

Mounties win Sectional 1, face W. Rowan in Regional

Mountaineers' first trip to Regional under McDowell

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Kings Mountain High's men's basketball team took another big step in their rebuilding process Friday night at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium when they defeated Forestview 49-42 for the Sectional 1 Championship and a berth in this week's Western Regional Tournament at East Burke High School near Icard.

The Mountaineers have improved their program in each of their three years under Coach Danny McDowell. After a 9-16 season in McDowell's first year, the Mountaineers shared the Southwestern Foothills Conference title last year and advanced to the Sectional championship game. See Regional, 7A

DIRECTIONS
Take I-40 West out of Hickory and go approximately 8 miles to exit 116 (Icard). Take a left at the stop sign and go under the bridge. Take the next right (approximately 200 feet) and you will be on Cavalier Way. At the 4-way intersection (approximately 1 mile) East Burke will be on the left.

PAIRINGS (Friday)
7 p.m. - Union Pines vs. T.C. Roberson
8:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain vs. West Rowan
(Saturday)
4 p.m. - Championship.



Kings Mountain's D.J. Byrd (55) is fouled as he tries to score inside against East Gaston.
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Sectional wins big for Smiths and team

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Emotionally and athletically, Kings Mountain High's men's basketball team fought through one of its toughest weeks last week.

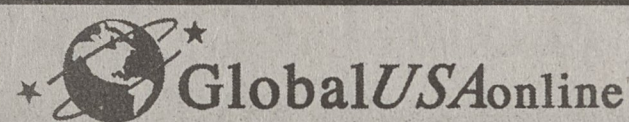
Frank Smith, the father of Mountaineer players Courtney and Derrick Smith, died suddenly of a heart attack on Tuesday morning, the day before the Mountaineers were scheduled to play their first game in the Sectional 1 tournament at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

Fighting through that emotional loss, the Smith brothers felt their father would have wanted them to play basketball and they helped lead the Mountaineers to the Sectional championship with a 53-46 win over East Gaston Wednesday and a 49-47 win over Forestview on Friday.

Frank Smith's funeral was conducted Sunday.

Coach Danny McDowell praised the Smith brothers, and the Mountaineers as a team, for their courage during such adversity.

"It was such an emotional week," McDowell said. "with all the things that had happened and the kids having to play through that. Derrick Smith played two See Sectional, 7A



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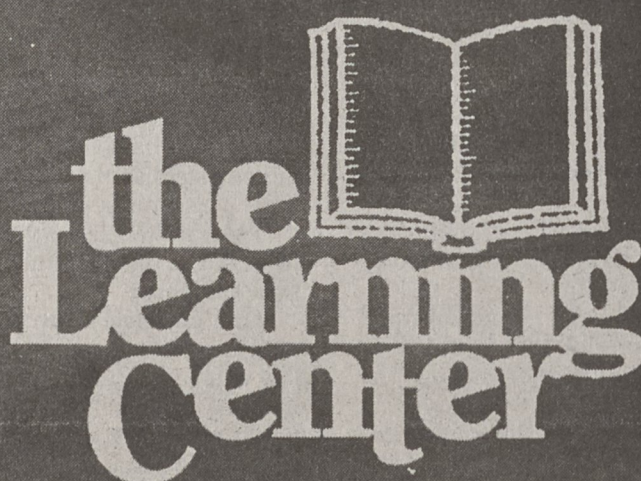
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