



**WRESTLING CHAMPIONS** - Here's the Kings Mountain Junior High wrestling team which won the Western Association title for the 10th straight year this season. Front row, left to right, Shawn Pettus, Billy Hill, Tee Cole, Bobby McAbee, Travis Adams, Derand Peppers, Grant Holder, Tracy Sullens, Brady Goforth and Jeff Melton. Second row, Kevin Young, Kevin Parker, Douglas Womic, D.J. Williams, Michael Heffner, Jonathan Chapman, Marty Stephenson, Chris Henson, Scott Myers, Gene Smith, Mike Byers. Back row, Recio Strong, Billy Appling, Reggie Moss, Rivers Smith, Scott Belcher, Steve Robbins, Brian Dellinger, Robbie Cansler, Mike Hoyle, Joe Harris, Matt Rikard, Kevin Oliver, Lesco Gardner.

## Patriots Win 10th Title

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers wrapped up their 10th consecutive Western Junior High Athletic Association championship Wednesday, defeating Shelby 60-14.

Coach Phil Weathers' Patriots closed their regular season with a perfect 10-0 record. They were 6-0 in conference action, followed by Shelby 4-2, Crest 1-5 and Burns 1-5.

Chris Henson, KM's 134-pounder, closed out the season with a perfect 14-0 record and finished 24-0 over the past two seasons. Bobby McAbee compiled a 13-1 record, Tracy Sullens and Reggie Moss were 9-1, and Mike Heffner was 8-1-1.

Sullens recorded the quickest pin of the year Wednesday against Shelby's Adam Ashe. Sullens won the 114-pound match in just nine seconds.

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to win the conference and I have to give all the credit to the kids,"

Weathers said. "They all worked hard. I'm really proud of all of them, especially the ninth graders, Tracy Sullens, Brady Goforth, Mike Heffner, Chris Henson, Scott Belcher, Steve Robbins and Brian Dellinger."

The Patriots have lost only one conference match in history (to Shelby in the final match of last season) and are 90-8 overall over the past 10 seasons.

"It really feels good to win the conference again," said Weathers, who praised his assistant coaches Richard Ruppe, Dale Smart, Kenny Adams and Jarvis Young for their contributions to the team. "The best win was the earlier win over Shelby, 72-9, when our guys were remembering the loss to Shelby last year and really wanted to win. That was probably our best match of the season. Another exciting match was the one against St. Stephens when Reggie Moss clinched it for us with a win in the 185-pound match."

After defeating Shelby

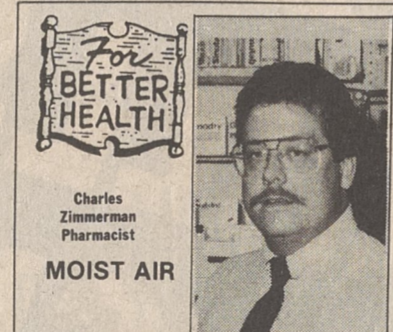
Wednesday, the Patriots traveled to Rock Hill, S.C., Saturday to compete in the Carolinas Open at Sullivan Junior High. The Patriots finished third behind Sullivan and Summerville. Chris Henson won his weight division, Bobby McAbee and Steve Robbins placed second, D.J. Williams, Tee Cole and Brian Dellinger third and Mike Heffner fourth.

"I feel like the Carolinas Open is the toughest junior high tournament around, and you've really proven yourself if you win your weight class," Weathers said. "There were 238 wrestlers from 13 schools participating and some weight classes had as many as 25 entrants. We would like to have won as a team but my overall goal in the tournament was to give everyone a chance to wrestle and gain some experience."

Others from Kings Mountain participating in the tourney were Scott Belcher, Mike Byers, Robbie Cansler, Reggie Moss, Gene Smith, Tracy Sullens, Jeff Melton, Roscoe Gardner, Mike Hoyle, Travis Adams, Travis Edwards, Rsuty Burgess, Kevin Young, Rico Strong, Grant Holder, Joe Harris, Chuck Hyslip, Somphee Sonvichit, Shan Ford, Billy Hill, Scott Brown, Brady Goforth, Travis Waters, Marty Stephenson, Billy Appling and Shannon Sanders.

### SHELBY RESULTS

80 - Travis Adams (KM) won by forfeit; 90 - Bobby McAbee (KM) dec. David Hopper; 100 - Tee Cole (KM) dec. Daniel Worthy; 107 - Jeff Swat (S) pinned Jeff Melton; 114 - Tracy Sullens (KM) pinned Adam Ashe; 121 - D.J. Williams (KM) pinned John Hopper; 128 - Michael Heffner (KM) tied Jermaine Jeter; 134 - Chris Henson (KM) tech. dec. over Burke Broughton; 138 - Scott Belcher (KM) dec. Mike Culbertson; 147 - Billy Appling (KM) pinned Keith Jolley; 157 - Steve Robbins (KM) pinned James Archie; 169 - Eric Littlejohn (S) pinned Brian Dellinger; 185 - Reggie Moss (KM) pinned Chris Sellers; Unl. - Rico Strong (KM) won by forfeit.



### DON'T SHAKE BABY!

Sometimes anxious mothers shake their babies to stop their crying or misbehaving. Shaking can cause brain damage, mental retardation, or even death. Babies are vulnerable to serious injury because their heads are large, their neck muscles are weak, and their brains still soft. Even mild shaking can cause brain hemorrhages. A pediatrician advises:

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## KM Matters Share Title

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers grabbed a share of their third straight Southwestern 3-A Conference title and their fifth in seven years Friday night at R-S Central, 44-30.

The Mountaineers and R-S Central both went into the match needing a win to share the conference crown with North Gaston, which lost for the first time the night before at Burns.

Kings Mountain and North Gaston finished with 5-1 records to share first place and R-S and Burns finished with 4-2 marks to tie for second.

Danny Hamrick, KM's 169-pound senior, clinched the victory when he pinned R-S Central's Cory Date in the first period. Sophomore Mark Crawford added insurance points with a first period pin over Todd Smith.

Other winners for the Mountaineers were John Turner, Tony Parker, Tommy Chapman, Daron Hillman, Anthony Hillman and Thurman Young.

The Mountaineers will compete in the annual SWC tournament Saturday at South Point.

### THE RESULTS

100 - Alan Campbell (RS) won by forfeit; 107 - John Turner (KM) tech. fall over Eddie Holland; 114 - Tony Parker (KM) pinned Monte Higgins second period; 121 - Tommy Chapman (KM) supe. dec. over Mike Smith 17-4; 128 - Billy Crane (RS)

### Bowling

(Mountaineer Church League, Friday night, Major League Lanes, Shelby).

First Place Team - Stompers.

High Team Game - Red Hill 829.

High Team Set - Red Hill 2370.

High Game Man - Larry Tadlock 206.

High Set Man - Larry Tadlock 587.

High Game Woman - Wanda Wilson 189.

High Set Woman - Wanda Wilson 501.

### Registration

Registration for 13-15 year old basketball will be held Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

A five dollar jersey fee is asked upon registration.

For more information, call George Adams at 739-9631.

pinned Johnny Nations second period; 134 - Ricky Green (RS) pinned Andre Bess first period; 140 - Daron Hillman (KM) pinned Chris Hodge first period; 147 - Anthony Hillman (KM) dec. Charlie Moore 10-7; 157 - Thurman Young (KM) pinned Sam Sparks first period; 169 - Danny Hamrick (KM) pinned Cory Date first period; 187 - Mark Crawford (KM) pinned Todd Smith first period; 197 - Terry Martin (RS) pinned Jason Dover second period; Unl. - Billy Haynes (RS) won by forfeit.

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## Boys Club Results

Results of last week's games in the Kings Mountain Boys Club basketball leagues:

### January 21

Virginia 28, Georgia Tech 25 - Tank Roseboro scored 20 and Jarvis Bell six for Virginia. Aaron Guinn had 10 and Rodney Brown 8 for Tech.

Maryland 21, Wake Forest 19 - Corey Leach scored 10 and Albert Perkins six for Maryland. Ralphie Williams and Jarvis Adams had eight each for Wake.

Hawks 54, 76ers 48 - Freddie Adams scored 28 and Diron Bell 11 for the Hawks. Jake Robinson scored 25 and Marguse Lynch 12 for the 76ers.

Carolina 55, Blue Devils 54 - Tony Currence scored 15 and Quan Smith and Scottie Hopper 10 each for Carolina. Tyrone Falls scored 22 and Jeff Rogers 15 for the Blue Devils.

### January 26

KM No. 158, Georgetown 31 - Marquiz Williams scored 26 points, Diron Bell 12 and Derrick Bess 11 to lead KM.

KM No. 254, DePaul 28 - Stanker Williams led KM with 17 and Sheldon Thompson and Freddie Adams added 15 each.

### January 27

Rockets 49, Lakers 43 - Marquiz Williams scored 24 and Mike Roberts 10 for the Rockets. Rodney Falls had 18 and Darrick Bess 10 for the Lakers.

### January 28

Lakers 45, 76ers 44 - Rodney Falls had 25 and Darrick Bess 11 for the Lakers. Jake Robinson scored 27 and Hopey Wright 12 for the 76ers.

State 60, Clemson 52 - Lester Moore scored 14, Shawn James 13 and Rodney Costner 11 for State. Pete Miller scored 14 and Ryan Hollifield and Al Moore 10 each for Clemson.

### January 29

Rockets 54, Hawks 51 -

Marquiz Williams scored 32 and Quame Jackson 11 for the Rockets. Freddie Adams had 23 and Stanker Williams 20 for the Hawks.

Bulls 46, Lakers 36 - Jermaine Greer and Sheldon Thompson scored 20 each for the Bulls. Darrick Bess had 14 and Rodney Falls 12 for the Lakers.

State 58, Carolina 56 - Larry Davis scored 19, Bernard Dixon 15 and Shawn James 14 for State. Tony Currence had 25 and Ramon Jordan and Scott Hopper 10 each for Carolina.

### January 30

Rockets 68, 76ers 60 - Marquiz Williams scored 42 and Quame Jackson 18 for the Rockets. Jake Robinson had 16 and Shawn Davis 11 for the 76ers.

Tigers 48, Bulls 46 - Travis Gillespie scored 13, Greg Careat 12 and Dennis Gordon 10 for the Tigers. Sheldon Thompson scored 17 and Jermaine Greer 15 for the Bulls.

KM No. 169, KM No. 262 - Marquiz Williams scored 30, Rodney Falls 14 and Diron Bell 14 for Number 1. Sheldon Thompson scored 18, Stanker Williams 16 and Jermaine Greer 12 for Number 2.

### January 31

Rockets 49, Bulls 47 - Marquiz Williams scored 30 and Quame Jackson 11 for the Rockets. Sheldon Thompson had 27 and Freddie Adams 12 for the Bulls.

76ers 35, Tigers 34 - Jake Robinson and Howard Wright scored 10 each for the 76ers. Dennis Gordon had 11 and Mike Barnette 10 for the Tigers.

Blue Devils 60, Clemson 58 - Tyrone Falls scored 20 and Jeff Rogers 12 for the Blue Devils. Ryan Hollifield had 15 and Pete Miller 12 for Clemson.

**Player of the Week - Freddie Adams and Rodney Falls.**