



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR — Porter Griggs has been named as tournament director for the Optimist Club-sponsored state Babe Ruth baseball tournament...

Optimist Club To Sponsor State BR Event

The Kings Mountain Optimist Club will sponsor the state Babe Ruth baseball tournament at City Stadium the week of July 22-27. The Kings Mountain all-star team, which will be chosen after the completion of regular season play...

Jonas Bridges and Gary Stewart have been named as publicity chairmen and Stewart will serve as official scorer for the tournament. Teams will arrive in Kings Mountain on Tuesday, July 21, and will register at the Community Center...

HERALD SPORTS

Heavner And Cherries Too Much For Post 155

Kings Mountain's Juniors dropped their 12th decision in 13 games at City Stadium Tuesday night, losing to Scott Heavner and Cherryville by an 8-1 margin. Heavner, a righthander, fired a two-hitter and struck out 15...

Bumgardner And Smith Capture Heat Events

CONCORD — Victories apparently come in double doses for most drivers in the American Racing Association. Just use Billy Scott as an example. Driving a 1965 Chevelle, Scott captured both main events in two nights of A.R.A. stock car racing...

Little League Action Begins At Davidson

The Little League at Davidson Park opened its 1970 season last week. Currently leading the standings of the four-team league is the Red Sox, coached by Buddy Jones. The Red Sox are 2-0 and a game ahead of the Giants and Cardinals...

Area Four Playoffs Begin Saturday Night

First Round Final Tonight At Henrietta

Kings Mountain's Juniors travel to Henrietta tonight for their Area Four, Western Division first round finale and unless Post 155 wins, it will face first round champion Hickory in the opening round of the playoffs. Hickory nailed down first place Tuesday with a 10-3 victory over Forest City...



LEADS VICTORY — Chuck Carpenter, above, had three hits in four times at bat as Kings Mountain's Juniors defeated Mill Springs 5-3 last Wednesday night. It was Post 155's first win of the season.

Post 155 Whips Polk County By 5-3 Margin

Kings Mountain's Juniors captured their first Area Four victory of the season here Wednesday night, defeating Mill Springs 5-3 in a makeup game. Chuck Carpenter led the Kings Mountain hitting attack with 3-for-4, including a double, and Tim Echols added a pair of doubles in three trips...

Southwell Hands VFW First Loss Of Season

Southwell Ford handed first place VFW its first defeat in Babe Ruth League action Monday night by scoring eight runs in the 10th inning for a 10-2 victory. The two clubs ended the regulation seven-inning game tied at 2-2. Then the Southwell lads took advantage of two hits, four walks, four errors and three passed balls to score eight runs in the 10th and turn the game into a rout...

Hamrick Hurls Shelby To 4-1 Win Over KM

Tommy Hamrick, a 16-year-old righthander, hurled a two-hitter Thursday night in Shelby as the host club defeated Kings Mountain 4-1 in an Area Four, Western Division contest. The victory was Shelby's second of the year over the Post 155 club. Righthander Bobby Ethridge went the distance for Post 155 and hurled one of his best games of the year, but Shelby rallied for four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and that was all Hamrick needed...

Junior College Transfer Signs With Bulldogs

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — A junior college transfer, Leon Terrell Carter, Marion, South Carolina, has signed a grant-in-aid to play football for Gardner-Webb College. Carter will transfer from North Greenville Junior College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Carter, of Marion, S. C. The new Bulldog weighs 210 pounds and is six feet two inches tall. He was an offensive tackle and a defensive linebacker...

First Annual Mountaineer Invitational Begins Friday

Champion's Landscaping will be host team for the first annual Mountaineer Invitational slow-pitch softball tournament scheduled for this weekend at the Deal Street Park. Action gets underway Friday at 6 p.m. and will continue through Sunday afternoon. It is a double-elimination tournament. Ten teams are entered in the tournament. Besides the hosts, the field includes Kiser's Chevrolet of Cherryville, Pharr Yarns Greens of McAdenville, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Pelzer, S. C., B. R. Smith Homes of Gastonia, Reliable TV of Rock Hill, Central Yarn and Dye of Gastonia, Wilson-Perkins Auto of Gastonia, and Amvets of Shelby. Five games are on tap for Friday, running from 6 p.m. through 10 p.m. Action gets underway on Saturday at 10 a.m. and continued through 9 p.m. Sunday's championship round begins at 2 p.m. Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Champion's Landscaping, coached by Gene Tignor and Jim Guyton, has participated in several tournaments this season and finished second in the WVA, S. C. Invitational two weeks ago and sixth in the Rock Hill North-South tournament last weekend. At Rock Hill, Champion's won its first two games before dropping a pair. The KM team defeated Groves Thread of Gastonia 19-8 on Friday, then defeated the perennial toughies Pharr Yarns Reds 11-7 in nine innings before losing to eventual champion Wilson-Perkins 11-8 and Anderson, S. C., 12-10. Big George Pittman, the former KM American Legion standout, had 11 hits in 15 times at bat to lead Champion's. Nine of his hits went for extra bases. Rip Burgess was 11-for-16 and Dickie Burgess 8-for-13. Pittman's grand-slam home run in the top of the ninth inning eliminated the Pharr Yarns team, which has won several national titles in the past. Champion's is now the only team to defeat the Reds twice this year. Champion's will participate in still another tournament next weekend, the Firecracker Invitational in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Following are the results of the Rock Hill tourney: (FIRST GAME) Score by Innings: R H E Champion's 263 430 1 19 25 2 Groves Thread 100 250 0 8 12 5 Winning pitcher: Mike Braswell. Groves: John Rudisill, 5 for 4. KM: Dick Burgess, 5 for 5; George Pittman, 4 for 5. Home Runs: Al Culbertson, Pittman (2) and Rip Burgess. (SECOND GAME) Champion's 021 112 004 11 16 0 Pharr Yarns 000 520 000 7 12 0 Winning pitcher: Bill Abernathy. Pharr Yarns: Mac Richardson, 3 for 4. KM: Kenny Quinn, 3 for 4; George Pittman and Dickie Burgess, 2 for 4. Home Runs: Richardson, 2; Pittman 2, and Jim Dwiggins. (THIRD GAME) Wilson Perkins 207 200 0 11 14 3 Champion's 303 200 0 8 14 4 Winning Pitcher: Jerry Workman. W.P. Dean Sherrin, 4 for 4. KM: Rip Burgess, 3 for 3; Bob Broom and Pittman, 2 for 3. Home Runs: Al Jones and Steve Culbertson. (FOURTH GAME) Anderson, S. C. 424 600 2 12 17 3 Champion's 503 110 0 10 16 5 Winning pitcher: Willie Moore. Anderson: Mike Pruitt, 4 for 4; Bob Whitfield, 2 for 3. KM: Rip Burgess, George Pittman, 3 for 3; Ronnie Withers, 3 for 4. Home Runs: Pittman.

C & T Grading Wins Pair In SL Action

C & T Grading captured a pair of wins during the past week in slowpitch softball play, defeating First Baptist 8-3 and BVD 8-7. Bill Ware and Larry Appling shared the mound duties for the winners. Ware, Lawrence Bolin and Appling all had three hits in the win over First Baptist and Ken Cash cracked a home run. In the win over BVD, Lawrence Bolin had a pair of hits and drove in both the tying and winning runs.

Park Grace Splits Pair LL Contests

Park Grace split a pair of little league games during the past week, defeating Tryon I by a 4-3 score but losing to Police, 2-0. In the victory over Tryon, Johnny Anderson was the winning pitcher and Steve Lancaster and Jacky Wray paced the hitting attack. Lancaster had a pair of hits and Wray belted a two-run homer in the eighth to snap a 2-2 tie. Jeff Carroll hurled a one-hitter as Police whipped the defending league champions. Steve Lancaster gave up only four hits but was the losing pitcher.

DANCE The American Legion will sponsor a dance at the Legion Hall on York Road Saturday from 9-12 p.m., featuring the band of Steve Barrett and the Hayriders, Legionnaires, their wives and guests are invited. METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Tuesday totaled \$135.05, including \$122.65 from on-street meters and \$12.40 from off-street meters.

Harris Track Is Idle During '300' Planning

While the hum and drone of the giant engines are still silent at the Harris Speedway, the grind continues at the Rutherford County and Shelby Speedways. The reason for the silence at Harris is the preparation the Hobby Racing Association is making for the 3rd Annual Fred Dedmon 300 which is set for July 5th, a Sunday, at 1 p.m. Only one weekend at Rutherford and Shelby separates the fans from the big event. The July 5th race is named for Fred Dedmon, the man who brought racing to Harris Speedway more than 15 years ago. When he passed away in the early '60s, his son, Clyde Dedmon took over and since has expanded the Hobby Racing Association to five other tracks in the Southeast. The July 5th race will include 300 laps of main event racing, plus the qualifying and heat races, plus a pre-race show consisting of a Demolition Derby. The Late Model Sportsmen, the giant machines on the circuit are readying themselves for the 300-lap Fred Dedmon race. The Hobbies are set for a 100-lap main event. Rookies and Mini-Stocks will both engage in 50-lap main events. The winner of the Fred Dedmon 300 will take home \$1,500, and the remaining winners that Sunday afternoon will be vying for what remains of a \$7,500 purse. Defending Champion for the upcoming 300 is Shelby's Preston Humphries. Winner of the First Annual 300, staged in 1968, was Johnny 'Stringbean' Halford of Spartanburg, S. C. Overall, the weekend of July 4th will place four big races on the starting line. The July 2nd event is at the Spartanburg, S. C. Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds where a regular 3-class dirt track event is staged. On Friday, July 3rd, the races move to the Rutherford County Speedway for another top-quality 3-class program. On Saturday night, July 4th, Shelby Speedway will come alive with some added laps and added purses. Then Sunday, the Fred Dedmon 300 at Harris. Night races all begin at 8 p.m., and the Sunday afternoon race is staged at 1 p.m.

Grover To Host District, Area Softball Events

The annual Midwest district softball tournament is slated to get underway on Monday night, July 27 at Brice Harry Memorial Park in Grover. That announcement was made today by Bob Wiggins, new district commissioner. Wiggins, an employee with the Dover Mills Corp., replaces Jim Brower of Shelby as district bossman. Both the open and Industrial tournaments will be held simultaneously from July 27 through Saturday, August 8 in the Grover park. The double elimination event this season will send both the champion and runners-up to the area tourney which is also ticketed for Grover starting Aug. 10 and running through Aug. 15. There is to be a new district champ this time as defending champion Kiser Chevrolet automatically gains a berth in the area show. The area champ advances to the state tourney slated for Burlington Aug. 20, 21, and 22. Due to a realignment this season, only 16 teams will be qualifying for the state tournament in Burlington. Any team desiring to enter the district tourney in Grover must send a roster of 15 players and \$30 to Bob Wiggins, 101 Whiteside Street, Cherryville, N. C. 28021 on or before July 1, 1970. Make checks payable to Bob Wiggins, district commissioner. Any questions regarding the tourney should be directed to Wiggins in writing or by calling 482-2401 during the day or 435-6639 at night.

Standings

Table with columns: Teams, W, L, GB. Rows: VFW (6, 1, -), Mauney (3, 3, 2 1/2), Southwell (3, 3, 2 1/2), Tryon (1, 6, 5). Includes a note about a \$7,500 purse.