



Jackie Houston, left, of Kings Mountain accepts award from Shellie Pfohl, Coordinator for NC Girls and Women's Sports Day, at recent ceremony in Raleigh.

Houston honored at Raleigh fete

Approximately 250 girls and women from all over North Carolina gathered at Meredith College in Raleigh recently to celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

The event was presented by the North Carolina Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health and NC Health and Fitness Foundation, and sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina and JC Penney.

Jackie Houston of Kings Mountain received the Award for Excellence as the High School Girl Recipient in North Carolina. Houston attends Kings Mountain High School.

"We are very proud of all of our award recipients and nominees," said Shellie Pfohl, Coordinator for NC Girls and Women in Sports Day. "By recognizing the outstanding girls and women in sports in our state, we celebrate the achievements of girls and women everywhere."

Girls and Women in Sports Day is a special day set aside in

February of each year to focus attention on issues involving girls and women in sports. It was started in 1987 by the Women's Sports Foundation as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman, who died of Marfan's Syndrome. During her lifetime, Hyman had numerous athletic achievements, worked toward equality for women's sports, as well as breaking down the barriers for all girls and women in sports. It has evolved into a day to call attention to the positive influence of sports participation and to recognize past and present achievements of all girls and women in sports. Each year the day is celebrated at the national, state, and local levels.

Houston was recognized and given the Award of Excellence for her accomplishments in sports. She has been USTA tennis champion for North Carolina for the last three years. She was also the state 3-A high school girls tennis champion as a freshman in 1993. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Stallings.

SportSouth signs Hornets for TV

The "Bugs are Back" on SportSouth for another five years, it was announced today by SportSouth Vice resident and General Manager Hunter Nickell, and Charlotte Hornets President Spencer Stolpen. The contract extension will keep the Hornets on SportSouth through the 1998-99 season.

"The Charlotte Hornets are an aggressive, young franchise who, in just five years, have more than made their mark in the NBA," says Nickell. "This renewal is based on a mutual commitment to expand the Hornets' viewing audience and to provide fans with creative entertaining presentations of NBA action."

SportSouth is currently in its fourth year of televising a 20-game regular season package of Hornets basketball. Charlotte made the playoffs for the first time last season and advanced to the second round only to be eliminated by a tough New York Knicks team. In addition, the Hornets have led the NBA in attendance five of its last six years.

"We've enjoyed a great relationship with SportSouth over the last four years and we're looking forward to expanding the opportunities for Hornets fans to see our games as SportSouth continues to grow," said Stolpen.

SportSouth will continue to televise the games in Hornets territory as mapped out by the NBA, which includes North Carolina, South Carolina and northeast Tennessee. The network provides more than 500 live and exclusive events each year to nearly four million viewers in a seven-state region which includes Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Locally, SportSouth can be found on Jones Intercable channel 34.

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VISITS IN KM - CBS Sportscenter Jim Nantz, left, visited his uncle, Ken Nantz, right, at his Kings Mountain home Sunday. Jim Nantz was in Charlotte for the NCAA Final Four, and left following that event to go to Augusta, Ga. for the Masters Golf Tournament.

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