

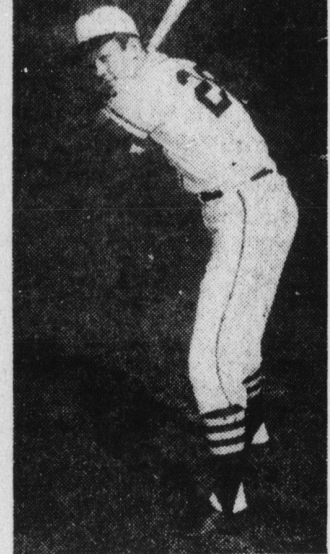


## Herald Sports

BY GARY STEWART

### Longest Homer For Post 155 Player?

Kings Mountain American Legion shortstop Richard Gold brought the fans to their feet at City Stadium Saturday night with an estimated 430-foot blast which is believed to be the longest home run ever hit at City Stadium.



The homer was hit off Hickory pitcher Gary Abernathy and it was in the bottom of the tenth inning, the winning blow of the game for the locals and a blast which evened the KM - Hickory 3-of-5 game series at one game each.

Gold went into the game carrying an even .500 batting average and was officially one-for-three until that frame. His first-inning single was the only Mountie hit off Abernathy until the seventh inning when the locals took a 2-1 lead on three safeties.

Richard was intentionally walked in that inning.

Back to the home run: For you fans who were not present at the game, the blast was about 10 feet to the right of the centerfield scoreboard and landed in the top of a tree, which is about 25 or 30 feet from the scoreboard.

Many fans, including Legion Athletic Director Carl Wilson, estimate the scoreboard to be 400 feet from home plate, so therefore, the ball must have traveled at least 425 feet.

Mr. Wilson summed it up this way: "That was the longest home run I've seen hit out of there, and I've seen a lot."

The home run marked Richard's second of the year. His first came against Shelby here when the locals won by a 12-5 score.

Richard, whose .481 batting average is one of the best in the league for regular players, has impressed sports fans around these parts for the past four years and is going to be sorely missed in four sports next season.

He was the Most Valuable Kings Mountain high school football player last year and was essential to the success of the team for the last three years.

Richard was a three-year letterman at the sport and was a member of the all-conference squad last season. His ability to play many positions was what impressed me about his football career.

He was the high scorer for Don Parker's basketball team for three years, was a three-year letterman at the sport, and all-conference for two-straight seasons.

Baseball, though, was his favorite sport as he participated in it all four of his high school years. He saw only limited action as a freshman, but was recognized as the top shortstop in the conference his junior and senior years.

He led the team in hitting while a sophomore and finished second to Mickey Bell in the hit parade as a junior, and third, behind Bell and Pat Murphy, as a senior.

He has been a standout for the Post 155 juniors for the past three years, and this season leads the team in hitting, runs scored, stolen bases, home runs, and is second in runs batted in and doubles.

### Legion Team Has Many Leaders

Although we like to compliment and brag about Gold (since he's the best all-around sports star that Kings Mountain has had for a long time), the Legion team has many other players who are leaders.

Kings Mountain is lucky to have two athletes to come our way from York, South Carolina, outfielder Chris Faulkner and pitcher Mickey Adkins.

Faulkner is currently second in hitting for the juniors with a .367 batting average and leads the team in triples with three and doubles with eight.

His ability to play the outfield has saved KM pitchers hits and cost many opposing hitters safeties.

Adkins is ranked as the team's number three pitcher and has a season's record of one win and one loss. He is only 16 years old and will be around for two more seasons.

As far as dependability, Pat Murphy is certainly a leader, and as far as spirit, you just can't beat our first baseman, Hubert McGinnis.

McGinnis is staying around the .290 batting mark and leads the team in RBI's with 18. Murphy is one that can be counted on to get that needed hit and to turn an opponent's base hit into an out.

On the base paths, you have to recognize Gold and Ronnie Rhea. Rhea, I think, is faster but Gold knows how to get the jump on the pitcher.

Seerley Lowery is impressive both as a pitcher and a hitter. He is the number one moundman with a 3-1 win-loss record and leads the strikeout department with 31.

He has collected three hits in eleven times at bat this year, all ground rule doubles. He has also knocked in four runs.

Post 155 is playing .500 ball, but the team is better than its record shows. When the area all-star team is chosen, you can be sure there will be some of our boys on it.

# Hickory Leads KM 2-1 In Elimination Play

Hickory holds a 2-1 lead in the best 3-of-5 game elimination series with Kings Mountain, the locals winning here Saturday night in a 10-inning battle which saw Richard Gold hit a 430 foot home run to give the Mounties their only win.

Hickory won the first and third games of the series, both at Hickory, by 6-1 and 3-2 scores, coming from behind in each game after the locals had taken early leads.

Richard Gold has been carrying the locals big bat in the series as he had collected six hits in 13 trips to the plate. Gold carries a .491 batting average into tonight's game and has committed only six errors at his shortstop position.

The fourth game of the series, scheduled here for Tuesday night, was rained out after two innings at which time Hickory was leading 1-0.

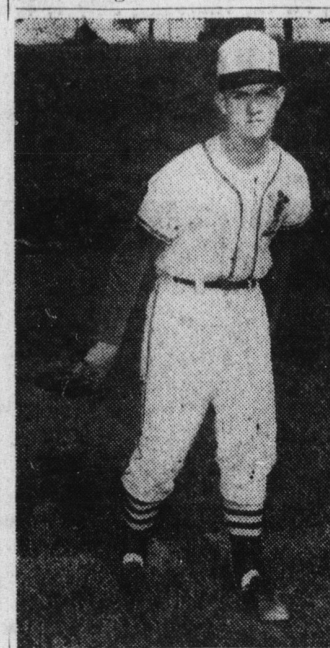
Righthander Bill Mullinax (1-3) started the rain-shortened game for KM and will probably get the starting call again tonight with southpaw Steve Sisk hurling for Hickory.

Each pitcher had given up two singles with Richard Gold and Hubert McGinnis getting safeties for Kings Mountain. Hickory scored its run in the first as a result of two hits, a walk, and a fielder's choice.

Tonight's game at City Stadium will get underway at 8:00. The fifth game, if needed, will be played in Hickory Thursday night.

FIRST GAME  
Lefthander Steve Sisk fanned

13 KM batters to lead Hickory to a 6-1 opening game win at Hickory on Friday in a scheduled best-of-five games series. Each team collected eight hits but 14 bases on balls by KM pitchers Bill Mullinax, Steve Goforth, and Steve Wilson played the big part in allowing the Hickory runners to score.



STANDOUTS — Pictured above are two Post 155 pitchers who have been standouts in elimination play. Seerley Lowery (left) won a 3-2 decision over Hickory here Saturday night and Mickey Adkins lost by that same count at Hickory Monday. Four of Hickory's seven hits off Adkins were infield singles.

Mullinax started on the hill for Kings Mountain and was tagged with his third loss of the season in four starts. He worked a total of 6 1/2 innings, gave up six hits, and walked 10 batters. Only two of the winners' runs were off Mullinax.



Rhea led KM's hitting with three hits in four times at bat and Kelly Rudisill, Dickie Deal, and Clement Huffman were 2-for-4 for the winners.

SECOND GAME  
KM shortstop Richard Gold hit a home run in the bottom of the tenth inning to give Kings Mountain a 3-2 win here Saturday night and to even the series at one game each. The 430-foot blast over the centerfield fence gave KM southpaw Seerley Lowery his third season win against one defeat.

With the exception of Gold's first-inning single, Post 155 was held hitless by Hickory pitcher Gary Abernathy until the bottom of the seventh when the locals went ahead 2-1 on three hits, including doubles by Lowery and third baseman Pat Murphy. Hickory took a 1-0 lead in the

third. With one out, Hickory third-sacker Larry Fisher doubled and then scored when second baseman Clement Huffman reached base on an error by Mickey Bell.

Chris Faulkner singled to lead off the seventh for Kings Mountain, stole second, and went to third on a throwing error by Hickory catcher Dickie Deal. Tony Leigh struck out, Roy Medlin flied out, and Faulkner then scored on a double by Seerley Lowery. Rhea walked and Lowery scored on a double by Murphy. Gold was intentionally walked to load the bases and Mickey Bell struck out to end the inning.

Another KM error enabled Hickory to tie the game in the eighth. First baseman James Arrowood hit a triple to deep right field and scored when the throw-in got away from the KM catcher.

Lowery gave up two additional hits in the following two innings but did not allow a Hickory runner past second base.

Chris Faulkner hit a triple in the bottom of the eighth but was nabbed at the plate when he tried to score the winning run on a wild pitch. KM was retired in order in the ninth but Gold wrapped up the win with one out in the tenth with a blast which is believed to be the longest homer ever hit in City Stadium.

Both starters went the distance, Lowery giving up seven hits while fanning 12, and Abernathy giving up six hits while striking out 10.

THIRD GAME  
The two teams met for the third time in Hickory Monday night with Hickory coming out on the winning end of a close 3-2 battle. Righthander Mike Hoover picked up the win but had to have some key relief work from Clement Huffman.

Kings Mountain jumped to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning and was appearing to have no troubles but were tamed as the game progressed. Post 155 had runners in scoring position in seven of nine innings.

Lefthander Ronnie Rhea led off the game with a double to rightfield but was out at third when Pat Murphy hit a grounder to the pitcher. Gold singled and both runners advanced when Mickey Bell grounded to the shortstop.

Hubert McGinnis singled to score the runners but the inning ended when McGinnis was forced at third on an infield grounder by Tony Leigh.

KM starter Mickey Adkins, with the assistance of shortstop Richard Gold who time after time made key fielding plays, kept the winners in check during every inning with the exception of the fourth.

Hickory was retired in order during five of the nine frames and only four batters came to the plate in the two other innings.

But in the fourth, Hickory collected five hits (four infield) and crossed the plate three times to provide the winning edge.

Larry Fisher and Kelly Rudisill reached base on back-to-back bunt singles to lead off the frame and cleanup man Dickie Deal was hit by a pitched ball to load the bases.

Fisher scored when Jimmy Arrowood's infield hit couldn't be fielded and Steve Lail reached base when Rudisill was forced at the plate on a throw by Gold. Deal scored on a single by Clement Huffman, and following the second out, Arrowood scored on a pinch-hit single by Tommy League, who was hitting for starter Mike Hoover.

Leadoff man Larry Sisk flied out to end the inning but that was all Hickory needed to take a 2-1 lead in the best 3-of-5 games series with the Mounties.

Mental errors by Kings Mountain was the key factor in Hickory's second win. Post 155 had the bases loaded in two of the nine frames but failed to score and had runners in scoring position in every inning but the seventh and eighth, when KM was retired in order.

Mickey Adkins went the distance for Kings Mountain and hurled one of the best games of the year for a Post 155 pitcher but was tagged with the loss, bringing his season's record to 1-1.

Chris Faulkner led the KM boys at the plate with two hits in three times at bat and seven boys had a hit apiece for the winners, with Larry Sisk's eighth-inning triple being the only Hickory extra base blow.

### American Legion Boxscores

FIRST GAME				
Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Rhea, lf	4	0	3	1
Murphy, 3b	5	0	1	0
Gold, ss	4	0	2	0
Bell, 2b	3	0	0	0
McGinnis, 1b	4	0	1	0
Faulkner, cf	3	0	1	0
Leigh, rf	2	1	0	0
Medlin, c	3	0	0	0
Mullinax, p	2	0	0	0
Goforth, p	0	0	0	0
H.C. Gladden, p	1	0	0	0
Wilson, p	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
L. Sisk, ss	4	1	0	0
Fisher, 3b	2	1	1	0
Rudisill, cf	4	0	2	0
Deal, c	4	2	2	2
Huffman, 2b	4	0	2	1
Lail, lf	3	0	0	0
Dellinger, rf	2	1	0	0
a-Abernathy	0	0	0	0
Mallan, rf	0	0	0	0
Hastings, 1b	3	0	0	0
S. Sisk, p	2	1	1	1

a-walked for Dellinger in 7th. b-struck out for Wilson in 9th. c-Goforth. DP—Gold, Bell, & McGinnis. Hastings & Huffman. SAC—L. Sisk, Lail, Bell, Medlin. RBA—Fisher, Rudisill, Huffman. RBA, 2B—E. Sisk, Faulkner. 3B—Rhea.

SECOND GAME				
Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Sisk, ss	5	0	1	0
Fisher, 3b	3	1	1	0
Huffman, 2b	5	0	0	0
Deal, c	4	0	1	0
Rudisill, cf	4	0	1	0
Arrowood, 1b	5	1	3	0
Lail, lf	4	0	0	0
Dellinger, rf	3	0	0	0
a-Mallan, rf	1	0	0	0
Abernathy, p	4	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Rhea, lf	4	0	0	0
Murphy, 3b	5	0	1	0
Gold, ss	4	1	2	1
Bell, 2b	4	0	0	0
McGinnis, 1b	3	0	0	0
Faulkner, cf	4	1	2	0
Leigh, rf	3	0	0	0
Medlin, c	3	0	0	0
Lowery, p	4	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

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## Optimists Gain Lead In Little League Play

Thanks to the Rescue Squad and the Police the Optimists are now atop the Kings Mountain Little League standings. Darrell Bridges of the Rescue Squad hurled a five-hitter and struck out 12 Lions batters Wednesday night to defeat the heretofore first place team by a 3-2 count. Geep Howard was tagged with the loss.

Then the Police came along Tuesday night to hand the Lions their second straight loss, 3-2, to knock the Lions out of first place and pave the way for the Optimists, who swept to two straight wins over the week.

Last week's games:

Rescue Squad-Lions  
The Rescue Squad went into the bottom of the sixth inning trailing 2-1 Wednesday night but scored two unearned runs in that frame to defeat the Lions 3-2. Both the losers' runs were scored in the first inning with Steve Powell's home run leading off the frame. Geep Howard singled, took second on a passed ball, went to third on a wild pitch, and scored on a single by Warren Herndon.

After David Smith scored to tie the game on an error by the Lions shortstop, Steve Gladden was caught in a rundown between third and home and scored when the Lions catcher threw high over the third - sacker's head.

Leading Hitters: Rescue: Mike McDaniel, 2-for-3; Lions: Steve Powell, Homer, WP — Bridges, LP — Howard.

Parkgrace-Police  
Parkgrace capped its fourth win of the season in Friday's opener, defeating the Police club by a 5-2 count. Gene Harris hurled the win, giving up six hits, including a homerun to Marvin Bolin.

Police took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning but Parkgrace came back to score three in the third and two in the sixth to cop the win. Reece Black was tagged with the loss.

Leading Hitters: Parkgrace: Terry Putnam, 3-for-4; Police: Marvin Bolin, Homer; Reece Black, 2-for-3. WP — Harris, LP — Black.

Jaycees-Bur-Mil  
The Jaycees edged Bur-Mil by a 9-8 count in Friday's night cap to gain their second victory of the season. Larry Putnam hurled the win and also led the winners at the plate with a 3-for-4 performance.

The winners scored five runs in the first inning as a result of two hits, five bases on balls, and two Bur-Mil errors. Putnam fanned 13 Bur-Mil batters in picking up the win.

Leading Hitters: Jaycees: Larry Putnam, 3-for-4; Bur-Mil: Richard Hayes, triple, WP — Putnam, LP — Ramsey.

Optimist-Kiwanis  
The first-place Optimists took a 4-2 win from the Kiwanis in a Saturday night game with Dana Sarvis pitching a one-hitter. The losers scored their two runs in the third as a result of a single, three walks, and an error.

The winners collected seven hits off Kiwanis pitcher Chuck

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Leading Hitters: Optimist: Carl Fulton, triple, single. Kiwanis: Buddy Oliver, 1-for-2. WP — Sarvis, LP — Carpenter.

Optimist-Bur-Mil  
The Optimists scored a 10-3 win over Bur-Mil Monday night to round their week's record out to two wins against no defeats and gain lone possession of first place in the league standings.

Tommy Patterson, who relieved starter Carl Fulton in the second, was credited with the win. A three-run fourth and five-run fifth insured the win for the Optimists.

Leading Hitters: Optimist: Wayne Bridges, 2-for-3; Bur-Mil: Ramsey, 1-for-2. WP — Patterson, LP — McDaniel.

Police-Lions  
The Police became the second team to defeat the Lions Tuesday night as they took a 3-2 win. The winners failed to get a hit off Lion pitchers Mike Sisk and Geep Howard but made use of many bases on balls and Lion errors.

Pete Hicks was credited with the win and Sisk was charged with the loss. Hicks sent 12 Lions back to the bench via the strikeout route.

Leading Hitters: Lions: Sisk, 1-for-3; Howard, 1-for-3. WP — Hicks, LP — Sisk.

STANDINGS  
Team W L Pct.  
Optimist 7 1 .875  
Lions 6 2 .750  
Parkgrace 4 2 .667  
Rescue Squad 5 3 .625  
Kiwanis 4 5 .444  
Jaycees 2 6 .250  
Bur-Mil 2 7 .222

Plonk Clinches Bowling Title  
The Clarence Plonk team clinched the first place position in the Summer Mixed Bowling League Monday night without having any opposition. The Moose Lodge team didn't have any bowlers present so, therefore, four games were forfeited to the Plonk team giving it a nine game lead with only one week remaining.

The Plonk team members, however, bowed to uphold their averages and capped team line and set honors for the night with a 526 line and a 1555 set. Three of the four team members present rolled 300-plus sets with Richard Briggs leading the way with a 352. Clarence Plonk added a 335 set and Charity Goforth had a 304.

In other action, the Clyde Culbertson team won three games from Dilling Heating but still is in the cellar. Clyde Culbertson led the winners' scoring with a 119 line and a 340 set and John Dilling topped the losers with a 121 line and a 340 set.

STANDINGS  
Team W L Pct.  
Clarence Plonk 21 7 .750  
Moose Lodge 12 16 .429  
Dilling Heating 12 16 .429  
Clyde Culbertson 11 17 .392

Light reading soothes the nerves.  
Queen Elizabeth has been married 18 years.

## Drag Racing At Charlotte Friday Night

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — Speeds up to 120mph in one-eighths of a mile are anticipated Friday night when stock car champion Richard Petty and Ronnie Sox dash in a drag match at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The featured match between the two Chrysler Corporation competitors—best of five races—will start at 8 p.m. as a part of the regular weekly show at the new strip.

Sox, driving a 1965 injected Plymouth, ran 118.43 mph in winning a battle of factory experimental cars here two weeks ago. The event officially opened the asphalt, lighted strip.

However, Sox was beaten by the Comet of Don Nicholson which attained 120 mph before the Atlanta's machine was disqualified for being underweight.

Petty has not appeared here in his 1965 Plymouth Barracuda since the course proper has been improved. In April, when the drag strip was a part of the superspeedway's backstretch racing surface, Petty ran 113 mph in practice. He lost a best of three match to Arnie (The Farmer) Beswick in competition at a slower speed however.

Promoters Ed Otto and Bob Bartel have posted \$250 in eliminator money for local and area dragsters. Sam Kennedy, in a 1965 Dodge, was a winner last week when the show was run without electronic timing equipment. A car disrupted the cables in practice.

Spectators holding ticket stubs from last week will be permitted to cash them in on the price of admission for Friday's special event.

Jesse James lived near Excelsior Springs, Mo.

In military language a company is an old term.

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## Reds Down Blues In Tee League Play

The Reds took an early lead in Tee League standings Saturday by winning a 9-1 decision over the Blues. The winners scored two runs in the first, six in the second, and one in the third to clinch the win and allowed the losers a tally in the third of five innings.

The Reds outbit the Blues 6-3. Leading Hitters: Reds: Larkmer, 2-for-3; Hartsoe, 2-for-3; Blues: Sessoms, 2-for-2.

Eskew Wins Friday Race By Protest

FOREST CITY — A post-race protest highlighted a fine night of racing at Rutherford Speedway Friday night.

Johnny Halford, driving a 1955 Chevrolet, won the 25-lap semi-modified main event but was declared illegal when Tommy Eskew protested and Halford refused to let track officials inspect his car.

Eskew finished second and was awarded the official first place.

The two drivers had a similar situation on June 19 when Halford protested Eskew's car and was ruled the official winner.

Aaron Gailey of Lavana, Ga. won the super-modified main event in a 1932 Ford plus one of the two 10-lap heat races. Halford won the other 10-lapper.

"Although there was some mixup concerning the car's engine, both drivers said they would be back again this week to go to it," track promoter Lloyd Self reported. "Those two really give the fans something to holler about when they're on the track," he added.

This week's program at the Fairgrounds track will feature a 25-lap main event over the 1/4-mile dirt oval in the semi-modified division preceded by two 10-lap heat races. The super-modifieds will run 40-laps following two 10-lap heats.

Practice begins around seven o'clock with qualifying set to begin at 8.

## Margrace Leads Teener Loop

After another week of action in the V.F.W. sponsored Teener League, records now show the Margrace boys atop the league standings with a 5-4 mark.

Margrace gained the top spot Tuesday afternoon with an 8-3 win over the V.F.W. with second baseman Jack Bell leading the winners at the plate with three doubles. Ray Cash hurled the win.

In other action this week, Kings Mountain defeated Spangler's 9-7 with Tommy Goforth getting credit for the win. Catcher Paul Gaffney led the winners at the plate with two home runs in three times at bat and Goforth and Joe Cornwell added a hit apiece.

Dennis Connor had a double and two singles in four at bats for the losers.

STANDINGS  
Team W L T  
Margrace 5 4  
Spangler's 4 4  
Kings Mtn. 3 3 1  
V.F.W. 3 4 1

Reds-Greens Tied In Tee League Play

After a week's action in the Kings Mountain Tee League the standings show the Greens and the Reds tied for first place. The Reds downed the Blues 9-1 Saturday, outbiting the Blues 6-3 and making only one error as compared to five for the losers.

The Greens edged the Whites 14-13 on Tuesday afternoon.