

Kings Mountain High basketball coach Danny McDowell, center, discusses strategy with his team during a time out. Below, girls coach Kevin Moss instructs his players during time out.

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in the third quarter of the girls game, they were focused," McDowell said.

McDowell credited his three seniors - Derrick Smith, Dashawn Young and Ta Tae Roebuck - with rallying the team together.

"I knew right then we were going to win," McDowell said. "Roebuck, Smith and Young have been on all three of these championship teams. They've been there for the long haul and they took charge. It was just unbelievable."

The Mountaineers didn't have one of their better shooting nights, hitting just 33 percent from 3-point range, 46 percent from 2-point range, and 52 percent from the foul line.

"But they did the other things, like play defense," McDowell said. "Crest didn't get any fast break baskets. We pressured the ball all night."

The Mountaineers got a great all-around game from several players, including Antonio Feaster who started in the place of Byrd. He scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

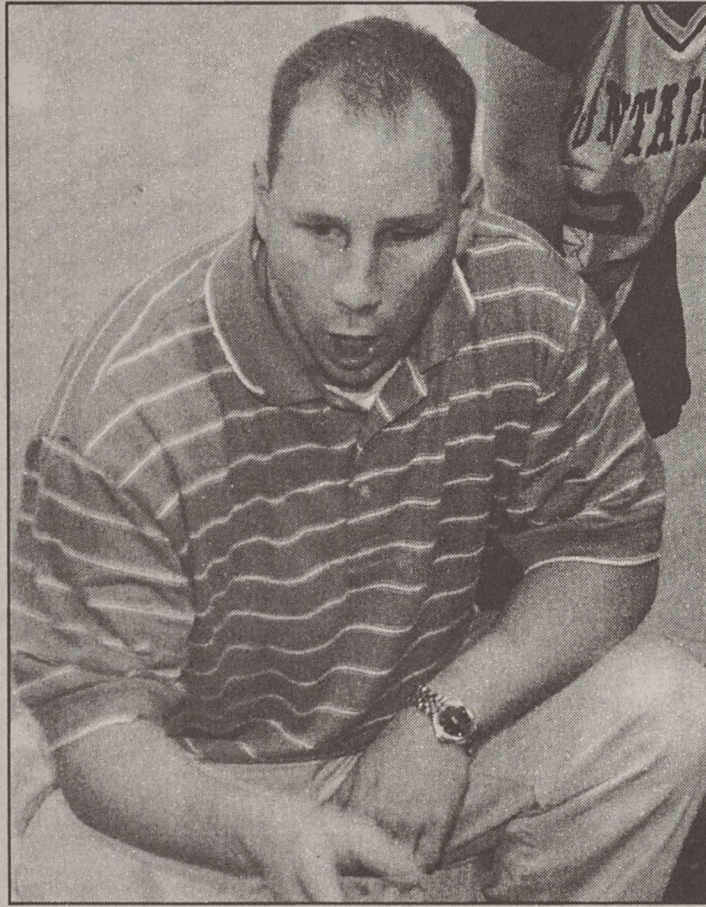
"That was incredible considering the pressure he was under," McDowell said. "We plugged him into the lineup and didn't miss a beat. He had to be the MVP of the game for what he did."

Smith had 18 rebounds, six steals and six assists and had another exceptional floor game. Gabe Blair had 17 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots. Roebuck had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Young had eight points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals. David McClish came off the bench to grab seven rebounds and score four points.

Blair and Feaster held the Chargers' big man, Brandon Spikes, who scored 25 in an earlier game at KM, to four points. The first shot Spikes attempted was blocked by Blair.

"The guys were focused the entire game," McDowell said. "They never lost their composure."

After the early 9-2 run the Mountaineers built a 24-14 first quarter lead. Crest made a mini-run and cut the margin to 38-29 at halftime and 41-35 early in the third quarter. But the Mountaineers went on an 18-6 run to put the game on ice. They led by as many as 23 in the second half and held a 20-point advantage with two minutes to play before the Chargers cut the final margin against KM's



second unit. "Everybody got to play, but I was just real proud of those seniors for stepping up and giving us the leadership," said McDowell. "I didn't have to say a thing. They knew what they had to do."

McDowell called the game "the most complete game" the Mountaineers have played all year.

"To go into a hostile environment and beat a good team like Crest is a tremendous win," McDowell said. "The kids took it as a personal challenge."

"We've always talked about family. One of our family members went down and Antonio Feaster stepped up. What he did was just exceptional."

Although the Mountaineers were pleased to win the championship, they took it all in stride.

"They know they've still got some things to do," McDowell said. "They came here for a purpose and now they want to go out with a bang."

Byrd's status is doubtful for this week's SWFH tournament, but McDowell hopes to have the big man back for the start of the State 3A playoffs next week.

"He has a tear in the back of his knee," McDowell said. "The doctor said it won't get any worse, but he can't run and that makes it tough in our style of play."

Because of their regular season title, the Mountaineers will draw the top seed from the SWFH regardless of what happens in the SWFH tournament. The Mountaineers will be trying to win their second straight Sectional champi-

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3 KM wrestlers qualify for State

Three Kings Mountain High wrestlers qualified for this week's State Individual Tournament by placing in the top four in last weekend's Western 3A Regional Tournament at East Gaston.

Mountaineer senior Orlando Curry won the heavyweight division. Josh Yon, a junior, placed second in the 215-pound weight class, and sophomore Isaac Proctor finished fourth in the 125-pound division.

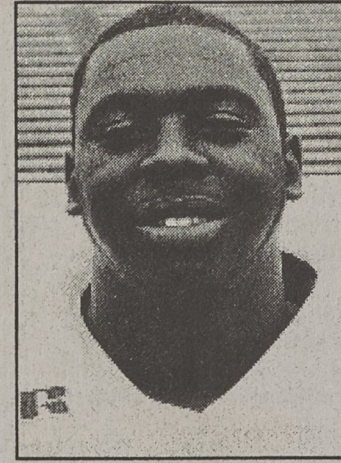
All three will go to Winston Salem Friday and Saturday for the State Tournament.

As a team, the Mountaineers finished fifth out of 24 teams. East Gaston won with 160 points, North Gaston was second at 156, and St. Stephens third at 138. Forestview was fourth, followed by KM, R-S Central, East Henderson, Enka Tuscola, Crest, Burns, South Point, Hickory, Asheville, T.C. Roberson, North Buncombe, Fred T. Foard, Erwin, Smoky Mountain, Ashbrook, Berry Academy, Hunter Huss, East Lincoln and Franklin.

Several other Kings Mountain wrestlers barely missed qualifying for the State.

Brandon McClain, a senior who has been battling a shoulder injury, came up one match short of qualifying.

Senior Kyle Hargreaves, junior Chris Patrick, and



ORLANDO CURRY

sophomore Blake Morgan also came up one match short.

"I was very proud of our team and their performance," said KM Coach Alfred Ash. "These young men have worked hard all year and many of them improved a lot as the year progressed. We will have several starters returning next year, which will mean that Kings Mountain will be very competitive again."

Championship finals:

103 - Jared Grigg (EG) p. Jason Isenhour (NG) 2:29; 112 - Rob Tate (EG) p. Matt Ghatt (NG) 1:41; 119 - Justin Sparrow (EG) d. Phillip Goodwin (SP) 29-13; 125 - Dusty McKinney (EG) d. Andrew Roberts (Enka) 20-4; 130 - Jonathan Troutman (SS) d. Chris McCarty (TCR) 10-8; 135 - Shane Crenshaw (FV) d.

Dillon Towne (EH) 16-3; 140 - Blake Magalhaes (T) d. Derek Crump (SS) 4-1; 145 - Arik Lemmon (C) d. Brodie Lowe (NG) 15-5; 152 - Stephen Esposito (SS) d. Aaron Allison (NB) 10-5; 160 - Rob Trudnak (NG) p. Ryan Greene (H) 5:13; 171 - Chris Rhodes (FTF) p. Chris Smith (EG) 4:54; 189 - Macky Thomas (EH) d. Ryan Baxter (B) 8-5; 215 - Justin Isaacs (SS) d. Josh Yon (KM) 4-0; Hwt. - Orlando Curry (KM) p. Josh Israel (Asheville) 2:15.

Consolation finals:

103 - Jesus Vazquez (SS) d. Gabe Lockett (RS) 10-2; 112 - Derrick Lytle (RS) d. Kyle Stephens (SS) 9-7 OT; 119 - Andrew Shepherd (T) d. Rio Fields (HH) 4-3; 125 - Chris Moore (RS) p. Isaac Proctor (KM) 2:55; 130 - Zach Crenshaw (FV) d. Alejandro Garcia (B) 3-1; 135 - Trey Anderson (Ashbrook) d. Bryan Mullis (EG) 7-4; 140 - Nathan Davis (B) d. Cody Lowe (NG) 7-6; 145 - Sean Nowlin (Enka) d. Brendan Ferguson (SM) 3-1; 152 - John Clemmer (NG) p. Tucker Jones (FV) 0:21; 160 - John Goodwin (S) d. Kyle Carter (Crest) 8-6; 171 - Brian Craig (Erwin) d. Jesse Rayfield (NG) 4-1; 189 - Chris Smith (Hickory) d. Kris Hill (FV) 17-7; 215 - Nathan Wooten (EG) p. Aaron Raye (Berry) 3:41; Hwt. - Stuart Colwell (SS) d. Jesse Turner (NG) 9-4.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Kings Mountain Middle School sports schedules:

BASEBALL MARCH

2 - East Lincoln; 3 - at Crest; 4 - West Lincoln; 8 - Crest; 10 - at Shelby; 18 - Pumpkin Center; 22 - at East Lincoln; 25 - Lincolnton; 29 - at Burns.

APRIL
1 - Shelby; 5 - at West Lincoln; 8 - at Pumpkin Center; 20 - Burns; 22 - at Lincolnton.

TENNIS MARCH

9 - at Burns; 11 - Crest; 16 - at East Rutherford; 18 - R-S Central; 23 - at Shelby; 25 - Burns; 30 - at Crest.

APRIL
1 - East Rutherford; 6 - at

R-S Central; 7 - Shelby.

TRACK MARCH

10 - Kings Mountain and Lincolnton at Crest; 17 - Kings Mountain and R-S Central at Burns; 24 - Crest and Kings Mountain at East Lincoln; 31 - Shelby, Burns and Crest at Kings Mountain.

APRIL
7 - Conf. meet at East Rutherford, 1 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER MARCH

9 - Burns; 11 - at Crest; 16 - East Lincoln; 18 - at R-S Central; 23 - Shelby; 25 - at Burns; 30 - Crest.

APRIL
1 - at East Lincoln; 6 - R-S Central; 7 - at Shelby.

GOLF MARCH

10 - Kings Mountain, East Rutherford and Chase at Crest; 17 - East Lincoln, Lincolnton and R-S Central at Kings Mountain; 24 - Kings Mountain, West Lincoln, East Lincoln at Burns; 31 - Kings Mountain, Burns, Crest at Shelby.

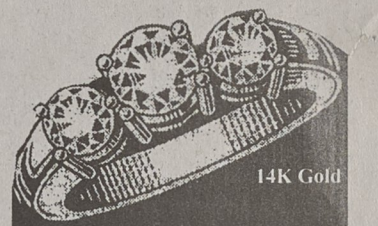
APRIL
5 - Rain date; 7 - Conf. meet at Kings Mountain 1 p.m.

Millwood to get \$11 million from Phillies

Besemer City native Kevin Millwood will make an estimated \$11 million in his second year with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Millwood agreed last week to a one-year contract after he previously asked for \$12.5 million while the Phillies only wanted to pay \$10 million. Millwood made \$9.9 million in his first season at Philadelphia.

In November, Millwood was offered a three-year deal worth \$30 million with the option for a fourth year. However, Millwood's agent rejected the offer that was later withdrawn by the Phillies when the team acquired Eric Milton from Minnesota.



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