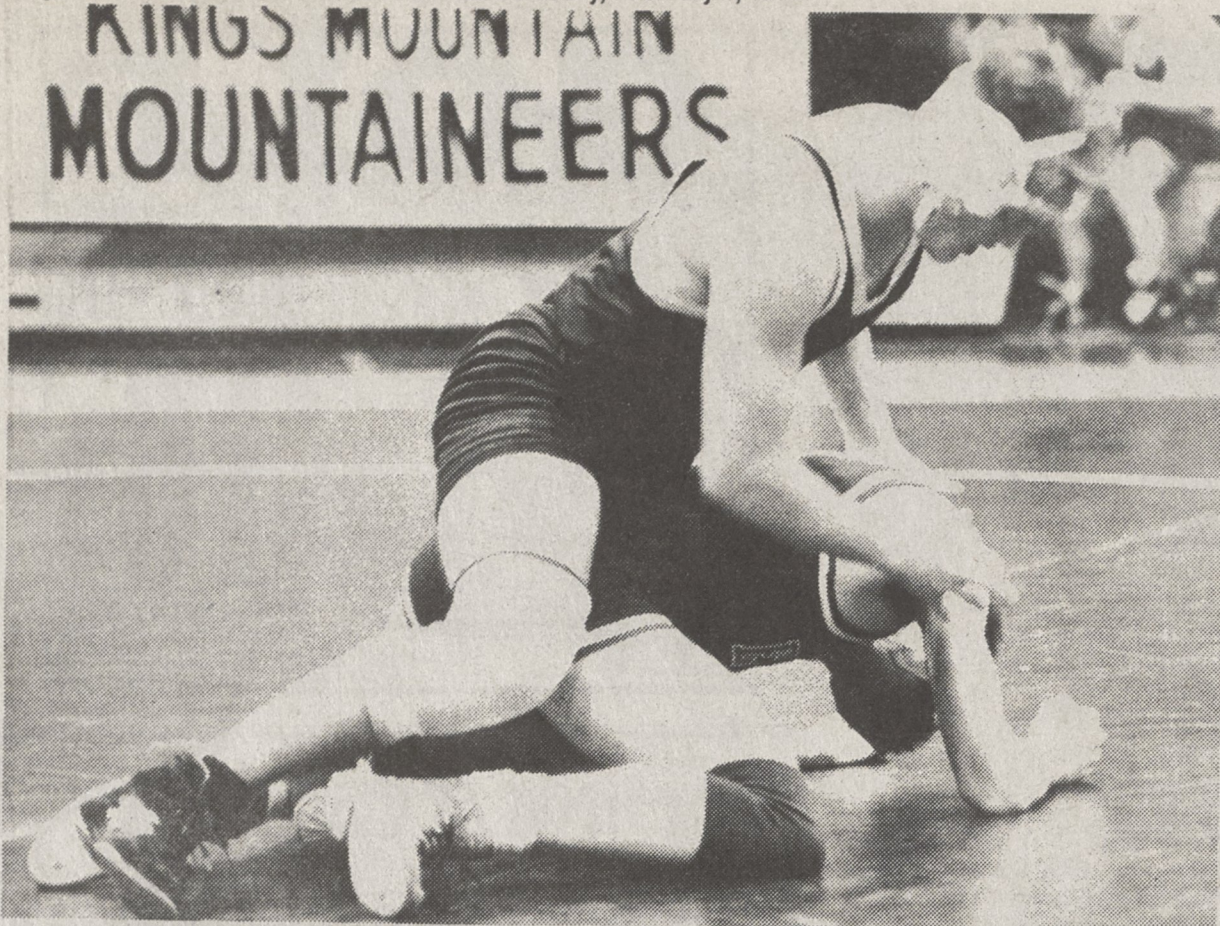


KINGS MOUNTAIN MOUNTAINEERS



Robbie Ruff becomes KM's all-time wrestling king.

KM needs two more wins to go to state championship

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers ran their overall record to 16-2 and advanced to the final round of the Western Regionals Tournament by winning two matches Tuesday night at Brevard.

The Mountaineers defeated Enka 40-25 and St. Stephens 37-26 to win the Sectional title; and they will compete in a four-team elimination round for the Western Regionals championship Thursday at North Gaston. KM will battle the Wildcats in the 6 p.m. match, and the winner will face the winner of the Sun Valley-East Rowan match for the championship.

The winner of the Western Regionals will meet the winner of the Eastern Regionals for the state championship Saturday at the home of the Eastern champion.

The Mountaineers of Steve Moffitt advanced to the Dual Team State Championship two years ago before falling to High Point Andrews but were upset in the

opening round last year.

The Mountaineers will enter the Individual State Tournament next week. Moffitt's men have won the Western Regionals three years in a row and had eight men to qualify for the state finals last year.

Robbie Ruff became the Mountaineers' all-time winning wrestler Tuesday night by winning two more matches to run his career victory total to 97. He broke the old mark of 95 held by last year's state heavyweight champion, Tony Young. Ruff could become the first Kings Mountain wrestler to go over the 100-victory mark.

KM 40, ENKA 25

103 - Rice (E) p. Stephen Lemmons 1st; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) major dec. Grant 13-2; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) d. Porter 10-3; 125 - Edwards (E) p. Michael Bell 2nd; 130 - Derek Houser (KM) p. Green 1st; 135 - Thong Chanthaphang (KM) won by forfeit; 140 - Robbie Ruff (KM) won

by forfeit; 145 - Hare (E) dec. Chip Davis 9-5; 152 - Bo Phongs (KM) p. Fairbanks 1st; 160 - Chad Adams (KM) d. Hoey 8-5; 171 - Quaid (E) p. Chris Carrigan 1st; 189 - Jones (E) major d. Cedric Moore 10-1; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) p. Rice 34d.

KM 37, ST. STEPHENS 26

103 - Stephen Lemons (KM) p. Jason Watts 3rd; 112 - Billy Dellinger (SS) p. Binh Davis 1st; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Keller 3rd; 125 - Gary Hughes (KM) d. Roseman 5-1; 130 - Derek Houser (KM) p. Jeffries 1st; 135 - Lail (SS) p. Thong Chanthaphang 3rd; 140 - Robbie Ruff (KM) major d. Swift 11-3; 145 - Kidd (SS) p. Chip Davis 1st; 152 - Bo Phongs (KM) d. Allred 10-3; 160 - Wells (SS) major d. Chad Adams 11-2; 171 - Carswell (SS) major d. Chris Carrigan 16-2; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) tech. fall Lipford 18-2; Hwt. - Shon Byers (KM) major d. Miller 9-1.

Mountaineer wrestlers win 4th straight tourney crown

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers won their fourth straight Southwestern 3-A Conference wrestling tournament Saturday at South Point High School in Belmont.

The Mountaineers, who won seven of the 13 weight classes, compiled 194.5 points to 169 for regular season champion North Gaston, 138.5 for R-S Central, 113.5 for Shelby, 104 for Burns and 21 for South Point.

Two Kings Mountain wrestlers - Robbie Ruff and Bo Phongs - won the conference tournament and made the All-Conference team for the fourth year in a row. They are the first two Mountaineers to make All-Conference four times.

Ruff rejoined the team after missing several weeks with a knee injury. He not only won the 140-pound weight class but tied a school record for career victories with 95.

Ruff won a 8-0 major decision over Jamie Major of North Gaston in the championship match.

Phongs defeated Nick Dooley of North Gaston 14-4 in a major decision to win the 152-pound class.

Other champions for the Mountaineers were Binh Davis at 112 pounds, Kenny Bridges at 119, Derek Houser at 125, Cedric Moore at 189 and Shon Byers at heavyweight.

(Championship Results)

103 - Chris Lancaster (RS) d. Tommy Bratton (NG) 8-7; 112 - Binh Davis (KM) p. Chevis Duncan (RS) 4:16; 119 - Kenny Bridges (KM) p. Jay Howell (RS) 4:53; 125 - Derek Houser (KM) d. Darron Hill (RS) 10-5; 130 - Bryan Baker (NG) d. Thong Chanthaphang (KM) 12-10 overtime; 135 - Nathan Maggard (RS) d. Andre Lawrence (B) 13-11; 140 - Robbie Ruff (KM) major d. Jamie Major (NG) 8-0; 145 - Fonzie Dawson (S) d. Tracy Philbeck (NG) 11-7; 152 - Bo Phongs (KM) major d. Nick Dooley (NG) 14-4; 160 - Stuart Fulcher (NG) won by injury default over Chad Adams (KM); 171 - Ernie Blanton (B) major d. Michael Nelson (S)

Student/teacher game at KMMS

Kings Mountain Middle School's PTO will sponsor a student/teacher basketball game February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the school gym.

Students in grades 6-8 will face the teachers on the basketball court. Refreshments will be available.

Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

Three teams tied in bowling league

The second half race in the Thursday night Mixed Duckpin Bowling League is getting exciting.

After Thursday night's action at Dilling Heating, three of the four teams are tied for first place with 10-6 records.

TarPack, which swept previous leader Alley Cats four games to zero, now shares the lead with the Cats and the Naggars, who won three of four from John's Flufs. The leaders have 10-6 records and the Flufs are 2-14.

Tommy Barrett's 139 line and 384 set led the TarPack assault, but he got plenty of help from Robert Hullender with a 126-336 and Dan Dilling with a 106-302. Allen Myers had a 132-357 and Johnny Jones a 114-304 for the Cats.

Bill Myers rolled a 111 line and 321 set, Jack Barrett had a 110-315 and Sally Grant added a 107-305 to lead the Naggars over the Flufs. John Caveny of the Flufs was the top scorer for the match with a 130 line and 375 set.



Verena Bartsch competes for Kings Mountain in SWC swimming action.

KM, Shelby swimmers split

Kings Mountain and Shelby split a Southwestern 3-A Conference swim meet Wednesday afternoon at Shelby.

The Kings Mountain boys remained unbeaten in the SWC with

a 108-77 victory and the unbeaten Shelby girls handed Kings Mountain its first loss 123-56.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to host the Southwestern Conference meet Wednesday at

Neisler Natatorium. The Regional event will be February 12-13 at Davidson College, and the state championships will be February 20 at Koury Natatorium in Chapel Hill.

11-2; 189 - Cedric Moore (KM) p. Shon Byers (KM) p. Fred Watson Gay Shearer (RS) 5:28; Hwt. - (NG) :57.

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Partners for Quality Education will meet February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Mauney Memorial Library. Guest Speaker will be Warren Goforth-Kings Mountain Police Chief. The program will be concerning weapons in school. The public is invited to attend.

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