

Photo by Gary Stewart

QUICK PIN - Referee Don Pack gets down on mat to get a close look at the shoulders of West Lincoln's Mike Cagle as Kings Mountain's David Parker (right) records a quick first period pin in Thursday night's wrestling match at the KMHS gym. Parker's win in the 155-pound match was the last one of the night for the Mountaineers as the Rebels came from behind for a 39-27 victory.

Mountie Grapplers Lose To Tough West Lincoln

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers dropped a heartbreaking 39-27 decision to a strong West Lincoln team in non-conference action Thursday night at the KMHS gym.

The loss gives the Mountaineers a 1-1 non-conference record. Coach Steve Moffitt takes his team to Shelby Saturday for a tournament. Other teams entered are Shelby, West Lincoln, Gaffney, Burns, Crest,

East Mecklenburg and St. Stephens.

"Our guys are going to be going after West Lincoln," said Moffitt after Thursday's loss. "We had a team meeting, and they want them real bad."

Kings Mountain led by 27-15 after David Parker of the Mountaineers recorded a quick pin over West Lincoln's Mike Cagle in the 155-pound match. But the Rebels won the last four matches

by pins to keep their unbeaten record intact.

"I felt like we had as good a team as they did," commented Moffitt. "There were a couple of matches that we didn't win that we could have won. Overall, our guys wrestled pretty good. West is probably the toughest team we'll meet all year."

After the Shelby tournament Saturday, the Mountaineers will be idle until January 2, when they open Southwestern 3-A Conference action at Burns.

Smith Returns Home

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North Carolina," Smith said following the game, "but I hope the people back in Kings Mountain don't read the boxscore."

Smith is fitting in well with UMass Coach Ron Gerlufsen's rebuilding plans. The first-year coach recruited Smith from Fork Union Prep School in Virginia and said he looks for a "brilliant career" from him at the school which turned out all-NBA star Julius Erving.

"Carl's doing all the things I want a point guard to do for me," Gerlufsen said. "I've been real pleased with his playmaking skills and the way he's always cool under pressure. We have a young ballclub with only one senior, one freshman (Smith), one sophomore and two juniors in the starting lineup."

Another coach who is impressed with Smith's playmaking ability is Colorado assistant Alvin Gentry, who was scouting Duke for next Wednesday's game.

Gentry, a former basketball standout at Shelby High School and Appalachian State University, said he didn't realize Smith was from Kings Mountain until he saw the game program.

"He's going to make Massachusetts an outstanding point guard," Gentry said. "I like the way he plays under pressure."

Smith was highly-recruited after leading Kings Mountain High to back-to-back Southwestern 3-A Conference titles in 1980-81 and 1981-82. Chances to play at Clemson and Wake Forest fell through and he decided to go to Fork Union for a year.

"I decided on Massachusetts because the coach told me that if I came up there and did well I would probably start," Smith said. He won the starting point position in fall practice.

Smith, who is averaging 5.5 points per game, hit 2-of-4 field goals and 2-of-4 free throws for his six-point total Monday night. His biggest assist night came against Bentley, when he had 10.

THE RESULTS
 98 - Lewis Huskey (KM) pinned Don Church; 105 - Jeff Lewis (WL) dec. Thomas Goddard 11-10; 112 - Tim Hamrick (KM) won by forfeit; 119 - Farris Turner (KM) pinned Rodney Malt; 126 - Jamie Fox (WL) dec. Dale Smart 5-0; 132 - Kevin Costner (WL) pinned Vince Sullens; 138 - Zack Roseboro (KM) dec. Eric Miller 6-5; 145 - Garland Gilbert (WL) dec. Roderick Boyce 5-3; 155 - David Parker (KM) pinned Mike Cagle; 167 - Mike Baker (WL) pinned Robert Bradshaw; 185 - Travis Hull (WL) pinned Curt Pressley; 195 - Lyndell Hoffman (WL) pinned Jeff Stokes; Hwt. - Danny Evans (WL) pinned Dale Moore.

Patriots Take 2nd Victory

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers opened Western Conference action last Wednesday with a 65-12 victory over West McDowell.

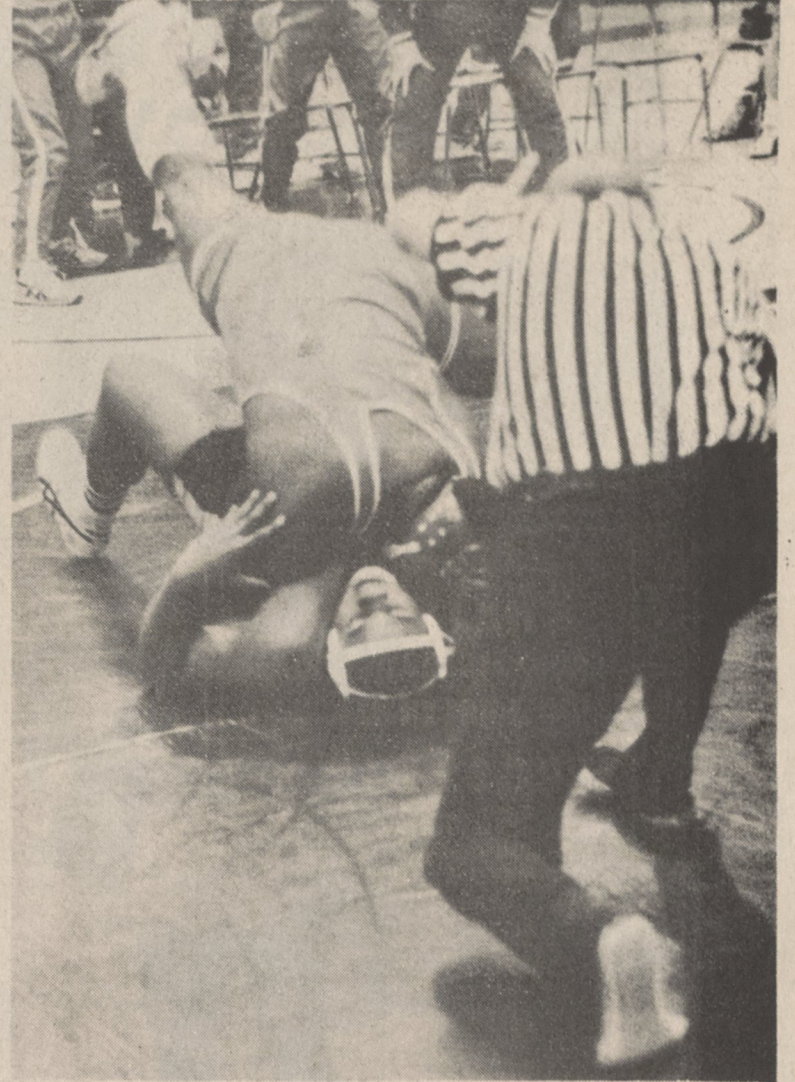
The Patriots were scheduled to travel to Crest yesterday in a match that should determine the conference champion. Crest opened its conference season last week with a victory over Shelby.

Coach Phil Weathers started seventh graders Allen Moore and Johnny Nation in his first two matches and both youngsters, who were wrestling for the first time, recorded pins.

"They got us off to a real good start," Weathers said. "We went on to record 10 pins. Roger Webb, Darren Shank, Danny Hamrick and Lew Dellinger all had outstanding matches."

"I still feel like we have a young team and have a lot to cover," Weathers added. "But I'm very pleased with the way our team has wrestled so far."

The Patriots will travel to Shelby Friday for a non-conference match.



MOORE PINNED - Kings Mountain's Dale Moore is pictured here being pinned by West Lincoln's Danny Evans in the heavyweight bout in last week's non-conference wrestling match at KMHS. The Mountaineers travel to Shelby Saturday for an invitational tournament, then take a break until January 2 when they open Southwestern 3-A Conference action at Burns.

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