

Kings Mountain's Era Vaughn To Play At Oak Hill Academy

Kings Mountain High basketball standout Era Vaughn is transferring to Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., to play his senior year of prep basketball.

The Oak Hill team, which finished 29-0 last season and was ranked #2 in the nation, is the top-ranked high school team in the nation in this year's pre-season poll.

Vaughn averaged 13 points and nine rebounds per game for the Mountaineers, who compiled a 26-3 overall record, won the Southwestern 3-A Conference and Western Regionals championships, and finished second in the state 3-A tournament.

Vaughn plans to play the #3 position (small forward) for Oak Hill after playing inside for the Mountaineers as a sophomore and junior.

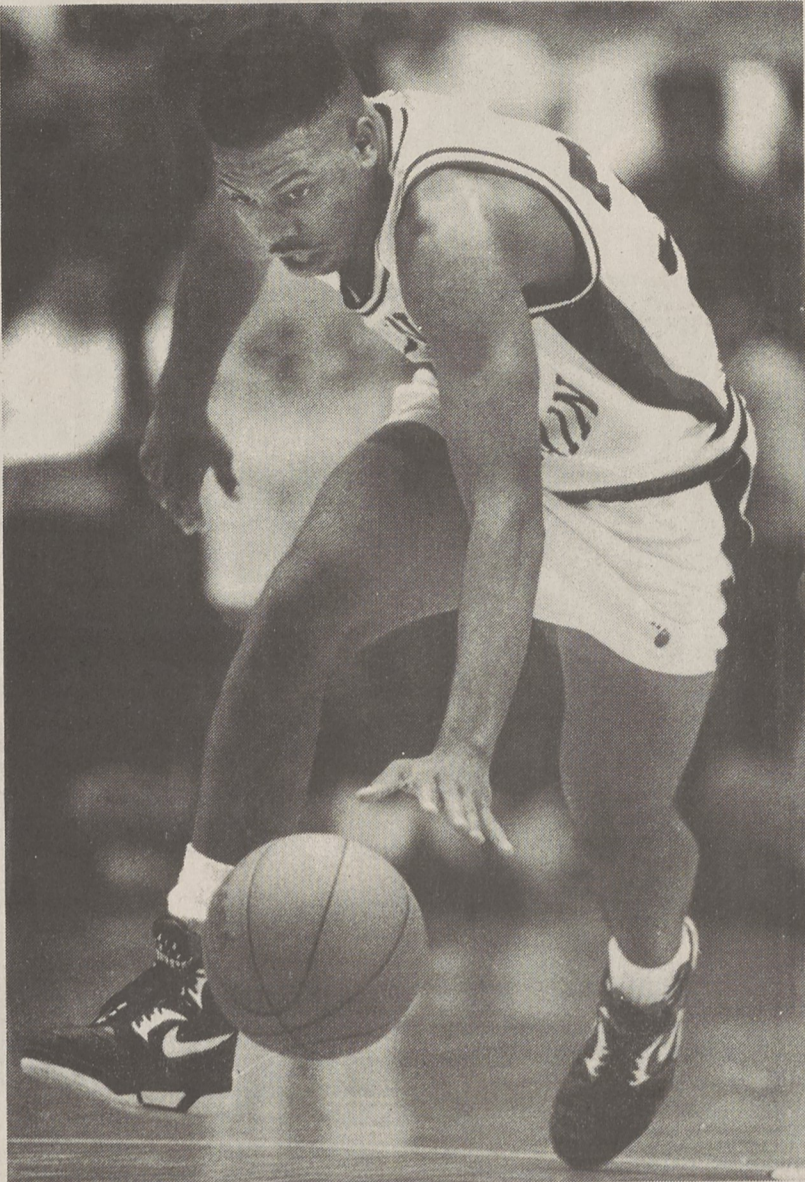
"That's the position I need to be playing, being only six-five," said Vaughn. "They lost their #3 and point guard off last year's team but return two 6-9s, a 6-8 and a 6-7 inside."

Vaughn feels the exposure he'll get at Oak Hill will help land him a major college scholarship. Three of Oak Hill's graduates last year earned major college scholarships and all graduates got some type of college scholarship.

"We'll be playing all over the United States, mostly in tournaments," he noted. "The season begins November 27 and we'll be playing in such places as Florida, Texas and Pennsylvania." He said there's a chance the team will schedule a game against a team from the Winston-Salem area. Oak Hill played a regular season game last year against Concord, the team Kings Mountain defeated for the Western North Carolina championship.

Vaughn said tutors travel with the teams so players keep up with their school work. Team members also have very strict academic rules during the playing season and attend classes on Saturday.

The high school basketball pro-



ERA VAUGHN
To Play For Oak Hill

gram is carried out similar to colleges and is regarded as one of the top college preparation programs in the country.

Vaughn said he had already been contacted by several major colleges and even more have contacted him since learning that he's going to Oak Hill. Oak Hill players are featured in a national basketball publication which goes to all major college coaches, all of their games are covered by USA Today and

some of their games are televised by ESPN.

"I'm really looking forward to going up there," said Vaughn. "All of the players are very talented so practice will be more competitive than games are around here. With that level of competition, it will bring out the best in me."

Chad Lavender of Shelby, and Julian Burroughs and Dewayne Forte of West Charlotte are also going to Oak Hill.

BESSEMER

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(Coach Barry Shuford) found another one he likes better in the North Gaston game. He's got some fine running backs running behind some big folks, and that really makes a big challenge for our defense."

Shuford's fullback "find" was Derrick Biggers, a 165-pound sophomore who came on in the second half to lead the Yellow Jackets in rushing and helped pull out the victory over North Gaston.

Clay Goodman, a 165-pound senior, has moved into the starting quarterback position for the Jackets after playing wide receiver last year.

Nathan Padaras, a 6-4, 245-pound tackle, anchors the big BC line and he is being recruited by major colleges. The Yellow Jackets have nine linemen who weigh over 200 pounds.

"Defensively, they move real well," said Hicks. "They control the line of scrimmage up front and they have enough skilled people to cause us as much trouble defensively as Pisgah did if we don't get any more control over the line of scrimmage than we did last Friday."

This week's game is scheduled for 8 o'clock. The Mountaineers will play their first home game next week against East Lincoln.

Tennis Results

Robert Wilson and Jeff Ledford won in both singles and doubles in Kings Mountain Tennis Association action Monday night at the KMHS courts.

Wilson defeated Don Huffstetler 8-5 in a singles match and teamed with Jamie Black to whip Chad Adams and Dale Newsome 8-2 in doubles.

Ledford defeated Black 8-2 in singles before teaming with Mette Nielsen to defeat Don Huffstetler and Linda Newsome 8-4 in doubles.

In another singles match, Stacey White defeated Dathan Brannon 6-2, 6-2.

Pollack Second

Marv Pollack of Kings Mountain finished second in the Cramerton Table Tennis Tournament last week.

Pollack lost to Nappay martin of the Charlotte Table Tennis Club in the championship match.

Pollack will advance to the State Senior Games Table Tennis Finals in Raleigh September 30.

COACHES PROFILE

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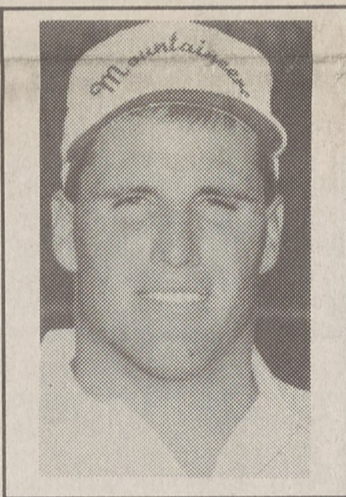
Hobbies: Cycling and all sports.

Most Memorable Coaching Experience: 1989 Individual wrestling championship.

Biggest Challenge Coaches Face Today: Competing with the job market for athletics.

Most Enjoyable Part Of Job: Working with young adults.

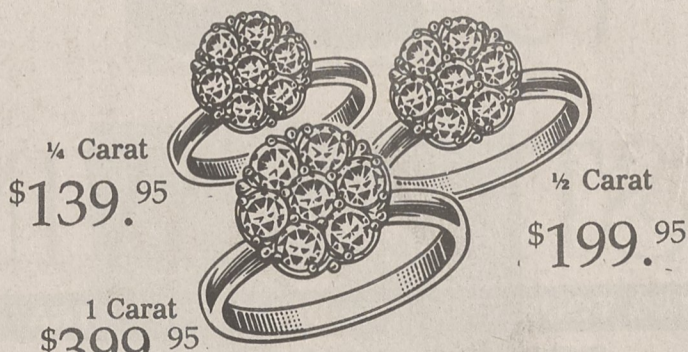
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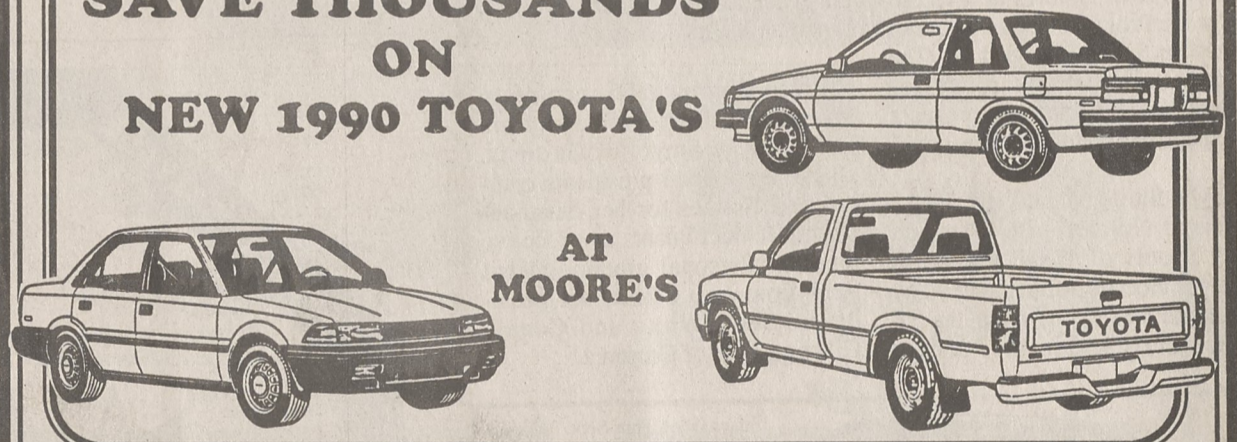
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