

Some of the state's best

Green leads local standouts

Don't challenge Shawn Green to a fight. It won't end well.

The local fifth-degree black belt won his fourth consecutive state title recently at the Tennessee State Karate Championship held in Cookeville. Green dominated the men's black-belt division, one of the strongest divisions at the event.

Green, 26, worked through the field once again, besting each opponent with ease to claim another state title.

"He was toying with them," said Gary Steele, who took a team – including Green – to the event. "He's been training since

he was 11. He's worked his way into a role as tournament team captain."

Green, who also earned second in forms at the event, serves as an instructor and assistant manager at Gary Steele Karate Studio. The local studio was well represented at the event.

Leah Clark won first in weapons and took second in forms, while Luke Melton also took first in fighting for his age group. Joseph Chandler earned third in fighting, while Chris Hutchison was third in fighting and fourth in forms. Paul David Byars placed fourth in fighting in his age group.



Shawn Green may need a new trophy case soon. Green won his fourth fighting state championship recently.

Giving back



Braxton Hopkins did his best to give back by participating in the equipment drive being held by the McMinnville Civic Center and volunteers to benefit the youth baseball and softball leagues. Bins can be found at Morris Auto Body, McMinnville Lawn and Garden, Signs by Genia, Supreme Building Products, Eastside Market, Williams Wholesale Supply, McMinnville Civic Center, Crisp Spring Market and the Southern Standard.

Matthews excited about Titan offense

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee wide receiver Rishard Matthews has been in the NFL the past six seasons, and now the veteran is hoping his experience learning other offenses will help him get up to speed very quickly with the Titans' newest scheme.

Matthews missed the Titans' organized team activities, mandatory minicamp in June, training camp and first three preseason games with an undisclosed injury. He passed his physical Sunday and was removed from the physically unable to perform list then practiced Monday.

Now the 6-foot receiver who led Tennessee with 1,740 yards receiving over the past two seasons can take part in an offense that has him very excited.

"This is the longest I've been out of football," Matthews said before practice. "It's tough watching, but as far as the offense I'm really excited. I think the sky's the limit for our group. We have a bunch of talented young players. I think Coach (Matt) LaFleur has explained that a lot of people will be moving around, and people aren't going to be able to get a beat on us so easy, so that's also exciting."



Gary Steele Karate Studio had success at the Tennessee State Karate Championships in Cookeville. Members of the team are, front row, from left, instructor Becky Byars, Paul David Byars and instructor Paul Byars. Back row, Leah Clark, Shawn Green, Joseph Chandler, Luke Melton, Chris Hutchison and owner Gary Steele.

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