

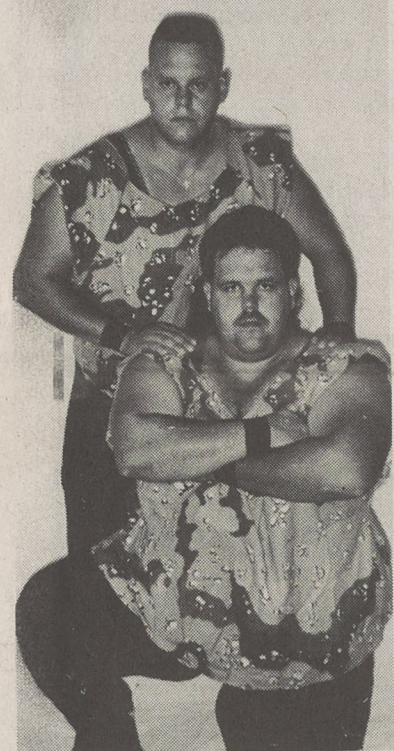
## Local racing team captures IHRA points championship

Gary Bingham of Doug Herbert Performance Parts is the newly crowned Top Sportsman World Champion. He earned the crown Monday afternoon in Bristol, TN after a hard fought year of competition.

Bingham built a commanding points lead early in the season by winning two World Championship Series (WCS) races back to back and by consistently making semi-final appearances at both National and WCS events. But Bingham really put the rest of the Top Sportsman competitors against the ropes when he went to three consecutive National event finals of which he won two. This gave him over 10,500 points and a 4,000 point lead.

Bingham continued piloting his Doug Herbert Performance Parts Z24 Cavalier to late round finishes, thwarting the competition. Having claimed nine of his 10 permitted races, he could only stand by and watch as Mike Westmoreland of Oak Ridge, NC chipped away at his points lead.

The final showdown came at the IHRA Snap-on Tools Fall Nationals in Bristol, TN. Bingham's goal was to defeat Westmoreland both in the race and for the championship. He qualified well at 7.58 seconds and 178 mph on the quarter-mile track filling the 26th position of the 32-car field. But Westmoreland was on the opposite side of the ladder and Bingham no longer had a hand in determining his destiny. He and his team could only watch and pray as Westmoreland marched through the first three rounds before succumbing to defeat in the deciding round and handing the crown to a jubilant Bingham.



## AMERICAN GI AND DOZER Pro wrestling set Saturday at Armory

Professional wrestling returns to the Kings Mountain Armory Saturday at 8 p.m. with a big Halloween "Smoke and Fireworks" show.

The main event will be a Texas Tornado match featuring all four wrestlers in the right at the same time. The American G.I. and Dozer of Kings Mountain will battle the Texas Outlaws.

Chief Jay Eagle will take on Mad Dog in an Indian Strap match. Gorgeous George South returns to action along with Scotty Hot Body, Scott Powers and a surprise special guest.

A Halloween clown will be on hand to distribute candy to the children.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Children ages 6-12 may attend for \$4 and children under age six will be admitted free.

Advance tickets are available at Floating Affections. For more information call 739-8564.

## Mahoney wins Barnes tourney

Jim Mahoney defeated Gerald Putnam on the first hole of a sudden death playoff to win the Ray Barnes Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Mahoney finished the 36-hole event with a 78-72--150 while Putnam shot 70-80--150. Eric Spicer was third with a 76-78--154.

Mitch Howze won the first flight with a 79-72--151. Scott Summitt was second with an 80-74--154, and Mickey Powers was third with an 82-75--157.

Ronnie Murphy's 88-76--164 won the second flight, followed by Jim Jennings at 87-83--170 and Howard Rhyne at 90-82--172.

Mark Payseur won the third flight with a 91-81--172, followed by Al Grigg with a 91-85--176, and Richard Van Dyke with a 97-88-185.

Bingham and his crew are ecstatic to bring their second World Championship crown back home to Kings Mountain. But the victory was made even sweeter as Doug Herbert piloted his Doug Herbert Performance Parts Top Fueler in the Fall Nationals Top Fuel Winners Circle and into his second Top Fuel World Champion title.

It's a rare double crown in drag racing and the outstanding two-car team certainly earned it. Both Herbert and Bingham will be back on the IHRA trail in '95 to defend their titles.



GARY CARROLL

## Gary Carroll to fight in KM Tuffman event

Kings Mountain's Gary Carroll, a 152-pounder who has dominated the lightweight division in professional Tuffman contests, moved to the heavyweight division this weekend at Catawba College in Salisbury and knocked out all four opponents to win the championship.

Carroll also recently won the lightweight division in the State Championships at the Raleigh Fairgrounds. Carroll now has 12 championship titles under his belt.

Carroll is an instructor and trainer at Eng School of Self-Defense in

Kings Mountain. He will be fighting in a special pro bout October 28-29 at the Kings Mountain Community Center. The Kings Mountain contest allows no prior winners or professionals in order to provide fair competition to up-and-coming fighters.

The contest will have three weight divisions. In last April's contest, there were 20 bouts each night, and promoter Robert Eng expects another big turnout.

Foursquare Gospel Church Youth will man concession booths to raise funds for their projects.

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