

WINS TITLE - Tony Smith, left, of Kings Mountain, is pictured above with his trainer, Robert Eng, center, and former champion Ron Woofin of Selma, Ala., after Smith won the World Karate Association U.S. Superwelterweight belt from Woofin last weekend in Macon, Ga.

Smith Wins U.S. Title

Kings Mountain's Tony Smith defeated Ron Woofin of Selma, Ala., Saturday in Macon, Ga., to win the U.S. Superwelterweight championship of full contact karate.

Smith is the second U.S. champion trained at Eng School of Self Defense in Kings Mountain. David "Rock" Humphries earlier won the middleweight title. Smith won eight of the 10

rounds against the U.S. champion. "The entire fight was a fast-paced war," said his trainer, Robert Eng. "We trained real hard for this fight and Tony got plenty of sparring in with other world-rated fighters in our gym like David "The Rock" Humphries and Bob "Buffalo" Barnes."

Other fighters from Eng's gym who came away with victories in Georgia were

Robbie Stephens of KM, who defeated Bobby Melton of Warner Robbins, Ga., Tony Onley of KM who defeated Tim Miller of Macon, Ga., and Skip Birkovich of Grover, who defeated Robert Dodds of Macon, Ga., in a close decision.

Bob "Buffalo" Barnes of Kings Mountain defeated Perry Baston of Carrollton, Ga., in the third round to win the North Carolina heavyweight title.

Rayford 10 against Clemmons.

Against Greensboro, the score was tied at 56-all with 50 seconds to play. Kings Mountain held the ball and scored the winning basket with two seconds left.

Kings Mountain battled strong against a powerful Winston-Salem team which featured a front line of 6'8", 6'7" and 6'6". KM trailed by only 37-34 at the half and 54-50 after three periods but Winston-Salem's size made the difference in the stretch.

"The team gave a good account," said Coach Danny McDowell. "It was a good experience to play against major college prospects. We were real pleased with the play of Edwin Sherer, Sam Smith, Lenny Rayford and Travis Crocker. We talked to several college coaches and filmed the game and plan to send it to several area colleges."

Members of the KM team were Sherer, Smith, Mike Woods, Greg Yount, Crocker, Rayford, Wilson and Jerry Jordan.

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Patriots Knock Off West

Kings Mountain Junior High's baseballers handed West McDowell its first loss of the season Monday and forced a three-way tie for first place in the Western Junior High Athletic Association.

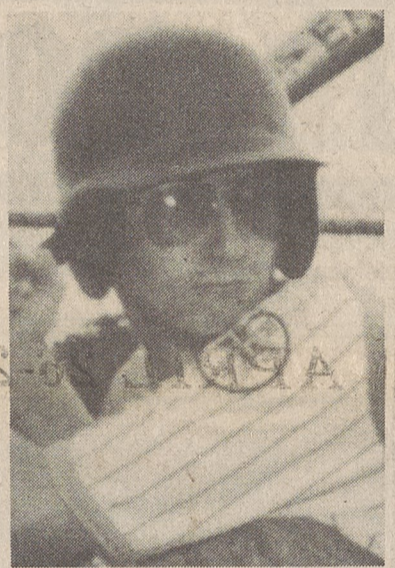
The Patriots, now 4-1 in the league and 5-1 overall, are now tied for first place with West and Crest. The Patriots host Crest Thursday at 4 p.m.

Aided by four Patriot errors and two hits, the visitors grabbed a 5-0 lead after two innings. Kings Mountain battled back to take a 8-6 lead after five innings. After West regained the lead at 9-8, the Patriots scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to win.

Monty Deaton, the third Patriot hurler, was the winner. He came on in the sixth, gave up just one hit and fanned four. Todd McDaniel started and was relieved in the fourth by Chris Plonk.

Deaton, Kevin Bolin and Jody Champion led the KM hitting with two hits each. Champion doubled home the winning run in the bottom of the sixth.

Kings Mountain scored two



KEVIN BOLIN

runs in the second to cut the West lead to 5-2. Dale Greene led off with a single. Following a walk to Timmy Adams and a passed ball, Bolin singled in a pair.

Coach Tommy Wease's Pats struck for two more in the fourth to cut the margin to 5-4. With two outs, Adams, Bolin and Eddie Moss walked to load the bases. Daron Schenck popped up to first, but the West first baseman mis-judged the ball and let it drop for a two-run error.

Kings Mountain scored three in the fifth to take an 8-6 lead. Bagwell singled and Deaton doubled and both were plated on a single by Champion. After a passed ball, Adams reached on an error and Bolin singled to score Champion. Moss singled home Adams for an 8-6 edge.

Two errors, a passed ball and two hits led to three runs for West in the top of the sixth and the Pats were behind again, 9-8.

In the bottom of the sixth, Brent Bagwell walked and Deaton singled. Greene reached on a fielder's choice to score Bagwell and tie the game at 9-all, and Greene scored the winning run on Champion's double.

Pats Edge East

Kings Mountain Junior High's baseballers struck for two runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh to score a come from behind 8-6 victory over East McDowell in a Western Association game Thursday in Marion.

Monty Deaton came on in the fourth inning to pick up the win in relief of seventh grader Chad Plonk. Deaton pitched no-hit ball the rest of the way and struck out eight.

Kings Mountain led 3-2 in the fourth when East McDowell took advantage of a walk, three KM errors and a base hit to take a 5-3 lead.

In the fifth, the Patriots tied it at 5-5 as Daron Schenck walked, David Ayscue reached on an error, Brent Bagwell doubled and Deaton hit a sacrifice fly.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 7-5 lead in the sixth. Timmy Adams walked, Kevin Bolin singled, and the runners advanced to second and third on a passed ball. Schenck singled to drive in both runners.

The Patriots added an insurance tally in the seventh. Deaton led off with a single, stole second, moved to third on an infield out and scored on a single by Jody Champion.

Champion finished with two hits and three runs batted in to lead the KM attack.

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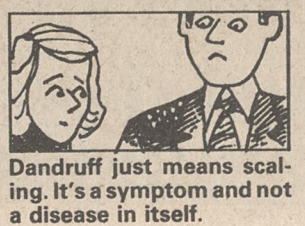
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