

Rocky Goforth & Co. Stop Crest Chargers, 3-2

First Inning Single Only Charger Hit

By JOE CORNWELL

A lead-off single by Ronnie Wilson in the top of the first inning was the only hit of the afternoon, for the Crest Chargers, as Kings Mountain's Rocky Goforth pitched a one hit ball game and collected his sixth win of the season, 3-2.

Sports Shorts

Herald congratulations are in store for George Adams. Adams was chosen to play in the East-West All-Star game, July 30. He led the Kings Mountain Mountaineer Basketball team to their second straight Southwestern Conference championship.

Herald congratulations are in store for Rocky Goforth, Kings Mountain High School pitcher. Goforth pitched a neat two hit ball game against the Crest Chargers, in posting his sixth win of the season. The win brought the Mountaineer's record to 3-3.

Southwestern Conference Baseball Standings were released by W. C. Clary, secretary to the association. Kings Mountain holds down the number three spot.

The Kings Mountain Royal Ambassador Baseball Intermediated League Schedule was announced. This week's contest pits East Side Against Piedmont. The Kings Mountain Royal Ambassador Baseball Junior League Schedule was also announced. 1st Baptist will play East this week.

May 3, is the date set for the Bi-Conference track meets. Piedmont Conferences will be in North Rowan and the Western Conferences will be at Shelby. The Association meet is scheduled for North Rowan on May 11, at 10:00.

Goforth allowed two runs in the top of the fifth inning as the only Crest markers. He walked four and struck out nine as the Mountaineers brought their record to 11 wins against three losses.

Kings Mountain got on the scoreboard in the second inning, when Paul Gaffney, Kings Mountain catcher, singled to reach the basepaths. Gaffney took second on a passed ball on the Crest catcher. Rounded the bases by virtue of the same way he took second, as the Crest catcher allowed two more balls to slip through his glove.

The Mountaineers picked up another run in the bottom of the third, as Goforth singled to right field. Gene Putnam then walked for the Mountaineers putting base runners on first and second. Second baseman Mike Smith, singled Goforth to third and Putnam to second. Goforth then scored on another passed ball on the Crest catcher, for the Mountaineers second run of the evening.

The Mounties went scoreless until the sixth inning when they picked up their third and final run of the night. Ken Mitchem walked, to start things off for the Mountaineers. He took second on a single by Gaffney and stole third. After stealing third he decided to take home too. He accomplished his feat, and the Mountaineers collected the victory.

In all total, the Mountaineers collected five hits. Gaffney led them at the plate with a 2-4 performance. Jack Bell collected a double, with Goforth, and Smith adding singles.

7th Inning Rally Nips Cherries

Back-to-back singles by Gene Putnam, Mike Smith, and Wayne Mullinax combined with a sacrifice fly by Paul Gaffney and another single by Jack Bell, provided the Kings Mountain Mountaineers with enough steam to score three runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat the Cherryville Ironmen, 3-0.

Both teams went scoreless until that eventful Mountaineer inning. Darrell Whetstone collected the win for the Mountaineers as he allowed only four Cherryville batters to collect singles. Gary Lindsay was awarded the loss for the Ironmen. Lindsay allowed the Mountaineers to collect five hits, four of them coming in the last inning.

Cherryville came close to scoring in the third when Jim Patterson reached third base after a Kings Mountain error. Patterson was tagged out while attempting to score at home. Putnam led the Mountaineers at the plate with a 2-3 performance.

Whetstone could only strike out three Ironmen. While walking no one. Lindsay fanned nine Mountaineers. While walking only one. The win sent the Mountaineers into a tie with Cherryville for second place in the Southwestern and if Cherryville defeats Lincoln this week providing also that the Mountaineers collect a victory over Shelby, the teams will be in a three way tie for first place.

ODDS-'N'-ENDS

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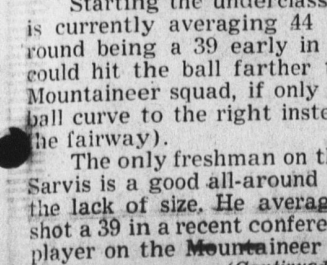
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Pat Cheshire, Stan Yarbro, and Jeff Mauney are the three senior players on the Kings Mountain High School golf team. Cheshire is currently playing in the number one position for the Mountaineers. Yarbro is pushing Cheshire hard for his starting position, while Mauney is angling on to third.

The Mountaineer golf team is composed of the top eight golfers in the school. Their positions on the team are determined by the scores that they shoot (lowest to highest).

Coach Don Parker is still at the reins of the linksmen, after many years of service at that position. Parker coached the 1967 Kings Mountain High School basketball team to their first perfect conference season. That feat was matched by Bob Hussey a year later as the Mountaineers rolled to a 25-1 record. Parker, before taking over as Title I director, was also a Mountaineer football coach.

Other golfers rounding out the top eight are, in order: Tommy Grayson, Dana Sarvis, Mike McDaniel, Don Bridges, and Charles Allen.

Let's take a look at each of the Mountaineer golfers. Cheshire, better known as "Shane" or the best dressed golfer on the Mountaineer squad, is averaging 37 strokes per contest this season. He is the only three-year letterman on the Mountaineer team. He played in the second position last season, first being held by his teammate Yarbro, and averaged 39 strokes per match.

This season, Pat has matched strokes with Yarbro, and taken over the number one position on the squad. His best match was played against East Rutherford. A contest in which he shot a one under par 35. Cheshire scored the second eagle in the history of the Kings Mountain High School Golf team. He recorded it on the number eight, par five hole, at the National Golf Course in Gastonia. That hole totaled 515 yards. He averages 275 yards per drive and regards putting as his only problem. Incidentally, Jay Powell was the only other player to eagle a hole in KMHS golf history.

Yarbro, playing the number two position on the Mountaineer squad. He traveled to the Association Match last season and should, along with Cheshire, be going again this year. He averages 37 strokes per contest this season and averaged that same total a year ago. His best game was a 35, one under par. He averages 250 yards per drive. "Ski", a nickname given him by his teammates, plans to attend Wake Forest University, after graduating from Kings Mountain.

Mauney, better known as "Doc", is the number three man on the team. Jeff averages 44 strokes per contest and labels his main problem as approach shots. Mauney was manager for the Kings Mountain Football team and is planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He regards his best game to be against Cherryville. A contest in which he recorded a 40. Last season, "Doc" averaged 41 strokes per tilt. He also gained a letter for his performance.

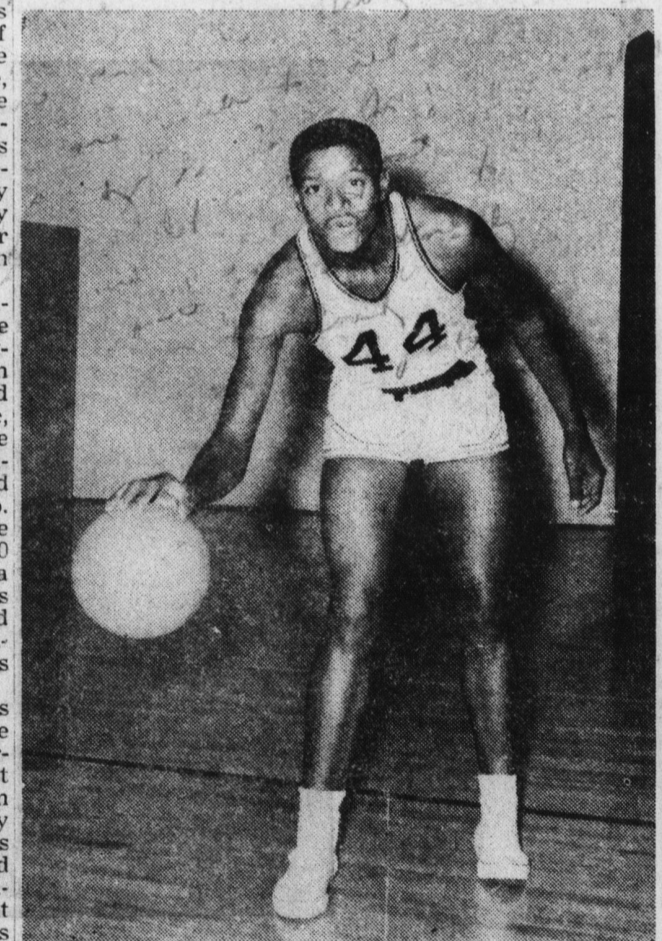
Starting the underclassman role is Grayson. Grayson is currently averaging 44 strokes per contest. His best round being a 39 early in the season. Tommy probably could hit the ball farther than any other player on the Mountaineer squad, if only he wouldn't slice (making the ball curve to the right instead of traveling straight down the fairway).

The only freshman on the Mountaineer team is Sarvis. Sarvis is a good all-around golfer player. His problem being the lack of size. He averages 46 strokes per contest and shot a 39 in a recent conference clash. Dana is the youngest player on the Mountaineer squad. He is a freshman.

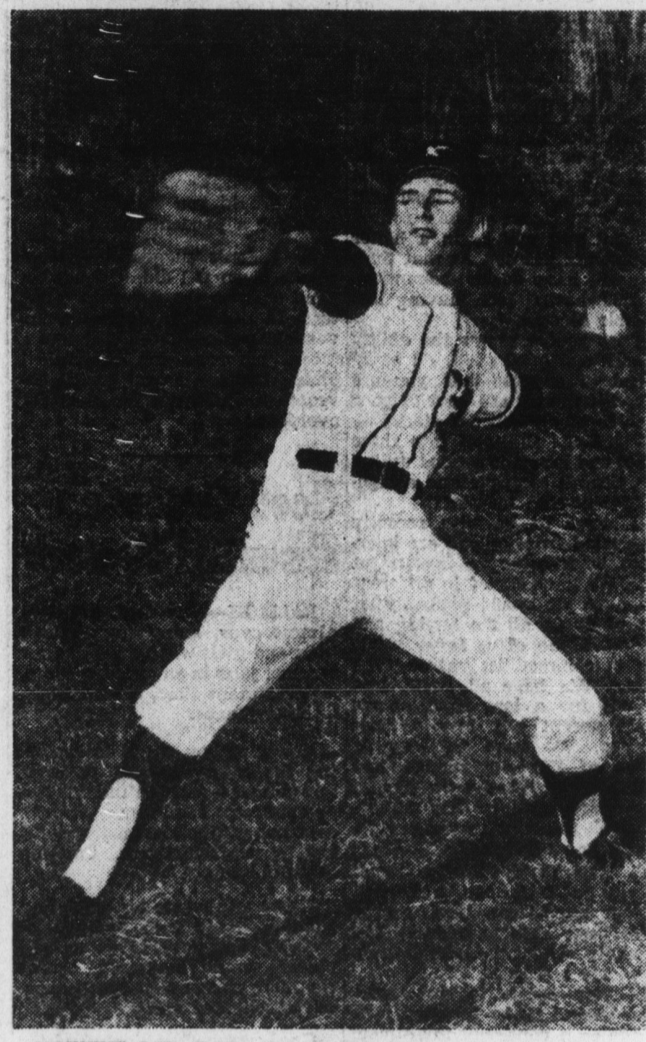
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SLUGGING CATCHER—Mountaineer catcher Paul Gaffney (pictured above) is one of the leading hitters on the Mountaineer baseball team. Gaffney has a two for four performance against Crest.



MOUNTAINEER TO PLAY IN ALL-STAR TILT—Kings Mountain's George Adams will be the only player representing the Southwestern Conference in the annual East-West All-Star Classic. Adams will attend the annual basketball clinic July 29, and will play in the All-Star Tilt on July 30. George led the Mountaineers to a first place finish in the Southwestern Conference race and to another first place finish in Southwestern and Bi-Conference Tournament. He was the Mountie high scorer and set several new records in that department. Adams was All-Conference for two years straight and was chosen All-State this past season. He was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for the second time in a row, at the recent Kiwanis Basketball Banquet.



MOUNTIE ACE—Rocky Goforth (pictured above) pitched a one hit ball game against the Crest Chargers this past week. Goforth picked up his sixth win of the season as the Mountaineers won, 3-2.

Blue Devil Deviltry

Duke quarterback Al Woodall led the ACC in 1967 in both pass completion percentage (.527) and in total passing yardage (1,019 yards).

Duke's Andy Beath intercepted six passes in eight games in 1967 to lead the ACC.

Duke's Jay Calabrese rushed for 563 yards in 1967 for a career total of 1,801 yards, breaking WRay Carlton's old career rushing record of 1,785 yards.

Duke has finished in the Top Ten of basketball for seven of the last eight years.

Duke basketball coach Vic Bubas has compiled a record of 198 wins and only 54 losses for a .786 winning percentage in nine years.

Vic Bubas has been voted ACC Coach of the Year three times since becoming head coach at Duke in 1959—1963, 1964 and 1966.

Since the formation of the ACC in 1954, Duke basketball teams have compiled a 185-66 record against ACC opponents.

In 1966-67, Duke guard Bob Verga averaged 26.1 points per game to surpass Dick Groat's old single season mark of 26.0.

Although Bob Verga is only the fourth leading scorer in

Duke basketball history, he scored more field goals than any other past Duke performer.

Mike Lewis scored 1,416 points in his three years of basketball at Duke to become the sixth all-time Blue Devil scorer in history.

N. C. Drivers Driving More Says Report

RALEIGH — North Carolina motorists are driving more but apparently enjoying it less.

Figures released today by the Department of Motor Vehicles' Accident Records Division show increases for the first quarter of 1968 in fatalities, accidents and miles driven. On the positive side, personal injuries — number-wise and percentage-wise — are down for the first three months of 1968.

Tar Heel drivers are really racking up the miles on the state's streets and highways. The quarterly report estimates a total of 6.2 billion vehicular miles driven during January, February and March. That represents an increase of six percent. Motorists drove 26.6 billion miles in 1967.

Fatalities and total accidents are up, in line with the increased number of miles driven. Highway deaths are currently running about 11 percent ahead of the same period of last year.

"This is following the national pattern," said Joe Register, DMV's accident analyst. "Considering the nation as a whole, highway deaths are up about 11 percent as they are here in North Carolina."

In the accident category, there was a 6.5 percent increase during the first quarter. There were 23,859 accidents reported this year compared to 22,408 last year. During 1967, a total of 101,000 motor vehicle accidents were reported in the state.

Even with the increase in miles driven and total accidents, personal injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents are down for the period.

There were 173 fewer personal injuries reported during the first quarter of this year compared to last year.

"This is only a 1.5 percent reduction," Register said. "However, it is encouraging to note that the reductions were in the categories considered the most serious." For reporting purposes, DMV separates injuries into three categories—A, B and C. A is the most serious with bleeding, distorted member that requires the victim to be carried away from the scene. B type of injury includes bruises, abrasions, swell.

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