



### Many Trophies Presented During Past Weeks At KMHS

Many trophies have been awarded during the past few weeks in sports at Kings Mountain High School. Here are five of the many pictures taken during their presentations. Top left, George Adams receives the Shelby Daily Star's Player of the Year Award, from Ray Alley, Star Sports Editor. Top right, Paul Gaffney receives the John Moss Most Valuable Player Award from Mayor John Moss, of Kings Mountain. Lower left, Bert Smith receives the Most Valuable Player Award for football from Head Coach and Athletic Director Bill Bates. Center, Kings Mountain High School Principal Jake Atkinson, holds two of the trophies won by the Kings Mountain High School Basketball team, during the 1967-68 school year. Atkinson also accepted the runner-up sportsmanship award for the high school. Lower right, Gerald Allen, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach from Shelby, was the principal speaker at the recent all-sports banquet.



## Herald Sports

### Spagnolo Joins Adams and Rogers

Coach Eddie Holbrook of Gardner-Webb College today announced the signing of the third freshman player for his 1968-69 basketball squad.

Tony Spagnolo of Eastside High School in Paterson, N. J., joins George Adams of Kings Mountain, N. C., and Bill Rogers of Greenville, S. C., as future Bulldogs.

Spagnolo, listed in one scouting publication as one of the top 500 prep players in the nation, is a 6-3 1/2, 178 pound forward who averaged 21.3 points per game as a senior. Despite his size, Spagnolo pulled down an average of 14 rebounds per game. His quickness, aggressive play, and smoothness were described by Coach Holbrook as major factors in Spagnolo's selection to the All Paterson team, All County team, All Conference team and All Metropolitan (including New York City) team.

Coach Holbrook states that Spagnolo has played against keen competition and led his team into the New Jersey State playoffs this season. Spagnolo's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spagnolo of Paterson, N. J.

The 6-8 Rogers, Spagnolo and 6-5 Adams join returning sophomores Art Gilmore 7-2, Ernie Fleming 6-5, Kevin Cantwell 6-1, Jack McGill 6-0 and Robert Williams 6-5. The only loss was Art Roberts, 6-4, high school All American from Detroit, Mich., who is scholastically ineligible in 1968-69.

### Mars Hill Recruits Four From G-W

Mars Hill College went out and recruited a whole basketball team on the theory that you can't kick success. The four leading sophomores on the Gardner-Webb College team, which went 30-3 this past season, will be at Mars Hill this fall on scholarship grants.

David Brown, 6-6 center-forward of Purlear; Richard Mazoyer, 6-1 guard of Huntington, N. Y.; Karl Neilson, 6-5 forward of Miami Springs, Fla., and Jim Wilmoth, 6-4 forward and captain of the Gardner-Webb squad, have cast their fortunes with the Lions of Mars Hill.

All saw extensive action throughout their seasons at GW with Neilson and Wilmoth rated as stronger in their sophomore seasons. Neilson averaged 8.5 points per game, Wilmoth 12.6 per game, Mazoyer 7.8 points per game and Brown 6.4 points per game on a team which averaged 100.9 points per game and used 10 players extensively.

### Bosco's Gamble Pays Off

Bosco Lowe's gamble of running 100 miles without a pit stop for gas paid off Saturday. The Asheville driver picked up \$1100 in winning his first Hickory feature of the season, the "Scout-O-Rama 250".

The national sportsman championship race was equally kind to the Lakeland District of Boy Scouts who were donated 25% of the race proceeds by Hickory Speedway, \$2874.

Lowe finished 14 seconds ahead of Jack Ingram, in second place, and four laps in front of third place finisher Alvin Brown. All three Asheville drivers operate from Chevrolets.

Seven caution flags were dropped for an assortment of spinouts, wrecks and blown engines. Two drivers escaped in injury on the 40th lap when Hal Houston spun out on the homestretch and coasted to a stop in the center of the track. The helpless racer was hit headon by Ed Ducker, eliminating both cars.

Ingram won the pole position with a time trial of 16.88, which is 85.37 miles an hour. On the outside front row with an identical time was Jimmy Griffin of Eden, N. C.

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# Kings Mountain Eases Past Cherryville

## Cherries Hand 155 Loss, 6-1

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### N. C. State Is Really A "Tar Heel" Team, 21 From N. C.

The 1968 North Carolina State University baseball team which represents the Atlantic Coast Conference in the NCAA District III baseball playoffs at Gastonia, Thursday, is truly a "state" team. Every member of the Wolfpack's 21-man traveling squad is from the State of North Carolina, long a baseball hotbed.

The in-state Wolfpack also won the State championship by finishing 9-1 against its North Carolina rivals. Coach Sam Esposito's squad defeated Duke and Wake Forest three times each, and beat East Carolina, one of the four teams in the District III playoffs, twice. The only loss within North Carolina came against the North Carolina Tar Heels, 7-5, but the Wolfpack came back with a seven-run inning in the second game of the double-header to edge the Tar Heels, 7-6, for a victory over early in-state rival.

Two all-Atlantic Coast Conference players, third baseman Chris Cammack of Fayetteville and rightfielder Steve Martin of Lawsonville, top the roster which has six cities providing two or more players.

Greensboro has the most members on the squad, with pitchers Alex Cheek, Max Wilson and Tom Ramsey from the Piedmont city. First baseman Tommy Bradford joins Cammack as another Fayetteville representative, while the Combs twins, outfielder Fred Herford and catcher Francis, are from Herford.

Other boys from the same hometown are centerfielder Dave Boyer and pitcher Tommy Smith of Albemarle, catcher Gary Yount and first baseman-outfielder Dennis Punch from Newton, and second baseman Clem Huffman and catcher Mike Mallan of Hickory.

Additional Wolfpack Tar Heels are outfielder Robert Andrews, Sparta; pitcher Mike Caldwell, Tarboro; infielder Nelson Connor, Kings Mountain; pitcher Joe Frye, Fairmont; infielder John Lancaster, Wilson; shortstop Darrell Moody, Asheboro, and outfielder John Rowland, Raleigh.

While the Wolfpack won't be taking on a berth in the College World Series, June 10-15 at Omaha, Neb., when they compete with Alabama, Florida State and East Carolina for the District III title at Gastonia.

### Conner, Gold...?

Kings Mountain college baseball fans may have a treat in store, if everything goes their way in the District III NCAA baseball tournament in Gastonia.

Wouldn't it be nice if both Richard Gold and Nelson Conner were to meet each other in the tournament? Well, if everything goes right, that may just happen.

Gold plays for Florida State and Conner for North Carolina State. Florida State opens up with Eastern Carolina tonight in Sim's Park. N. C. State plays Alabama in the afternoon contest.

Home town fans of Conner and Gold will certainly have a treat in store if and when Conner and Gold meet in the District III tournament.

### Smith Wrecks In Shelby Race

SHELBY — Bobby Gossett of Spartanburg, S. C., laid back in third place waiting his chance Saturday night at the Shelby Speedway in the 30-lap late-model main event for sportsmen. Gossett got that chance with a quarter of a lap to go in the race and streaked across the finish line for the checkered flag.

Prston Humphries of Shelby, and Charlie Blanton of Gaffney, S. C., battled for 29 1/2 laps around the track, but with a quarter of a mile to go they hooked bumpers and spun out. Gossett then got his opportunity for victory and thus snapped Humphries four-race win streak.

Blanton in a Ford and Bill Bishop of Chesne, S. C., in a Chevrolet won heat race in the late-model event. Herman Mauney of Glen Alpine was second in the main event and Paul Schull of Granite Falls was third.

In the rookie division Jerry Gantt of Gaffney and Dale McMurray of Shelby won heat races with Gantt taking the main event.

J. E. Evans of Cowpens, S. C., won the hobby division race with Dub Beaver of Shelby finishing second, who has been virtually unbeatable in recent weeks.

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### N. C. State Advances To NCAA Baseball Playoffs Like Champs

North Carolina State advanced to the District III NCAA baseball playoffs like a champion should, by taking 14 of its last 16 games enroute to State's first Atlantic Coast Conference title.

The Wolfpack dropped two of its first three ACC games, but finished strong to win eight of the final nine games to end 13-4 in the ACC and 20-6 against all rivals.

"I'm hoping that we can carry our momentum into the playoffs," says Wolfpack coach Sam Esposito. "We'll have to do anything in Gastonia, since we'll be playing the South's best teams in a tough double-elimination tournament."

Included in State's fine finish were two victories over East Carolina, who, along with Alabama and Florida State, make up the District III field. The Wolfpack opens the tournament on Thursday, with a 3 p.m. game against Alabama, the Southeastern Conference champions.

In its final 16 games, the Wolfpack had its starting pitchers go the distance in 14 outings. Esposito has used a three-man starting rotation of senior Alex Cheek and freshmen Mike Caldwell and Joe Frye in all but two games this year. Sophomore Tommy Smith started the other two games, but did not finish either of them to have a 0-1 win-loss record. Cheek and Caldwell, both left-handers, each compiled 6-1 marks, while Frye won seven and lost two.

"The main success of our pitchers has been their control. They have managed to stay ahead of the hitters and not put many of them on base with walks,

making them hit the ball," adds Esposito.

The ability of having different hitters come up with key hits was also instrumental in the Wolfpack's great year, which was only the second 20-game victory season in State's baseball history.

While third baseman Chris Cammack (.411), rightfielder Steve Martin (.382) and centerfielder Dave Boyer (.352) all finished among the top five hitters in the ACC, the Pack could not have won if there hadn't been timely hitting throughout the lineup. Second baseman Clem Huffman's three-run, two-out homer beat North Carolina, 7-6, while Caldwell's single was the big hit in the 3-2 win over Maryland; Frye's two home runs beat East Carolina, and shortstop Darrell Moody hit a home run to win the game.

Esposito said all persons interested should contact the Kings Mountain High School or send their registration forms to the school.

### Register Early For Basketball Day Camp

Kings Mountain Basketball Coach Bob Hussey announced this week that any boy interested in attending the basketball camp should enroll before school is out this year. In order for the Kings Mountain staff to hold a school, they first must have enough members enrolled to finance the project.

Hussey said all persons interested should contact the Kings Mountain High School or send their registration forms to the school.

### Area 4 American Legion Baseball - 1968 5-TEAM LEAGUE—20-GAME SCHEDULE

Date	Place	Time
May 30	Kings Mountain vs. Shelby Home	7:30
June 1	Kings Mountain vs. Belmont Home	7:30
June 3	Kings Mountain vs. Cherryville Away	7:30
June 4	Kings Mtn. vs. Gastonia Home	7:30
June 7	Kings Mountain vs. Shelby Away	7:30
June 10	Kings Mountain vs. Gastonia Away	7:30
June 12	Kings Mountain vs. Belmont Away	7:30
June 14	Kings Mountain vs. Cherryville Home	7:30
June 19	Kings Mountain vs. Shelby Home	7:30
June 21	Kings Mountain vs. Gastonia Home	7:30
June 24	Kings Mountain vs. Belmont Home	7:30
June 26	Kings Mountain vs. Cherryville Away	7:30
June 29	Kings Mountain vs. Shelby Away	7:30
July 1	Kings Mountain vs. Gastonia Away	7:30
July 3	Kings Mountain vs. Belmont Away	7:30
July 4	Kings Mountain vs. Cherryville Home	7:30

1st Series ..... Best 2 of 3 ..... July 9 thru 12  
2nd Series ..... Best 2 of 3 ..... July 13 thru 17  
Area Championship Best 3 of 5 ..... July 19 thru 25

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Kings Mountain's Wayne Mullinax slashed a triple in the top of the sixth inning and Gary McNair hit a fly ball to score Mullinax, as the Post 155 Legionnaires opened the 1968 exhibition season with a 1-0 win over Cherryville.

Kings Mountain pitcher Rocky Goforth allowed no runs through six innings before he was relieved by teammate Darrell Whetstone. Whetstone was credited with the exhibition win.

In the first inning, things looked rough for the Post 155 boys. An error on McNair allowed Dennis Beam of Cherryville to reach base. Rick Colvard then doubled for the Cherryville lads to move Beam to third base in scoring position. Luckily for the Kings Mountain lads, Goforth fanned the next two batters.

The first three Kings Mountain batters fanned as they first came to bat. As the old saying goes, they had three up and three down in order.

Kings Mountain allowed four Cherryville batters to come to the plate in the second inning. Jim Heavener was the first Cherryville player to reach base. After the first two batters made outs, but when Randy Cornwell hit into a fielder's choice, Kings Mountain caught Heavener between third and second for the final out of that inning.

Action was fast and furious through the next few innings until Kings Mountain scored the winning run in the sixth.

It was really a pitching duel for most of the game, as Cherryville's Colvard, a former Lincoln-Wolfe star, gave Kings Mountain lots of trouble with his curve ball. Kings Mountain Coach Bob Hussey, tried to get his lads to step up in the batter's box in order to be able to hit the curve ball.

In all, Colvard fanned ten batters before being replaced by Beam.

Goforth fanned nine before being relieved by Whetstone in the sixth.

Cherryville collected three hits off of the Kings Mountain hurlers. Kings Mountain collected two off of the Cherryville lads.

### City's Two Pools To Open Saturday

Deal street and Davidson pools and their playgrounds will open for the summer season Saturday, Recreation Director Elmer Ross has announced.

Swimming hours will be 9 a. m. to noon and 1:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays, and from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.