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A Short Three-Hour Drive From KM

A three-hour drive from Kings Mountain can put a motorist in Atlanta, Ga., and, after waiting in a line for just a few minutes, can put a baseball fan into the beautiful Atlanta Stadium in plenty of time for a major league game between the impressive Atlanta Braves and one of their National League rivals.

That's all it takes. A short drive and a ticket. I learned that much Saturday.

One can leave Kings Mountain at 8:00 in the morning and get into Atlanta in plenty of time to secure a good seat and in plenty of time to go out and get a bite to eat and back to the ball park in time to watch the two teams take infield practice and then swing into action at 1:15.

The Braves, who were Monday morning tied for third in the National League standings, have one of — if not the nicest — stadium's in major league baseball and also one of the finest teams.

It's well worth a three-hour drive to see them play.

Toore, Matthews Best Liked By Fans

Saturday's game between the Braves and the amazing New York Mets was well liked by the 22,000 fans on hand for the afternoon tilt.

The Braves won it, 5-4, with big All-Star catcher Joe Torre smashing two home runs and a single for a perfect 3-for-3 plate performance and three runs batted in.

You can tell by the way the fans react that Torre is well liked in Atlanta. Even before his two-run homer in the first inning Saturday the fans just couldn't wait to see the husky receiver step up to the plate.

Another man — one who is off to a bad start — who is well liked by Atlanta followers is third baseman Ed Matthews, a real baseball pro who ranks seventh in all-time home run leaders.

Matthews is in his 15th season with the Braves. Among his major league records are most home runs in a lifetime for a third baseman, most home runs in a season for a third baseman, most assists for a third baseman in a lifetime and most chances accepted by a third baseman in a lifetime.

Torre has been with the Braves for five seasons and has been very valuable to the club's success with his hitting and catching ability as well. Torre has been named to the NL's All-Star team for the past three seasons and the way he's going now, he'll probably make it four straight in '66.

Torre is currently hitting around .300 with four home runs to his credit.

Cloninger, Aaron, Menke Team Leaders

When you start talking about the men that make the Braves go, you can't count out outfielder Hank Aaron, shortstop Dennis Menke and, most of all, big righthand pitcher Tony Cloninger.

Cloninger, a big fire-bailer from Iron Station, N. C., was the winningest righthander in the majors last year with 24 victories to his credit and he's going to be tough to handle again this season.

Menke is in his fourth season with the Braves but he had to sit out most of last season with an injury. His smooth play at shortstop makes the Braves one of the toughest defensive teams in the NL.

Aaron has been with the Braves for 12 years and is still going strong, both in the outfield and at bat. He has set a number of records during his major league stay. His .320 lifetime batting average ranks as the best among active players.

Cloninger is undoubtedly one of the best pitchers in baseball today. He hurled many one and two hitters during the '65 season and his 211 strikeouts last year is a club record. He is 1-1 so far this year.

Watch Those Mets, They Might Be Tough

The New York Mets have never finished out of the cellar in their four years in the National League. But don't be surprised if they hop out of 10th position this year.

Those amazing Mets put on a good show Saturday with first baseman Ed Kranepool and third baseman Ken Boyer attracting the fans' attention.

Kranepool slugged two home runs that accounted for all four of the Mets' runs. Boyer put on a brilliant display of glove work down at third base and turned in a couple of key plays.

In fact, it was a disputed call that turned out to be the winning run for the Braves.

It was in the second inning that Dennis Menke of the Braves was called out by the umpire after a pitch from the Mets' Dick Selma sent Menke to the ground.

The plate umpire signaled that the ball had hit Menke's bat — and since Met catcher Choo Choo Coleman hung onto the ball — the ump called Menke out.

But Menke used some quick thinking and showed the ump the red spot on his hand where the ball apparently nipped him and after a long talk with Menke and Brave Manager Bobby Bragan, the ump sent Menke to first base.

But then the umpire got into a heated dispute with Met Manager Wes Westrum but Menke was still awarded first base. Menke later scored what turned out to be the game's winning run.

The Braves finished their four-game home series with the Mets with a doubleheader Sunday but they will be back home this weekend for a three-game slate against the Houston Astros.

The two teams play night games on Friday and Saturday, a day game Sunday and then the Philadelphia Phillies come to Atlanta for games on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

If some of you fans don't have to work on any of those dates, why don't you go on down? The trip will be well worth your time.

Mounties Play Shelby Here Tuesday At 7:30

Lib Gault Breaks All-Time Record

425 Set Highest In Ladies' Loop Bowling History

Lib Gault set an all-time high set for the Kings Mountain women's duckpin bowling league Tuesday night with a 425 three-game total that led Elsie's Beauty Shop into second place in the loop standings with a 311 win over McGinnis Furniture.

The 425 set erased the old set of 395 set by Jenny Oates who last night tied her own all-time high line mark of 166.

Both Lib and Jenny are fresh from rolling a combined 804 set, good for second place in the National Duckpin Bowling Tournament in Norfolk, Va.

Lib combined single games of 132, 138 and 155 for her record set while Jenny added lines of 111 and 96 to total a 373 set, however, her Oates-Henderson Shell team lost a 3-1 decision to the Outcasts.

In the only other game on tap Tuesday, first place Plonk Brothers won three games off Kings Mountain Drug.

Barbara Miller rolled a 121 line and a 311 to top high scoring honors for the McGinnis Furniture team in its loss to Elsie's.

Leading the Outcasts were team captain Ethel Tignor with a 305 set and Brenda Biddix with a 125 line.

Evelyn Early rolled a 132 line and a 330 set to lead Plonk Brothers to a 3-1 win over Kings Mountain Drug. Betty Hüllender added a 315 set for the winners and Pat Panther was high for the losers with a 131 line and a 343 set.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Plonk Brothers	42	22	.656
Elsie's Beauty Shop	38	26	.594
Kings Mt. Drug	37	27	.578
Oates-Henderson	27	37	.422
Outcasts	25	39	.391
McGinnis Furniture	24	40	.375

Gault, Oates Place Second In Tournament

Lib Gault and Jenny Oates combined for an 894 set to take second place in Ladies' Doubles competition during the 1966 National Duckpin Bowling Tournament Championships in Norfolk, Va., last weekend.

Gault, captain of the Elsie's Beauty Shop entry of the local ladies' duckpin loop, combined single games of 156, 118 and 150 for a 424 set while Oates, captain of the Oates-Henderson Shell team, scored lines of 147, 113 and 120 for a 380 set.

The winning total was 811. Kings Mountain's mixed team — Gault, Oates, Albert Brackett, Clarence Plonk and John Dilling — placed seventh and Gault placed sixth in Ladies' All Events.

Others making the trip were Bill Gault, Bill Mullinax, Johnny Dye, Ranny Blanton and Richard Culbertson.

"Youth Day" May 21 Charlotte Speedway

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The emphasis will be on youth at Charlotte Motor Speedway and the youngsters will be guests of the track on Saturday, May 21, as part of the preliminary activities for the internationally famed World 600 stock car race.

Track president A. C. Goines has announced that Saturday will be called "Carolina Youth Day" in recognition of the thousands of fine young people that live in the center of racing country.

Goines, himself the father of two, commented that the public reads and hears about the few children who get into trouble but little notice is afforded the vast majority of the youngsters who don't.

"We, at Charlotte Motor Speedway, want to do something for these kids," Goines stated. "After several discussions with our staff we decided on our 'Carolina Youth Day' when any and all youth groups could come to our track as our guests and we will present qualifying time trials, talks by some of the top drivers and a special 30-mile qualifying race for their entertainment."

Speedway management is inviting Scout groups, church groups, boys clubs, high school technical classes, soap box derby contestants and other young people's groups.

Young people 16 years old and under will be admitted free to the mile and a half track on Saturday at the Carolina Youth Day gate behind the main grandstands.

Wiesener Invited To Blue-White Game

Carl Wiesener, Jr., and his parents have been invited to attend the University of North Carolina for the Blue-White intrasquad football game April 30 at 2 p.m.

Wiesener, a junior at Kings Mountain high school and a tackle on the varsity football team, received the invitation last week from Ernie Williamson, an assistant coach at UNC.

This is the second straight year that Wiesener has been invited to the event.

Slow-Pitch Loop Gets Underway Monday Night

A 21-game City Recreation Slow-Pitch softball league scheduled its get underway Monday night at the local Teener League Park with two new teams — Gastonia and Grover — playing in the opening game at 7:00.

Recreation Director — Elmer "Mag" Ross and KM Recreation League President Roy Pearson announced the 21-game card Tuesday morning along with the eight teams and their coaches.

The regular season schedule ends on Tuesday, July 19, however, there will be a league play-off and then an all-star team will be chosen to represent the league in tournament play at either Gastonia or Shelby.

Doubleheaders will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights with the opening game getting underway at 7:00. There will be a 10-day break during the week of July 4.

The eight teams and their coaches are: Bees, Tom Phillips; Jaycees, Bill Grissom; Mullins Textiles, Charles Childers; Margrace, Don Sellers; Bur-Mill, Bill Parrish; Grover, J. W. Peterson; Cash Grocery, Ken Cash; Gastonia, Jack Berghman.

The complete 1966 Slow-Pitch League schedule follows:

DATE	GAME
May 2	Gastonia vs. Grover
3	Jaycees vs. Bur-Mill
5	Bees vs. Cash Gro.
6	Mullins vs. Margrace
7	Gastonia vs. Jaycees
8	Grover vs. Bur-Mill
9	Bees vs. Mullins
10	Grover vs. Bur-Mill
11	Gastonia vs. Jaycees
12	Mullins vs. Margrace
13	Bees vs. Cash Gro.
14	Jaycees vs. Bur-Mill
15	Gastonia vs. Grover
16	Gastonia vs. Bur-Mill
17	Grover vs. Jaycees
18	Bees vs. Margrace
19	Mullins vs. Cash Gro.
20	Margrace vs. Bur-Mill
21	Cash Gro. vs. Jaycees
22	Bees vs. Gastonia
23	Mullins vs. Grover
24	Bees vs. Gastonia
25	Cash Gro. vs. Jaycees
26	Mullins vs. Cash Gro.
27	Bees vs. Margrace
28	Grover vs. Jaycees
29	Gastonia vs. Bur-Mill
30	Gastonia vs. Mullins
31	Grover vs. Cash Gro.
June 1	Jaycees vs. Margrace
2	Bur-Mill vs. Bees
3	Margrace vs. Gastonia
4	Grover vs. Bees
5	Jaycees vs. Mullins



BOWLING CHAMPS — Pictured above is the Plonk Oil Co. entry of the local men's bowling league which recently won the league championship for the 1965-66 season. Pictured left to right are Richard Bridges, Allen Myers, Sam Hamrick, Clarence Plonk and Bill Mullinax. (Photo by Lem Lynch).

Legion Baseball Meeting Sunday

The annual meeting for Area IV Legion Baseball officials will be held at the Cherryville Legion Hall Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

Post 155 Athletic Director Carl Wilson said Wednesday that the purpose of the meeting is to draw up the regular season schedule for the teams in this area.

Wilson said that Legion officials plan to present two different schedules to the area commissioner. One schedule would call for 20 regular season games and would enable only the two top teams to advance to the elimination round.

The second schedule would be the same that has been used in the past, that is, to play a 10 game regular season card and all teams participate in the elimination round.

6	Bur-Mill vs. Cash Gro.
7	Jaycees vs. Mullins
8	Bur-Mill vs. Cash Gro.
9	Grover vs. Bees
10	Gastonia vs. Margrace
11	Bees vs. Bur-Mill
12	Margrace vs. Jaycees
13	Cash Gro. vs. Gastonia
14	Jaycees vs. Bees
15	Bur-Mill vs. Mullins
16	Bees vs. Mullins
17	Gastonia vs. Cash Gro.
18	Grover vs. Margrace
19	Grover vs. Gastonia
20	Grover vs. Gastonia
21	Cash Gro. vs. Bees
22	Margrace vs. Mullins
23	Margrace vs. Cash Gro.
24	Mullins vs. Bees
25	Grover vs. Bur-Mill
26	Jaycees vs. Gastonia
27	Bur-Mill vs. Gastonia
28	Grover vs. Jaycees
29	Bees vs. Margrace
30	Cash Gro. vs. Mullins
31	Margrace vs. Bur-Mill
July 1	Jaycees vs. Cash Gro.

* First team listed is home team

Ware Accepts Coaching Post At Fort Mill

Former Kings Mountain high school athletic star Mike Ware has accepted an assistant football coaching job at Fort Mill High school in Fort Mill, S. C.

Ware, who was all-conference his senior year at KMHS and winner of the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy while doubling as a tackle and an end, will coach under Bob Jones, who did his student coaching at Kings Mountain under the late John Gamble in 1961.

Fort Mill High, about 10 miles south of Rock Hill, has an enrollment of approximately 500 students. Ware will serve as line coach on the varsity football team and will also coach one spring sport, either golf or track.

Ware served as an assistant ninth grade coach at KMHS last season when the Little Mountaineers won six and lost only one. Ware coached the KMHS junior varsity baseball team this year and is currently helping coach Bill Bates with the varsity squad.

In his senior year at Kings Mountain, Ware lettered in all three major sports. He has worked with the City Recreation League program for the past two years.

Goforth Scores 25 In Track Meet

Senior Mike Goforth turned in an outstanding 25-point performance Friday night at the Kings Mountain high school track team fell to Lincolnton by a 102-63 count in a two-school meet at Lincolnton.

Goforth scored a first place in the low hurdles, broad jump, 220-yard dash and 100-yard dash and was a member of the 880-relay team which finished first.

Second in scoring for the Mountaineers was Robert Phifer with six points with Rocky Brown and Bobby Stroupe gaining five and four points respectively.

Several other KM players scored less than four points.

Coaches Bob Hussey and Bill Cashion take their boys to Shelby Friday afternoon for the conference meet.

Golfers "Skunk" York, Tie East

Kings Mountain high school's golf team posted an 8-0 shutout win over York Monday and gained a 3-3 tie in a four-man meet with East Rutherford last Thursday to bring their regular season record to 6-6-1 heading into qualifying rounds for the bi-conference tournament at Forest City Monday afternoon.

The Mountaineers' 8-0 "skunking" of York Monday marked the second time this year that KM has blanked its opponent. The Mountaineers had previously defeated Lincolnton, 9-0.

John Van Dyke of Kings Mountain and Scott Harrill of East Rutherford had 38's to tie for medalist honors at Forest City Thursday. Van Dyke won KM's only singles match and teamed with Pat Cheshire to gain a team victory. Cheshire and Fred Wright halved their singles matches to account for the Mountaineers' other point.

Wright fired a two-over par 38 here Monday afternoon to lead Coach Don Parker's boys to their 8-0 win over York. Wright scored a 4-2 win over Johnny Allison of York who carded a 44.

THURSDAY RESULTS SINGLES Harrill (E) def. Powell (K) 3-2; Jarvell (E) and Wright (K) halved; Van Dyke (K) def. Moss (E) 4-3; Cheshire (K) and Crenshaw (E) halved.

DOUBLES Harrill-Jarvell (E) def. Powell-Wright (K) 1-up; Van Dyke-Cheshire (K) def. Moss-Crenshaw (E) 2-1.

MONDAY'S RESULTS SINGLES Davis (K) def. C. Whitesides (Y) 4-2; Van Dyke (K) def. Scott (Y) 4-3; Cheshire (K) def. S. Whitesides (Y) 3-2; Powell (K) def. D. Whitesides (Y) 3-1; Wright (K) def. Allison (Y) 4-2.

DOUBLES Van Dyke-Cheshire (K) def.

Rain Postpones Two Games; Play Four This Week

Rain forced postponement of all Kings Mountain high school baseball games during the week. Four games are on tap for Coach Bill Bates' Mountaineers this week.

The Mountaineers were scheduled to play Chase this afternoon (Wednesday) at 4:00 with senior ace Steve Goforth going against southpaw Terry Powell of the Trojans.

Chase is currently tied for seventh place in the Southwest Conference standings with a 1-7 record while Kings Mountain is in a tie for fifth with a 3-5 mark. The Mountaineers play away games at Lincolnton and R-S Central on Thursday and Friday and return home Tuesday for a night game against county-rival Shelby.

Coach Gene Kirkpatrick's Lions are now in third place in the conference standings with a 5-3 record. Should Lincolnton get rained out today, the Mountaineers will meet the Wolves Saturday afternoon instead of Thursday.

The Lions, currently lead the SWC race with a 5-1 record and are expected to throw ace Harry Graham against sophomore Darrell Whetstone of the Mountaineers.

Coach Bates reports that he will pitch Tommy Goforth against R-S Friday and will swing the duties back on Steve for Tuesday's outing against Shelby. Steve, 3-0 in conference play, beat Shelby in the two teams' last outing with a neat two-hitter.

The Mountaineers will have only one defensive change. Coach Bates plans to use Tommy Goforth in centerfield with Charles Carroll switching to right. Mountaineer shortstop Nelson Connor sustained a foot injury during practice last week and will not be in top form, however, Bates reports that he will be a starter.

Connor, a junior, is the second leading hitter on the team with a .241 batting mark with seven hits in 29 times at bat.

The only SWC game played during this past week was the Shelby-Cherryville tilt on Monday afternoon. Shelby won the game, 5-4.

Wrestling Saturday At Grover School

Three world famous wrestling bouts will be featured on a wrestling card Saturday night at 8:00 in the Grover Elementary School gymnasium.

The wrestling events are being sponsored by the Grover Rescue Squad. General admission is \$1 for adults and fifty-cents for children.

Six matches—including a tag team event—are on tap. Vic The Bruiser, 620 pound Russian Bear, rated as the "World's Greatest Wrestling Bear," will be challenged by Al Soaz, former Worlds Jr. Heavyweight Champion.

Bruno, a 280 pound bear, will be challenged by a girl wrestler. Maria Cortez will take on Fran Gorch in a girls match and Buddy Graham will wrestle the masked "Batman" in another singles match.

Scott-S. Whitesides (Y) 1-up; Powell-Wright (K) def. D. Whitesides-Allison (Y) 3-2.

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