

Mountaineer Club Sponsors All-Sports Fete

Three-Sport Standout Sammy Bell Wins Athlete Of The Year Trophy



KEVIN MACK
MV in Track

Senior Sammy Bell, who made All-Southwestern 3-A Conference in three sports during the 1978-79 school year, won the Mirror-Herald Athlete of the Year

Award at the annual Mountaineer Club All-Sports Banquet Friday night at the Kings Mountain High cafeteria. Carl Tacy, head

basketball coach at Wake Forest University, was guest speaker.

Bell, a senior, was All-Conference in cross country, wrestling and

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track and in wrestling had a perfect 16-0 regular season and was 20-1 overall. Bell won the Gaston Invitational, Southwestern Conference and

Southwestern Sectional tournaments. His only loss was in the Western Regionals at Hickory.

Bell was an outstanding miler in track. He was All-Conference in cross country and wrestling for two years in a row.

In addition to winning the Athlete of the Year trophy, Bell also won the most valuable wrestler award.

Several other athletes also won two awards. Priscilla Rickenbacker took MVP trophies in girls basketball and softball, Roxanne Tate won the most valuable player award and the Jan Fryar Memorial Trophy in girls tennis and Angie Hickman was most valuable player in volleyball and shared the most valuable player in girls track with Barbara McClain.

Other most valuable players included Tim Leach, baseball; Timmy Adams, boys basketball; Bernard Womic, cross country; Darrell Austin, golf; Kevin Mack, boys track; and Chris Keeter and Barron Wilson, tennis.

Most improved player trophies went to Mark Schuman in baseball and Vernon Bell and Annette Littlejohn in basketball. Also in basketball, Diane Williams and Jeff Prescott were presented the Coach's Award.

Darlene McClain won the outstanding cheerleader award and Annette Robinson, vice president in charge of projects for the Mountaineer Club, received a special award of appreciation given by the boosters.

Kyle Smith, president of the boosters, was master of ceremonies and John McGill gave the invocation. Robert McRee, who will assume the duties of KMHS principal in July, and current principal Forrest Wheeler, gave brief talks and Superintendent William Davis introduced Tacy.

Trophies were presented by coaches Dan Brooks, David Brinkley, Sue Swanda, John Blalock, Ed Guy, Steve Moffitt, Kathy Brooks, Denise LaVene, Bob Jones, Joe Rountree, Barry Gibson, Mayor John Henry Moss and Mirror-Herald Sports Editor Gary Stewart.

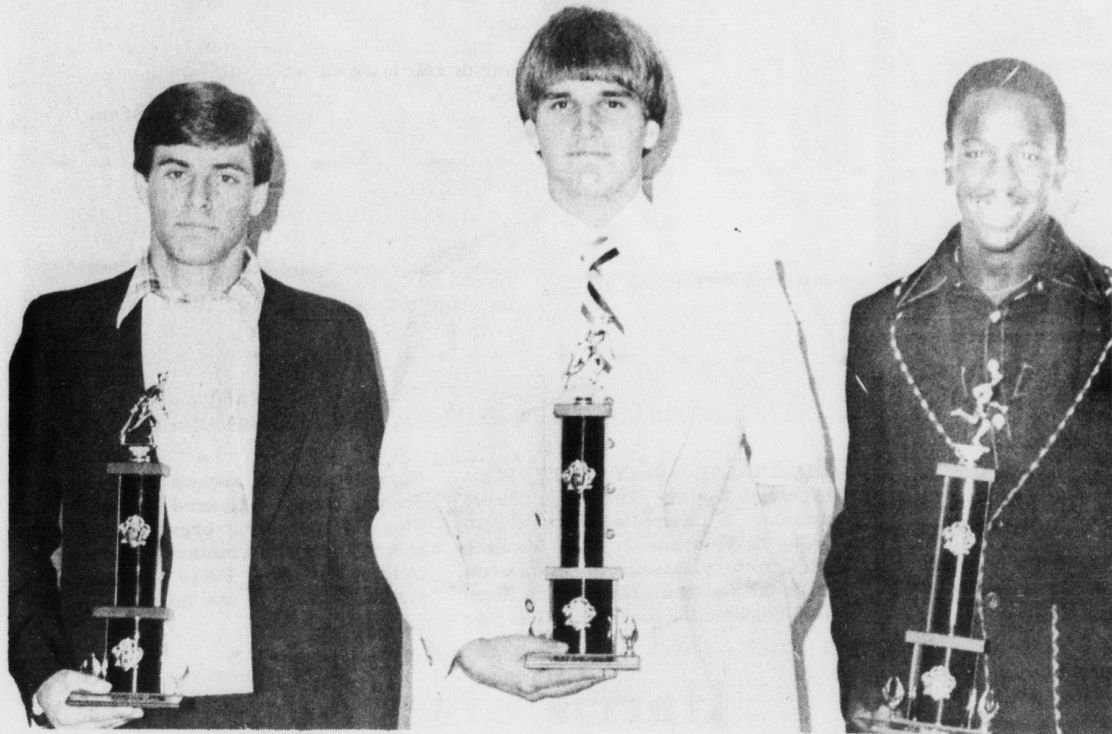
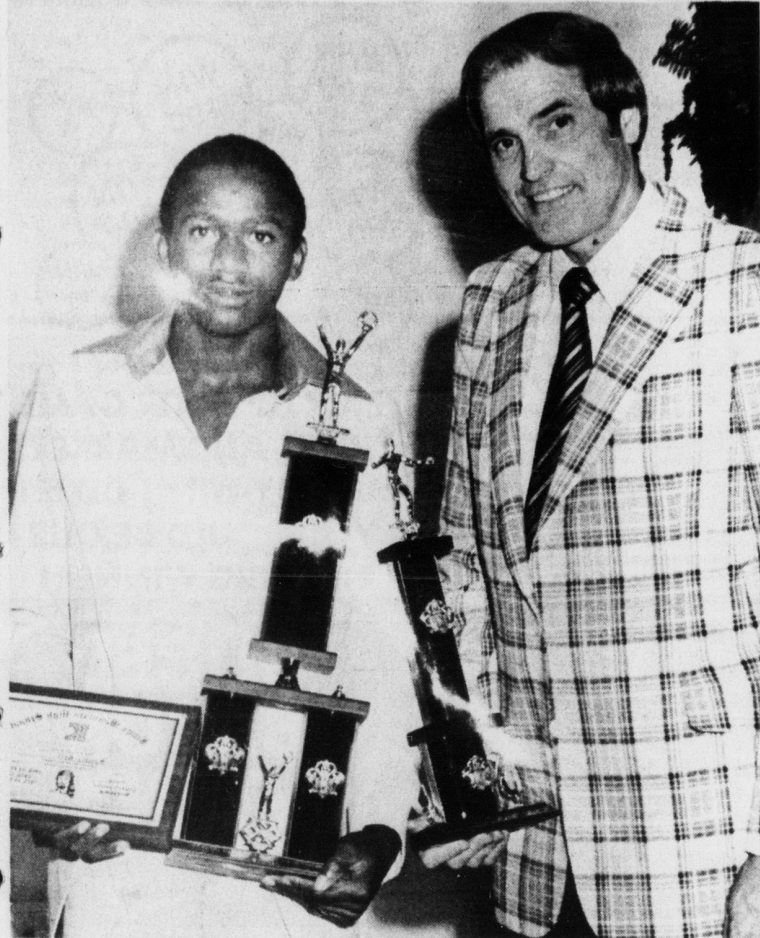
Mack, MVP in track, was not present as he was in Raleigh participating in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association track meet. Coach Dan Brooks accepted the award for Mack.

All senior athletes, including several who played three and four sports, were presented plaques.

Bishop Wins At Gaffney

GAFFNEY, S.C.—Billy Bishop, Spartanburg, driving the Petty-bull Camaro, will be looking for win number four in the late model sportsman division at the Cherokee Speedway here Saturday night.

Bishop grabbed his third win of the season last week, beating Gastonia's Bob Cooper to the checkered flag. J.C. Eaves, Cherryville also made a strong finish to gain third place money.



Photos by Gary Stewart

TROPHY WINNERS—These three KMHS athletes won trophies at the annual Mountaineer Club all-sports banquet Friday night at the KMHS cafeteria. Left to right are Mark Schuman, most improved in baseball; Tim Leach, most valuable player in baseball; and Bernard Womic, most valuable in cross country.

ATHLETE OF YEAR—Sammy Bell, right, needed help from Wake Forest basketball Coach Carl Tacy to hold all of his awards at Friday night's Mountaineer Club All-Sports Banquet at the KMHS cafeteria. Bell, a talented senior, won the most valuable wrestler award and the Mirror-Herald Athlete of the Year trophy. Tacy was guest speaker for the event.

Vitamin Bees, Legion Winners

In minor league games played last Wednesday night, Vitamin Bees edged Plonk Oil 5-2 and American Legion defeated Optimist 15-1.

Raynard Roberts hit a grand slam homer to key Vitamin Bees' five-run rally in the last inning. Plonk carried a 2-0 lead up to that point.

Trent Sanders hurled a one-hitter for Vitamin Bees. Rusty Bumgardner took the loss despite giving up only two hits.

Mike Houser hurled the win and Ware took the loss

in the Legion-Optimist game. Optimist scored its only run in the first inning for a 1-0 lead but Legion took the lead for good with two in the third. The winners added eight more in the fourth and five in the fifth.

Timmy Adams led the plate attack for the Legion with two singles and a double. Bryant Wells had two singles and Houser a double and single. Monty Deaton and two hits and Robert Price one for Optimist.



MORE TROPHY WINNERS—These KMHS athletes won trophies at the Mountaineer Club all-sports banquet Friday night at the KMHS cafeteria. Left to right are Angie Hickman, most valuable in track and volleyball; Darrell Austin, most valuable in golf; Roxanne Tate, most

valuable and Jan Fryar Memorial Award winner in tennis; Barron Wilson, most valuable in tennis; Barbara McClain, most valuable in track; Chris Keeter, most valuable in tennis; and Darlene McClain, outstanding cheerleader.

Hardin Catches Big Fish

David Hardin of Kings Mountain will be awarded a citation in the North Carolina Saltwater Fishing Tournament for a red drum weighing 44 pounds, eight ounces caught at Avon, N.C., May 17.

Hardin, his wife, and family were fishing off the Avon Pier near Hatteras Island, when Hardin landed the prize winner. Hardin took the fish to a nearby weigh station and

was told it was a "citation" fish because it weighed over 40 pounds.

"I really don't know a lot about the details," said Hardin. "We didn't go down there to fish in a tournament, it's something that just happened."

Hardin's citation will be awarded by the Division of Travel and Tourism of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Teams Play For First

Kings Mountain Knit and Foote Mineral battle at 6 p.m. tonight for first place in the Kings Mountain Industrial League Slowpitch Softball standings.

Both teams sport 9-1 league records and three game leads over Eaton, Kinmont and Kings Yarn. All with 6-4 marks. K Mills has a 3-7 mark, along with

Park Yarn, and Carmet brings up the rear with an 0-10 record.

In games last week, Foote defeated Eaton 17-7, KM Knit edged Park Yarn 13-12, Kinmont defeated K Mills 12-8, Kings Yarn outslugged Carmet 18-7, KM Knit whipped Kinmont 13-10, Eaton defeated K Mills 22-7 and Foote defeated Kings Yarn 10-4.



BASKETBALL WINNERS—The athletes pictured above won basketball trophies at Friday night's booster club all-sports fete. Left to right are Diane Williams, Coach's Award; Priscilla Rickenbacker,

most valuable; Jeff Prescott, Coach's Award; Annette Littlejohn, most improved; Timmy Adams, most valuable; and Vernon Bell, most improved. Rickenbacker was also most valuable in softball.