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**SIGNS WITH ASU** - Kings Mountain High volleyball standout Carmen Smith is pictured signing a scholarship with Appalachian State Wednesday morning at the KMHS principal's office. Looking on at tack, left to right, are Carmen's parents, George and Vickie Smith, KMHS coach Dianna Bridges and ASU coach Tracie McGee.

## Carmen Smith Signs With ASU

Kings Mountain High senior Carmen Smith signed a volleyball scholarship with Appalachian State University Wednesday morning at the KMHS principal's office.

ASU coach Tracie McGee was in Kings Mountain to sign the Mountaineer standout who started for four years in volleyball and three each in softball and basketball.

Smith helped lead KMHS to three Southwestern 3-A Conference volleyball titles and was Conference Player of the Year her junior and senior seasons. She was team MVP her senior year.

Smith was a N.C. State Games gold medal winner in 1988, helping lead a local girls volleyball team to the state championship, and she was on all-star teams for two straight years at summer volleyball camps at both N.C. State and Clemson.

"Carmen is the most dedicated player I've ever coached," said KM Coach Dianna Bridges. "She has the determination to accomplish her goals. Her goals have been high and she's reached most of them. She has a tremendous amount of discipline and her work ethic is just tremendous."

Smith was a starting setter as a freshman at KMHS and developed other areas of her game throughout her career.

"She became a great all-around player her senior year," said Bridges. "That's why she got the MVP award this year."

Bridges feels like Smith can start as a freshman at Appalachian.

"They have a very good program," she said. "Coach McGee was an All-American setter. With Carmen being a setter, the Appalachian program has a lot to offer her."

Smith is active in several school activities other than sports. She's a member of the Beta, Letterman's, Key, Pep, Science and French clubs, is a class representative on Student Council, and senior class treasurer. During the last several summers she has helped Coach Larry Sipe with his Champions of Tomorrow Basketball Camp.

Smith is the daughter of George and Vickie Smith of Grover. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Grover where she is an assistant Sunday School teacher.

## Shelby

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Coach Larry Sipe, whose club defeated Shelby 109-54 earlier in the year, said the Mountaineers may have been looking ahead to Friday's showdown with R-S.

"I haven't mentioned the R-S game to them," he said. "But it could have been in the back of their minds. There are a lot of activities scheduled for Friday, such as a pep rally, Senior Night and a dance after the game. But you have to give credit to Shelby. Our problems were brought on by their fine play."

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Kings Mountain's girls continued their fine play of late but Shelby's Charlotte Smith took control of the game in the final four minutes as the Lady Lions fought off the KM upset bid.

The two teams almost traded basket for basket over the first three periods. KM led 11-10 after the first quarter and Shelby led 18-17 at the half and 27-26 going into the fourth quarter.

Kings Mountain caught up again at 33-all on a Carmen Smith jumper with 4:20 remaining, but it was over two minutes before the KM ladies were able to score again. Shelby's pressing defense produced steals on three of four KM trips down the floor and Shelby's Smith rebounded a missed shot and put it back in to give the Lady Lions a 39-34 lead with 2:02 left.

Suzette Feemster hit a jumper from the lane and Smith added a free throw as KM cut the difference to 39-37 at the 1:26 mark but Coach Ronny Funderburke's ladies never could get any closer. Smith hit a basket and Shelby added three foul shots down the stretch to seal the victory.

Tangela Black led the Shelby scoring with 15 points. Smith was held out of action during the first 3 1/2 quarters. She scored six of her seven points in the fourth quarter. Feemster led KM with 12.

### GIRLS GAME

KM (37) - Smith 11, Hardin 1, Ruff 7, Feemster 12, Roseboro 6.  
SH (44) - Smith 7, Black 15, Whitaker 6, Robertson 6, Walton 2, Washburn 8.

### BOYS GAME

KM (65) - Honeycutt 11, McNeal 16, Vaughn 12, Ross 10, Byers 6, Hager 6, Hollifield 3, McClain 1.  
SH (58) - Ross 22, Lavender 15, Wilson 14, Starnes 4, Whisnant 2, Franklin 1.



**PAULA ECKARD**  
Makes All-SWC Swim Team

## Swim

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stroke, Campbell in the 100 breast stroke, girls 400 free relay team (Campbell, Jennifer Perkins, Lisa Droz and Genora Taylor), Davis in the 200 free, Allen in the 200 individual medley, and Jones in the 100 breast stroke.

Stout finished fifth in the 100 breast, Hardin was sixth in the 50 free, Droz was seventh in the 100 back and Bell was seventh in the 50 free.

Setting school records in the conference meet were the 200 medley relay team (Davis, Jones, Allen and Bell) with a time of 2:00.55, Davis in the 200 freestyle (2:16.47), Bell in the 50 freestyle (28.56), Allen in the 100 freestyle (54.67) and Davis in the 100 back stroke (1:07.97).

Other school records set during

this first season included:  
Girls 200 medley relay (Sarah Dilling, Mayse, Eckard and Hardin) 2:15.33; 200 individual medley (Allen 2:23.56 and Eckard 2:36.71); 50 free (Hardin 31.78); 100 fly (Allen 1:07.95 and Dilling 1:08.76); 100 free (Eckard 1:02.13); 500 free (Allen 6:16.74 and Eckard 5:59.29); 100 back (Dilling 1:13.42); 100 breast (Jones 1:14.27 and Mayse 1:21.37); and 400 free relay teams (Allen, Davis, Brian Cloninger and James Fowler 4:21.00 and Mayse, Dilling, Eckard and Hardin 4:27.29).

Participating in this week's regional meet will be Allen in the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle; Eckard in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle; Mayse in the 200 free and 100 breast; the boys 200 medley relay team (Davis, Jones, Allen and Bell); the girls 200 medley relay team (Hardin, Mayse, Eckard, Perkins and Droz), and the boys 400 free relay team (Davis, Bell, Goad, Jones and Stout).

## Junior Varsity Cagers Lose To North, Shelby

Kings Mountain High's junior varsity basketball team lost to North Gaston Friday and Shelby Tuesday.

The Mountaineers, now 15-3, host R-S Central Friday at 4:30 in their final home game. They close out the season next Tuesday afternoon at South Point.

KM fell to North Gaston 66-63 Friday as KM's leading scorer Marquize Williamson got into early foul trouble and was held to a season's low two points. Tahvon Williams led the KM scoring with

25 points and Jerry Black added 12. Max Washington had five, Shawn Grier and Freddie Adams four each, Shane Crocker and Diron Bell three each and Justin Jones two.

The Mountaineers lost to Shelby for the second time this year Tuesday, 76-73. Williamson led the KM scoring with 31 and Black had 29. Jones and Bell had four each, Washington three and Spriggs two. Derek Thompson led Shelby with 26, Lamont Webber had 19 and Jack Degree 10.

## Moanbacks, Bams Winners In KM Duckpin Bowling

The Moanbacks swept the Bloomers and the Bams won three games from the Mofos in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

Joann Myers rolled a 110 line, John Caveny had a 106 line and 309 set and Dan Dilling had a 108 line and 302 set to lead the

Moanbacks' victory. Bill Myers had a 113 line and Ronnie Scruggs a 308 set for the Bloomers.

Allen Myers rolled a 162 line and 404 set and Bobby Rathbone added a 141-336 to lead the Bams over the Mofos. Kenny Bridges had a 111 line and Tommy Barrett a 317 set for the losers.

## Champs

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and everything would take care of itself."

Kings Mountain's Tee Cole got the Mountaineers some breathing room by winning a 4-3 championship decision over Edwards of Enka. Cole trailed 3-2 with 30 seconds left but got two points on a reverse to win.

Others winning championships for the Mountaineers were 140-pound D.J. Williams, 152-pound Timmy McClain and heavyweight Tony Young.

Williams also had an exciting last-second victory. He got a point on an escape with 16 seconds left to break a 4-4 tie and defeat Chris Augustine of Brevard 5-4.

Young also had a close decision in the finals, edging Chris Nix of North Buncombe 7-4.

Kings Mountain's only dominating wrestler was McClain, who shut out all three of his opponents in the 152-pound division. He outscored his three foes 38-0, winning the championship match 10-0 over Stuart Martin of Enka.

Kings Mountain's 145-pound Chris Henson lost his first match of the year in the finals to Shane Shook of Pisgah. Shook took an 8-0 decision. Henson, 25-0 going into the match, earlier tied the school record of 64 career victories and needs just one more win in the

state tournament to set a new mark.

Mike Byers finished second at 130 pounds, losing a close 10-6 decision to Ben Miller of T.C. Roberson in the championship match.

"Mike was a real good surprise for us," noted Coach Moffitt. "He was seeded 11th and won exciting matches over three higher seeded wrestlers to get to the finals."

Victor Bell also finished second, losing an 18-15 overtime decision to Carl Kuykendall of West Henderson in the finals.

Robbie Ruff finished third at 125 pounds. He defeated Edward Holland of R-S Central in the consolation finals.

"This is the first time we've had as many as eight wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament," said Moffitt. "With a few more breaks, we could have had even more because all 13 of our men wrestled well."

This is the first time KM has won a regional title since the state changed its post-season wrestling format. When there were sectional tournaments, Kings Mountain won two championships.

After this week's individual state championships at High Point, the Mountaineers will be involved in the first annual state team tournament. KM will host West Henderson in a first round match next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The second round through the championship round will be next Friday and Saturday at the Greensboro Coliseum.



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