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Kings Mountain High School swimmers cheer one of their teammates on to victory in Southwestern 3A Conference swim meet Wednesday night at Neisler Natatorium. The Kings Mountain boys finished first and the girls were second in the annual event, and 17 of the swimmers and divers qualified for this week's Western Regional at Davidson College.

Soccer team eyes big year

The Kings Mountain High School women's soccer team began practice for the 2000 season Tuesday.

Due to increased interest at the high school level, the Lady Mountaineers will have a varsity and junior varsity team. Twenty-eight players are competing for 15 positions on the varsity.

Coach Dan Potter's ladies are defending Southwestern 3A Conference champions in the league's inaugural year in 1999. After graduating only one senior, the Mountaineers are going to be returning a strong group of players, led by Co-Conference Player of the Year Napaphone Ratsavong.

Five other Mountaineers also received All-Conference

awards, including Lindsay Hamrick, Heather Kubu, Emily Owens, Meghan Potter and Meredith Ware.

Not only are the returning players strong, but Potter has a freshman class that is loaded with talent. Twelve ninth graders have moved up from the Middle School team that lost only one game in two years.

Amanda Johnsonbaugh is going to be the junior varsity coach and will be assisting Potter with the varsity. Johnsonbaugh was a three-year player on the men's team during her years at KMHS. She was also a member of the KMHS softball team.

"Miss Johnsonbaugh is a real asset to the soccer program and is relating very well with the

players," Potter said.

The Mountaineers have a more full and challenging schedule than last season.

"With the addition of the freshmen class, and the strength of the returning lettermen, the 2000 season looks very optimistic," Potter said. "The young ladies hope to see everyone in the stands in the coming weeks."

JV SCHEDULE FEBRUARY

16 - at Crest (4:30); 21 - at Garinger (5 p.m.); 29 - at Burns (7 p.m.)

MARCH

1 - at Hunter Huss (4:30); 3 - Crest (5 p.m.); 10 - Hunter Huss (4:30); 13 - East Rutherford (5 p.m.); 15 - Ashbrook (5 p.m.); 20 - Burns (7 p.m.)

VARSITY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY

16 - At Crest (4:30); 21 - at Garinger (5 p.m.); 28 - at East Gaston (7 p.m.)

MARCH

3 - Crest (6:30); 6 - S. Caldwell (at W. Iredell) 5 p.m.; 8 - Kannapolis (at W. Iredell) 5 p.m.; 9 - at W. Iredell (7 p.m.); 14 - E. Gaston (at Ashbrook) 5 p.m.; 16 & 18 - Opponents TBA at Ashbrook; 20 - East Rutherford (5 p.m.) 23 - Shelby (at Crest) 5 p.m.; 25 - Burns or Crest at Crest (12 or 2 p.m.); 27 - North Gaston (6 p.m.); 31 - at Burns (6 p.m.)

APRIL

4 - Forestview (6 p.m.); 7 - at South Point (6 p.m.); 11 - R-S Central (6 p.m.); 13 - at North Gaston (6:30); 25 - Burns (6 p.m.); 27 - at Forestview (6 p.m.)

MAY

2 - South Point (6 p.m.); 4 - at R-S Central (6 p.m.)

SCOREBOARD

(Kings Mountain YMCA Basketball League results. All games played at the YMCA gym).

9-10 BOYS

Pistons 25, Tar Heels 13
Pistons - Chadwick Roseboro
7. Tar Heels - Matt Henson 9.
Heat 22, Bulls 21

Heat - S. Logan 8. Bulls - K. Bell 19.

Heat 25, Rockets 13
Heat - E. Simmons 8. Rockets - D. Thompson 10.

Pistons 29, Bulls 27
Pistons - C. Roseboro 16.
Bulls - K. Bell 23.

13-15 BOYS

Cavaliers 47, Hornets 44
Cavaliers - W. Shirey 21.
Hornets - L. Wood 15.

Cavaliers 51, Bears 45
Cavaliers - Warren Shirey 19.
Bears - W. Griffin 13.

7-9 GIRLS

Sting 10, Magic 8
Sting - Kristen Cogdill 7.
Magic - Martika Gidney 6.

Dragons 13, Comets 5

Dragons - H. Barrett 4.

Comets - Alex Edwards 3.

Comets 18, Hornets 13

Comets - Alex Edwards 12.
Hornets - Maggie Hall 12.

Dragons 14, Sting 7

Dragons - Patience Smith 7.

Sting - Kristen Cogdill 5.

10-12 GIRLS

Sting 30, Mystics 17

Sting - LaShonda McClain 11.

Mystics - Erin Summitt 6.

Comets 18, Hornets 5

Comets - Sandra Obonda 8.

Hornets - C. Taite 2.

11-12 BOYS

Raptors 47, Lakers 35

Raptors - J. Hendricks 25.

Lakers - Trey Robinson 17.

7-8 BOYS

Sixers 27, Tar Heels 4

Sixers - Cameron Roseboro

45. Tar Heels - D. Hutchins 2.

Celtics 26, Jazz 8

Celtics - Rai Robinson 10.

Jazz - Cody Austin 4.

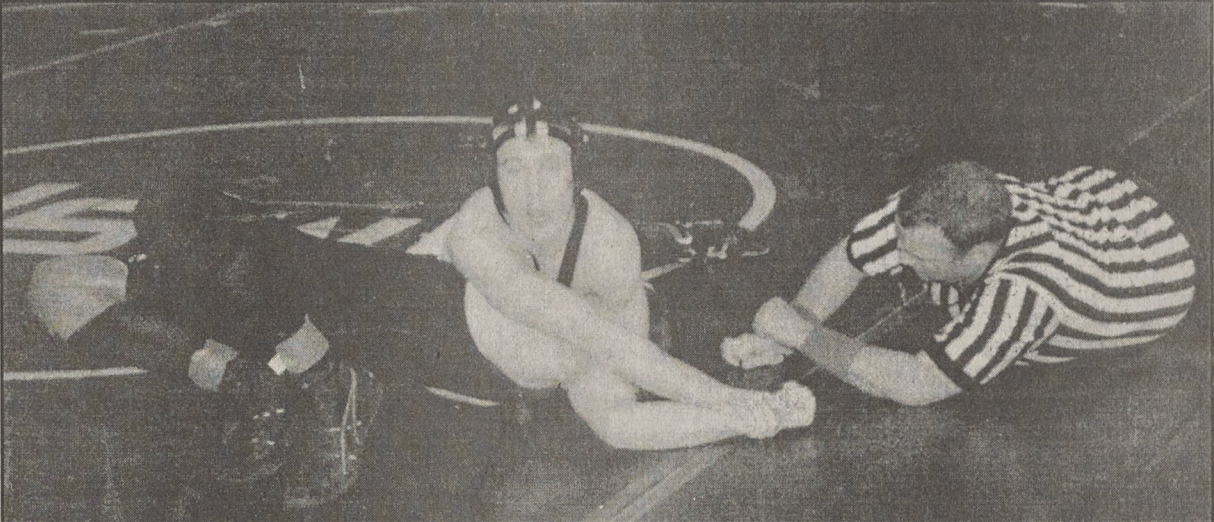
Kings Mountain High's wrestlers added the District Championship to their Southwestern 3A Conference regular season and tournament crowns Tuesday night at the KMHS gym.

The Mountaineers defeated Asheboro 46-32 in the opening round, and then edged Northwest Cabarrus 36-35 in the championship match.

The Mountaineers will host the Western Regional Tournament Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. The Mountaineers will wrestle Central Cabarrus and Enka will face Tuscola in Sectional matches, and the two winners will battle for the Western Championship and the right to face the Eastern Champion for the State Dual Team Championship.

The final four teams in the East are Fuquay-Varina, Eden Morehead, Aycock and Havelock. They will meet Thursday at Fuquay-Varina.

Kings Mountain trailed Northwest Cabarrus 35-30 going into the final bout of the night, but Mountaineer heavyweight Josh Camp pinned William Slatt to give the



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Bill Welsh won both of his matches at 140 pounds to help Kings Mountain High's wrestling team defeat Asheboro and Northwest Cabarrus for the District 3A championship Tuesday night at KMHS.

Mountaineers the victory.

KM 46, ASHEBORO 32

103 - Lane Miller (A) d. Cedric Hunter; 112 - Michael Bell (KM) p. John Lupenske; 119 - Matt Bridges (KM) p. Brian Hopkins; 125 - Grady Dix 9A p. Matt Sigmon; 130 - Shane Short (KM) p. Rolin Troller; 135 - Dawton Cook (A) d. Tanner Putnam; 140 - Bill Welsh (KM) d. Weston Williams; 145 - Keith Stallings (A) p. Ryan Mauney; 152 - Antonio Crocker (KM) p. Brandon

Dunn; 160 - Austin Stack (A) p. Tyler McDaniel; 171 - Matt Ash (KM) p. Trey Morton; 189 - Anthony Hillman (KM) p. Brooks Durham; 215 - Carl King (A) won by forfeit; Hwt. - Matt Varner (KM) won by forfeit.

KM 36, N. CABARRUS 35

103 - Cedric Hunter (KM) d. Daniel Ellwood; 112 - Michael Bell (KM) d. Ron Jackson; 119 - Alex Davis (NW) d. Matt Brides; 125 - Can Kemptley (NW) d. Matt

Sigmon; 130 - Jacob Allman (NW) d. Shane Short; 135 - Tanner Putnam (KM) p. Matt Gourley; 140 - Bill Welsh (KM) p. Houston Heffner; 145 - Matt Crutchfield (NW) p. Ryan Mauney; 152 - Josh Allman (NW) p. Antonio Crocker; 160 - Nick Haywood (NW) p. Tyler McDaniel; 171 - Matt Ash (KM) p. Tanner Spears; 189 - Anthony Hillman (KM) p. Michael Drake; 215 - Jason Heffner (NW) p. Matt Williams; Hwt. - Josh Camp (KM) p. William Slatt.



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