## Medlin's Two Grand Slammers Break Homer Mark



### Herald Sports

By GARY STEWART Medlin Sets Eight Records Friday

Kings Mountain junior third baseman Roy Medlin to Friday's game. established a total of eight records Friday night when he Steve Goforth (5-2) will start

led the locals to a 15-6 win over rival Bessemer City. The hard hitting third baseman broke the all-time will probably pitch here Monday season and career home run records set in 1959 by catcher night with Mickey Adkins (2-1) Jerry Morris, set a record for most homers in one game, most grand slammers in a game, season and career, most runs batted in for one game and set the mark for the long-

est homer in Post 155 history. Medlin went into Friday's game tied with Morris for of relief from Adkins the all-time lead in homers with three and came out of the The Mounties are currently in game with five homers plus all those other milestones. sixth place in the Area IV stand-

Roy snapped the record in the second inning with a ings dropping all the way from 438-foot blast to dead centerfield which goes into the fourth after losing back-to-back books as the longest homer in Post 155 history. Hereto-tonia. fore, the longest round-tripper was a 430-foot blast by Only the top five teams will Richard Gold last year against Hickory.

Medlin's second inning round-tripper went past the als of the area playoffs, so, if scoreboard in the air and landed in a ditch on the far side KM finishes sixth it will have to scoreboard in the air and landed in a ditch of the far side play the 11th place team, proba-of the road which goes all the way from left to center, bly Bessemer City, in a one-game behind the board.

The big 210-pounder came back in the fifth inning playoff here Thursday. with a 400-foot blast which rolled under the scoreboard. Hickory stay fourth, the two Bessemer centerfielder Chuck Steele was injured chasing teams will square off in a bestthat drive. Steele ran into a football sled stationed just in of-three series starting Friday front of the scoreboard and had to leave the game.

Steele had to be helped from the stadium following teams reverse and KM finish the game but appeared not to be injured seriously, how- fourth, Hickory fifth, the series ever, he will probably miss some action because of the will begin here.

hurt. to left-center. Bessemer City leftfielder Tim Adkins aply hitting at a .384 clip with 23
parently mis-judged the shot and under-ran it. The drive hits in 60 times at bat He is tied went over his head and was retrieved by centerfielder with Roy Medlin for the lead in

That came in the first inning.

#### Mounties Holding Down Fourth Spot

Through Friday's action the Area IV standings show marks. Both boys have collected Coach Bob Hussey's juniors in fourth place. Belmont still 15 hits in 63 times at bat. leads the league with Gastonia second and Forest City Medlin is leading the KM slug-ging department with four dou-

Kings Mountain was scheduled to play at Forest City 21 runs batted in. Monday night and was carded to host Gastonia Tuesday

Cherryville, Granite Falls, Shelby, Hickory and Hen-innings pitched, 66 strikeouts and rietta are still battling it out for fifth place, Marion is a 2.17 earned run average. Ad-10th and bringing up the rear is Bessemer City. Besse- kins has the only other winning way Thursday with Police tak-10th and bringing up the rear is Bessemer City. Besser Rins has the only other winning a 7-1 decision over the Jaymer's only win was a forfeit by Newton, which dropped and has a 2.43 earned run mark. cees. Ben Brown and Richard out of the league after the first week of the season.

League-leader Belmont has dropped only two games, League-leader Belmont has dropped only two games, the first to Kings Mountain and a later contest to Forest Six-Run Eighth

Should Kings Mountain finish the regular season in fourth place it will meet the fifth place club in a best-ofthree series during the first elimination round.

First round play ends on July 5 and pairings for the City 9-4 Win first elimination week read:

No. 9 at 8 No. 10 at 7 No. 11 at 6

Since Newton dropped out of the league the top five defeat. teams will draw byes during the first round of elimination. The winners of the first round will clash with the for KM, his second of the season. top five teams in the quarter-finals in a best-of-three Both Steve's losses this year series running from July 8 through July 12 with the fol- have been to the Forest City is 11-10 in Thursday's nightcap lowing pairings:

No. 1 vs. 8 or 9 No. 4 vs. 5 No. 2 vs. 7 or 10 No. 3 vs. 6 or 11

The team with the highest percentage at the end of with two out in the bottom of was 4-for 4 for the winners. first round play gets the first home game in each series. The area semi-finals, also a best-of-three series, are Lewis Jolley unloaded for a two- Kiwanis scheduled for July 13-16 with the area finals, a best-of- run homer. Adkins faced only

five, carded for July 18-23. Area IV must name its champion by July 23 and the state semi-finals, with the Area III champ facing the Area IV winner, is scheduled to start July 24.

#### Goforth, Adkins Lead Pitching Dept.

Through Friday night's action, pitching statistics showed Steve Goforth and Mickey Adkins as the only KM when Goforth hit Warren Dal- Parkgrace. David Myers hurled

pitchers with winning records. Goforth is the team's winningest pitcher with a 4-1 record and leads the team in innings pitched with 50, strikeouts with 55 and has the lowest earned run average,

Adkins has a 2-0 record with 33 strikeouts and a 1.50 ing in Nelson Connor from secting. Blanton added a single in earned run average. Adkins has worked a total of 27% ond base. Connor had led off the fourth for a 2-for-4 plate perinnings, has given up only 19 hits and has walked only 10. the inning with a single and had formance.

Tommy Goforth has worked 39 innings, has fanned taken second when Ronnie Rhea 38 batters but has a 1-3 record. He has given up the most reached base on a fielder's Parkgrace hits, 45, has walked only 14 batters and has a 2.77 earned choice.

David Norris, who is no longer with the team, has a team came back in the bottom 1-2 record and Ronnie Rhea, who has worked only in re- half to tie it up again.

lief, is 0-0. Steve Goforth was scheduled to pitch against Forest KM fifth with a single, was sac-City Monday with either Adkins or Tommy Goforth get-rificed to second on a bunt by Gaffney, c ting the nod against Gastonia Tuesday.

#### Fifty Take Bus To Atlanta Sunday

Los Angeles won the game, 2- Lonnie Goforth;

Thurman Hull, Lawrence Styers, Jim Homesley, Abe Martin, Plato Heffner and W. W. Huff-Frank Hough, Don Sellers, stetler. ningham, K. E. Morrison, Hugh Braves play the San Fran Yates, Leonard Deal, Dan Queen; Giants Mike Huffsticklyr, Reggie

Fifty local baseball fans went | White, Wayne Cunningham, Jim to Atlanta, Ga., Sunday on a Archie, Joe Cunningham, Bob Legion-sponsored bus trip for Rhea, Ronnie Rhea, Jim Rikard. the game between the Atlanta Dean Payne, Clifford Pearson. Braves and the Los Angeles Max Pearson, Jack Bennett, Lee Roy Hammett, Gene Wright back-to-back doubles by Jones

1. on a ninth inning error by At- Fred Jones. Larry Pearson. lanta shortstop Denis Menke. Harold Phillips, Willie Grice, Southpaw Sandy Koufax gained Ray Cline, Don Falls, Pat Tigthe pitching win, his 14th of the nor, Jerry Ledford, Charles Ford. Otis Smith, Don McAbee, John- Hoots and Jolley's homer turn-The following people took the ny Robbs, J. D. Hammett, Lewis ing the trick. Dellinger, Elmore Alexander. Paul Patterson, Ollie Harris.

George Sellers, Lee Roberts, Tom Tate, R. E. Bennett, Horace Cun-trip again on July 31 when the

#### Juniors Host **Granite Falls** Monday Night

Kings Mountain's juniors play host to Granite Falls Monday night in the final regular season home game. The Mounties play at Cherryville Friday night and at Hickory in the regular-season finale Tuesday.

Post 155 will pick up a forfeit win over Newton tonight bringing its record to 11.8 heading in-

for Kings Mountain Friday and

Goforth picked up a win over although he needed two innings

draw a bye into the quarter-fin-

Should KM finish fifth and night in Hickory. Should the two

Shortstop Nelson Connor will runs scored with 14.

Ronnie Rhea is second on the and tied for third are Medlin and Paul Gaffney with identical .238

bles, a triple, five home runs and

Goforth leads the pitching department with a 5-2 record, 57%

# **Gives Forest**

Forest City scored six runs in Jaycees

Steve Goforth suffered the loss crew. Goforth worked a total of walked seven and struck out 11. Mickey Adkins pitched the

Adkins came in relief of Goforth the eighth after third baseman Rescue one batter and fanned him. Bobby Hill who relieved start-

er Brinson Hill in the seventh, gained the pitching win

Forest City gained a 10 lead in the first inning with Wayne Hoots singling, taking second on

Kings Mountain tied the score | Parkgrace catcher Chris Blan-

the top of the fifth but the home for-2; Parkgrace - Blanton, 2-

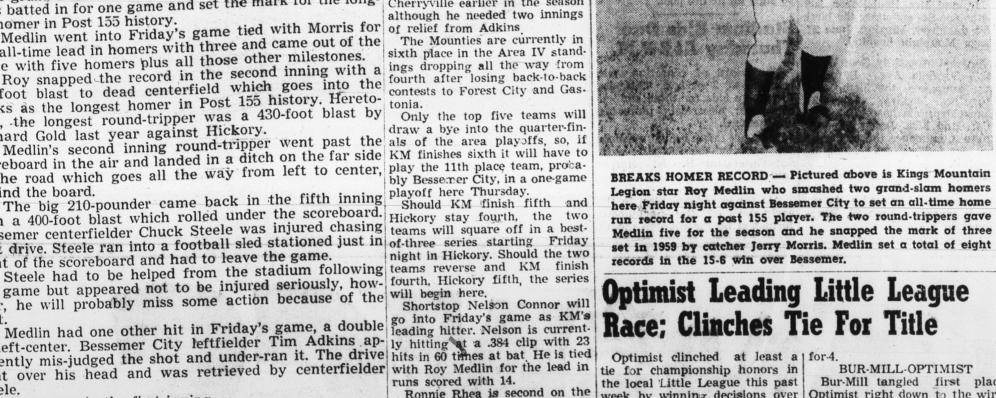
Chucky Gladden led off the Rhea cf Goforth and scored on a single T. Goforth, rf by Connor. Tony Leigh drew a base on balls and Roy Medlin advanced Connor when he flied deep to centerfield.

Connor then scored when Rhea singled but Cash flied out to end the inning.

A lead-off triple by Hoots and and Dalton produced two runs for FC in the bottom of the fifth. Then came the six-run eighth with doubles by Jones and Dalton, singles by Johnny Davis and

KM managed a singleton in the ninth with Adkins reaching case on an error and scoring two outs later on a single by

BOXSCORE Kings Mountain



week by winning decisions over Optimist right down to the wire, out to end the inning. hitting list with a .290 average Bur-Mill and Jaycees to push its and then some, in Friday's nightcap. The first place team won undefeated record to 11-0

bottom of the seventh.

KIWANIS - POLICE

WP-Byars. LP-Stowe Lead-

ing Hitters: Kiwanis - Lock-

RESCUE-PARKGRACE

registering a single for the los-

Leading Hitters: Rescue-Mc-

LIONS-BUR-MILL

The winners' fourth inning

runs were a result of singles by

WP - Brown. LP - McDan-

iel Leading Hitters: Lions

Brown, 2 · for · 2; Bur-Mill

Bridges, 1-for-3; Ramsey, 1-for-

**OPTIMIST-JAYCEES** 

Sarvis paced the winners at bat,

Robbs with a 2-for-3 perform-

ance and Sarvis with a 2-for-4

showing and three runs scored.

ning pitcher and Tony Ruppe

WP - Hartsoe. LP - Ruppe.

Leading Hitters: Optimist -

1 Rob 2-for-3; Jaycees, Bradford

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was tagged with the loss.

Daniel, triple; Parkgrace

ridge, 1-for-3; Police -

Optimist

Bur-Mill

2-for-4;

both singles.

stine, 1-for-2.

over Parkgrace.

Park grace

Moore, 1-for-3.

Tuesday's opener.

Mark Eaker.

B-Mill

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Rescue

WP

Kiwanis

to tie Optimist is Police which runs in the top of the seventh. sports a 7-3 record. Bur-Mill is in The two teams tied, 6-6, after reaching base on an error, going third place in the loop standings the regulation six innings and to second when Adkins threw and fourth place Lions (5.5), Optimist came on strong in the wild attempting a pick-off and sports the only other winning top of the seventh for five runs taking two bases on a single by

#### POLICE-JAYCEES

This week's action got under-Stowe teamed to hurl the victory for Police, limiting the losers to double. only one hit, a third inning single by Mike Bennett.

runs on three hits The big blow second place team, 3-0, in Monof the inning was a triple by day's opener. Brown which drove in two runs. 310 030-7 last inning for the only hit off Police 100 000-1 Stowe. Billy Whetstine and Ken

the bottom of the eighth inning WP-Brown. LP-Smith, Lead-Monday night to hand Kings ing Hitters: Police - Whetstine, Mountain's Legion juniors a 9-4 2-for-3; Jaycees — Bennett, 1-for-

#### RESCUE-KIWANIS

Rescue Squad outlasted Kiwanwith Bobby Johnson hurling the 7% innings, gave up 11 hits, win and Bobby Byars getting tagged with the loss

Rescue collected a total of 11 final out for Kings Mountain. hits while Johnson held the losers to only six. Mike McDaniel WP - Johnson. LP - Byars.

Leading Hitters: Rescue - Mc-Daniel, 4-for-4; Kiwanis-Franklin, 2-for-4

#### LIONS-PARKGRACE

Lions scored five runs in the a wild pitch, staying there while first inning Friday night and Jones walked, going to third held on for a 5-4 victory over ton with a pitch, and scoring the win for Lions and also figwhen Jolley drew a base on balls. ured in on the hitting with a 2for-4 performance.

in the top of the fourth with ton got the big blow of the game, Phillip Cash's long double driv- a two-run homer in the first in-

201 001-4 WP-Myers LP - Black. Lead-The locals took a 3-1 lead in ing Hitters: Lions-Rodgers, 2-Medlin, 3b

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	Adkins, p	1	1
		32	4
	Forest City		
	Blanton, If	4	0
	Hoots, cf	4	3
	Jones, c	4	3 2
The state of	Dalton, ss	4	1
	Jolley, 3b	3	1
4	Vassey, 1b	3	0
	Handley, 1b	2	0
	D avis, rf	3	1
	Blankenship, 2b	3	0
	Br. Hill, p	3	0
	Bob Hill, p	1	1
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**Optiimist** 34 9 11 Police E-Medlin 2, Dalton. LOB-FC | Bur-Mill 9, KM 7. DP-FC 2 HPB-Dal- Lions ton, by Goforth. 2B—Dalton 2, Rescue Squad Kiwanis
Jolley, WP K Bobby Hill. LP - Parkgrace

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### Medlin's Two Round-Trippers Lead Post 155 To 15-6 Win Over Bessemer

Roy Medlin became the all-time Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion home run king Friday night after hitting two grand slammers to lead the locals to a 15-6 win over Bessemer

Medlin went into the game tied in all-time homers with Jerry Morris, an all-state catcher in '59 when he smacked three

The big 210-pound third baseman snapped that mark in the second inning with a 438-foot blast to dead centerfield. He came back in the fifth inning and drove a 400-footer to the scoreboard in centerfield for his fifth round-tripper of the sea-

Medlin established a total of eight records during the contest. His second inning blast was the first grand slammer hit by a KM player since the 1964 season when outfielder George Pittman hit one at Cherryville. His second inning homer was also the longest in Post 155 history.

Kings Mountain piled its 15 runs into two innings. The Mounties rallied for five in the second inning and came back for 10 in the fifth. Bessemer scored one in the third, one in the eighth and four in the ninth.

Bessemer City outhit the locals, 10-9, but KM took advantage of Medlin's two homers and a double and seven Bessemer City errors, plus long doubles by Paul Gaffney and Tommy Goforth.

Kings Mountain's first run of the ballgame was unearned with pitcher Mickey Adkins crossing the plate after reaching base on an error, going to third on a hit-and-run single by Gaffney and coming on in when Goforth doubled to left-center.

Shortstop Nelson Connor then drew a base on balls to load the bases and set the stage for Medlin's record-breaking blast. After Medlin's homer, Ronnie Rhea Bur-Mill tangled first place flied out and Phil Cash struck

Bessemer tallied an unearned The only team with a chance the game, 11-8, by scoring five run in the third with lead-off batter Sonny Jones scoring after to go ahead, 11-6, before Bur-Mill

could come back for two in the Kings Mountain put the game out of reach in the fifth by send-101 040 5-11 ing 14 batters to the plate and 005 019 2 - 8 WP-Bolin LP-Baker. Lead scoring 10 runs on only three ing Hitters: Optimist - Riddle,

Cash was hit by a pitched ball to get things rolling, Tony Leigh was walked, and, after Chucky is Post 155 shortstop Nelson Kiwanis collected only one hit Gladden fanned for the first out, Police tallied its winning runs off Police pitcher Richard Stowe Adkins reached base on a fieldin the top of the first with three but managed to run past the er's choice to load the bases.

Cash scored when Gaffney drew a base on balls and Leigh Tim Lockridge singled in the and Adkins came in on a single bat, has scored 14 runs, has by Goforth. Connor once again eight runs driven in, three drew a base on balls to load the doubles, a triple and three Smith collected the only hits off bases and Medlin uncorked an stolen bases. Kiwanis pitcher Bobby Byars, 0.2 pitch for his fifth homer of the year and second grand-slam-102 000-3 000 000-0 mer of the night.

Kings Mountain scored three Kings Mountain scored three more runs in that inning with Legion, 14-0 the help of three Bessemer errors, three stolen bases and a single by Gladden.

Monday's nightcap saw Rescue Back-to-back doubles by Ron-Squad taly four runs in the botnie Bowen and losing pitcher Bo tom of the fourth to erase a 4-1 Davis produced a run for Bessedeficit and pull over a 5-4 win mer in the eighth and two KM Only three hits were recorded errors, a fielder's choice and during the game with winning singles by Bowen, Davis and pitcher Mike McDaniel getting a triple and Gary Kiser a double four in the final frame.

for Rescue and Robby Moore Adkins went the distance for the locals and gained his second Rhea in the second inning and win of the year against no one to Phil Cash in the third. losses. Adkins scattered 10 hits, Those were the only two innings 100 40x-5 struck out 12 and walked only that KM could manage a threat McDaniel. LP — Poole.

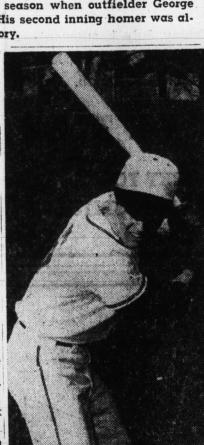
#### BOX SCORE

Kings Mountain Goforth, rf, 1b The Lions tallied five runs in the fourth inning to come from Laughter, 1b Connor, ss behind and beat Bur-Mill, 6-3, in Medlin, 3b Rhea, cf. lf Cash. 2b Leigh, lf Tim Hunter and Craig Bowen 500 000-5 and doubles by David Myers and Jones, cf Gladden, 1b 000 501-6 Bridges, rf, lf 300 000 \_ 3 Burton, rf Adkins, p Gaffney, c Bessemer City First place Optimist bombed

Jennings, c 1 the Jaycees 13-7 in Tuesday's R. Bowen, 2b 0 nightcap. Ed Robbs and Dana Davis, p, 1b Steele, cf G. Robinson, cf Thornburg, 1b, p F. Robinson, 3b Danny Hartsoe was the win-Atkins, If, cf S. Bowen, rf 1 0 38 6 10

E-F. Robinson 3, Jones 2, R. of the season. Bowen, Thornburg, Medlin 2, John Rudisill led the Belmont Connor, Gladden, Adkins. LOB- hitting with four singles in five BC 10, KM 8. DP - Connor, Cash at bats, Phil White and Ed & Gladden. SB - Connor, Rhea, Thompson added three hits each Cash, Leigh. HBP - Gaffney, by and Larry Hartsell and Steve Davis; Cash by Davis; G. Robin- Barkley had two hits apiece. son, by Adkins. 2B - Goforth, Hartsell smacked an inside Gaffney, Medlin, Davis, R. Bow- the park three-run homer in the

.500



STANDOUT - Pictured above Connor whose .384 batting average will lead the locals into a game at Cherryville Friday night. Thus far, Connor has collected 23 hits in 60 times at

## **Belmont Beats**

Kings Mountain's juniors fell victim of a two-hitter by lefthander Warren Garrett of Belmont Thursday night and lost their sixth Legion contest in 15 outings by a score of 14-0. Belmont collected 16 hits off

KM pitchers Tommy Goforth Love, p Norris Thornburg accounted for those bits. Included in those hits were two triples, one double and one home run. Garrett gave up a single to

> In the second, Rhea singled sharply to leftfield and took second two outs later when Bill BI Bridges was hit by a pitched ball. Goforth reached base on ar error but Nelson Connor struck

out to end the inning. In the third, Tony Leigh flied out to get things rolling, Roy Medlin drew a base on balls and Cash singled to centerfield Rhea flied out and Paul Gaffney reached base on an error by the Belmont second baseman but Medlin was thrown out at home trying to score on the play.

Garrett retired the sides in or 1 der during the fourth, seventh eighth and ninth innings. KM 14 had one base runner in the first. one in the fifth and two in the

0 sixth. Belmont scored two runs in the first, two in the third, three i in the fourth, three in the fifth 0 two in the sixth and two in the

Goforth worked the first five innings before giving way to Rhea with two men on in the sixth. The winners got 15 of their 16 hits off Goforth, who was charged with his third loss

fifth inning. Phil White cracked IP H R ER BB SO an inside-the-park homer in the 9 10 6 3 3 12 eighth but the blast was lower Garre 4½ 7 15 9 6 4 ed to a single when Clarence Gofor 32% 2 0 0 1 3 Buchanan, who was on first Rhea

### uniors Fall To Gastonia Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain's juniors dipped into sixth place in the Area V Legion standings Tuesday night after losing 8-1 to second place Gastonia.

The loss brought KM's record o 10-8 heading into the final week of the regular season. Gastonia tallied its winning run in the second inning with shortstop Danny Denton scoring on a sacrifice fly by James Turpin after he singled and stole his way to third base.

The eventual winners scored two more runs in the fourth on three KM errors, two stolen cases and a wild pitch and added two more in the sixth before the locals scored their only run in the bottom of that inning.

Gastonia's sixth inning runs were scored on singles by Bill Broome and Turpin, a base on balls, another KM error and a wild pitch.

Back-to-back singles by Nelson Connor and Tony Leigh and a base on balls to Roy Medlin loaded the bases for KM in the bottom of the sixth but Gastonia pitcher Bill Love got Connor on a fielder's choice by Rhea and Phil Cash flied out before catcher Paul Gaffney singled in Leigh with KM's only run

Gastonia came right back in the seventh to add two more runs as a result of singles by Jerry Barker and Harry Bryant and a double by Willie Gillespie.

The visitors added a singleton in the ninth on singles by Barber and Gillespie. Mickey Adkins went the distance for the Mounties and was tagged with his first loss of the

season. Akins gave up nine hits,

walked only two and fanned

eight. Love also went the distance for the winners and gave up seven hits, walked one and struck out five.

BOXSCORE Kings Mountain 4 0 2 0 Connor, ss 4 1 1 0 Leigh, lf 3 0 0 0 Medlin, 3b, c Rhea, cf. 1b 4 0 1 0 4 0 0 0 Gaffney, c Bridges, cf 4 0 0 0 Goforth, rf 4 0 0 0 Gladden, 3b, 1b Adkins p 3 0 1 0

34 1 7 1 Gastonia Lanham, lf 5 2 2 0 Barker, rf Gillespie, cf Wofford, c Denton, ss Bryant, 2b Broome, 3b

E - Cash 2, Goforth, Adkins, Rhea. LOB - G 7 KM 7. SB -Connor, Rhea, Leigh, Barker, Gillespie, Denton 2, Bryant 2, Broome 2, 2B --- Gillespiie. 3B-Gillespie. WP-Adkins 2.

Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO Adkins (1) 9 9 8 4 2 Love (w) 9 7 1 1 1 5 base, failed to tag second base and was called out BOXSCORE AB R H Kings Mountain

Connor, ss Medlin, 3b Cash, 2b Rhea, cf. p Gaffney, p Gladden, 1b 2 0 0 Bridges, rf, cf Jones, cf Goforth, p, rf Adkins, rf 32

Belmont White, 1b, lf Rudisill, ss Tartsell, c Barkley, 3b Thompson, cf Hope, lf Elmore, 2b Holcomb, If Buchanan, 1b

E-Medlin 3, Cash, White, Gar. rett, Elmore. LOB - B 7, KM 7. 2B-Hope, 3B - White, Th son. HR - Hartsell. SAC Hartsell, Holcomb. Bridges, by Garrett; I by Goforth. WP-Rhea IP H R ER B Pitching: Garrett (w) 9 2 0 0 Goforth (l) 5 15 12

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