

# KM swimmers edge Shelby

By GARY STEWART  
Sports Editor

Kings Mountain High's swim teams edged Shelby in a Southwestern Conference meet Thursday at Neisler Natatorium.

The Lady Mountaineers won 117-115 and the Mountaineers won 102-98.

Megan Burns led the KM ladies with two wins in individual competition; and she also took part in a winning relay team. Burns won the 200 yard IM in 2:38.52 and the 100 yard butterfly in 1:12.88.

Burns, Emily Peeler, Ana Alpeter and Sarah Greenlee won the 200 yard freestyle relay in 2:02.61.

Greenlee won the 100 yard breast stroke in 1:21.73. Emily Peeler won the 200

yard free in 2:42.35. Brooks McGinnis and Joe Gladden picked up first place finishes for the Kings Mountain men. McGinnis swam the 200 yard IM in 2:43.41 to defeat teammate Tanner Deaton, who finished in 2:58.41. Gladden won the 100 yard breast in 1:19.00.

Gladden, Deaton, Cline Tate and Hogan Sellers won the 200 yard free relay in 1:49.40. KM's Wayne Dover, Jared Boyd and Daniel Peterson finished second, and Dason Blanton, Ross Clark, Jefferey Falls and Dragos Dima of the Mountaineers were third.

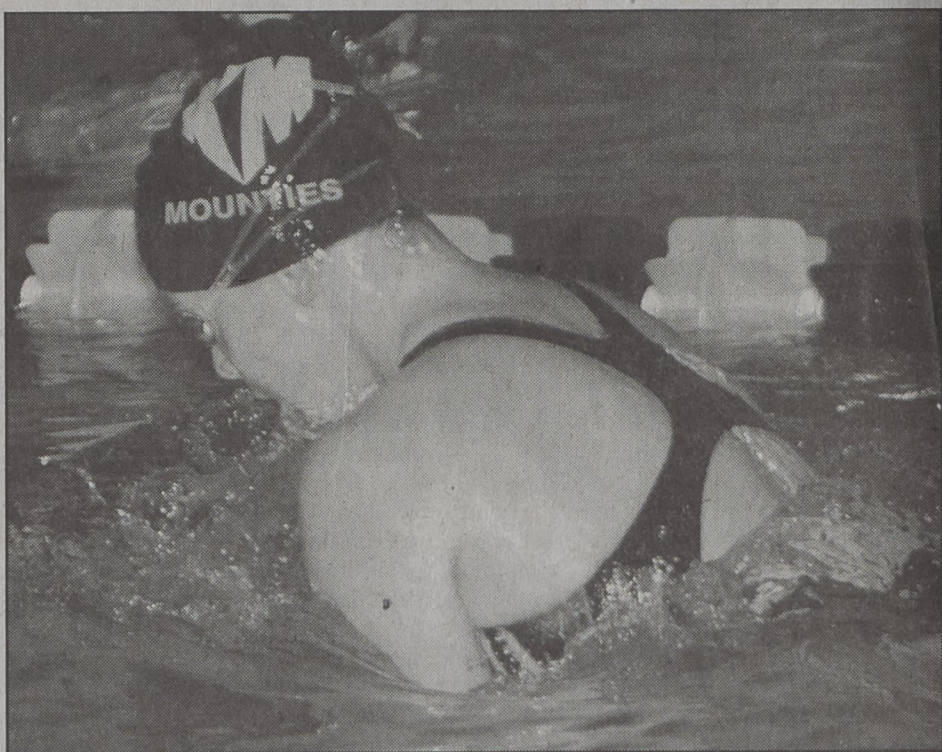
Greenlee, Burns, Casey DeVane and Ana Alpeter finished second in the 200 yard medley relay, and Morgan Weeks, Marlin Lawrence, Carilyn Brauns and Amanda

Stacy were third. Bailey Williams was second in the 200 yard free, Greenlee was second in the 500 yard free and DeVane, Williams, Peeler and Morgan Weeks were second in the 400 yard free relay.

Daniel Dyer, Johnathon Martin, Ben Hardee and Tanner Deninger swam second in the men's 200 yard medley relay. Adam Brock was second in the 50 yard free, McGinnis was second in the 100 yard fly, and Deaton was second in the 500 yard free.

McGinnis, Adam Brock, Dyer and Boyd were second in the 400 yard free relay.

Kings Mountain hosted the Southwestern Conference championship meet last night. Results were not available at press time.



Gary Stewart Photo  
Megan Burns won two individual events to lead Kings Mountain's women's swim team over Shelby last week.

# Bass tournament raises \$2100 for Special Olympics

The second annual bass fishing tournament at Pinnacle Boat Landing at Lake Norman for benefit of Cleveland County Special Olympics was a huge success - a total of \$2100 raised by over 260 donors and corporate sponsors and spearheaded by Eaton Corporation of America's Kings Mountain plant.

Students at North Shelby School, headquarters for the Special Olympics team, volunteers from Eaton Corporation and individuals and representatives from many of the sponsoring businesses were on hand at North Shelby School Friday morning to congratulate the young athletes and to celebrate victory.

Eaton Plant Manager Mike Iezzi presented the check for \$21,000 to Carol Goforth, coordinator for the project. The money will be used to purchase new uniforms and equipment for the athletes and also to provide funds for them to attend out of county events.

Nick Peace, Eaton employee and tournament director, organized the fundraiser. "These funds will help many people and I appreciate the community welcoming us in their businesses and making these generous donations, it was just awesome," he said.

Iezzi said Eaton Corporation is supportive of its employees' participation in the fundraiser for two years and also in providing 30 volunteers who helped out at the tournament. Last year the first fishing tournament raised \$14,400. He said donors can still participate in the project. The third annual tournament will be held on Nov. 7, 2009 at Lake Norman.

Cleveland County Special Olympics is slated for April 25, 2009 at Shelby High School where medals and ribbons will be awarded to outstanding young athletes. The young people participate in 16 sporting events during the year and some of the competitions are held out



photo by Lib Stewart

**FISHING TOURNEY BAGS BIG BUCKS** - The recent second annual fishing tournament for Cleveland County Special Olympics raised \$21,000. Mike Iezzi, plant manager of Eaton Corporation of Kings Mountain, presents the check to Carol Goforth, program coordinator, at North Shelby School as athletes look on. From left, Beth Haley, Iezzi, Wayne Tanner, Goforth, Olivia Leith and Dexanie Thompson.

of state. Five athletes recently participated in a ski trip at Beech Mountain and brought home a fourth place

ribbon and also a second place ribbon in state divisional participation. They will compete in Southeastern

soccer competition in February.

"We thank all our teams for making this happen, the

success of this project resulted in a lot of team work and volunteer spirit," said Peace.

# Mountaineers snap back from loss to pin Burns

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Kings Mountain High's wrestling team snapped back from their only conference loss of the season to defeat Burns 52-18 Friday night at Parker Gym.

A night earlier, the Mountaineers lost the last match of the evening and fell to R-S Central 42-34 in a battle for first place.

After picking up a forfeit for a 6-0 lead, the Mountaineers never trailed in their match with Burns. The Mountaineers were dominant in the middle and heavy weight classes, winning the last five matches and six of the last seven.

Winning for the Mountaineers were G. Bennett, Matt Hord, Quincey Toms,

Wesley Bell, Joe Chambers, Josh Haraszkiwicz, Torrey Belcher, JT Putnam and Jiris Toney. Hord, Toms, Bell, Chambers, Belcher, Putnam and Toney recorded pins.

"We wrestled well tonight and I loved the intensity," said Coach Kenny Bridges. "I was glad to see us bounce back from the disappointing loss to R-S Central. We have some guys really getting better. I have some really young guys with opportunities to really do well in the conference tournament."

Winners against R-S Wednesday night were Ty Schulte, Steven Byrd, Matt Hord, John Robbs, Torrey Belcher and Jiris Toney.

"It was a very disappointing loss," Bridges said. "I felt we let a few matches slip away that we could have

won. We had a chance to really set ourselves up nice, but we let this one slip away. For us to have a chance to win the conference we now have to depend on some help from Shelby."

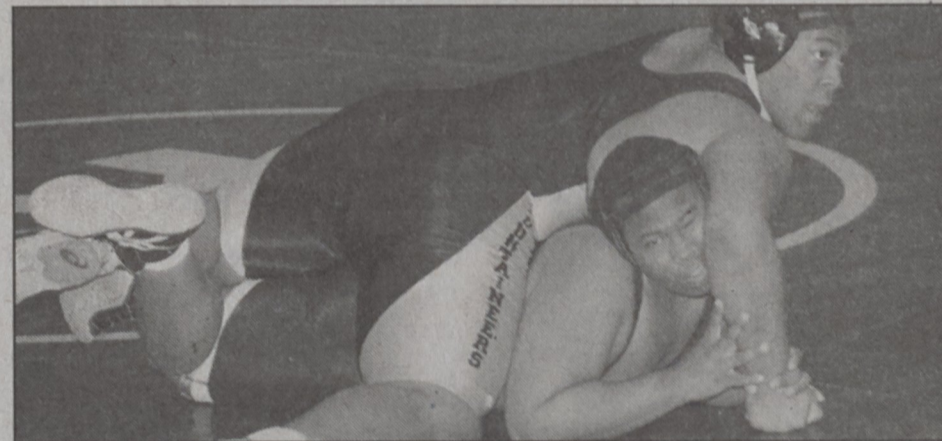
Shelby, which lost to KM in the first conference match, battles the Hilltoppers in the final SWC match Friday. Kings Mountain travels to East Rutherford for its final match Friday.

The SWC tournament will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at Shelby.


In action on Jan. 16, the Mountaineers defeated Chase 46-33. KM winners were G. Bennett, Steven Byrd, Matt Hord, Houston Lattimore, Quincey Toms, Wesley Bell, Joe Chambers and Torrey Belcher.



GARY STEWART/HERALD  
Kings Mountain's Joe Chambers works on a pin in Friday's SWC wrestling match with Burns at Parker Gym. KM won 52-18.



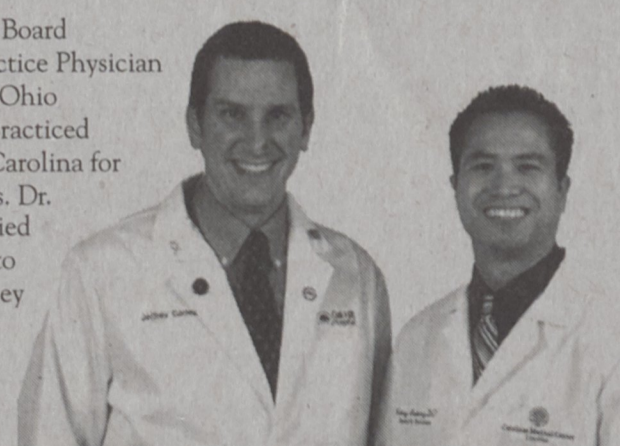
GARY STEWART/HERALD  
Kings Mountain heavyweight Jiris Toney (top) works on a pin over Burns in Friday's SWC wrestling match at Donald L. Parker Gymnasium. KM won 52-18 to run its conference record to 3-1.



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