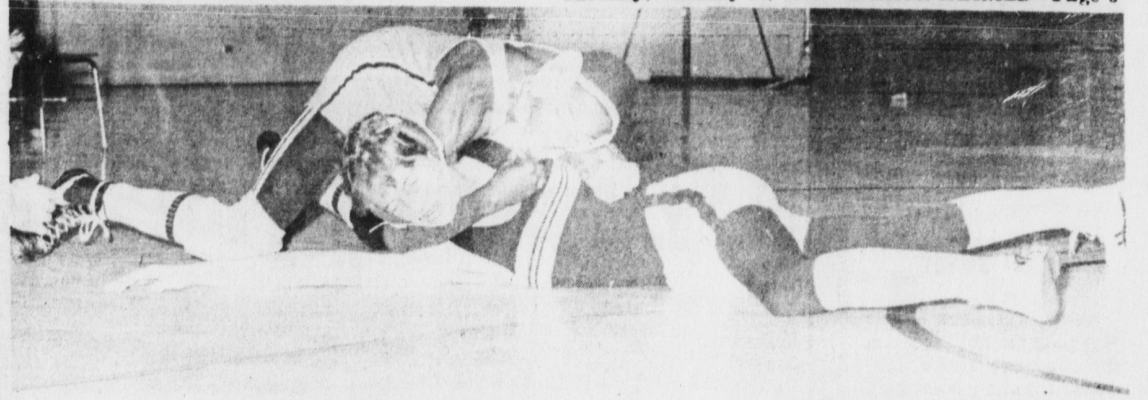
Mark Champion scored 12 points to lead the Little Patriots and floor general David Peeler added eight.



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PLANNING VICTORY — Kings Mountain Junior High basketball coach Ken Napier goes over strategy with his team during recent game at the KMJH

gym. The Patriots, 5-1 going into a game yesterday with Shelby, are chasing Grandview in the race for the Western Junior High Athletic Association title.



KM VICTORY — Kings Mountain High wrestler Sammy Bell is shown here on his way to a victory in recent match at the KMHS gym. The Mountaineers, pre-season favorites to win the Southwestern Con-

ference, must now look to victory in the league tournament here Jan. 26-27 after dropping matches to Shelby and East Gaston.

Matters Eye SWC Tourney

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers split a pair of Southwestern 3-A Conference matches last week, defeating Burns 51-15 Monday and losing to East Gaston 30-27 Thursday.

The Mountaineers, now 5-3 overall, were scheduled to meet Chase last night. They go to Crest Thursday.

Kings Mountain won seven of 11 matches Thursday against East Gaston but forfeits continued to kill the Mountaineers. In both of their conference losses (against Shelby and East Gaston) the Mounties won more matches but gave up 12 points to each team on forfeits.

"I felt like we were the favorite to win the conference," said Coach Steve Moffitt, "so I guess we'll have a lot to prove in the upcoming Southwestern 3-

A Conference tournament."

The Mountaineers, now out of the running for the regular season crown which they shared last year with Shelby and East Gaston, host the first conference tournament on Friday and Saturday, January 26-27, with action getting underway at 7 p. m. on Friday night.

The top wrestlers from the SWC will go to Charlotte Feb. 9-10 for the Southwestern Sectional Tournament. The best grapplers there go to Hickory on Feb. 16-17 for the Western Regional Tournament and the top grapplers there go to Winston-Salem on Feb. 23-24 for the State Tournament.

BURNS MATCH

100 — Richard Carson (B) dec. Dwayne Rucker

107 — Joseph Johnson (B) pinned Miles Boyce.
114 — Burns won forfeit.
121 — Burns won on forfeit.

128 — Sammy Bell (KM) pinned Kevin Rankin.
134 — James Miller (KM) won by forfeit.
140 — Bernard Womic (KM) dmajor dec. over Bruce Doughton.
147 — Johnny Ross (KM) won by default over Glenn Cxkook.

157 — Maurice Jamerson (KM) pinned Mike Doughton.
169 — Jeff Rowell (KM) won by default over Gary Swofford.

187 — Avery Smith (KM) won by forfeit.
197 — Kenny Womic (KM) pinned Darrell Gettys.

Unl. — Lynn Thompson (KM) pinned Frank Porter.

100 — Robert Moore (EG) dec. Dwayne Rucker.
107 — Miles Boyce (KM) pinned Tim Boggs.
114 — Steve Brooks (EG) won by forfeit.

121 — Sammy Bell (KM) sup. dec. over Jeff Hill.
128 — Danny Wilson (EG) pinned James Miller.
134 — Jeff Baker (EG) pinned Bernard Womic.

140 — Johnny Ross (KM) pinned Steve Jones.
147 — Barron Smith (EG) won by forfeit.
157 — Maurice Jamerson (KM) dec. Rodney Patterson.

169 — Alan Lewis (EG) dec. Jeff Rowell.
187 — Darryl Brown (KM) dec. Mike Pressley.
197 — Kenny Womic (KM) dec. Richard Wooten.

Unl. — Lenny Thompson (KM) dec. Doug Criswell

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