

SECTIONAL CHAMP - Kings Mountain's Vince Sullens won the 132-pound championship in the Sectional Wrestling Tournament Saturday at West Mecklenburg High in Charlotte. Sullens and teammate Farris Turner will represent KMHS in the Regional Tournament Saturday at Kannapolis.

Mountaineer Comeback Trips East In Triple OT

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packed into a 1-3-1 zone defense. East began forcing the action with 34 seconds remaining and Sherer got loose under the basket for a layup with 25 seconds left to put KM ahead 65-63. Ken Byrd of the Cavaliers hit a long jumper with four seconds remaining to tie the game and force a second three-minute overtime.

East Rutherford's Smith missed a layup at the 2:40 mark of the second OT and the Mountaineers again elected to hold the ball outside rather than shoot over the East zone. With 20 seconds left, Curry was fouled but missed the front end of the one-and-one. Crocker missed a tip-in attempt but Sherer rebounded the shot and put it in with 14 seconds left to give KM a 67-65 lead.

Byrd again connected from downtown with three seconds left to tie it at 67-all and force the third extra period.

The Cavaliers controlled the tip and elected to play run-and-gun and that suited the Mountaineers. Sherer scored at the 2:37 mark to make it 69-67, then Curry stole the ball and went in for a layup to give the Mounties a 71-67 lead. East cut it to 71-69, but then Curry hit a pair of free throws at the 1:44 mark to make it 73-69, and Sherer scored off an assist from Curry with 1:05 to play to make it 75-69. The closest the Cavaliers could get after that was five points when Byrd hit a pair of free throws with 50 seconds left to make it 76-71.

Curry finished with 29 points to lead the Mountaineers. Crocker added 18 points and 18 rebounds and Jordan had 10 points. Smith scored 25 and Byrd 18 for the Cavaliers, who fell to 8-7 and into a tie with Burns for fourth place.

"I have to give East a lot of credit," said a drained KMHS Coach Larry Sipe after the game. "They're going to be a factor in the tournaments."

East Rutherford outscored the Mounties from the floor, 32 field goals to 30, but KM

went to the foul line 17 times and came away with 22 points while East made only nine trips to the line for 11 points.

The Mountaineers were not themselves for three periods, often throwing the ball out of bounds and missing easy shots. But when they gained the momentum late in the fourth quarter, they seemed to make every pass and shot count.

"I've never seen so many loose balls that we couldn't get our hands on," said Sipe of the first three quarters. "It was like the ball didn't have any air in it. I guess it was just one of those nights."

"But we didn't quit and gave a good effort," he went on. "We could have folded several times but didn't. And things aren't going to get an easier for us."

Kings Mountain's girls got a 35-point effort from Doreen Pettus in their attempt to knock off the fourth place East ladies, but a late comeback by the Lady Cavaliers spoiled the effort.

The Mountaineettes held an eight-point lead with three minutes to play but the Lady Cavaliers hit some key free throws down the stretch to ice their ninth SWC win in 15 outings.

Gina Elmore scored 21 points and Tonya Sanford 15 for East. Pettus had 11 rebounds to go with her 35 points for KMHS. Regina Brown added 10 rebounds and Evelyn Roberts had six assists.

BOYS GAME

KM (82) - Curry 29, Crocker 18, Sherer 11, Jordan 10, Rayford 10, Hollifield 4.
ER (75) - Smith 25, Byrd 18, Stroud 8, Twitty 7, Johnson 7, Harris 6, Shows 4.

GIRLS GAME

KM (55) - Boheler 2, Moore 2, Roberts 2, Pettus 35, Brown 8, Woods 6.
ER (56) - Elmore 21, Sanford 15, Wright 9, Bright 4, Mayes 3, Justin 2, Smith 2.

Jayvees Defeat Shelby

Kings Mountain High's jayvee basketballers defeated Shelby 71-63 Tuesday afternoon at the KMHS gym.

Mike Curry led the KM scoring with 17 points, followed by Mike Woods with 13, Jerrell Smith and Raynard Roberts with 11 each and Stephen Mauney with 10. Cal Moore led Shelby with 17.

Coach Gary Brigman takes his charges to R-S Central Friday afternoon for their final game.

KM Jayvees Win Pair

Kings Mountain High's jayvee basketballers won a pair of games last week to run their record to 7-5 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 8-7 overall.

They defeated East Gaston 64-55 and East Rutherford 71-61.

Against the Warriors, Mike Woods scored 17 points, Jerrell Smith 12, Charles Hamilton eight and Raynard Roberts 7.

Woods scored 20 against the Cavaliers and Smith added 14, Roberts 13 and Mike Curry eight.

Sullens Sectional Champion

Kings Mountain's Vince Sullens won the 132-pound weight division in the Southwestern Sectional Wrestling Tournament Saturday at West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte.

Sullens and Farris Turner, who finished second in the 112-pound division, will represent the Mountaineers in the Western Regionals Saturday at A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis. If they finish in the top four there, they will advance to the State Tournament February 22-23 at Winston-Salem Parkland.

Turner lost his championship bout to Darryl Seagars of West Mecklenburg. Shelby's Barry Hopper finished third.

As a team, the Mountaineers, who won last week's Southwestern 3-A Conference tournament, finished 10th. West Mecklenburg won the team title with 130 points and Independence was second at 97. Crest was third and Shelby fourth.

Other SWC wrestlers qualifying for the regionals were Chuck McGinnis of Chase at 98 pounds, Scott Holden of East Gaston and Tyrone McCluney of Crest at 105, Dwayne Brooks of Shelby at 119, Charles Thomas of Crest at 145, Phil Crowder of Shelby and Donald Moore of Crest at 167, Lee Gragg of Crest and Paul Lockett of Burns at 185, Glenn Thompson of Shelby at 195 and Jami Jones of Chase at unlimited.



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Mathematically Speaking, Duke's No. 1

Kevin Madden should help UNC from the start next year. The 6-6 high school senior's averaging 25.8 points, 8.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists. A few days ago, he blocked 8 shots—including 4 by a 6-11 center. Some are comparing him to Michael Jordan...**My vote** for the Sullivan Award went to Mary Lou Retton, but Bill Johnson might be more deserving. No American had ever finished higher than fifth in Olympic Alpine skiing until Johnson won the gold at Sarajevo. But Mary Lou'll be named America's top amateur athlete—as much for her smile as for her talents.

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Duke's the nation's best team—mathematically speaking, that is. An M.I.T. graduate in math ranks the Blue Devils first based on a combination of schedule strength and scores against Division I teams. Maryland's 16, UNC 17, Tech 23, State 33, Wake 38, Clemson 54 and Virginia 68...**Just wondering:** Wouldn't Duke stack up against Georgetown or anybody else if they had a Mike Gminski at center this year?

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A player with 18 rebounds in a game is big news today, but Wake's Dickie Hemric averaged 18.5 over a 4-year career...**I sat** next to Calfish Hunter at the Charlotte Hall of fame banquet last week. The Cat looks as if he could still go nine...**Gaylord Perry** has a 6-8 son who's quite a basketball player. If he's the competitor his dad was, he'll go places...**I look** for Manager Pete Rose to build a fire under the Cincinnati Reds this year—both from the bench and on the field.

How good is Michael Jordan? Well—when Larry Bird says he's the best he has ever seen, (better than Dr. J, better than Jabbar, better than Magic Johnson) that's enough said right there...**I like Al McGuire.** I like him a lot. But when the "Coach" says he'd put 5-3 Tyrone Bogues on his All-American team, I gotta wonder. Bogues is spectacular, but aren't there five better college players than this tiny marvel?...**The ACC's** as balanced as it has ever been, but my choice in the ACC Tourney is UNC—again.

When Furman's Frank Selvy scored 100 points against Newberry in February of 1954 he took 70 shots—and hit 42 of them—a number from "down yonder". A fluke? Maybe. But Frank scored 50 or more points in 8 different games and had a 41.7 scoring average his senior year...**It's a great week** for televised basketball: UNC at Maryland Wednesday, UNC at State and Georgia Tech at Virginia Saturday, and Maryland at Clemson Sunday—on WBTB and other stations. Would it surprise you if Virginia and Clemson won?

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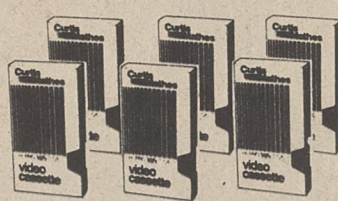
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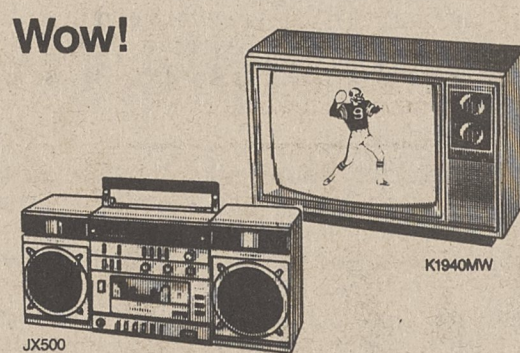
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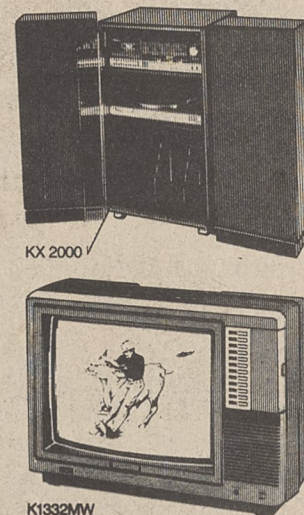
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