

Juniors Play Leading Belmont Saturday Night

Bell's Five Hits Pace Win Over BC

Righthander Bobby Ethridge hurled a four-hitter and second baseman Jack Bell rapped out five hits to lead Kings Mountain's Juniors to an easy 17-1 victory over Bessemer City last Wednesday night.

Ethridge gave up an infield single to leadoff batter Jeff Parker in the first inning, then no hit the BC lads until the eighth when the hosts picked up two more singles, by Jim Barber and Alvin Lutz. The single by Lutz drove in Bessemer's only run.

Post 155 picked up a run in the first inning, then added three more in the fourth as Coach Bo Goforth's lads began to put the victory on ice.

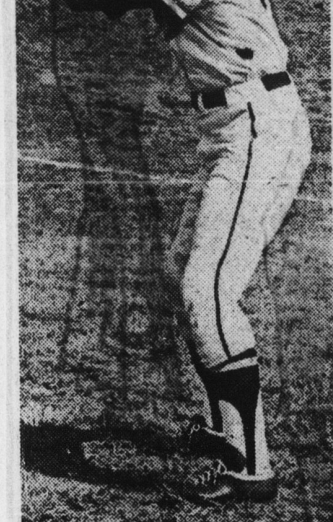
Bell rapped out four singles in his first five times at bat before bouncing to third in the eighth. He then added a rousing single in KM's three-run ninth inning.

Bell finished with four runs batted in. He was aided in the slugging department by third baseman Tommy Hawkins of Blacksburg, who went 3-for-5. Clarence Ashe and Glenn Perkins added two hits each to KM's 16-hit attack.

Every player in the KM lineup obtained at least one hit, except Ethridge, who walked four times and reached on an error once. Centerfielder Gary McNair scored four times for Post 155.

Post 155 had only two extra base hits, a sixth inning double by Chuck Carpenter and an eighth inning triple by Perkins.

In posting his first win of the season, Ethridge walked only two batters and struck out six. He retired BC in order in the



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Richard Gold Earns Second Base Spot On All-District Three Team

Former Kings Mountain High three-sports Richard Gold was recently named as the first team second baseman on the All-District Three collegiate baseball team.

Gold, who had an outstanding career at Florida State University, was one of two Seminoles named to the first team. The other FSU star honored was south-paw pitcher George Lott.

Gold, who was a third team All-District Three choice last year, hit .317 for FSU this past season and either set or tied nine all-time records.

Among his marks were career at bats, career hits, career runs batted in, career doubles, career triples, season triples and most games hitting streak (20).

At last report, Gold's nine triples for this season were tops in the nation.

This year, Gold missed Jim Lytle's all-time FSU season rbi record of 51 by only one.

At FSU, Gold, who had a career batting average of .295, placed his name in the record books ahead of such stars as Dick Howser, Woody Woodward, Jim Lytle. All three are currently in the major leagues.

Goforth Named To All-State Team

Mountie Ace One Of Five Hurlers Tapped By Paper

Lefthander Rocky Goforth has added an All-State berth to the many honors which came his way during his prep baseball career at Kings Mountain High School. Rocky, who posted a 22-2 record over his three-year KMHS career, was one of five pitchers named to the annual Greensboro Daily News All-State team Sunday.

Goforth, who flashed a 13-1 record while hurling KMHS to the state 3-A title this spring, was joined on the mound staff by lefthanders Alan Lindsay of Cherryville, George Beam of West Mecklenburg, and Randy Benson of East Rowan, and righthander Jim Chamberlin of Greensboro.

Goforth and Lindsay were the only members of the Southeastern 3-A Conference to be selected. Three other members of the WNCCHSAA were tapped — Benson, catcher Mike Johnson of Asheboro and utility infielder Cass Safirit of West Rowan.

Goforth posted a 0.38 earned run average and struck out 110 batters in leading the Mountaineers to their first association title in any sport. He worked in 19 of KM's 21 games.

Among his 13 pitching wins were five shutouts, including two in the playoffs, a 6-0 victory over Newton-Conover and a 2-0 win over Statesville on a one-hitter.

Goforth was All-Conference and All-County, worked 92 innings while giving up but 40 hits, eight runs (five earned), and walking only 16 batters.

When not pitching, The Rock played rightfield for the Mountaineers and he was the team's number two hitter. Goforth swung at a .283 clip, second only to Mike Smith's conference-high .419 figure.

As far as records show, Goforth is the first KMHS base baller to be selected on the All-State squad.

The complete All-State team follows:

POS.	PLAYER	SCHOOL
P	ROCKY GOFORTH	K. MTN.
P	Alan Lindsay	Cherryville
P	George Beam	West Meck.
P	Randy Benson	East Rowan
P	Jim Chamberlin	G-Smith
C	Mike Johnson	Asheboro
C	Buddy Coble	Hamlet
1B	Barry Foote	Smithfield
2B	Tommy Haislip	Sanford
3B	John Nixon	Wilmington
SS	Bobby Wright	T. C. R.-son
U.	Cass Safirit	W. Rowan
OF	Terry Clapp	SE Guilford
OF	Jimmy Freeman	W. Davidson
OF	Pat Gainer	G-Smith
OF	Rennie Wynn	Williamston

VFW, Dallas Split Doubleheader Dana Sarvis Pitches No-Hitter

Two pre-season favorites met head-on Monday night at City Stadium in Babe Ruth League action and each came out with a win.

VFW and Dallas, rated the teams to beat, split a doubleheader. Dallas won the opener 2-0 behind the one-hit pitching of Darrell Brewer and VFW took the nightcap 2-0 behind Randy Stone.

Dallas scored single runs in the second and fourth innings to take the opener.

Brewer struck out 11 to record his second victory and second straight shutout.

In the nightcap, Randy Stone hurled a one-hitter, striking out six, to pace the VFW victory.

Goforth Hurls, Smith Hits Juniors Past Hickory, 4-1

Post 155 Took 3-4 Mark Into Gastonia Tilt

Kings Mountain's Juniors host Area Four's only undefeated team, Belmont, Saturday night at City Stadium.

Belmont Post 144's lads are undefeated with a 5-0 record while KM carried a 3-4 mark into last night's home game against Gastonia.

Rocky Goforth, the ace of the Post 155 staff with a 2-1 record, was scheduled to hurl against Gastonia last night and could also get the starting call against Belmont Saturday.

Friday night, Coach Bo Goforth takes his charges to Shelby and righthander Darrell Whetstone will probably toe the pitching rubber. Whetstone has a 0-1 record, having dropped a 7-5 decision to Morganton last Thursday night.

Post 155 split four games last week, whipping Bessemer City and Hickory while losing to Morganton and Cherryville. The KM lads also dropped a 17-4 decision to Forest City Monday night.

The Mounties were originally scheduled to play Henrietta on that date, but Henrietta is no longer in the league. Next Wednesday, Post 155 is host to Granite Falls and Goforth will have enough rest to go again.

Saturday's home opponent, Belmont, has played only two close games thus far. They trimmed Cherryville and its ace, Alan Lindsay, 2-0 in the season opener and nipped Mill Springs, 2-1.

The big man for Belmont thus far has been righthander pitcher Mack Clawson who is 3-0. But, Clawson is scheduled to pitch against Gastonia Friday, so the Mounties will probably face Rick Cherry.

Cherry, who was bothered throughout the high school season with arm trouble, is now fully recovered and the strong righthander pitched six stout innings against Mill Springs last week before giving way to Clawson.

Friday's road opponent, Shelby, started slowly, losing its first four games, but the Clevelanders have come on strong to win two straight, including a 4-0 victory over Cherryville and Lindsay.

Righthander Don Bright was the winning pitcher over Cherryville an the Mounties could face him Friday.

Next Wednesday's opponent, Granite Falls, whipped Post 155 7-2 in the season opener.

Juniors At Belmont
Carl Wilson, athletic officer of Post 155, said Saturday's game will be played at Belmont, due to a conflict.

The KM-Belmont game scheduled for July 4 at Belmont will be played here.



ALL-STATE — Southpaw pitching star Rocky Goforth, who posted a 13-1 record in hurling Kings Mountain High to the association championship, Sunday was named to the annual Greensboro Daily News All-State team. Goforth was one of five pitchers and four lefthanders selected.

Stokes, Parker Top Athletes At Central

Frankie Stokes was named Athlete of the Year and Keith Park captured a pair of trophies at Central Junior High's annual athletic awards day ceremonies Friday.

Parker won the basketball most valuable player award and shared the baseball most valuable player trophy with Wayne Bridges.

Chris Johnson, who ran and passed for an average of over 100 yards per game, picked up the most valuable player trophy for football.

Phillip Bradford won the sportsmanship trophy and Jacob Bridges the Scholarship Award.

Stokes, who follows David Bolin as Central's Athlete of the Year, was a standout in football, basketball and baseball for the Patriots.

Porter Griggs Barry Gibson, Warren Goforth and John Blacklock comprise the Central Junior High coaching staff.

Braves Upset Optimist 7-5

The Braves, and not the Atlanta brand, are the talk around the Kings Mountain Little League park.

After losing five games in a row following an opening night win, the Braves went out last week and defeated second place Optimist 7-5 for their second win of the year.

Scott Ledford hurled the win and also paced his team on the bases by reaching base four times, all on walks. Mitch Howze collected two doubles for the Braves.

Joey Ormand led Optimist with a double and single while Phil Carroll collected a triple. Carroll was the losing pitcher.

KM-Bessemer City Boxscores

Ab	r	h	rbi	
Kings Mountain	7	2	5	4
Bell, 2b	7	1	3	2
Hawkins, 3b	6	1	1	2
Smith, ss	4	1	2	1
Ashe, c	5	2	1	1
G. Putnam, rf	0	0	0	0
M. Putnam, rf	6	2	1	1
Carpenter, 1b	6	1	2	0
Perkins, lf	3	4	1	2
McNair, cf	2	3	0	1
Ethridge, p	46	17	16	14

Ab	r	h	rbi	
Bessemer City	3	0	1	0
Parker, 3b	4	0	1	0
Lackey, rf	4	0	0	0
Davis, lf	4	0	0	0
Carson, 1b	3	0	0	0
L. Jacobs, c	3	0	0	0
Yarborough, ss	3	0	0	0
Barber, 2b	3	1	1	0
Lutz, cf	3	0	1	0
Fowlers, p	1	0	0	0
Barnes, p	29	1	4	1

E-K. Mtn. 2, BC 4. LOB—KM 12, BC 2. 2B—Carpenter. 3B—Perkins. SB—Bell, Hawkins; Smith, McNair. SF—Putnam.

Pitcher: Ip h r er bb so
Ethridge (W) 9 4 1 1 2 6
Fowler 4 5 4 3 1 2
Barnes 5 11 13 11 9 5

KM-Hickory Boxscores

Ab	r	h	rbi	
Hickory	4	0	1	0
Spencer, lf	4	0	1	0
Cook, ss	4	0	1	0
Laney, 1b	4	1	1	0

Juniors Beaten 17-4 At Forest City

Kings Mountain's Juniors dropped a 17-4 decision Monday night at Forest City.

Righthander Bobby Ethridge started on the mound for Post 155 and was charged with the loss after giving up 11 runs in three innings. Darrell Whetstone came on in the fourth and finished up for the Mounties.

Kings Mountain was held to only five hits by lefthander Larry Dalton and righty Roger Wilkerson. Dalton, who worked the first six frames, was credited with the victory.

Stacey Lail, a R-S Central product, led the victors at bat with 3-for-5, including a home run and five runs batted in. The FC lads cracked out 14 hits, with Gary Dalton, Gary Cobb, David James and Billy Lattimore getting two each.

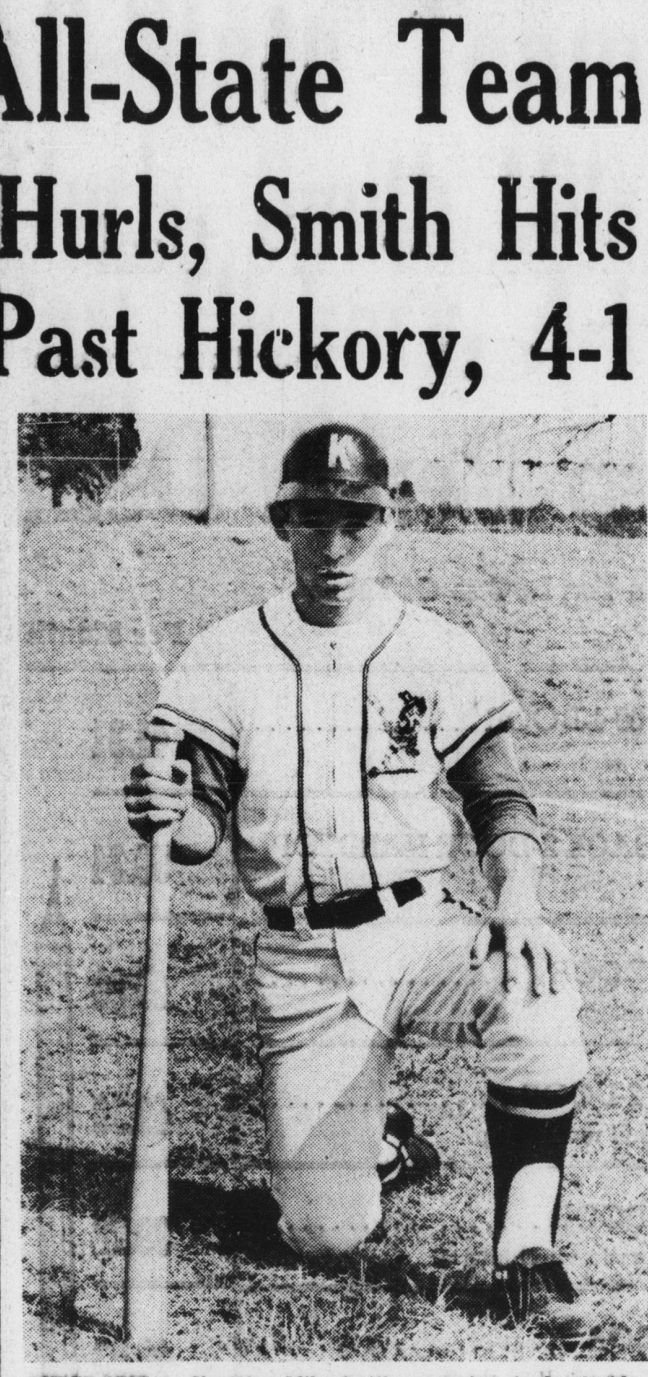
The only player for Post 155 to get more than one hit was Gene Putnam, who went 2-for-4. Tommy Hawkins drove in two of KM's four runs with a fifth inning single.

Post 155 finished the game with only nine players. Shortstop Mike Smith didn't make the trip. Ethridge was driven from the box and catcher Clarence Ashe had to be removed from the game following a third inning injury.

Ashe was hit in the right arm by a bat thrown by a R-S Central hitter and Coach Bo Goforth had to call on outfielder Glenn Perkins to do the catching.

KM-Forest City Boxscores

Ab	r	h	rbi	
Kings Mountain	5	1	1	1
Bell, 2b	4	1	2	0
G. Putnam, 3b	4	0	1	2
Hawkins, ss	1	0	1	1
Ashe, c	2	0	0	0
Goforth, cf	3	0	0	0
Perkins, cf-c	3	0	0	0
Carpenter, 1b	3	1	0	0
Finger, lf	3	1	0	0
M. Putnam, rf	2	0	0	0
Ethridge, p	2	0	0	0
Whetstone, p	31	4	5	4



THREE HITS — Shortstop Mike Smith cracked a single, double and triple as KM's Juniors posted a 4-1 victory over Hickory in an Area Four contest Friday night. Smith, a standout for the KM High School team this spring, is in his last year of action for the local nine.

Ab	r	h	rbi	
Williams, c	4	0	1	1
Jerrett, rf	4	0	0	1
Moose, cf	4	0	0	1
Stoker, 2b	4	0	0	1
Edwards, 3b	3	0	1	0
Williams, 3b	1	0	0	0
Beard, p	3	0	0	1

E-KM 2, HICKORY 0. LOB—KM 3. 0-0-10. Hickory 6. 2B—Smith, Cook. 34 1 5 1 3B—Smith, William. SB—Hawkins.

Pitcher: Ip h r er bb so
Beard (L) 9 9 4 3 4 7
Goforth (W) 9 5 1 1 3 12
WP—Beard.

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