

Shelby Edges Kings Mountain In Eighth Inning



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Killebrew CAN Beat Ruth's Record

Sluggish Harmon Killebrew of the Minnesota Twins is, without a doubt, the most dangerous home run hitter in the Major Leagues today, and stands the best chance of any big league baseball player of breaking Babe Ruth's all-time home run record of 714.

Killebrew is beginning his seventh year as an active major leaguer and has already hit 272 home runs, an average of 45.3 homers a season and is still a young man at the age of 28.

He ranks in the top 12 active home run hitters and is rapidly climbing toward the top. Mickey Mantle, who leads all regulars going into the 1965 season with 454, is less than 200 homers ahead of the "Killer" and is beginning his 14th season.

Killer Seeks 4th HR Crown In A Row

Killebrew goes into the '65 season seeking his fourth American League home run crown in a row. He led the AL last season with 49 homers, the fourth consecutive year in which the slugger surpassed the 40 mark.

He holds seven Twins' records.

He set a mark of 126 runs batted in during 1962 and was the club's highest slugger in 1961 with a percentage of .606. He set the mark of 107 bases on balls in 1961 and 142 strikeouts in 1962.

He also holds the Twins' record of 49 homers in a season (1964), 29 homers at home (1961) and 28 on the road (1962).

Killebrew loses the ball once in every 12.6 times at bat. Only Ruth has a better mark as he hit a homer once in every 11.8 times at bat.

Last season, Killebrew hit a home run in every American League ball park with the exception of that of the Chicago White Sox, however, he hit six against White Sox pitching in the Twins' Metropolitan Stadium.

His favorite home run park was Yankee Stadium where he hit five.

His yearly RBI average is 106.6. During his six years as a regular, he has fallen under the 100 mark only twice, in 1960 when he batted in 80 and in '63 when he had 96.

Can Yankees Make It Six?

The New York Yankees can be the first major league club to win six pennants in a row in '65, if they are that lucky or that good.

Casey Stengel's 1960 team began the last string of wins by copping the American League crown, finishing eight games ahead of the second place Chicago White Sox.

The Yanks won again in '61, '62, and '63 under the helm of Ralph Houk and surged ahead last season to win for rookie manager Yogi Berra.

So the Yankees have won five pennants in a row and under three different managers.

Yanks Won 103 Games, Finished Second

In 1954, Casey Stengel's Yankees had a chance to win their sixth in a row but finished in second place, eight games behind the Cleveland Indians.

But the odd thing about that season was that the Yankees won 103 ball games.

Al Lopez' Indians still hold the all-time American League record of most games won in a season as they bettered the old record of 110 wins set by the Yankees in 1927, the year that Babe Ruth hit his record of 60 home runs. They won 111.

15 Pennants In 18 Years

Since 1947, the Yankees have won a total of 15 American League pennants.

The Bronx Bombers finished second to Cleveland in 1948 and 1954 and Chicago took top spot in 1959. Casey Stengel managed the Yankees to 10 of those 15 flags, Ralph Houk, three, and Stanley (Bucky) Harris and Yogi Berra, one each.

The Yanks' winningest season was in 1961 — under the direction of Ralph Houk — when they finished the season eight games ahead of the White Sox with a 109-53 won-loss record and a .673 percentage.

Although Casey Stengel guided the Yankees to 10 pennants in his 12 years as manager, they never won 100 games in one season under his reign. They posted a 99-52 record in 1953 when they finished on top, eight and a half games ahead of the second place team.

Ralph Houk reached 109 and 104 victories in '61 and '63, but was managing during the 162-game schedule.

Hickory Takes First Place At Track Meet

The Kings Mountain high school track team took another fourth place finish Tuesday afternoon at East Rutherford. The meet was previously scheduled for Shelby's Blanton Memorial Stadium. Hickory totaled 70 points to place first, R-S Central finished second, East Rutherford third, and Shelby fifth.

Kings Mountain did not place first in any one event, however, Jimmy Wright placed second in both the high and low hurdles.

R-S Central tallied 39 1/2 points, East Rutherford scored 23, Kings Mountain, 19 1/2, and Shelby, 18.

RESULTS

- 440-relay — 1. Hickory 2. R-S Central 3. East Rutherford. Time 45.9 sec.
- Hop-Skip-Jump — 1. Hickory 2. East Rutherford 3. R-S Central.
- Shot Put — 1. Stutts, Shelby 2. Coffee Hickory 3. Teague Hickory.
- Pole Vault — 1. Boyles Hickory 2. Brooks Hickory 3. Phillips Hickory.
- High Hurdles — 1. Parton R-S 2. Wright KM 3. Wilson Hickory. Time: 15.1 sec.
- 100 yard dash — 1. Rhinehart Hickory 2. Green Central 3. Goforth KM. Time: 10.4 sec.
- 200 yard dash — 1. Holt Belmont 2. Burns Hickory 3. Gamble East. Time 4:38.1.
- 400 yard dash — 1. Koone Central 2. Hoyle Shelby 3. Canipe East. Distance: 129' 9 1/2".
- 800 yard dash — 1. Lynch Shelby 2. Hefner Hickory 3. Ellis Shelby. Time: 52.4 sec.
- 1600 yard dash — 1. Parton Central 2. Wright KM 3. Wilson Hickory. Time: 20.8 sec.
- 3200 yard dash — 1. Powell East 2. Smith Central 3. Blackburn KM. Distance 194'.
- 800 yd. run — 1. Jordan Hickory 2. Hendrick Hickory 3. Grimes KM. Time: 2:06.2.
- 1600 yd. run — 1. Parton Central 2. Rinehart Hickory 3. Scoggins Central. Time: 23.8 sec.
- 880-relay — 1. Hickory 2. KM 3. Central. Time: 1:38.6.
- 1 mile relay — 1. Hickory 2. Shelby 3. KM. Time: 3:39.2.

Mounties Down R-S Central 7-4

The Kings Mountain High Mountaineers pulled within one-half game of first place in the Southwest Conference baseball standings Tuesday afternoon by downing the R-S Central Hilltoppers by a score of 7-4.

Seerley Lowery recorded his second win against one defeat by coming in to relieve Steve Goforth in the fourth and issuing only four hits in four innings.

Bill Mullinax started the game for the locals but was relieved by Goforth in the second inning with one runner on and R-S Central leading by a 3-0 count. Goforth retired the first man to face him and retired the side in the third before issuing three straight walks in the fourth, at which time Lowery entered the game.

The R-S Central catcher was hit by a pitched ball to begin the top of the second inning and to begin a three-run output by the Hilltoppers.

First-baseman Jack Huss singled to left field, putting runners on first and second and right fielder Johnny Davis loaded the bases with an infield single. Two consecutive forceouts nabbed runners at home plate, leaving the bases loaded with two men out.

R-S Central pitcher George Helton was hit by a pitched ball and Davis scored from third. The next Hilltopper batter, the lead-off man, singled to left field to drive in two more runs and put Central ahead by the 3-0 count.

Goforth then relieved Mullinax and forced Central center fielder Warren Goforth to ground out to third to end the inning. But before the second inning was over with, Kings Mountain leftfielder Ronnie Rhea pulled the Mountaineers within one run of Central with a triple that was "almost" a home run.

With two outs pitcher Steve Goforth reached base on an R-S Central error and Rhea slammed a pitch to the bank in left-center field and came on around on a bad throw from the Central outfielder.

Murphy grounded out to end the inning, the score 3-2. R-S Central staged a rally in the top of the fourth but failed to score when Mountie third-baseman Pat Murphy caught a line drive bunt on an attempted squeeze play and caught a Central runner off third for a double play.

Mountaineer pitcher Steve Goforth walked the first three men to face him in the fourth and southpaw Seerley Lowery came in with the bases loaded and no one out.

Central pitcher George Helton went down swinging for out number one. The Hilltopper second baseman attempted to bunt down the third base line and squeeze in the runner from third but Murphy nabbed the line drive and flipped the ball to shortstop Richard Gold, covering third, to end the R-S Central fourth.

Hubert McGinnis got things going for the Mounties in the bottom of the fourth with a single to centerfield. Medlin struck out and Nelson Connor reached base when a fielder's choice failed to nab McGinnis at second.

Lowery sacrificed both runners with an infield grounder and McGinnis crossed the plate with the tie run when Ronnie Rhea reached base on an error by the Central third baseman. Rhea stole second, Murphy was given a free pass via four balls and Nelson Connor scored the go ahead run when Richard Gold's ground out to third was booted.

Mickey Bell walked to load the bases and Claude Pearson's single scored Murphy from third but Gold was caught in a "pickle" between third and home and was tossed out to end the inning, the Mountaineers leading 6-3.

Warren Goforth singled to start the R-S Central fifth and shortstop Warren Dalton was hit by a pitched ball, putting runners on first and second. The next batter flied out to the centerfielder and first baseman Jack Huss doubled to rightfielder scoring Goforth. Dalton was thrown out attempting to score from first base and the next batter struck out to end the Central fifth, the score 6-4.

Kings Mountain added one more run in the sixth. Murphy reached base on an error but was picked off first base by the Central southpaw and Richard Gold was given a base on balls and immediately stole second.

Bell struck out and Gold scored when Pearson's grounder was errored by the R-S third baseman. McGinnis grounded out to end the inning and the Mounties allowed only one Central runner to reach base in the seventh, and

was unable to score. In other Southwest Conference games Tuesday, Shelby's Mitchell Self pitched a no-hit 1-0 victory over Chase to give Shelby its second win of the season. Cherryville blanked heretofore undefeated Belmont 5-0 and Lincolnton edged East Rutherford 8-7.

BOX SCORE

KINGS MOUNTAIN AB R H BI

Rhea, lf 3 2 1 1
Murphy, 3b 3 1 0 0
Gold, ss 3 1 1 1
Bell, cf 3 0 1 0
Pearson, rf 4 0 1 2
McGinnis, lb 4 1 2 0
Medlin, c 2 0 0 0
Connor, 2b 2 1 0 0
Mullinax, p 0 0 0 0
Goforth, p 1 1 0 0
Lowery, p 1 0 1 0

26 7 7 4

R-S Central AB R H BI

Thompson, 2b 4 0 2 2
Goforth, cf 4 1 1 0
Dalton, ss 3 0 0 0
Jones, c 3 0 0 0
Huss, lf 3 0 2 1
Davis, rf 3 1 2 0
Sinclair, lf 2 1 0 0
Walker, 3b 0 1 0 0
Helton, p 1 0 0 0
Freeman, p 1 0 0 0

24 4 7 3

E-R-S-Walker 2, Thompson, Huss, Jones, Davis, Freeman, KM-Rhea, Murphy, S-Lowery, SE-Rhea, Gold, DP-Murphy to Gold, HP-Medlin, Jones, Helton, Dalton.

2B-Huss, Thompson. 3B-Rhea.



LOWERY WIN — Pictured above is KMHS southpaw pitcher Seerley Lowery, who entered the ball game in the fourth inning Tuesday and recorded his second victory against one defeat.



BELL WALK — Pictured above are Mickey Bell and Richard Gold, who currently lead all Mountaineer batsmen with respective .500 and .467 batting averages. Bell has seven hits in 14 official times at bat and Gold is seven-for-fifteen.

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BOWLING CHAMPS — The Jenny Oates team (above) defeated City Paint Store three games to one last Thursday night at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center to claim league championship honors in the KM Mixed Duckpin League. Pictured above left to right are team captain Jenny Oates, Mary Lou Adkins, Clarence Plonk, Gary Stewart, and Bill Mullinax.

Jenny Oates Is Mixed Champion

Local Residents Attend Masters

Jack Nicklaus became the king of the golfing world this past weekend when he fired a 72-hole 271-17 under par—to win the 1965 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

Nicklaus' 271 total broke the 274 Masters' record set by Ben Hogan back in 1953 and his 64 tied the course and Masters' record set by Lloyd Mangrum in 1940.

Among Kings Mountain residents making the trip to Augusta for the Masters were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neisler, Mrs. John Smathers, C. D. Blanton, Dick McGinnis, Bill McGinnis, Carl Finger, and Tolly Shuford.

"Wildcats" Cop Bowling Title

The Mauney-Carolina Tenpin Bowling League closed out its season last week with the second half winning "Wildcat" team defeating the first half champ "Wonders" by only four pins.

The league, which is sponsored by Mauney Hosiery and Carolina Throwing, is a member of the Fair Lanes of Shelby bowling leagues.

Members of the league champion "Wildcat" team are Ray Cline, Lucille Brown, Hal Champion, and Martha James. Murphy Hill, Lorene Hill, and Don and Norma Lancaster make up the "Wonders" team.

Eddie Arrowood capped high average and high set honors for the men on the season with a 162 average and a 570 set. Lynda Herndon's 147 average was high for the women and Lib Cline's 243 line and 541 set was also a high for women.

Trophies will be presented at a league banquet on Friday, April 23.

Automatic Pin Setters At KM Bowling Center

Mountain Lanes Bowling Manager "Cat" Houser announced his week that automatic pin setters are now being installed at the local bowling alley, and the establishment will now offer only duckpin bowling.

Installations began this past Monday and the bowling center will be open for business either Friday or Saturday of this week.

Bowling fees will be raised to forty cents per game but Mr. Houser says that a bowler will get from 10 to 12 pins per game better pin fall as a result of good action by the pin setters.

Mr. Houser also announced that the bowling center is to be completely remodeled, that is, painted, roof and alley repairs. Also, at any time during the frame, the bowler can have the pins set up. Example: If a bowler floors nine pins with the first ball, he can have the pins set up and take a nine count.

Mr. Houser also announced plans for a league for school kids for this summer and possibly this fall and winter. Prices for bowling in this league will be reduced and those interested in participating can sign up at the bowling center.

Mr. Houser reports the reason for changing strictly to duckpin bowling is due to the fact that the type of bowling is becoming more and more popular and that

Champion, Lions Record First Season Victory

The Shelby High Lions broke a three-game losing streak Friday afternoon in a thriller that saw the hometown Mountaineers defeated 3-2 in one extra inning.

Kings Mountain hit ace Shelby righthander Billy Champion hard during the first five innings but failed to register a safety during the crucial sixth, seventh, and eighth frames.

Champion, all-conference in 1964, went the distance for the Lions and was awarded his first victory in three outings, bringing his record to 1-2. He struck out 13 Mountain hitters while giving up four singles and walking four.

Southpaw Seerley Lowery went the distance for the locals, suffering his first loss in two starts. He faced 28 Shelby batters, struck out 10, walked two, and gave up eight hits, including two extra base blows by Lion shortstop Ronnie Wilson, who crossed the plate in the bottom of the eighth with the winning run.

The Mountaineers scored both their runs in the fourth inning and led 2-0 going into the bottom of the sixth.

Richard Gold singled to left field to start things off and clean-up hitter Mickey Bell was awarded a free base on four balls by Champion. Claude Pearson reached base on an error, after bunting, and two runs scored. Hubert McGinnis reached base on an error by the catcher but Champion tightened down and struck out Roy Medlin, Tommy Black, and Seerley Lowery to retire the side and leave two Mountaineers stranded.

Lowery gave up only one hit, an infield single to Mitchell Self, in the next two frames but third-baseman Tommy Pruitt reached base with a walk to begin the sixth.

Shortstop Ronnie Wilson singled to center, putting runners on first and third and Joel McKinney flied out to the second baseman for the first out.

But Max Jones then hit a double down the left field line scoring both Pruitt and Wilson. Pitcher Champion reached base with an infield single and second baseman Mike McDaniel lined out to Bell and the second sacker flipped the ball over to Hubert McGinnis at first for a double play.

The Mounties got into scoring position in the seventh when Richard Gold stole second base after reaching first on a fielder's choice, which saw Pat Murphy, and Ronnie Rhea before him, forced out at second base by shortstop Wilson.

But Bell flied out to second base to end the inning. Claude Pearson reached second base when the first baseman missed a throw from third in the top of the eighth. Pearson took second on the throw but stood there to see the next three hitters, McGinnis, Medlin, and Black go down on strikes to end the inning.

Pruitt was out number one in the deciding eighth for Shelby as he was nabbed at first by a double off the left centerfield fence and Joel McKinney reached base on an infield hit, putting runners on first and second.

Jones flied out to Murphy for out number two, bringing up pitcher Champion with a chance to win his own game with a hit. But a passed ball and both runners took another base. And via another passed ball, Wilson crossed home with the winning run and Shelby's first win in four starts.

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Medlin, c 4 0 0 0
Black, rf 3 0 0 0
Lowery, p 2 0 0 0

26 2 4 0

SHELBY AB R H BI

Southard, rf 4 0 0 0
Pruitt, 3b 3 1 0 0
Wilson, ss 4 2 3 0
McKinney, cf 3 0 1 0
Jones, lf 3 0 1 2
Champion, p 3 0 1 0
McDaniel, 2b 2 0 0 0
Self, 1b 3 0 2 0
Peeler, c 3 0 0 0

28 3 8 2

E-Shelby: McDaniel, 2, Peeler, Pruitt; DP — Shelby: Southard to McDaniel; KM: Bell to McGinnis; SB — KM: Rhea, Gold, Bell, McGinnis; 2B — Wilson, Jones; 3B — Wilson; PB — Medlin; Peeler 1.

Mountaineers Host Lincolnton Friday At 4:00

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers play host to the Lincolnton Wolves Friday afternoon at 4:00 in the last day game of the season. The Mounties travel to Belmont Wednesday night at 7:30 for a contest with the highly regarded Raiders.

All three of Kings Mountain's starting pitchers were used in Tuesday's game with R-S Central and it is still undecided as to who will pitch against Lincolnton Friday, but southpaw Seerley Lowery 2-1 will probably be saved for starting duties against Belmont.

Lincolnton is 3-2 on the season with wins over R-S Central, East Rutherford, and Shelby. Kings Mountain has defeated R-S Central & East Rutherford but lost a close 3-2 decision to Shelby.

Belmont is currently atop the standings with a 4-1 mark, one-half game ahead of the Mountaineers. The Raiders have probably the strongest pitching staff in the conference, headed by sophomore Danny Adkins and junior Eddie Barnhill. Barnhill will probably get the starting call for Wednesday's game.

Kings Mountain's hitting presents the biggest problem. As a team, the Mountaineers are hitting at a poor .203 clip with 25 hits in 123 official times at bat.

Mickey Bell leads all batsmen with seven hits in 14 official times at bats for a .500 average and Richard Gold is close behind with seven hits in 15 trips for a .467 average.

The Mountaineers have collected only four extra base blows for the season. Bell has a double and a triple and both Gold and Ronnie Rhea have triples.

In other Southwest Conference games this week, Belmont is at East Rutherford Thursday, Chase is at R-S Central Friday, and Cherryville plays host to R-S Central Tuesday.

Golfers Down Belmont 8 1/2 - 1/2; Lose To Shelby

The Kings Mountain high school golf team won one and lost one this past week to bring its season record to five wins and two losses.

Belmont was an 8 1/2 to 1 1/2 victim of the Mountaineers Thursday afternoon at the KM Country Club but Kings Mountain was defeated by Shelby 7 1/2 to 1 1/2 at the Cleveland Country Club in Shelby Monday.

George Plonk and Jay Powell each posted 39 rounds Thursday afternoon to lead the Mounties over Belmont. Kings Mountain won five of six singles matches and all three team matches.

Fred Wright allowed Belmont its one-half point when Bugs Bess fought him to a deadlock. George Plonk registered Kings Mountain's biggest win as he handed his opponent Mike Bolin a 4-3 beating. Powell won 3-up.

Ralph Holland, who lost 2-up to Kings Mountain's Mike Ballard, posted Belmont's best round, a 41.

Sophomore Gary Collins shot a one-over par 37 to lead Shelby to a 7 1/2 to 1 1/2 win over the Mounties Thursday, the very same score that Kings Mountain beat Shelby in the two teams first outing at Kings Mountain. Junior Jay Powell won the only singles match for Kings Mountain and the KM team of Powell and Fred Wright fought the Shelby team of Rusty Hamrick and Maj Brown to a tie.

Powell, Mike Ballard, and George Plonk all shot 43 rounds for Kings Mountain. BELMONT RESULTS SINGLES Continued On Page 3

he has decided to install automatic pin setters for more speedy and more convenient bowling.