# Junior High Matters Open Season Next Week

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestling team, defending champions in the Western N.C. Junior High Athletic Association, will open their season November 28 at home against

Coach Phil Weathers, whose team has won the Western title every year of its existence, has a young, inexperienced team this year but he hopes the team will gain enough experience in early non-conference matches to make it a strong contender for another league crown.

The Patriots have six starters back from last year's team. They are 88-pound Allen Moore, 98-pound Tony Parker, 126-pound Darren Schenck,

145-pound Dallas Stacey, 132-pound Timmy Adams and heavyweight Wayne Brazell.

Other members of the team include seventh graders Scott Belcher, Chris Henson, Chad Leigh, Ray Miller, Reggie Moss, Joseph Murray, Michael Payseur, Chris Robbins, Shannon Sanders, Shane Sessom, Tracy Sullens and Sterling Feaster; eighth graders James Adams, Dale Bowman, Chris Brown, Lyn Goddard, Jamie Griggs, Bradley Henderson, Billy Messick, Johnny Nations, Clint Spicer, Antonio Williams and Thurman Young; and ninth graders, Travis Bess, David Davis, Jason Dover, Jimmy Harrison, Anthony Hillman, Charles

Mauney, Jimmy Sanders, Shawn Smith, John Turner and Jamie

"Inexperience is going to be our biggest problem," said Weathers. "We have a young team but they've been working hard in practice. We feel like we have a long way to go in a short period of time."

The Patriots face their toughest schedule ever this year with conference foes like Crest and Shelby and non-conference toughies like Sullivan, Lincolnton, Gaffney and Hudson.

"We're hoping we can gain some experience quickly to help us when we get in our conference schedule," Weathers said. "We're facing some really good teams this year. Our conference continues to get stronger every year."

> THE SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

28 - Burns DECEMBER

3 - Gaffney 5 - W. McDowell\*

10 - Sullivan

12 - Crest\* 17 - at Gaffney

18 - at Shelby

**JANUARY** 3 - at Burns\*

7 - at Lincolnton 9 - at E. McDowell\*

14 - at Sullivan

16-Shelby

21 - at Hudson

\*Conf. matches All home matches 4 p.m. at Central School

### Classic **Finals** On TV

The Championship game of the tenth annual WBTV Carolina Classic basketball tournament will be seen Saturday, December 1st beginning at 3:30 PM on WBTV, Channel 3.

Participants in the tournament, which will be held at the Winthron College Coliseum. November 28-December 1, include: Barber-Scotia, Belmont Abbey, Gardner-Webb, Johnson C. Smith, Lenoir-Rhyne, Limestone, Livingstone, Pfeiffer, Wingate and Winthrop.

WBTV's Sports Anchor Paul Cameron and the WBTV Sports Department will provide coverage of the live Championship game.

#### Basketball **Tourney Set**

An eight-team, doubleelimination basketball touranment is scheduled to begin November 29 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Many of the top former high school and college players from this area are expected to play in the event. One of the teams entered is the strong Forest City team which won the championship of the Kings Mountain Christmas Tournament two years ago.

Action will get underway on November 29 at 6 p.m. 'Any teams interested in participating should contact George Adams at 739-9631. Entry fee is \$65.

#### Registration Is Underway

Registration for the annual Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department basketball program is now underway at the Kings Mountain Community Center gym.

Any boy or girl ages eight through 12 may register from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. each weekday.

CHURCH MEETING

There will be a meeting of church league basketball teams Monday at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center (downstairs). Volleyball will also be discussed. All churches interested in having teams in the leagues are urged to have a representative present.



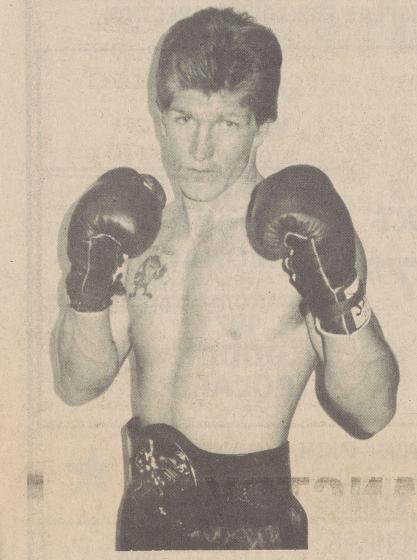
TO PLAY IN ATLANTA - The Kings Mountain Optimist Club junior midget football team will participate in a bowl game Saturday in Atlanta. Team members include, front row, left to right, Mark Howard, Ricky Ivey, Billy Appling, Eugene Webber, Virgil Stokes and Paul Brannon, Second row, Bill Runyan, Kevin Patterson, Shan Ford, Danny Hughes, Rocky Hamrick, Brian Benfield, Andre Bess, Allen Moore, Kenny Ward. Third row, Donnie Burgess, Junior Green, Daniel Honeycutt, Chris Putnam, Jeffrey Fowler, Marcus Brooks, Spencer Brown, Roderick Roberts, Todd Starnes. Back row, assistant coach Dean Brennan, assistant coach Scott Wells, head coach Jim Littlejohn, assistant coach-business manager Phillip Putnam. Not pictured, Roderick McClain and Tommy Weaver.

#### **Optimists To Play In Atlanta**

Kings Mountain's Optimist Club junior midgets football team will travel to Atlanta, Ga., Friday and Saturday to compete autograph session with Atlanta players.

Kings Mountain will face the Mableton, Ga., Tigers Saturday

Warner League this fall. All of the KM losses except one were by a touchdown or less.



TO FIGHT SATURDAY - David "The Rock" Humphries of Kings Mountain, U.S. welterweight kickboxing champion, will battle Larry Nichols of Pensacola, Fla., in a North American championship bout Saturday at Charlotte's Park Center. Tickets are on sale locally at Eng School of Self Defense on East Gold Street.

## David 'Rock' Humphries To Fight In Charlotte

David "The Rock" Humphries of Kings Mountain, the U.S. Superwelter kickboxing champion, will battle North American Champion Larry Nichols of Pensacola, Fla., for the North American championship Saturday night at Charlotte Park Center.

A number of exciting World Karate Association matches are on the 8 p.m. card. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$10 balcony and \$15 ringside. Tickets are on sale locally at Eng School of Self Defense on East Gold Street.

In addition to the North American title bout, several other title matches are on tap. David "The Cobra" Barber of Warren Robbins, Ga., the Super Bantam Weight world champ and U.S. Bantam Weight champ, will fight Davy Jones, the Alabama State champion; Tony "The Terror" Smith, the East Coast middleweight champ, will battle Ron Woodfin, the Alabama state champion; Ray Price of Forest City will face Gary Moore of Lincolnton, George Rainey of Gaffney will face Gerald Murray of Alabama, Bob Barnes of Dallas will battle Perry Baston of Appling, Ga., and "Sugar" Turner of Benson will face Darren Malone of Fayetteville. Every match except one will feature a current title holder.

Humphries, who won his U.S. title several months ago in a bout at Kings Mountain High School, has been defending his title recently against some of the top

fighters in the southeast. In September, he defeated Darren Mallone, a top-ten rated fighter, in a seven-round fight in

Raleigh's Municipal Arena. Humphries won on a fifth round TKO with a back kick to the stomach.

In October, Humphries scored an impressive fourth round knockout victory over A.W. Mohommad, a pro boxer who was ranked sixth in the world by the World Boxing Commission. That fight took place in Florida.

Humphries had been scheduled to fight Willie Ruffin of Lake Worth, Fla., a top-ten rated opponent, but agreed to fight Mohommad when Ruffin couldn't make weight. According to Humphries' manager, Robert Eng III, they did not know beforehand that Mohommad was a world-ranked professional boxer.

Humphries got a standing eight count on Mohommad in the first round, working hard on the legs and using hooking hand combinations off the kicks. He continued to work on the legs until he recorded a knockout in the fourth round.

"Not until after the fight did we find out that Mohommad was rated number six in the world with the World Boxing Commission, and that he was trained by Chris and Angelo Dundee at the Fifth Street Gym in Miami. This was a great win for us and the boxing world was very upset," Eng said.

Humphries' huge success in the ring this year has earned him induction into Official Karate Magazine's Hall of Fame. Each year, the publication selects 10 of the best full contact fighters in the world for the honor.

"This is a great accomplishment for David and a great setp for this area," said Eng.





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