

Mountaineers Blast Chase In Non-Conference Tilt

Kings Mountain Slugs Bessemer City, 11-1

Third Straight Win

By JOE CORNWELL

Rocky Goforth pitched a two hit ball game through five innings Tuesday, as the Kings Mountain Mountaineer baseball team collected their third straight win of the season. The Mountaineers defeated the Chase Trojans in a non-conference clash, 9-4.

Goforth allowed both hits in the first inning as Chase jumped to a three to nothing lead. Kings Mountain went scoreless in the first with catcher Paul Gaffney collecting the only Mountie hit.

Goforth started the game off in a wild fashion but settled down in the second inning to capture the win. He faced four men in the second allowing no hits. Kings Mountain rallied in the third scoring five big runs. Goforth started the inning off with a single. He took second when Gene Putnam blasted another Mountie single. Goforth scored when Mike Smith slammed the third single in a row for the Mountaineers. Paul Gaffney followed with a base on balls. Whetstone took the same route behind Gaffney. Putnam scored on Smith's single. Smith advanced to third when Whetstone and Gaffney walked and scored on a passed ball.

With two men on base, Wayne Mullinax drove a double into left field scoring both Mountaineer base runners.

R. Culbertson, Herndon Win

Ronnie Culbertson defeated Clyde Culbertson, 3-1 in the Mixed Bowling League action this past week. Ronnie Culbertson led the winners with a game total of 358. He rolled lines of 134, 98, and 126. Clyde Culbertson led his team with a 348 total. He rolled lines of 113, 104, and 131.

In the second contest, Bob Herndon defeated Ranny Blanton, 3-1. Ranny Blanton led his team with a 392 total. Blanton rolled lines of 134, 112, and 142 for his game leading total. Bob Herndon rolled lines of 107, 111, 127 for a total of 345 to take scoring honors for the losers.

Etheridge Wins Only K.M. Contest

The Kings Mountain High School's netmen, lost a 8-1 decision to Hickory this past week. The only player to take scoring honors for Kings Mountain was Richard Etheridge. Etheridge defeated Ensor Transfield of Hickory in sets of 6-4, and 6-2.

Chandy Greenholt, Steve Lail, John Lafferty, Stan Yoynit and Carl Starnes all won over Kings Mountain players in the single matches. In the doubles competition, Hickory whitewashed Kings Mountain, 3-0. The team of Lafferty and Lail defeated the number one team of Kings Mountain, Etheridge and Gladden, 6-4, 5-7, and 2-6.



Rocky Goforth

Central Wins

Pete Hicks collected five hits in five times at bat and David Bolin pitched a four hitter, as the Central Junior High School Patriots defeated Arlington of Gastonia, 19-3.

Hicks slammed two home runs in his afternoon's plate performance. Central collected a total of 16 hits, with Bolin and Dale Russell leading the run scoring department with four each.

Ricky Hord also went perfect at the plate for Central as he collected three for three.

Central's next game is scheduled for Friday, March 29, at City Stadium in Kings Mountain.

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

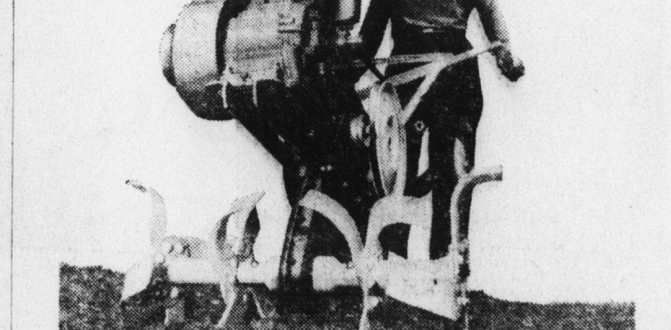
March 27—At Victory
March 28—Arlington
April 2—Dallas
April 8—At Victory
April 9—At Dallas
April 18—At Belmont
April 23—Belmont
April 30—Dallas
May 6—At Dallas
May 10—Myrtle — 7:30 p.m.
SPORTS — TENNIS-EAST

CLEAN-UP

Mountain Rest cemetery officials are asking citizens to remove all old Christmas wreaths and flowers from the cemetery this week so the cemetery can be readied for Easter Sunrise services.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

The State Duck Pin Bowling Tournament scheduled for Kings Mountain's Mountain Lanes Bowling Center, has been postponed and will be played April 20 and 21. The Tournament is the last of the bowling season.



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KINGS MOUNTAIN FARM CENTER
126 EAST GOLD STREET

Rocky Goforth Allows Two Hits In Five Innings

Bessemer Falls To KM Nine

Kings Mountain rolled past Bessemer City for their second straight win of the 1968 baseball season. The Mountaineers outscored their opponents 11-3.

KM Tracksters Place Fourth

The Kings Mountain High School Track Team placed fourth in the meet held in Shelby this past week. Shelby won the event, with Crest High placing second, and R.S. Central and Kings Mountain taking the third and fourth positions.

RESULTS
FIELD EVENTS
HIGH JUMP
Haggard, Shelby, 5'10"
Foster — Shelby, 5'6"
Martin — Shelby, 5'6"
Beck — Cherryville, 5'4"
Hush — Lincolnton, 5'4"
Surratt — Shelby, 5'4"
SHOTPUT
Nestlerode — Crest, 45'
Stroup — Cherryville, 40'2"
Ledford — Shelby, 40'11"
Greene — Kings Mtn., 39'1 1/4"

POLE VAULT
Haggard — Shelby, 11'8"
Gibbs — R.S., 11'4"
Hamrick — R.S., 9'
Ledford — Kings Mtn., 9'
DISCUS
Greene — Kings Mtn., 129' 1/2"
Westleader — Crest, 129' 6 1/2"
Farmer — Shelby, 119' 10 1/2"
Branton — Shelby, 119' 10 1/2"

BROAD JUMP
Young — Chase, 21' 3/4"
Falster — Shelby, 21' 3/4"
Thrower — Shelby, 21' 1 1/4"
Williams — Shelby, 20' 7 1/2"
TRIPLE JUMP
Young — Chase, 42' 1/4"
Foster — Shelby, 40' 4"
Thrower — Shelby, 39' 5 1/4"
Williams — Shelby, 37' 2 1/4"

TEAM EVENTS
800 RELAY
Shelby — 1:38.65
Huss — 1:40.0
R.S. — 1:41.4
440 RELAY
Shelby — 46.2
Crest — 46.3
Kings Mtn. — 47.45
Cherryville — 49:00

RUNNING EVENTS
Martin — R.S., 17.8
Hagger — Shelby, 17.9
Champion — K.M., 18.1
Martin — Shelby, 18.2
LOW HURDLES
Toms — Shelby, 22.5
Surratt — Crest, 22.55
Fowler — R.S., 29.9
Beck — Cherryville, 23.1

100 YARD DASH
McSwain — Crest, 10:75
Toms — Shelby, 11:00
Sarrett — Crest, 11:1
Hardin — Huss, 11.2
800 YARD DASH
Morrison — Crest, 2:10.8
Cash — Lincolnton, 2:13.5
Varner — Burns, 2:18.9
Grendal — Huss, 2:19

MILE RUN
Hollifield — Shelby, 5:00.1
Cochrane — Lincolnton, 5:10.5
Eurrey — Lincolnton, 5:10.8
Hunter — Lincolnton, 5:17
220 YARD DASH
Surratt — Crest, 24.2
Miller — Kings Mtn., 24.65
Harbin — Huss, 24.8
Clover — Crest, 25.1

440 YARD DASH
Guest — Shelby, 53.05
Morrison — Crest, 56.5
Childers — Shelby, 56.9
Hines — Central, 57.6

LIB GAULT ROLLS HIGH GAME

Three to one was the story in the Ladies Mixed Bowling League this past week, as Oates Shell Service and Tignor Construction Company, along with American Legion won by those respective scores.

Mary Barrett led Oates over Drew's Tax Service with a 313 total, she rolled lines of 101, 115, and 97. Pat Herndon led the losers with a 282 total.

Ethel Tignor led her team over Plonk Brothers with a 317 mark. She rolled lines of 97, 105, and 115. Betty Fine led Plonk's with a 311 total.

Lib Gault rolled lines of 104, 105, and 110 as American Legion defeated Griffin Drug. Gault totaled 319 points for her night's performance. Louise Dover led the losers with a 307 total.

Netman Lose

The Kings Mountain High School tennis team could pick up only two points against the East Kutherford Cavaliers this past week, as East won going away, 7-1.

Kings Mountain's number one man Richard Etheridge was defeated by Mobie Michalove, 3-8. Steve Gladden, the number two Mountaineer man, was defeated by Lee Harold, 6-8.

King Mountain failed to win a singles match as East collected six straight wins in that department.

In the doubles competition, the team of Etheridge-Gladden defeated Michalove-Harold. Also the team of Harry-Whisnant defeated Reager-McKinney. Both games were won by identical scores of 8-6.

Pearson Sets Softball Plans

There will be a meeting Sunday afternoon at the Kings Mountain City Hall March 31, at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to organize a men's slow pitch softball league in Kings Mountain, for the 1968 season.

All persons interested should be present at this meeting. There will also be a meeting immediately after the first to discuss the Teener Baseball program for the coming season. Interested coaches should be present.

Directors Roy Pearson and Elmer Ross have already been busy organizing The Carolinas Slow Pitch Softball League. Pearson was elected president of the league at a recent meeting in Denver, North Carolina. Teams from Kings Mountain, Denver, Gastonia and Rock Hill will be entered in the league.

The Kings Mountain All-Stars met Kannapolis April 6, in Kings Mountain. Pearson stated that announcements will be made within the next few weeks concerning the other baseball teams concerned with the city's recreational department.

Slow Pitch Softball

There will be a game between the Kings Mountain All-Stars and Aker's Motor Lines this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at City Stadium. This will be the first slow-pitch softball game this year in Kings Mountain. Fans are urged to attend.

Kings Mountain picked up their last two runs in the fourth on a double by Mullinax and a sacrifice fly that scored Charles Barnes. Mullinax scored on a Bessemer City error.

Bessemer City scored their only run in the fourth when Roger Queen walked and scored on a single by Jim Causon.

Brackett, Plonk Win 4-0 Matches

The teams of Albert Brackett and Plonk Oil Company both while washed their opponents this past week, in the Men's Bowling League. Brackett and Plonk's picked up four to zero wins. In the other game played in the league, Richard Culbertson defeated Ranny Blanton, 3-1.

Ren Culbertson led Albert Brackett with a 353 total, he rolled lines of 139, 111, 103. Clyde Culbertson led Stroups, the losing team, with a 345 total. He rolled lines of 100, 130, and 115.

Clarence Plonk led Plonk Oil Company in their 4-0 victory over Dilling Heating. Plonk rolled lines of 117, 108, and 134. Fred Wilson led the losers with a 335 total. He rolled lines of 101, 111, and 123.

Richard Culbertson set the pace for his team as they defeated Ranny Blanton 3-1. Culbertson totaled 352 points, with lines of 109, 116, 127. Ranny Blanton led the losers with a 325 total. He rolled lines of 116, 111, and 98.

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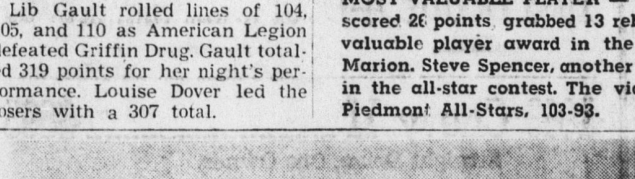
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ODDS-'N'-ENDS

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TRACK

Ronnie Miller, Charles Greene, and Joe Champion will be leading the Kings Mountain track squad this season — providing nothing goes wrong. Greene won the Discus competition in Shelby this past week. Miller placed second in the 220 yd. dash with a 24.65 timing. Champion placed third in the high hurdles with a 18.1 mark.

Both Miller and Champion ran in the Association meet last year and are expected to run again this track season. Greene will also be on his way to the Association, if he keeps his good work up.

Wilson Ledford, a surprising freshman, placed third in the pole vaulting contest. Ledford cleared 9'.

GOLF

Seniors Stan Yarbro and Pat Cheshire will be leading the linksmen charge this season. Head Coach Don Parker will be counting on these two boys. Tommy Grayson and Jeff Mauney along with Mike McDaniel will also be helping the Mountaineer cause.

In their first match of the season they lost to Cherryville, 6 1/2 to 5 1/2. But later in the week, they rebounded to defeat the Ironmen 7 1/2 to 4 1/2.

TENNIS

Richard Etheridge once again leads the tennis prospects. Etheridge collected the only Mountaineer win against Hickory this week. He defeated Ensor Transfield 6-4 and 6-2.

Steve Gladden and Robert Harry are currently holding down the second and third positions on the team. Tommy Bridges and Lauren Whistnant have the fourth and fifth starting slots with Alan Hambricht holding down sixth.

BASEBALL

Coach Bob Hussey will be counting on the pitching performance of Rocky Goforth and Darrell Whetstone this season. Paul Gaffney and Mike Smith will be counted on for their hitting.

Probable starters for the first conference clash with Lincolnton on April 2, are Ken Mitchem at first base, Mike Smith at second, Gene Putnam at shortstop, and Wayne Mullinax at third. Charles Barnes will man the right field position with Rick Finger and Bruce Jones in the center and left field positions. Paul Gaffney will be catching.

Gaffney is the only returning all-conference selection. But several all-conference prospects have been noted this year in Mike Smith and Rocky Goforth. Gene Putnam may be considered to be in this category.

The Mountaineers won their first contest over Bessemer City 10-3. Surprising to note, the K.M. lads had only two days practice under their belts, but still came out on top.

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL

Coaches Porter Griggs and Barry Gibson are looking forward to a good season. This season will be Gibson's first as a coach. He played college ball at Lenoir Rhyne in Hickory and was one of their leading pitchers.

Head Coach Griggs will be depending on the performance of David Bolin on the mound and Pete Hicks at the plate. Both Hicks and Bolin led Central over Arlington this past week. Pete led at the plate with a 5 for 5 performance. Bolin pitched a neat three hitter and went 2 for 3 at the plate.



ROOKIE COACH — Harry Gibson, former Lenoir Rhyne pitching star, is shown here, hitting fly balls to the outfield, in a recent practice session. Gibson is assistant coach for the Central Junior High School Patriots. This is his first coaching assignment. Central meets Arlington this coming Friday at City Stadium.