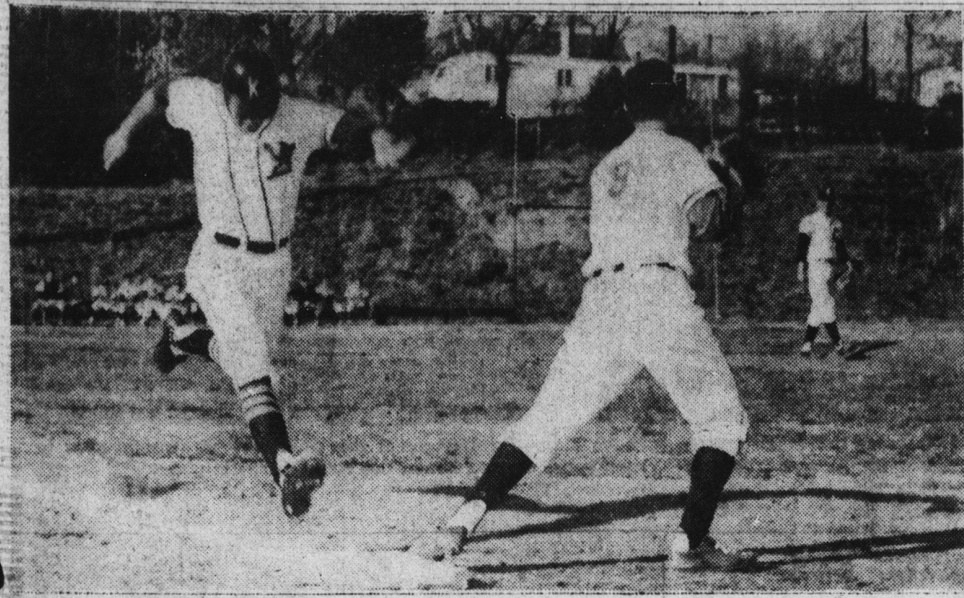


Kings Mountain Whips Chase Trojans, 7-4



STRETCH MOUNTIE! — Kings Mountain's Wayne Mullinax stretches for first base in the last pre-season game with the Chase Trojans. The Mountaineers won the contest, 9-5.

Mike Smith Hits Grand Slam

Adams, Gold Most Valuable

Spencer Takes Leadership Trophy

By JOE CORNWELL

George Adams, Sharon Gold, and Steve Spencer were the award winners at the recent Kiwanis Basketball Banquet. Adams and Gold won the most valuable player award for their team and Spencer clinched the leadership trophy for the Kings Mountain High School Varsity boys.

Adams, an amazing 6'5" center, led the boys' team in scoring this year. He grabbed the most rebounds of any other Mountie player and averaged three assists a ball game. He won the honors of All-Conference, All-State. He played in the Marion All-Star Classic. In that contest he won the game's most valuable player award and led all scorers and re-

bounders with 13 rebounds and 26 points. It was Adams' second straight year in receiving the award.

Gold, a three year star for the Mountaineers, clinched the most valuable player award for her team. She led the Mountaineers to a 17-3 regular season record. She was chosen on the All-Conference team for the second straight year and a member of the Southwestern Conference All-Tournament team. This was also her second year to receive the award.

The only other award went to Spencer. This was the leadership award presented to the boy who is considered to be the leader of the team. This year Spencer did a fine job. He was selected as an

All-Conference player, a Marion Classic All-Star and a member of the Southwestern Conference All-Tournament team. Kings Mountain citizens can be

proud of these cage stars. They carried the Kings Mountain name to many towns and came home undefeated.

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers defeated Chase for the second straight time this past week, 7-4. Although the Mountaineers were weak in the hitting department they still came out on top. Kings Mountain could collect only four hits, Junior Wayne Mullinax collecting two of the four; with Mike Smith hitting a grand-slam.

Chase lashed out nine hits but could only score four runs in the contest.

In the first inning Kings Mountain fell behind Chase 1-0. A single by Gary Winn of the Trojans was the only Chase hit in that inning of play.

Kings Mountain rallied in the second scoring six big Mountie runs. Mullinax led the inning off with a single. Kings Mountain pitcher Darrell Whetstone walked to put Kings Mountain men on the Trojan bases. Another walk out Rick Finger on the bases and the bases were loaded. Bruce Jones then picked up the third base on balls for the Mountaineers scoring Mullinax.

Gene Putnam the next Kings Mountain batter hit into a fielder's choice situation and forced Whetstone out at the plate. Mike Smith then collected the big blow of the day as he smashed a grand slam home run. The homer gave the Mountaineers a 6-0 lead.

Kings Mountain picked up their other run in the third inning as Clarence Ash scored.

The win was the fourth in a row for the Mountaineers.



ODDS-'N'-ENDS

By JOE CORNWELL
Herald Sports Editor

"Take What You Want, But Pay For It."

Neil Johnston, freshman basketball coach of the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, made the principal address at the Thursday night Kiwanis Basketball Banquet.



NEIL JOHNSTON

Johnston, speaking to the Kings Mountain High School basketball teams, stressed that the athlete of today has to "take what he wants, but he also has to pay for it". To become a success he has to work for it, but after reaching the top he may enjoy its benefits.

He also said that there were three things that the athlete must do to become a success. He must "develop potential", "develop confidence" and do his best.

Johnston, a ten-year veteran of the National Basketball Association as a player and coach, made his college coaching debut this season with the Deacons. He stated that one reason that the Deacons' record was not too good was the fact that they had no seniors on the starting lineup. The team was composed of all sophomores and one junior. Their captain was on the bench as a reserve and the Deacons had no one on the court as leader. He said that the Deacons probably have one of the best guards in the country in Charles Davis.

Johnston, now 37, was a former pitcher in the Philadelphia Phillies' farm system for two years following his graduation from Ohio State. He joined the Philadelphia Warriors of the NBA in 1951. He spent eight years as a player before taking over as coach of Pittsburgh in 1959.

He led the NBA in scoring three straight years and was the top rebounder in 1955. He was selected to the all-league team four times and was the most valuable player in both 1953-54. He played in a total of 516 games and scored a total of 10,023 points for a 19.4 scoring average. Johnston was presented to the Kings Mountain basketball players by Charles Neisler. Before leaving the Kings Mountain players he stated, "The credit belongs to the man in the arena."

Hussey: "Don Parker Was My Inspiration."

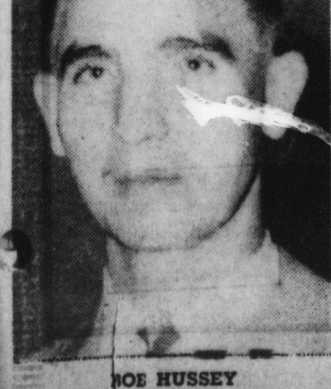


DON PARKER

"Don Parker was my inspiration," these were the words of Coach Bob Hussey of the Kings Mountain Mountaineers, as he told of the Mountaineers' very eventful season. The season, one in which the Mountaineers coasted through all regular season games undefeated and a bi-conference championship, was a great success for the Mountaineer cagers.

"Parker was always there to pat me on the back and give an encouraging word." In the first game of the year, with Hunter Huss of Gastonia, Parker told Hussey to take it easy. "It isn't so bad," he said.

Coach Hussey has coached his first two varsity coaching positions with a lot of success. He led the 1967 Kings Mountain baseball team to a conference championship, and again this year, he led the Mountaineer cagers to their second straight undefeated conference mark. The Herald would like to congratulate Coach Bob Hussey for his fine coaching job this 1967-68 season.



BOB HUSSEY

KM Hands Game To Wolves

Lincolnton rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning scoring six big runs as the Kings Mountain Mountaineers fell to the hands of the Wolves, 6-5.

Kings Mountain held a 5-0 lead going into the bottom of the seventh. But after the inning was over the Mountaineers had lost their first conference game of the opening round of conference play.

Darrel Whetstone and Rocky Goforth combined pitching abilities allowing only two Wolves to collect hits. Lincolnton gained one hit off of Goforth in the bottom of the seventh and one off of Whetstone in the second. Passed balls, errors, and walks gave Lincolnton the advantage in the last with six big runs. Goforth took over the pitching duties in the seventh after Whet-

stone allowed two runs.

The loss was the first for the Mountaineers this season. They meet Belmont this Friday for their second conference tilt. Reports are that Goforth will receive the starting call on the

mountain for the Mountaineers, come game time Friday. The other eight starters will be decided this week in practice. Coach Hussey reporting that there will be some changes made in the lineup.

David Bolin Leads Central Patriots Over Dallas Junior High, 8-3

David Bolin's hitting and pitching led the Central Junior High Patriots to their third win of the young baseball season here yesterday over Dallas, 8-3.

Bolin, a husky eighth grader, who also excels in football and basketball besides being an excellent student pitched a one-hitter and had a homer, triple and single in four trips to the plate.

Dallas capitalized on eight walks and a two-run scoring error to score their three runs.

Pete Hicks, Dale Russell, Bill Whetstone and Keith Parker also chipped in with timely hits for the Patriots.

Last Friday, Big Pete Hicks, got his first win of the year, a 1-0 win at Victory.

Hicks allowed only two hits and contributed to his own cause with a grand slam homer in the first inning.

David Bolin also had a homer in the easy win.

Hicks struck out eight and walked five in posting his first win of the year.

The Patriots play twice next

week, visiting Victory on Monday and playing at Dallas on Tuesday.

Line Scores:

Central 405 131 0-14 6 4
Victory 000 210 0-3 2 1
Hicks and Echols, Oliver (6);
Humphries, Burrell, Miller and Horton.
Dallas 000 020 0-3 1 2
Central 013 103 x-8 9 1
Bolin and Oliver, Rolan, Ashe (6) and Brewer.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

There will be a meeting of the Men's Softball League April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. All members are encouraged to be present.

Kings Mountain Duck Pin Bowlers Enter National Tournament

The 1968 National Duckpin Bowling Tournament will open on Saturday, March 30, at the Fair Lanes East point Bowling establishment, Baltimore, Md.,

running daily through Sunday, May 12.

Last year's tournament, at Newington, Conn., drew a record entry of 1,444 teams, 897 doubles, 1701 singles, and 603 mixed doubles. This year's tournament could also account for a similar size entry.

Kings Mountain will be sending the following people to the National Tournament: Ranny Blanton, Albert Brackett, Richard Culbertson, Ronnie Culbertson, and Clyde Culbertson along with John Dilling Bill and Lib Gault, Harvey and Bety Hultender, Jenny Oates, and Clarence Plonk. The individual teams will be organized when they go to Baltimore. They will include, mixed, ladies, and mens' contest.

Ware Wins Only Mountaineer Match

The Kings Mountain High School tennis team lost to R. S. Central 8-1 this past week. Jimmy Ware picked up the only win for the Kings Mountain lads in that contest. Ware defeated David Roberson 6-3, and 6-3.

Steve Blanton defeated Kings Mountain's number one man Richard Etheridge 6-1, 6-1. All other Kings Mountain netmen were defeated by their Central opponents.

Bowling Standings

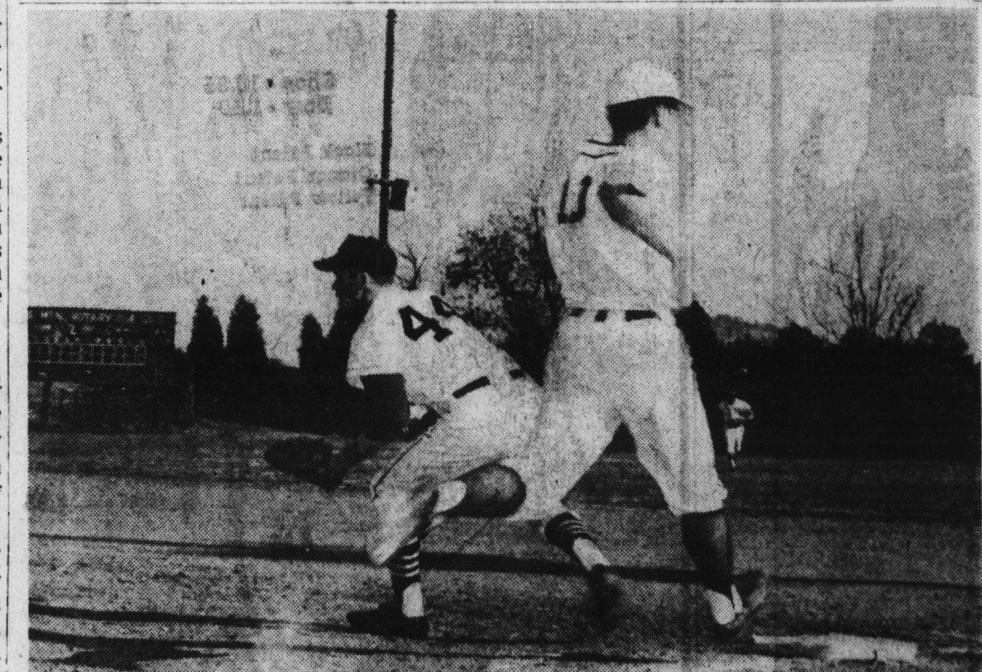
| Team | W | L |
|---------------------|----|----|
| American Legion | 38 | 14 |
| Oates Shell | 31 | 21 |
| Plonk Brothers | 25 | 27 |
| Tignor Construction | 22 | 30 |
| Drew's Tax Service | 20 | 32 |
| Griffin Drug | 20 | 32 |

| Team | W | L |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Ronnie Culbertson | 35 | 21 |
| Clyde Culbertson | 32 | 24 |
| Ranny Blanton | 24 | 30 |
| Bob Herndon | 21 | 35 |

| Team | W | L |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Albert Brackett | 24 | 16 |
| Clyde Culbertson | 20 | 16 |
| Plonk Oil | 22 | 18 |
| Richard Culbertson | 19 | 21 |
| Ranny Blanton | 17 | 23 |
| Dilling Heating | 14 | 22 |

SOFTBALL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Women's Softball League Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All persons interested in forming this league should be present at this meeting. The meeting will be held at City Hall.



HUSTLE BUDDY! — An unidentified Chase Trojan player rushes for first base in last week's contest between the Kings Mountain Mountaineers and the Trojans. Darrell Whetstone is the Kings Mountain first baseman.

Mixed, Ladies, And Men's Bowling Results

Bob Herndon tied Ronnie Culbertson and Clyde Culbertson defeated Ranny Blanton three to one in the Mixed Bowling League action this week.

Aud Tignor led Bob Herndon and John Dilling paced Ronnie Culbertson in the league's only tie contest of the week. Tignor rolled lines of 110, 117, and 112 for a 339 game total. Dilling rolled lines of 97, 106, 145 for a total of 348.

In Ranny Blanton's three to one loss to Clyde Culbertson, Lib Gault led the winners as she rolled lines of 91, 103, and 123 for a 317 game total. Furman Wilson paced the Ranny Blanton with a 336 total with lines of 124, 118, and 94.

Action was heavy in the Ladies Bowling League this past week with Griffin Drug and Oates Shell picking up the only wins. American Legion tied Drewes

Tax Service at two all.

Pat Panther paced the Griffin Drug Company as they whitewashed Tignor Construction Company, 4-0. Panther rolled lines of 124, 107, and 98 for a set total of 329. Barbara Miller led the losers with a 290 total.

Jenny Oates lead Oates Shell over Plonk Brothers, 3-1. She rolled lines of 121, 108 and 98 for a set total of 327. Betty Fite led Plonk Brothers with a 305 total.

Lib Gault and Bobbie Lovelace both paced their teams as American Legion and Drewes Tax Service tied at two all. Gault, playing for American Legion, rolled a total of 306. She rolled lines of 107, 106, and 93 for her game leading total. Lovelace rolled lines of 77, 115, 98 for a 290 total.

Richard Culbertson defeated Stroup's 66, 3-1. Albert Brackett

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RUNNING EVENTS

HIGH HURDLES
Haggard—Shelby, 16.9
Martin—Shelby, 17.4
Champion—K. M., 17.6
Mabry—Shelby, 18.9

LOW HURDLES
Fowler—R. S., 22.2
Surratt—Crest, 23.0
Toms—Shelby, 23.5
Ross—Burns, 23.7

100-YD. DASH
Toms—Shelby, 10.4
McSwain—Crest, 10.45
Miller—K. M., 10.9
Surratt—Crest, 10.9

800-YD. RUN
Barnes—Burns, 2:11.8
Cash—Linc., 2:12.3
Morrison—Crest, 2:12.6
Steadman—Shelby, 2:16.1

Tracksters Place 3rd; KM Boys Total 24 Pts.

The Kings Mountain High School tracksters placed third again this week, as they totaled 24 points in the track met held in Shelby.

Shelby won the event for the second straight week. The Lions totaled 72 points. Crest finished second with a 34½ point total and Lincolnton took fourth with 12 points.

MILERUN

Hollifield—Shelby, 4:51.8
Morrison—Crest, 4:55.5
Cockeran—Linc., 4:57.8
Petty—Shelby, 5:53.3

220-YD. RUN
McSwain—Crest
Smith—K. M., 24.1
Miller—K. M., 24.5
Jones—Cherry, 29.95

440-YD. DASH
Guest—Shelby, 52.4
Norwood—Linc., 55.7
Chisom—Shelby, 57.0
Milton—Crest, 57.5

Boy Scout News

The month of March has been a scouting month for Troop 92 Boy Scouts. In addition to the regular troop and patrol meetings, there has been camping and hiking. The attendance has been very good for this month and the troop has recruited several new boys.

Scout John McGill, son of Dr. John McGill, is an example of an out doorsman. During his six and one half months in the troop, he has hiked over one hundred miles. He has the hiking merit badge.

Most, if not all patrols, have been camping. The camping trips were all successful. They all showed good examples of the scouting skills.

Other activities in the Troop this month have been a twelve mile hike, a swim at the Gastonia Y.M.C.A., cooking, board of review, and rifle shooting.

TEAM EVENTS

440 RELAY
Crest—46.05
Shelby—46.02
K. M.—47.55
R. S.—47.6

880 RELAY
Shelby—1:37.2
Crest—1:37.8
K. M.—1:39.7
Linc.—1:40

MILE RELAY
Shelby—3:43.8
Linc.—3:46.3
Burns—3:54
Crest—3:56.8

SERMON TOPIC

Dr. Paul Ausley's sermon topic at the Sunday morning worship hour Palm Sunday at First Presbyterian church will be, "God's Unexpected." The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. Sunday's service and all services during April will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT.

TO ST. PAUL'S

Rev. T. A. Powell has been assigned pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, result of new Methodist appointments in the Central district, now part of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

FIELD EVENTS

SHOT PUT
Nestlerode—Crest, 44'9"
Stroupe—Cherry, 40'2"
Greene—K. M., 40'
Ledford—Shelby, 39'10½"

BROAD JUMP
Young—Chase, 21'8"
Falster—Shelby, 20'10½"
Williams—Shelby, 20'7½"
Thrower—Shelby, 20'1"

HIGH JUMP
Haggard—Shelby, 5'6"
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