

# Two KM Babe Ruth Teams Begin Play On Monday

Kings Mountain's two Babe Ruth League All-Star teams will begin district tournament play Monday.

The 13-year-old team will play at 5 o'clock Monday at Smith Junior-High School in Charlotte in the opening round of the 13-year-old tourney which will send its winner to Asheville for the state championships.

The 13-year-old event was originally scheduled to be held here but the site was changed due to a probable conflict with other sporting events.

The 13-15 year old Babe Ruth team will play Union County Monday at 9 p.m. at City Stadium. The tournament will open at 7 p.m. with Charlotte playing Matthews.

The double elimination tournament will continue through Wednesday night.

The times of the BR-tournament games could possibly be changed, depending on whether or not the KM legion team is scheduled in the running for the Area Four championship. If Post 155 wins its series with Forest City, the Juniors will be playing here Tuesday night and the Babe Ruth game times will probably be changed to the afternoon.

Tuesday's tourney schedule has the opening round losers playing at 7 p.m. and the opening round winners meeting at 9 p.m.

On Wednesday, the winner of the Tuesday 7 p.m. game will play the loser of the Tuesday 9 p.m. game at 7 o'clock. At 9, the winner of the Tuesday 9 p.m. game will play the winner of the Wednesday 7 p.m. game.

If the undefeated team loses the 9 p.m. game, another game would be necessary to determine the champion and that contest would be held on Wednesday night, also. That means that if a team comes out of the losers bracket to win the championship, it would play three games on Wednesday night.

Max Bolin and Tommy Pruitt, who coached their teams to the regular season co-championship, are coaching the 13-15 year old team. They've been working with 22 prospects and will choose an all-star team of 15 players.

Players competing for the 15 vacant berths include:

ERAVES — Mike Sisk.  
TRYON — Frank Hovis, Jimmy Parker and Jeff Reynolds.  
BESSEMER CITY — Dean Colvin, Doug Kelley.  
VFW — Hal Glass, Jacky Wray, Scott Moss.  
MOUNTAINEERS — Jeff Carroll, Chuck Austin, David Lancaster, Tony Payne, Steve Southwell, Eddie Mauney.  
OPTIMIST — Dale Hartsoe, Richard Gillespie, Gary Proctor, Monty Wilson, Pete Cobb, Scott Ledford, Paul Bowen.  
Rick Hamrick, Ken Ford and Fred Sisk are the coaches of the 13-year-old team and they've been drilling 17 players from which they'll choose 15.

Those players include:

BESSEMER CITY — Larry Gollins.  
OPTIMIST — Stanley Bridges, Don Henderson, Ken McGinnis.  
VFW — Rusty Bell, Darrell Queen, Donald Johnson, James Deaton.

MOUNTAINEERS — Kenny Bales, Mitch Howze.  
ERAVES — Preston Short, Randy Putnam, Mike Bumgardner.  
TRYON — Gregg Sellers, Harlan Haynes, Joel Burgess, Mike Blattau.

## Forest City Takes Opener, 10-3

### Second Game Here Tuesday Rained Out

Rain is playing its part in the Kings Mountain-Forest City best-of-five Area Four quarter-finals playoff series.

Forest City won the series opener Monday night at Forest City, 10-3, but heavy rains postponed the second game here Tuesday night.

The two teams were scheduled to play last night at City Stadium, weather permitting. If the game was played, they'll go at it again tonight in Forest City. If the two clubs didn't play last night, they'll play tonight at City Stadium.

Forest City, second place finishers in the regular season League Two chase, scored two runs off Danny Hartsoe in the first inning Monday night and was never headed.

Hartsoe was knocked out in the top of the sixth and was relieved by southpaw John McGill. Hartsoe was charged with his sixth loss in eight decisions.

Post 155 scored a run in the second inning to cut the lead to 2-1. Grafton Withers singled with two away, stole second and scored on two FC errors.

The hosts broke the game open in the third and sixth frames. They scored three in the third for a 5-1 lead and added five more in the sixth to make it 10-1.

Kings Mountain picked up its final two tallies in the ninth inning. Keith Parker tripled and scored on a single by Tim Echols. Echols stole second and scored two outs later on a single by Wayne Bridges, his third of the night.

Each team had 10 hits. Bridges was the only KM player with more than one.



**TOP HITTER** — Rick Hord leads the Post 155 Juniors in both the hitting and pitching departments. He has a .329 batting average and 4.4 mound mrc. Robbie Moore is the only other regular hitting over .300, sporting a .302 average.

## Juniors Cop Two Straight To Win Series Over Shelby

### Hord Pitches Three-Hitter In Final Game

Rick Hord and Robbie Moore are the only players hitting over .300 as the Post 155 baseball season heads down the home stretch.

Through the first Forest City playoff game, Hord leads the club with a .329 batting mark and a 4.4 pitching record. Moore is hitting .302 while all other regulars are under the .300 figure.

Hord has 23 hits in 70 times at bat while Moore leads the club with 25 hits. However, he has come to bat 86 times. Jerry Valentine, a reserve, has a .364 batting mark but has come to bat only 11 times.

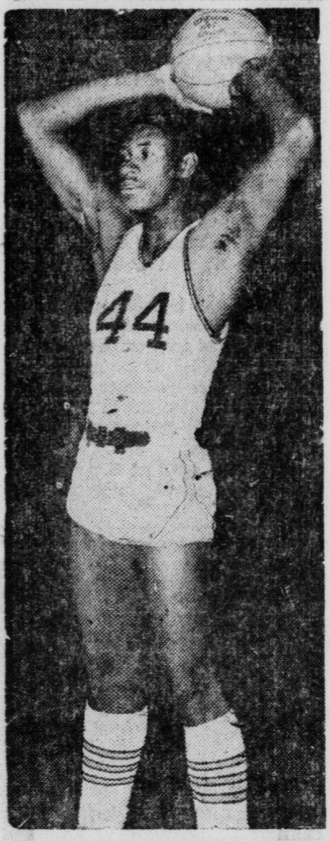
Keith Parker, who is hitting .280, leads the team in runs batted in with 17, home runs with three and runs scored with 15. Grafton Withers has 13 runs scored and David Bolin and Danny Hartsoe 12 apiece.

Other batting marks for regulars include Hartsoe .250, Tim Echols .250, Bolin .223, Withers, .206, Darrell Van Dyke .204 and Wayne Bridges .182.

In the pitching department, Hord has a 4.4 record and a 3.00 earned run average. Parker has a 3.1 mark and a 3.93 earned run average. Hartsoe is 2-6 with a 4.29 earned run average and southpaw John McGill is 0-4 with a 3.00 earned run mark.

Hartsoe leads in innings pitched with 65 1/3 and strikeouts with 65. He has given up more hits than any other member of the squad, 69.

Hord has worked 62 1/3 innings with 43 strikeouts. Parker has worked 31 1/3 innings and has 22 strikeouts and McGill has worked 14 1/3 innings and has 10 strikeouts.



### Hartsoe Hurls 4-2 Victory Here Wednesday

Danny Hartsoe, having an off year on the pitching mound during the legion season, hurled one of his better games Wednesday night at City Stadium, beating Shelby 4-2 as Post 155 knotted the two teams' best-of-five playoff series at two games apiece.

Hartsoe, in running his record to 2-5, worked on a no-hitter until the fifth inning and finished with a seven-hit performance.

His teammates handed him a 4-0 lead after seven innings and he allowed Shelby only single tallies in the eighth and ninth innings. Both runs off Hartsoe were unearned and three of KM's four runs off Shelby's Phil Cooke were unearned.

Kings Mountain struck with two away in the fifth and seventh innings to score its four runs and all runs were the result of extra base hits and throwing errors.

Darrell Van Dyke singled with two away in the fifth and came home on Robbie Moore's double to left-center. Moore scored from second when the throw from Shelby centerfielder Bobby Brown was wild at third and went behind the backstop.

Wayne Bridges reached on a two-out error to start the seventh inning rally. After Bridges reached, David Bolin tripled to the corner in highfield and Bolin scored when the relay from Shelby second baseman Ronnie Moss was thrown away at third.

Shelby's first run in the eighth was driven in by Gene McMurry, who singled with one away to score Duane Ferree, who had led off the inning with a single and took second on an error.

In the ninth, Jack Hamrick reached on a two-base error by Tim Echols in left and scored later when Ross reached base on a fielder's choice.

Bolin and Van Dyke had two hits each to lead KM's nine-hit attack while Horne had three of Shelby's seven hits off Hartsoe.



**TEE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS** — Coach Darrell Forbes, right, and members of the Conner's Recapping tee league baseball team show off trophies they won for winning the league title this year. The Conner's team finished the year with a 20-0-1 record. Front row, from left to right, Barry Morrow, Ronnie Moss, Jeff Melton, Russell Van Dyke, Charles Morrow and Joey White. Back row, from left, Randy Moss, Todd Blacklock, Ricky Proctor, Terry Odum, Bryan Hardin, Wayne Brown, Allen Van Dyke, David Bolin and Wally Davis. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)

## Recreation Department News

23 tournament field are asked to notify either Elmer Ross or Roy Pearson no later than July 12 at 7 p.m.

A big night of softball is set for next Wednesday night at Deal Street Park.

At 6:30, Craftsman Yarns will take on Dacey Fabrics in a men's league game and at 7:30, Howard's Furniture of Denver, N. C., will take on Aetna Life and Casualty of Charlotte in a twinbill.

Champion's Landscaping and Akers Motor Lines held a best-of-three tournament last week and Champion's won in two straight games, 8-4 and 13-4.

Mickey Heafner, David Johnson and Scott Ferguson each had three hits in the 13-4 win. Heafner and Ferguson hit home runs.

In the 8-4 victory, Johnson and Ferguson led the way with two hits each.

Dacey Fabrics won three games and Carolina Throwing handed in men's league play last week Champion's Number Two a defeat.

Dacey won over Oxford, 12-11, defeated Gastonia Knit 11-8, and whipped KM Mica, 11-6.

In the win over Oxford, Tommy Pruitt had two hits, including a home run. Gene Putnam led the way against Gastonia Knit, going 4-for-4 with a home run and two doubles. Against KM Mica, Don Ballard had a pair of hits, including a homer.

Carolina Throwing scored six runs in the first inning and went on to easily defeat Champion's Number Two. Steve Parker led the hitting attack with 3-for-4 and Sonny Jackson hit a home run. Gene Connor had a pair of hits, including a homer, for the losers.

Champion's took a 12-4 win over Skidmore as Greene went 4-for-4. Mayes and Rocky Goforth homered for the winners.

Spectrum won a pair of contests, defeating Mica Mine 12-9 and Oxford 7-4. Hufsteler topped the win over Mica Mine with four straight hits, including a homer.

Proctor led the way against Oxford with three hits while Clark had three for the losers.

Craftsman nipped Gastonia Knit 12-11 by 12-11 behind Carrigan's three hits.

## Hatcher And Louisburg Lead Optimist, Mountaineers End Season In Deadlock

CHAPLAIN HILL — With outfielder Donnie Hatcher leading the way, Louisburg players continue to dominate the batting statistics in the North Carolina Collegiate Summer Baseball League.

Hatcher blasted 23 hits in 52 times at bat through games of June 27 and posted a league leading average of .442. Appalachian State's Mac Clark is second at .421.

But Louisburg took the next two places. Wayne Pyrtle knocked third at .417 with Lindsay Etheridge in fourth place at .400.

In the pitching race, East Carolina's Dave Smith ranks first in earned run average with a mark of 1.12. He has pitched 16 innings.

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The Mountaineers and Optimist Club finished the season as co-champions in the local Babe Ruth League. Both teams had 7-1 records.

The Optimist Club, coached by Max Bolin, had an unbeaten record until its final game when it lost to Tryon, 11-3. The Mountaineers, which had earlier lost to Optimist, then defeated VFW 11-8 in its final game to gain the share of first place.

Jeff Reynolds stopped Optimist on a six-hitter to knock Coach Bolin's team out of the undefeated ranks. A five-run first inning and a six-run fourth keyed the Tryon win.

Jimmy Parker, Harlan Haynes, Gregg Sellers and Frank Hovis had two hits each for the winners. Parker had a double and triple. Gary Proctor had three hits and Pete Cobb two for Optimist.

VFW took a 3-0 lead in the first inning of its game with the Mountaineers, but the Mountaineers came back with seven runs in the second and were never headed.

Steve Southwell, David Lancaster, Jeff Carroll and Eddie Mauney had two hits each for the winners. Mauney went all the way to get the pitching win. Six different players had a hit a piece for VFW.

### Hord, Moore Only Regulars Over .300 Mark

Rick Hord hurred a three-hitter, outdueling Shelby southpaw Mark Hamrick, to give Kings Mountain's Juniors a 3-0 victory Thursday night at Shelby and a victory in the two teams' best-of-five Area Four playoff series, three games to two.

The win advanced Post 155 into the Area Four quarter-finals against Forest City and ended the season for Shelby, which finished third in the regular season League Two chase.

The win culminated a comeback effort by Post 155. The local lads trailed, two games to one, but came back with two straight victories Wednesday and Thursday to cap the series.

Hamrick, who earlier in the season struck out 18 KM batters in a 3-0 Shelby win, gave up but four hits and struck out 14 but errors on the part of his teammates gave KM the victory. All three Post 155 runs were unearned.

**BOXSCORE**

Kings Mtn.	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Moore, 2b	4	0	1	0
Bridges, 3b	5	0	3	1
Bolin, c	4	0	0	0
Hord, rf	3	0	1	0
Valentine, rf	2	0	1	0
Hartsoe, pcf	3	0	0	0
Fitts, cf	1	0	0	0
Withers, 1b	4	1	1	0
Parker, ss	4	1	1	0
Echols, lf	3	1	1	1
Van Dyke, cf	2	0	1	0
McGill, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	3	10	2

**Forest City**

Bailey, ss	3	2	0	0
Geer, 2b	5	1	1	1
Smith, c	4	2	2	2
Lewis, lf	3	1	1	1
Jenkins, rf	1	0	1	0
Lynch, cf	4	0	0	0
Baxter, cf	3	1	1	1
Philbeck, 3b	4	1	3	0
Simmons, 1b	4	1	3	0
Kiser, p	4	1	2	2
Totals	33	10	10	7

**IP H R ER BB SO**

Hartsoe (L, 2-6) 5 8 8 3 4 3  
McGill 3 2 2 3 1  
Kiser (W) 9 10 3 2 2 7  
HPE—Echols by Kiser.

### Murtaugh Will Attend WCL All-Star Game

Danny Murtaugh, two-time World Series winning manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, will be a special guest at the 13th annual Western Carolinas League all-star game Friday night in Spartanburg.

Murtaugh, now a front office executive with the Pirates, managed the Bucs to World Series titles in 1961 and 1971. Last year, his Pirates whipped Baltimore in seven games and in '61 the Bucs won in seven over the New York Yankees.

Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss, who is also president of the WCL, will present Murtaugh a plaque on behalf of the players, managers and officials of the WCL. Moss said the plaque was for Murtaugh's lasting contribution to the game of baseball.

The all-star game, which begins at 8 p.m. at Duncan Park, will pit the first half champion Spartanburg Phillies against an all-star team comprised of players from the league's five other teams.

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7:6p.

### KM's Adams Inks \$100,000 Bucks' Contract

George Adams, former Kings Mountain High and Gardner-Webb College basketball sensation, has signed a contract with the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA. Adams was a three-time All-American at Gardner-Webb College and was drafted by the Bucks in the third round of the April NBA draft.

Adams reportedly received a \$100,000 bonus to sign with the one-time NBA champions. Adams had been drafted in the third round by the Bucks in the April NBA draft.

Adams had hoped to receive a contract but did not. "I've just got to play more than my best to make the club," he said. J. Hamrick, rf 4 1 1 0  
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M. Hamrick, ph 1 0 0 0  
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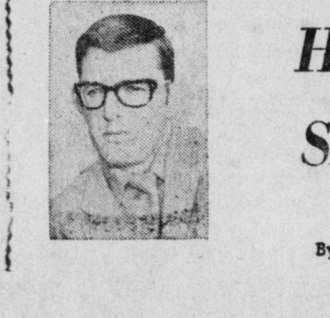
Shelby	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Horn, 2b	4	0	3	0
Ross, 3b	4	0	0	1
Ferree, lf	4	1	1	0
Kirkpatrick, 1b	4	0	0	0
McMurry, ss	4	0	1	1
Erown, cf	4	0	1	0
S. White, c	4	0	0	0
J. Hamrick, rf	4	1	1	0
Cooke, p	2	0	0	0
M. Hamrick, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	12	2

"They have a great team," Adams commented, "but I plan to stay with them." Adams, however, hinted as to how tough it will be to make the team when he said "It (the NBA) is a solid league and the Bucks have a real together squad with a lot of young players that look like they're going to be around a while."

Adams had been drafted in the sixth round by the Indiana Pacers of the ABA but shunned a way from playing in the younger league.

"The ABA seems to be more of a run and shoot league," said Adams. "The NBA seems to concentrate more on other things than just going down the court and shooting."

Adams will report to the Bucks' (Continued on Page Four)



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