

## KM's Carl Smith In East-West Game

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expressed an interest in him, but have encouraged him to attend prep school for one year.

"If I go to a prep school," he said, "I would like to go to an ACC school like Clemson, Wake Forest or North Carolina, or either to Temple University," he said.

Smith recently visited the Temple campus in Philadelphia and was highly impressed with the school and basketball program. "But," he said, "I don't feel like I could go right in there and be academically successful."

A year of prep school, he said, would better prepare him academically and as a basketball player should he decide to go the major college route.

He says he feels he will take basically the same role as he did in high school when he hits the college hardwood.

"I won't be a great scorer," he said. "I want to be a leader and the coach on the floor. But I feel like if I have to score, I can play that role too."

He says he's always patterned his style of play after guard Gus Wynn of Seattle. "He's quick, plays good defense and leads the team," Smith said, "and if he has to score, he can."

Smith, who is a basketball natural, said he didn't always want to play organized basketball. He credits former Kings Mountain Junior High coach Ken Napier with giving him the push he needed.

"I could always play," he recalled, "but I didn't plan to play school ball. He asked me to come out for the team and told me that I could be a good ballplayer if I'd put my head to it."

Smith went out for the team as a seventh grader, but wasn't that happy with Napier's hard-work philosophy, and was think-

ing seriously about quitting after three games.

"He called me into his office," Smith recalled, "and told me that I ought to just hang in there and that the hard work would all pay off someday. Now I can see it's really paying off and I'm thankful for that."

"There are a lot of good players out there who are in the same boat," he continued. "But they don't have the people to talk to them."

Napier is now coaching at Ashley Junior High in Gastonia, but Smith still calls on him for advice.

"He's been with me through thick and thin," Smith said. "I still go over to his house a lot to talk with him about my problems. He's helped me the most of anybody I've been associated with."

He says his best friend, and a teammate on the 1980-81 KMHS team, Paul Ingram, has also been a big help to him.

"He's always made me play harder," Smith says. "I'd call him after every game this year, and tell him what I did, and he'd always encourage me to do better."

Smith says his biggest disappointment during his high school career was not getting to the state finals. The Mounties, ranked number one in the state both of the past two years, were bumped off by Burns in the district tourney last year and by Shelby in the district this past season.

His biggest thrill, he says, came when the Mounties knocked off top-ranked R-S Central and broke the Hilltoppers' 43-game winning streak in January of 1981.

Smith, who was nicknamed the "Ice Man" by Napier early in his junior high career because of his ability to play well under pressure, gave the Mounties the victory when he hit the winning basket at the buzzer.

## Duvall Wins Race

Mike Duvall of Gaffney, S.C., picked up his second win of the week Friday night at Carolina Speedway in Gastonia, winning the sportsman event of the weekly Carolina card after leader Billy Scott blew a tire and crashed.

Duvall had won the annual Shrine 100 race two nights earlier in similar fashion. Kings Mountain's Freddy Smith was leading that event but crashed.

Both Smith and Scott cleared the wall between the first and second turns and came to rest in some woods.

James Burnette finished second Friday. Freddie Crawford was third, Butch Bowen fourth and Bruce Bishop fifth. Crawford's finish was protested

by Bishop, but after his engine was removed and examined, the protest was denied and his third place finish stood.

Bud Farris of Clover won the rookie race. John Pursley was second and Howard Allred third.

Neal Elliott took the cadet race, followed by Marion Crawford, Steve Franklin and Raymond Crawford.

First place in the street division went to Monte Bogan. David Green, sports editor of the Gaffney Ledger, was second, Jim Wyatt third and Butch Hearst fourth.

Duvall will gun for his third straight Carolina win Friday. Gates open at 6 p.m. and racing begins at 8 p.m.

## Patriot Netters Split

Kings Mountain Junior High's tennis team split a pair of matches during the past week, defeating East McDowell 8-2 Wednesday before dropping their first match of the year Monday at Shelby, 10-0.

The Patriots were scheduled to travel to West McDowell yesterday. They return home Monday to host Shelby in a 3:30 match.

### WEDNESDAY MATCH (Singles)

Jones (KM) def. Skidmore 8-2; Adams (KM) def. Dillard 6-4, 7-5; Bailey (EM) def. Lutz 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; Warlick (KM) def. Young 6-3, 6-1; P. McGinnis (KM) def. Mace 6-4, 6-3; Huffstetler (KM) def. Rader 6-1, 6-0.

### (Doubles)

Hughes-Ramsey (KM) def. Morgan-Shaw 8-4; Patterson-Murphree (KM) def. Spratt-Rader 8-3; Austin-K. McGinnis (KM) def. Yancey-Parker 8-6; Cross-Burgess (EM) def. Webster-Harper 8-4.

### MONDAY MATCH (Singles)

Henshaw (S) def. Jones 6-4, 6-4; Early (S) def. Lutz 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; Kennedy (S) def. Hughes 6-3, 6-2; Rosenkamm (S) def. Warlick 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Powell (S) def. P. McGinnis 6-2, 6-3; Ellis (S) def. Huffstetler 6-0, 6-3; Sechrist-Martin (S) def. Ramsey-Murphree 8-1; Lutz-Brant (S) def. Patterson-Wells 8-1; Geddes-Smith (S) def. Austin-K. McGinnis 8-3; Arey-Bowles (S) def. Patterson-Webster 8-0.

## Clemson Orange White Game Mack Leading Rusher

CLEMSON, SC—Donald Igwebuike booted a 19-yard field goal with only eight seconds left in the game Saturday afternoon to give the Orange a 16-14 victory over White in Clemson's annual Spring Game. For Igwebuike it was his third field goal of the rain-plagued game.

The field goal capped an exciting day in Death Valley. At halftime the Associated Press National Championship Trophy was presented to the Clemson team by Herschel Nissenon of the New York Bureau. Most Valuable Players in all sports at Clemson were honored prior to the game.

Igwebuike opened the scoring in the second quarter with a 23-yard field goal. The boot

culminated a 16-play, 73-yard drive that took 7:25 on the clock. Orange fullback Jeff McCall was the key figure in the drive as he gained 32 yards in eight carries. A tackle of McCall behind the line of scrimmage by middle guard William Perry helped stop the drive.

The Orange team took a 10-0 advantage later in the quarter on the most exciting play of the game. On a first and 10 situation from his own 34, Orange quarterback Anthony Parete hit tight end K.D. Dunn over the middle and the sophomore-to-be rambled the remaining yardage for a 66-yard score and a 10-0 Orange lead.

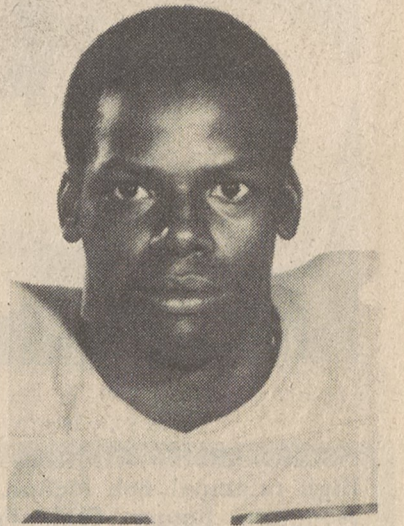
Homer Jordan led the White team to a score in the final three minutes of the first half. The Athens, GA, native led the White team 70 yards in nine plays as he hit 3-4 passes for 42 yards and ran twice for 23 more yards on the drive. The All-ACC quarterback ran nine yards for the touchdown with only four seconds left in the half.

Neither team moved the ball well in the third quarter as only two first downs were registered by the two clubs combined. But,

towards the end of the period the Orange team mounted another drive. Billy Green led the Orange club 51 yards in 11 plays that ended with another Igwebuike field goal, this one from 39 yards out.

But, on the next series, Mike Eppley, who is also the starting point guard on the Clemson basketball team, took the White team 70 yards in only six plays and a 14-13 White lead. Kevin Mack, the leading rusher in the game with 82 yards in nine carries, raced 47 yards up the middle for the score with 6:40 left.

Down, by a point with 6:40 to go, the Orange team mounted an



KEVIN MACK

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## Rickenbacker Wins Award

Priscilla Rickenbacker of Grover won the women's softball most valuable player award at the annual North Carolina Wesleyan College's athletic awards banquet Wednesday night.

Rickenbacker was the leading hitter and led the team in runs batted in during the past season.

Rickenbacker, a graduate of Kings Mountain High School, also plays on the Wesleyan basketball team and last season was the team's most valuable player and an All-American.

Rickenbacker was also selected last week to the All-Tournament team after Wesleyan won the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Association tourney at Greensboro. Wesleyan defeated UNC-Greensboro 3-0 in the title game.

## Lady Pats Win Fifth

Kings Mountain Junior High's girls softball team scored 13 runs in the bottom of the fifth inning Thursday to defeat Shelby 18-7 and run their Western Association record to 5-0. Shelby fell to 2-2.

Susie Moore hurled the win for Coach Candy Albergine's ten and also shared game hitting honors with Leigh Anne Odell with 3-for-4. Sylvia White and Melany Herndon had two hits each and Odell and White hit home runs.

Kings Mountain, which trailed until the fifth, had 15 hits and took advantage of nine Shelby errors.

The Lady Pats, who are unbeaten over the past two years, were scheduled to travel to Crest Wednesday. They host West McDowell Thursday at 4 p.m.

## Junior High Whips Shelby

Kings Mountain Junior High's baseballers defeated Shelby 3-1 Thursday on a two-hitter by Lavar Curry.

Curry struck out seven in giving the Patriots their fourth win in five Western Association outings.

The Pats are tied for first place with Crest. Those two teams were scheduled to play yesterday at Crest. The Pats host West McDowell Thursday.

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