



Herald Sports

BY GARY STEWART

Davidson Basketball Star In Town Monday

Monday afternoon I had the privilege of chatting with Barry Teague, 6'0" guard who teamed with all-American Fred Hetzel, Dick Snyder, Don Davidson, and Charlie Marcon in bringing Davidson College its best basketball season in history.

Barry was in Kings Mountain with David Neal, trust officer for the First Union National Bank. I dropped by the bank about 4:45 and Barry and I returned to the Herald for about an hour and a half and a long conversation followed about basketball, baseball, and football.

Barry has accepted a job with the trust department of First Union National Bank, and following a two-year army tour beginning in January, he plans to continue working with First Union.

He is a native of Madisonville, Kentucky, where he attended high school and averaged 20 points per game as a guard on the basketball team. Madisonville High, Barry said, has an enrollment of about 1,000 students — being about the size of Kings Mountain high school.

We centered our conversation mostly around Davidson, Madisonville, and Kings Mountain.

We began talking about his career at Davidson, where he averaged 9.6 ppg in his three years as a strater. Barry was all-Southern Conference last season, joining teammates Fred Hetzel, Dick Snyder, and Don Davidson.

Barry was a member of the Wildcat baseball team during his first three years at Davidson and, a southpaw, was one of the mound aces. When I remarked that I didn't know he was a lefty, Barry said, "Well, I'm all messed up anyway. I pitch left-handed, bat right-handed, write left-handed, shoot basketball right-handed, throw a football left-handed, kick right-footed, and play golf right-handed."

I told him that I must be messed up too, then, because I throw right-handed, bat left-handed, write right-handed, and play golf left-handed. "Well, we work the same way," he added.

Barry said that his most thrilling times at Davidson was beating Duke his sophomore year, beating Ohio State his junior year, and playing NYU at Madison Square Garden last season.

We then switched over to Madisonville and I found out that Barry gained Honorable Mention for All-State in basketball, was named to the first team, all-district, and the first team, all - regional.

Barry was a pitcher on the baseball team, quarterbacked the football squad, and participated in track and tennis, also. He said in Madisonville one could participate in as many spring sports as he wanted.

Impressed With Richard Gold's Record

We then turned our conversation to Kings Mountain, and I got out a few record books and, in the '65 Legion statistics, Barry's eye first caught sight of the boy's name on the first line, Richard Gold.

He was very much impressed with the .479 season batting average and remarked that anyone who can hit that good in Legion baseball is bound to make it in college.

I called his attention to Dick's number of stolen bases, 13, and also errors, 9. He said that nine was just a few too many errors for 19 games, but there are much better playing facilities in college baseball and that Gold should be able to make it at shortstop. He was also impressed with his stolen bases, runs, etc., in fact, he was impressed with everything.

Barry asked about our school's record in sports this past season and I was pleased to tell him that our football and boys' basketball teams won the conference championships.

But, then, I said, we got to Hickory in the playoffs and that ended it, but, we beat them in Legion baseball, I added.

I informed him that our baseball team finished high in the standings (tied for second) but next year will probably be a rebuilding year in all sports at KMHS.

He didn't take too well to the fact that 25 seniors left our football team. I told him that two ace pitchers will not be back for baseball, and that the junior varsity basketball teams, combined, won only two of 22 games.

"Do you have two junior varsity teams in North Carolina," he asked. Well, boys and girls. I told him, but girls will probably be discontinued before long. I told him that there is no girls' basketball in 4-A schools and he told me that girls' basketball never existed in Kentucky.

Talking to Barry Teague Monday was an experience for me because I learned just some of the background of a 21-year-old boy, who was one of the best ball handlers and playmakers around, and who was certainly essential to the success of the Davidson basketball team for the past three years.

Facts Of Legion Baseball, 1965

Turning now to Legion baseball, Kings Mountain fans really enjoyed some fine baseball this past season and congratulations are surely in store to coaches John Gold and Jim Leigh upon turning out such a fine team.

I guess probably the most exciting part of the season for me was the eliminating of Hickory, a three-year KM nemesis. I was impressed with the hitting of Richard Gold and Chris Faulkner, as both boys were key factors in the success of the team.

Gold hit at a .479 clip with 35 hits in 73 official times at bat, scored 28 runs, batted in 15, stole 13 bases, and had 12 extra base hits, eight doubles, two triples, and two home runs.

Both those home runs were long blasts but I know that every fan who was at the park on that Saturday night when KM beat Hickory 3-2 will always remember that shot.

It was in the bottom of the tenth inning, one man out, when Richard hit a shot over the centerfield fence which gave KM the win and evened the best-of-five series at one game each.

It traveled 430 feet or more and landed in a tree just to the right of the scoreboard. Many people believe that it was the longest home run ever hit by a Legion player in City Stadium.

Faulkner led the team in extra base hits with 17, 14 doubles and three triples. Hubert McGinnis led in runs batted in with 20 and committed the least errors for an infielder, seven. Pat Murphy had the most at bats, 84, and Bill Mullinax worked the most innings for a pitcher, 50%.

The team finished the season with a 10-9 record and went to the semi-finals of the Area IV playoffs before losing out to Shelby.

Good season.

Shelby Eliminates KM From Area IV Playoffs

By GARY STEWART

It took the Shelby American Legion juniors only four games to eliminate the local Post 155 boys from the semi-finals of Area IV Legion playoffs and advance to the finals against Gastonia Wednesday at Gastonia.

Shelby won a 5-4 decision in the opening game of the series in Kings Mountain Tuesday night and that's as close as the Mounties could come to the Warren F. Hoyle Post 82 boys as Shelby swept to probably the biggest wins ever over Kings Mountain.

Shelby took an 11-1 win from the Mounties at Shelby Wednesday night and won a big 16-3 decision in the fourth game there on Friday. Kings Mountain's only win was at home Thursday night, 11-8.

SECOND GAME

Phil Peeler hurled a four-hitter to lead the Mounties to an 11-1 win there Wednesday night. He gave up two doubles in the first inning, to Pat Murphy and Richard Gold, gave up a single to Nelson Connor in the fourth, and a single to Gold in the ninth.

Peeler didn't walk a batter and struck out six in recording his only victory of the season against the locals.

Max Jones paced the winners at the plate with two doubles in five official times at bat. Don Wortman added a triple and single in four trips and Tommy Pruett added two singles in three official trips.

Kings Mountain jumped to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning with Pat Murphy scoring on a double by Gold. Shelby tied it up in the third, with the help of two KM errors.

Shelby took a 2-1 lead in the fifth as a result of a single, a

wild pitch, and another KM error. Don Wortman tripled to lead off the Shelby sixth and scored the third Shelby tally when catcher Johnny Hamrick doubled.

Shelby wrapped up the win in the seventh inning by scoring a half dozen runs on only two hits, a double by Max Jones and a single by Tommy Pruett. Four walks, a hit batter, and another Post 155 error helped the cause in that frame.

Shelby scored its final two runs in the eighth as a result of two bases on balls, a single, and two KM errors.

Peeler was awarded the win and KM starter Mickey Adkins was tagged with the loss, his second of the season. Adkins worked six innings before giving way to southpaw Philip Gladden in the seventh. Gladden worked only 1/2 of an inning and Steve Goforth came in to go from there.

THIRD GAME

With their backs to the walls, the Post 155 boys came from behind to win 11-8 here Thursday and was paced by a two-run homer by Ronnie Rhea in the second inning and two long doubles by centerfielder Chris Faulkner.

Shelby jumped to a 1-0 lead in the welcome stanza. Tommy Pruett walked to start things off, went to second on a single by Ronnie Wilson, and took third when Joel McKinney hit into a double play. Pruett then scored on a wild pitch, and cleanup man Freddie Leigh worked KM pitcher Bill Mullinax for a walk before Bobby Putnam flied out to end the Shelby first.

But KM came in ready to play and scored three runs on two hits, with the aid of two Shelby mistakes. Ronnie Rhea grounded

to short to start things off and Pat Murphy worked Shelby starter Jim Lowe for a free pass.

Gold hit a sharp grounder to third - baseman Tommy Pruett and Pruett threw the ball into rightfield, trying to force Murphy at second. Murphy went to third and Gold galloped to second on the play and both runners then scored on a single by Chris Faulkner.

Faulkner took second on the play and Hubert McGinnis singled to drive him home. Mickey Bell sacrificed. McGinnis and Tony Leigh struck out to end the inning.

Shelby scored another run in the second to bring the contest closer at 3-2 but KM came back to score three more in the bottom of that inning to take a 6-2 lead.

Max Jones doubled to lead off the Shelby second and scored one later on a double by catcher Johnny Hamrick.

With one out in the bottom of the number two frame, pitcher Bill Mullinax doubled to deep centerfield and scored when Ronnie Rhea hit a 1-0 pitch over the leftfield fence for a home run. Murphy then walked, was sacrificed to second by Gold, and scored when Faulkner reached base on an error by third baseman Tommy Pruett.

Shelby drew the game closer at 6-5 in the fifth by striking for three big runs on three hits. Pruett walked to start things rolling, went to second on a single by Ronnie Wilson, and both runners scored two outs later on a double by first baseman Bobby Putnam. Putnam then scored on a single by Max Jones and Don Wortman flied out to end the Shelby fifth.

Post 155 added another tally

in the bottom of the fifth with Chris Faulkner crossing the plate on a squeeze hunt by Tony Leigh. Faulkner had doubled to start off the inning and had taken third on a single by Mickey Bell.

Shelby tied it up in the sixth and scored another run in the seventh to take the lead, 8-7. Big blows in those two frames were ground rule doubles by Tommy Pruett and Johnny Hamrick.

But Kings Mountain wrapped up the win for Mullinax in the bottom of the eighth by scoring four runs for an 11-8 victory.

Tony Leigh walked to start the rally and went to second on a single by catcher Roy Medlin. Both runners scored when Mullinax bunted and the Shelby pitcher threw the ball away at first base. Mullinax took third on the play and scored on a single by Rhea.

Murphy hit into a double play and Gold walked, scoring on a double by Faulkner.

Mullinax went the distance for the locals, picking up his third win of the season against three losses. Tommy Hayes, who relieved Shelby starter Jim Lowe in the second, was tagged with his second season's loss against KM.

FOURTH GAME
It was all Shelby in the fourth and final game at Shelby Friday night as the boys from the other side of the creek crushed the Mounties by a 16-3 count.

Shelby had two five run innings, the second and the fourth, scored one run in the third, three in the sixth, and two in the eighth.

Jim Turner went the distance for Shelby and won his second series win over the locals. Seerley Lowery started the game for KM, gave way to Steve Wilson

in the fourth, and Ronnie Rhea came on in the sixth to hurl the final three.

Kings Mountain scored singletons in the third, seventh, and eighth.

Shelby's 13-hit attack was paced by home runs by Ronnie Wilson and Tommy Pruett. Wilson was the big man in the Shelby lineup, as he slugged out a single, double, triple, and homer in five official times at bat. He also batted in five runs.

Pruett's blast came in the fourth inning and started a five-run Shelby output. Pruett added a double for the game and officially had a perfect night, 2-for-2. He was walked three times and hit by a pitched ball once. He also scored four runs.

Kings Mountain collected 11 hits but was unable to produce blows at the right time. Chris Faulkner headed the KM charge with four hits in five times at bat. Ronnie Rhea added three hits in five trips, and Richard Gold collected two in four trips, including a triple in the seventh stanza.

KM - SHELBY
FOURTH GAME
Kings Mtn. AB R H RBI
Rhea, lf, p 5 0 3 1
Murphy, 3b 5 0 1 0
Gold, ss 4 1 2 0
Faulkner, cf 5 0 4 2
McGinnis, 1b 5 0 0 0
Bell, 2b 5 0 1 0
Leigh, rf 4 1 0 0
Medlin, c 2 0 0 0
Lowery, p 0 1 0 0
Wilson, p 1 0 0 0
Connor, lf 2 0 0 0

38 3 11 3
Shelby
Pruett, 3b 2 4 2 2
Wilson, ss 5 3 4 5

McKinney, cf 4 1 1 3
Leigh, 2b 4 1 1 0
Jones, lf 4 1 1 0
Hamrick, c 5 2 2 1
Wortman, rf 3 2 1 1
Putnam, 1b 3 1 2 1
Turner, p 4 0 0 0

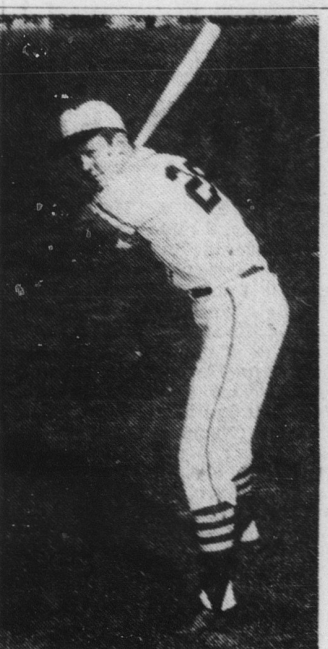
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THIRD GAME
Shelby AB R H RBI
Pruett, 3b 3 2 2 0
Wilson, ss 5 2 3 1
McKinney, cf 3 0 1 1
Leigh, 2b 2 0 0 0
Putnam, 1b 5 1 1 2
Jones, lf 5 2 3 1
Wortman, rf 2 0 0 0
Hamrick, c 4 0 2 2
Lowe, p 1 0 0 0
Hayes, p 3 1 1 0

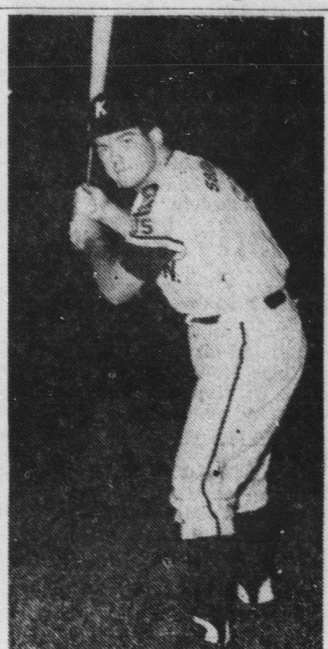
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Rhea, lf 5 1 2 3
Murphy, 3b 3 2 0 0
Gold, ss 3 2 0 0
Faulkner, cf 5 2 3 4
McGinnis, 1b 5 0 2 1
Bell, 2b 4 0 1 0
Leigh, rf 2 1 0 0
Medlin, c 3 1 1 0
Mullinax, p 4 2 1 2

34 11 10 11
E-Pruett 2, Wortman, Hayes, DP-Gold to McGinnis, Murphy to McGinnis, Hayes to Wilson to Putnam. S-Gold, Bell, Leigh, Medlin, McKinney, Leigh, Wortman, 2B-Faulkner 2, Mullinax, Hamrick 2, Jones, Putnam, Pruett. HR-Rhea.

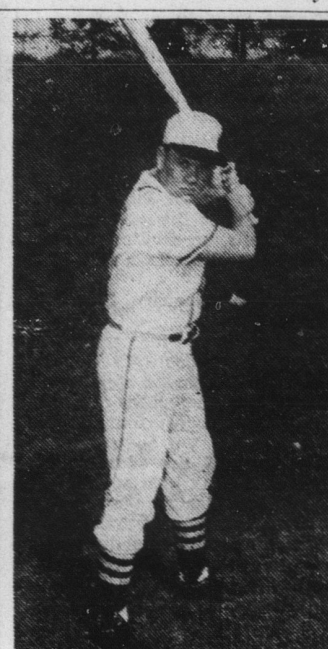
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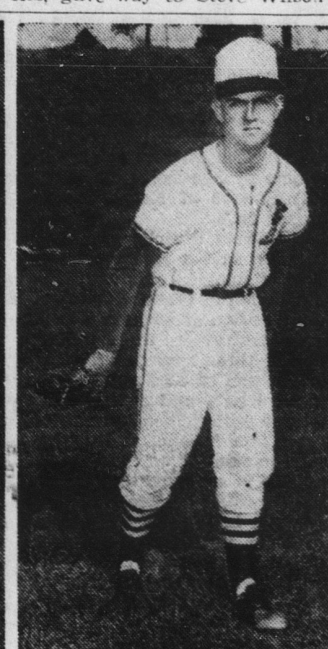
RICHARD GOLD
... leading hitter



CHRIS FAULKNER
... most extra bases



HUBERT MCGINNIS
... rbi leader



SEERLEY LOWERY
... ace pitcher

Richard Gold Tops KM Hitters With .479 Season Batting Mark

1965 Legion Individual Statistics

Player	Pos.	Ab	R	H	Avg.
Richard Gold	ss	73	28	35	.479
Chris Faulkner	of	77	11	30	.389
Hubert McGinnis	1b	78	8	20	.256
Seerley Lowery	p	16	2	4	.250
Claude Pearson	of	12	2	3	.250
Mickey Bell	2b	74	13	18	.243
Pat Murphy	3b	84	19	20	.238
Ronnie Rhea	p-of	78	9	18	.231
Roy Medlin	c	61	6	13	.213
Nelson Connor	of	15	1	3	.200
Mickey Adkins	p	10	1	2	.200
Tony Leigh	of	54	10	8	.148
Bill Mullinax	p	19	2	2	.105
Philip Gladden	p	7	1	0	.000
Steve Wilson	p	4	1	0	.000
Charles Carroll	of	3	0	0	.000
Chuck Gladden	ph	2	0	0	.000
Steve Goforth	p	1	0	0	.000
TOTALS		668	114	176	.263

PITCHING RECORDS

	W	L	IP	R	H	BB	SO
Bill Mullinax	3	3	50%	33	54	29	32
Seerley Lowery	4	3	49	38	57	22	38
Mickey Adkins	1	2	23 1/2	11	20	9	15
Philip Gladden	1	1	16	12	13	20	8
Steve Wilson	1	0	8	12	13	8	2
Ronnie Rhea	0	0	7	5	2	7	2
Steve Goforth	0	0	4 1/2	1	4	10	3
TOTALS	10	9	158 1/2	115	163	105	100

HOME RUNS—Gold 2, Rhea 1, TRIPLES—Faulkner 3, Gold 2, Medlin 2, Murphy 2, Rhea 1, DOUBLES—Faulkner 14, Gold 8, Bell 4, ery 3, Murphy 3, Rhea 3, Medlin 2, McGinnis 2, Mullinax 1, Connor 1, Pearson 1. RUNS BATTED IN—McGinnis 20, Faulkner 16, Gold 15, Bell 9, Rhea 9, Medlin 6, Lowery 6, Murphy 5, Leigh 5, Mullinax 3, Connor 2, Pearson 2. STOLEN BASES — Gold 13, Rhea 7, Murphy 4, Faulkner 2, McGinnis 1, Bell 1, Leigh 1.

Bur-Mil Pulls Upset Win Tuesday: Optimists Take Over First Place

Bur-Mil pulled the upset of the week Tuesday night in Little League action by defeating the Lions 5-4 and dropping the previously first-place team into a tie for second.

Only three games were played this past week, all Tuesday. The Rescue Squad downed the Jaycees 10-7 in an afternoon game. Tuesday, the Police Dept. thumbed the Kiwanis 15-3, and then Bur-Mil edged the Lions by a 5-4 count.

RESCUE SQUAD - JAYCEES

The Rescue Squad dropped the Jaycees into the cellar by taking a 10-7 win Tuesday afternoon as Luther Hicks hurled a one-hitter. The hit was a triple off the bat of Phil Bradford in the fifth inning, however, Hicks walked 14 batters.

The big blow of the game was a grand-slam home run by Curtis Ramsey of the Rescue team. The blast came in the third inning with Gary Kiser, Steve Gladden, and Robert Russell on base. Jaycees 100 15-7
Rescue 305 02-10

Leading Hitters: Rescue. Curtis Ramsey, grand-slammer; Jaycees: Phil Bradford, triple, WP —Luther Hicks, LP — Jack King.

POLICE-KIWANIS

The Police Dept. staged a seven-hit attack to down the Kiwanis 15-3 in the second game Tuesday. Kiwanis led 3-2 until the third inning when Police scored five runs to take a 7-3 lead and then the Police came back in the fourth to add eight insurance runs. The game was called after four innings of play.

Marvin Bolin's third - inning home run was the big blow of the contest. Police 205 8xx-15
Kiwanis 210 0xx-3

Eight Terminate Jr. Eligibility

Eight boys who have been stars for Kings Mountain high school and American Legion baseball teams for the past four years have ended their Legion play.

Only three starters will return next season, catcher Roy Medlin and outfielders Ronnie Rhea and Tony Leigh. Rhea will have one more year, both Leigh and Medlin will be around for two more seasons.

Mickey Adkins, who worked as both a starting and relief pitcher will also be back next season as will pitchers Steve Goforth, Steve Wilson, and Philip Gladden. Rhea teamed up as a pitcher-outfielder.

Kings Mountain's entire infield, with the exception of catcher, will not be back. Two pitchers and one outfielder will also be lost.

Boys who will not be back next season are Richard Gold, who led the team's hitting with a .479 batting average, Pat Murphy, Mickey Bell, Hubert McGinnis, Chris Faulkner, Seerley Lowery, Bill Mullinax, and Claude Pearson.

Leading Hitters: Police: David Myers, 2-for-2; Marvin Bolin, home run; Kiwanis: Chuck Carpenter, 2-for-2. WP — Frankie Patterson, LP — Chuck Carpenter.

LIONS-BUR-MIL
Mark McDaniel hurled a five-hitter to lead Bur-Mil into a sixth-place tie and a 5-4 win over the Lions in Tuesday's nightcap.

The winners led by a 5-2 score going into the last inning but the Lions added two more tallies to bring the game closer at 5-4.

Bur-Mil 001 13x-5
Lions 110 02x-4

Leading Hitters: Bur-Mil: Keith Ramsey, 1-for-2; Lions: Mark Wilson, 2-for-3. WP — McDaniel, LP — Gene Alexander.

STANDINGS
Team W L Pct.
Optimist 7 2 .778
Lions 7 3 .700
Rescue Squad 7 3 .700
Parkgrace 4 2 .667
Police 6 5 .545
Kiwanis 3 8 .272
Bur-Mil 3 8 .272
Jaycees 2 8 .200

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