

SPORTS

BY MARTIN HARMON

SPORTIN' with MARTIN

Pete Moss succeeded Red Fulkerson as Kings Mountain high school coach in 1935. Featuring a small, but hard-working bunch of boys, and an amazingly fluffy quarterback in Jake Early, Moss had his best season winning four and losing four. Since then, Kings Mountain teams have been exceedingly weak, not only in football, but in other sports as well.

yet, in one game, someone got away for a thirty eight yard run, making it first and goal on the three yard line. Three plays later, it was fourth down, ten to go.

Most Kings Mountain fans say that Moss was a good coach. "This I know: He is a gentleman; he knows his business. The failure of high school athletics in this city seems to be due primarily to the lack of material. Not since Fulkerson's last team in 1934 (won 3, lost 4, tied 3) has more than one 170-pounder reported for practice. There seem to be no more Thornburgs, McSwains, Shotts, Whites, etc., at least, not within reach.

In September, Crowell Little, all-state, all-southern, co-captain with all-America Andy Bershak of an exceptionally good University of North Carolina football team, comes to Kings Mountain as Moss' successor. His record shows his ability.

However, Little will do no better than Moss, unless some capable football material is given him when practice begins around the middle of September.

No man can win ball games without material; it is an impossibility.

The people of Kings Mountain have provided for a high school band and their confidence has not been misplaced. Why not work a bit for high school athletics. According to the plans of other schools, there would be a high school athletics association made up largely of citizens, each interested and willing to devote a little time to building high school athletics. Why not give a good coach a real opportunity? Put Kings Mountain athletics on a par with Kings Mountain music! The project is not too far-fetched.

The official batting averages of the Piedmont League, printed by the Howe News Bureau and carried by the Charlotte Observer, last Sunday listed 321 beside the names of Jake Early, representing a 230 point gain since early in the season. From eighth position in the batting order, he has climbed to fourth, and his huns batted is column in climbing steadily.

The former high school star is definitely making good, and according to the Observer sports editor, Jake Early, "Early is a cinch to go up." Washington, parents club to the Charlotte Hornets, seems to be his next stepping place, and Kings Mountain fans expect him to step in as as first string catcher next season for another North Carolina star, Rick Ferrell.

Jake is a hustler, and many attribute the success of the current Hornets to his bustling spirit and ability in handling pitchers. According to Becky Harris, Washington manager, "He should be playing AA ball right now."

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Grover Faces All-Stars Today

Local Tennis Tourney Opens Next Friday

Stowe Is Tourney Head

By "George Whittington"
The fourth annual city-wide tennis tournament will get underway Friday, July 29, according to the announcement made by Stowe, tournament supervisor.

Awards have not been definitely decided upon, but it is expected that local merchants will provide a trophy for the winner and consolation prizes for the semi-finalists.

The possibility of a two-division tournament, junior and senior, depends solely on the number of entrants eligible for the younger division. All entrants must register at the Herald Office or with Howard Whittington by Wednesday noon, July 27.

In announcing the tournament, Stowe also made public the following rules and regulations:

1. One new ball must be furnished by each person for each individual match, this to be the only entrance fee, with the winner receiving both balls as a reward.

2. The tournament will in no way interfere with softball schedules in order that softball players may participate.

3. Play will proceed in regular tournament fashion, with seeded players, two brackets, and match eliminations. (Last year's challenge method proved slow and unsatisfactory.)

As there are now three available courts, the two school courts and one at the water works, tournament heads feel that the tournament should be completed in three or four days.

It is expected that final plans will be announced by Thursday, July 28, and all details, as well as tournament pairings will be carried in the next week's issue.

Changes Are Few
At Meeting Of
League Managers"NO UMPIRE BAITING"
SAYS LEAGUE HEADS

Edens Gets Open Berth.

In a lengthy two-hour session last Thursday night, the team managers in the City Softball League granted Shorty Edens' Ramblers the Post-Office berth, laid penalties for "umpire baiting" and selected a committee of three to handle protests.

Definite action included:
1.—A 14-day "free period," lasting until August 1, during which time any player may be signed and played on the same day.

2.—A 3-day a week playing schedule on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

3.—Any player ejected from two league games for complaining or bickering with the umpire is immediately ineligible for the remainder of the season. Only the manager may confer with the umpire.

4.—No player signed with any other softball club, here or otherwise, is eligible for league play unless he shows a release slip from his former club dated 7 days previous.

5.—The official league ball is an official softball with seams, to be handled from Bridges & Hamrick.

6.—A committee of three, including the league President, S. A. Crisp, and J. H. Floyd, will handle all protests, which must be turned in to official umpire during the protested game.

7.—A benefit game for Smyre Williams between Grover and a team of All-Stars, managed by W. J. Fulkerson, assisted by Charlie Moss, will be played Thursday, July 21.

8.—If necessary, a playoff for the league crown will take place between Grover and the second half winner in the local ball park, with admission 10 and 15 cents.

Much time was given to the umpiring problem, resulting in the ejection rule, whereby umpires are not to be at all lenient with hot-tempered ball players. Two ejections mean no more softball for that individual player during the remainder of the season.

Commenting on the meeting, league-President, Haywood E. Lynch said: "I believe we're going to click along all right during this second half, with less trouble all along. Naturally, everyone will have a better knowledge of the rules—including the officials."

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Margrace	2	0	1.000
Ramblers	1	0	1.000
Grover	1	1	.500
Pauline	1	1	.500
Bonnie	1	1	.500
Mauney	1	1	.500
Stags	0	1	.000
Old Mill	0	2	.000

Results

Monday
Stags 1; Pauline 14
Margrace 6; Grover 4
Ramblers 9; Old Mill 3
Bonnie 12; Mauney 16 (called in fifth—darkness)
Wednesday
Margrace 5; Pauline 4
Bonnie 9; Old Mill 3
Grover 7; Mauney 0
Stags-Ramblers (postponed on account of rain.)

Next Week's Games

FRIDAY, JULY 22
Margrace at Old Mill
Mauney at Stags
Pauline at Ramblers
Bonnie at Grover
MONDAY, JULY 25
Old Mill at Stags
Bonnie at Pauline
Mauney at Margrace
Grover at Ramblers
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
Ramblers at Bonnie
Mauney at Pauline
Old Mill at Grover
Margrace at Stags

Margrace Licks Grover
And Pauline To Lead Loop

Ramblers Win First.

First licking Grover on Monday, 6-4, Margrace took a ten inning thriller from Pauline yesterday afternoon, 5-4, to take over the league lead for the first week's play, though tied with Shorty Edens' Ramblers by percentage, who won their first game from the Old Mill Monday, 9-3.

There was no freak in the Margrace win yesterday. After Pauline had tied the score at four all, Charlie Moss' boys came back in the first of the tenth to garner four hits and take the ball game. Jess Jenkins led off with a single. Eiters flied out to second, but Charlie Moss and Red Layton slammed clean singles to center to load the sacks, and Humphrey lined one through the box to score Jenkins for Pauline. Yates, Jim Cole, and Emma Hord went down in order to the game.

Humphrey's game winning hit was his third for the day, as he shared hitting honors with Ray Kirby, who collected a home run, double and single out of four trips to the plate. But Oates, ex-Stag, fielded faultlessly for Pauline, but failed to hit four times, once with two men on.

The Pauline had previously swamped the Stags on Monday, 14-1, while both the Bonnie and Mauney split in two games. Grover came back to take Mauney 7-0, and the Old Mill continued their last half losing streak by dropping two games. The scheduled Stag-Rambler game was postponed on account of wet grounds and will be played Tuesday.

Farm Questions Answered

Q.—How can I prevent horns from growing on my dairy calves?

A.—The development of horns can be prevented by applying caustic soda or potash to the horn buttons when the calf is from four to eight days old. Clip the hair from over and around the button, wash and thoroughly dry clipped surface and then apply the solution with a caustic stick. The stick should be moistened on one end and rubbed carefully on each horn button two or three times, alternating between the buttons until there is a raw place about the size of a nickel. Do not rub until the spot bleeds. Care should be taken not to use too much moisture for if it gets in the eye it will cause blindness. Keep animals under shelter if there is a chance for rain.

JOB PRINTING
—PHONE 167—Farm Questions
Answered

Q.—Is it wise to operate on a chicken with an impacted crop?

A.—No. Most farm birds are low priced individuals with egg production as their main function for returning a profit. Any operation, no matter how careful, would stop this production for several months and the bird would be an economic loss for that period. Then, too, the incisions made usually heal slowly and in many cases the birds die before regaining health and production power. For a heavy, pendulous crop, it is best to destroy the bird so affected.

DIXON NEWS

(By Charles E. Stewart)

The Dixon ball team lost to Crowders Mountain last Saturday by the score of 15 to 13.

Mrs. Conrad Hughes who has been sick for the past week is much better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jackson, of near Kings Mountain spent several days last week in this community.

Mr. Howard Jackson of Kings Mountain spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Sph Jackson.

Mrs. George Stewart and children spent Tuesday night with relatives near Kings Mountain.

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