

# Medlin's Two Grand Slammers Break Homer Mark

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

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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 City.

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

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 season.

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 fled out and Phil Cash struck out to end the inning.

Bessemer tallied an unearned run in the third with lead-off batter Sonny Jones scoring after reaching base on an error, going to second when Adkins threw wild attempting a pick-off and taking two bases on a single by Ronnie Bowen.

Kings Mountain put the game out of reach in the fifth by sending 14 batters to the plate and scoring 10 runs on only three hits.

Cash was hit by a pitched ball to get things rolling. Tony Leigh was walked, and after Chucky Gladden fanned for the first out, Adkins reached base on a fielder's choice to load the bases.

Cash scored when Gaffney drew a base on balls and Leigh and Adkins came in on a single by Goforth. Connor once again drew a base on balls to load the bases and Medlin uncorked a 402-pitcher for his fifth homer of the year and second grand-slammer of the night.

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

Back-to-back doubles by Ronnie Bowen and losing pitcher Bob Davis produced a run for Bessemer in the eighth and two KM errors, a fielder's choice and singles by Bowen, Davis and Norris Thornburg accounted for four in the final frame.

Adkins went the distance for the locals and gained his second win of the year against no losses. Adkins scattered 10 hits, struck out 12 and walked only three.

### BOX SCORE

Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	BI
Goforth, rf, 1b	4	2	2	3
Laughter, 1b	1	0	0	0
Connor, ss	2	2	1	0
Medlin, 3b	6	2	3	8
Rhea, cf, lf	4	2	0	0
Cash, 2b	3	2	0	1
Jones, cf	1	0	0	0
Gladden, 1b	4	0	1	1
Bridges, rf, lf	1	0	0	0
Burton, rf	0	0	0	0
Adkins, p	5	2	0	0
Gaffney, c	3	2	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>

Bessemer City	AB	R	H	BI
Jones, ss	5	1	2	0
Jennings, c	5	1	0	0
R. Bowen, 2b	5	2	3	2
Davis, p, 1b	4	2	3	1
Steele, cf	1	0	0	0
G. Robinson, cf	2	0	0	0
F. Thornburg, 1b, p	4	0	2	2
F. Robinson, 3b	4	0	0	0
Atkins, lf, cf	4	0	0	0
S. Bowen, rf	4	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

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

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 of the season.

John Rudisill led the Belmont hitting with four singles in five at bats, Phil White and Ed Thompson added three hits each and Larry Hartsell and Steve Barkley had two hits apiece.

Hartsell smacked an inside-the-park three-run homer in the fifth inning. Phil White cracked an inside-the-park homer in the eighth but the blast was lowered to a single when Clarence Buchanan, who was on first

## Juniors 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 to 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 bases 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 fled 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. Adkins 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	AB	R	H	BI
Connor, ss	4	0	2	0
Leigh, lf	4	1	1	0
Medlin, 3b, c	3	0	0	0
Rhea, cf, lf	4	0	1	0
Cash, 2b	4	0	0	0
Gaffney, c	3	0	1	1
Bridges, cf	1	0	0	0
Goforth, rf	4	0	0	0
Gladden, 3b, 1b	4	0	0	0
Adkins, p	3	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

Gastonia	AB	R	H	BI
Lanham, rf	5	0	0	0
Barker, lf	5	2	2	0
Gillespie, cf	5	1	3	0
Wofford, cf	5	0	1	0
Denton, ss	3	1	1	2
Bryant, 2b	3	2	1	2
Broome, 3b	4	2	1	0
Turpin, 1b	3	0	1	2
Love, p	3	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

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

Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO Adkins (1) 9 9 8 4 2 8 Love (w) 9 7 1 1 1 5

base, failed to tag second base and was called out.

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Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	BI
Connor, ss	4	0	0	0
Leigh, lf	3	0	0	0
Medlin, 3b	4	0	1	0
Cash, 2b	4	0	1	0
Rhea, cf, p	4	0	1	0
Gaffney, p	4	0	0	0
Gladden, 1b	3	0	0	0
Laughter, ph	1	0	0	0
Bridges, rf, cf	2	0	0	0
Jones, cf	1	0	0	0
Goforth, p, rf	3	0	0	0
Adkins, rf	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

Belmont White, 1b, lf 5 3 3 Rudisill, ss 4 1 2 Hartsell, c 5 2 2 Barkley, 3b 4 0 1 Garrett, p 4 0 1 Thompson, cf 4 1 1 Hope, lf 5 2 0 Elmore, 2b 2 0 0 Holcomb, lf 0 0 0 Buchanan, 1b 3 1 2

E—Medlin 3, Cash, White, Garrett, Elmore, LOB—B 7 KM 7, 2B—Hope 3B—White, Thompson, HR—Hartsell, SAG—Hartsell, Holcomb, HFB—Bridges, by Garrett, Holcomb, by Goforth, WP—Rhea

Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO Adkins (w) 9 2 0 0 6 6 Goforth (1) 5 15 12 5 4 4 Rhea 3 1 2 2 3 3

## 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 into Friday's game.

Steve Goforth (5-2) will start for Kings Mountain Friday and will probably pitch here Monday night with Mickey Adkins (2-1) the likely pick for the Hickory encounter.

Goforth picked up a win over Cherryville earlier in the season although he needed two innings of relief from Adkins.

The Mounties are currently in sixth place in the Area IV standings dropping all the way from fourth after losing back-to-back contests to Forest City and Gastonia.

Only the top five teams will draw a bye into the quarter-finals of the area playoffs, so, if KM finishes sixth it will have to play the 11th place team, probably Bessemer City, in a one-game playoff here Thursday.

Should KM finish fifth and Hickory stay fourth, the two teams will square off in a best-of-three series starting Friday night in Hickory. Should the two teams reverse and KM finish fourth, Hickory fifth, the series will begin here.

Shortstop Nelson Connor will go into Friday's game as KM's leading hitter. Nelson is currently hitting at a .384 clip with 23 hits in 60 times at bat. He is tied with Roy Medlin for the lead in runs scored with 14.

Ronnie Rhea is second on the hitting list with a .290 average and tied for third are Medlin and Paul Gaffney with identical .238 marks. Both boys have collected 15 hits in 63 times at bat.

Medlin is leading the KM slugging department with four doubles, a triple, five home runs and 21 runs batted in.

Goforth leads the pitching department with a 5-2 record, 57 2/3 innings pitched, 66 strikeouts and a 2.17 earned run average. Adkins has the only other winning record. He has fanned 42 batters and has a 2.43 earned run mark.

## Six-Run Eighth Gives Forest City 9-4 Win

Forest City scored six runs in the bottom of the eighth inning Monday night to hand Kings Mountain's Legion juniors a 9-4 defeat.

Steve Goforth suffered the loss for KM, his second of the season. Both Steve's losses this year have been to the Forest City crew. Goforth worked a total of 7 1/2 innings, gave up 11 hits, walked seven and struck out 11.

Mickey Adkins pitched the final out for Kings Mountain. Adkins came in relief of Goforth the eighth after the bottom of the eighth when Adkins faced only one batter and fanned him.

Bobby Hill who relieved starter Brinson Hill in the seventh, gained the pitching win. Forest City gained a 1-0 lead in the first inning with Wayne Hoots singling, taking second on a wild pitch, staying there while Jones walked, going to third when Goforth hit Warren Dalton with a pitch, and scoring when Jolley drew a base on balls.

Kings Mountain tied the score in the top of the fourth with Phillip Cash's long double driving in Nelson Connor from second base. Connor had led off the inning with a single and had taken second when Ronnie Rhea reached base on a fielder's choice.

The locals took a 3-1 lead in the top of the fifth but the home team came back in the bottom half to tie it up again. Chucky Gladden led off the KM fifth with a single, was sacrificed to second on a bunt by Goforth and scored on a single 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 back-to-back doubles by Jones 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 Hoots and Jolley's homer turning the trick.

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

### BOXSCORE

Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	BI
Connor, ss	3	2	2	0
Leigh, lf	3	0	0	0



BREAKS HOMER RECORD — Pictured above is Kings Mountain Legion star Roy Medlin who smashed two grand-slam homers here Friday night against Bessemer City to set an all-time home run record for a post 155 player. The two round-trippers gave Medlin five for the season and he snapped the mark of three set in 1959 by catcher Jerry Morris. Medlin set a total of eight records in the 15-6 win over Bessemer.

## Optimist Leading Little League Race; Clinches Tie For Title

Optimist clinched at least a tie for championship honors in the local Little League this past week by winning decisions over Bur-Mill and Jaycees to push its undefeated record to 11-0.

The only team with a chance to tie Optimist is Police which sports a 7-3 record. Bur-Mill is in third place in the loop standings and fourth place Lions (5-5), sports the only other winning record.

### POLICE-JAYCEES

This week's action got underway Thursday with Police taking a 7-1 decision over the Jaycees. Ben Brown and Richard Stowe teamed to hurl the victory for Police, limiting the losers to only one hit, a third inning single by Mike Bennett.

Police tallied its winning runs in the top of the first with three runs on three hits. The big blow of the inning was a triple by Brown which drove in two runs. Police 310 030-7 Jaycees 100 009-1

WP—Brown, LP—Smith. Leading Hitters: Police — Whetstone, 2-for-3; Jaycees — Bennett, 1-for-2.

### RESCUE-KIWANIS

Rescue Squad outlasted Kiwanis 11-10 in Thursday's nightcap with Bobby Johnson hurling the win and Bobby Byars getting tagged with the loss.

Rescue collected a total of 11 hits while Johnson held the losers to only six. Mike McDaniel was 4-for-4 for the winners.

Rescue 051 113-11 Kiwanis 042 022-10 WP—Johnson, LP—Byars. Leading Hitters: Rescue — McDaniel, 4-for-4; Kiwanis—Franklin, 2-for-4.

### LIONS-PARKGRACE

Lions scored five runs in the first inning Friday night and held on for a 5-4 victory over Parkgrace. David Myers hurled the win for Lions and also figured in on the hitting with a 2-for-4 performance.

Parkgrace catcher Chris Blanton got the big blow of the game, a two-run homer in the first inning. Blanton added a single in the fourth for a 2-for-4 plate performance.

Lions 500 090-5 Parkgrace 201 001-4 WP—Myers, LP—Black. Leading Hitters: Lions—Rodgers, 2-for-2; Parkgrace—Blanton, 2-for-4.

Medlin, 3b	3	0	1
Rhea, cf	5	0	1
Cash, 2b	4	0	1
Gaffney, c	3	0	1
T. Goforth, rf	4	0	1
Gladden, 1b	4	1	1
S. Goforth, p	2	0	0
Adkins, p	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

Forest City	AB	R	H	BI
Blanton, lf	4	0	0	0
Hoots, cf	4	3	3	3
Jones, c	4	2	2	2
Dalton, ss	4	1	3	2
Jolley, 3b	3	1	1	1
Vassey, 1b	3	0	0	0
Handley, lf	2	0	0	0
Davis, rf	3	1	1	1
Blankenship, 2b	3	0	1	1
Br. Hill, p	3	0	0	0
Bob Hill, p	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>

E—Medlin 2, Dalton. LOB—FC 9, KM 7. DP—FC 2 HPB—Dalton, by Goforth. 2B—Dalton 2, Jones 2, Cash. 3B—Hoots, HR—Jolley, WP K Bobby Hill, LP—Goforth.



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## Medlin Sets Eight Records Friday

Kings Mountain junior third baseman Roy Medlin established a total of eight records Friday night when he led the locals to a 15-6 win over rival Bessemer City.

The hard hitting third baseman broke the all-time season and career home run records set in 1959 by catcher 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 longest homer in Post 155 history.

Medlin went into Friday's game tied with Morris for the all-time lead in homers with three and came out of the game with five homers plus all those other milestones.

Roy snapped the record in the second inning with a 438-foot blast to dead centerfield which goes into the books as the longest homer in Post 155 history. Heretofore, the longest round-tripper was a 430-foot blast by Richard Gold last year against Hickory.

Medlin's second inning round-tripper went past the scoreboard in the air and landed in a ditch on the far side of the road which goes all the way from left to center, behind the board.

The big 210-pounder came back in the fifth inning with a 400-foot blast which rolled under the scoreboard. Bessemer centerfielder Chuck Steele was injured chasing that drive. Steele ran into a football sled stationed just in front of the scoreboard and had to lie down.

Steele had to be helped from the stadium following the game but appeared not to be injured seriously, however, he will probably miss some action because of the hurt.

Medlin had one other hit in Friday's game, a double to left-center. Bessemer City leftfielder Tim Adkins apparently mis-judged the shot and under-ran it. The drive went over his head and was retrieved by centerfielder Steele.

That came in the first inning.

## Mounties Holding Down Fourth Spot

Through Friday's action the Area IV standings show Coach Bob Hussey's juniors in fourth place. Belmont still leads the league with Gastonia second and Forest City third.

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

Cherryville, Granite Falls, Shelby, Hickory and Henrietta are still battling it out for fifth place. Marion is 10th and bringing up the rear is Bessemer City. Bessemer's only win was a forfeit by Newton, which dropped out of the league after the first week of the season.

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

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

First round play ends on July 5 and pairings for the 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 teams will draw byes during the first round of elimination. The winners of the first round will clash with the top five teams in the quarter-finals in a best-of-three series running from July 8 through July 12 with the following 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 first round play gets the first home game in each series. The area semi-finals, also a best-of-three series, are scheduled for July 13-16 with the area finals, a best-of-five, carded for July 18-23.

Area IV must name its champion by July 23 and the state