

Olathean is champion

Michael Craine, a 14-year-old Olathean, took first in the Oklahoma State Karate Championships this past weekend in Oklahoma City.



**Michael
Craine**

Craine, a student at Kenukan Academy in Olathe, was one of six trophy winners

**Reid
Denson**



from the Olathe school.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Craine competed in the



**Bill
Moulden**

mini pee wee bracket which was based according to weight and size, not age. Although

only a white belt, he defeated two brown belts to gain the title.



**Scott
Kubin**

Reid Denson placed third in lightweight white belt, Bill Moulden was third in

**Grant
Hickman**



heavyweight white, Scott Kubin third in pee wee yellow and Grant Hickman third in pee wee white.

At the end of the day, Craine, Hickman and Boble Neal competed in the team competition and finished second, losing by one point.

"After travelling so far," said Bob Boggs, chief instructor at Kenukan, "fighting mostly local boys and with the local officials, I think we did a very good job.

"We took ten fighters and brought home eight trophies in all," he added. "That was

quite an accomplishment. The credit is due to my fighters as they all trained hard for the tournament.

"It's a big one," Boggs continued. "Jim Butin

**Boble
Neal**



sponsors the tournament every year and he is rated number two in the world."