



# HERALD SPORTS

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## Nationals Pad All-Star Lead On Morgan's Extra Inning Hit

ATLANTA — Picking up the pieces of the 43rd annual All-Star game at Atlanta Stadium:

This star-studded meeting of the two major leagues had the unlikeliest of heroes, second baseman Joe Morgan of the Cincinnati Reds, whose 10th inning double drove in pinch-hitter Nate Colbert with the winning run in a 4-2 National League victory.

The victory gave the Nationals a 24-18-1 lead in the series, which was originated in 1933 in Chicago.

Except for King Henry Aaron, who received a standing ovation from the 53,000 plus fans when he was introduced prior to the game, none of the so-called super-stars did anything. The bats of such stars as Reggie Jackson, Dick Allen, Carl Yastrzemski and Bobby Murcer of the American League, and Johnny Bench, Joe Torre, Willie Mays, Willie Stargell and Billy Williams of the National League were silent.

The American League, managed by Earl Weaver of Cookie Rojas slammed a two-run homer in the seventh of the Baltimore Orioles, should have never lost the game for a 3-2 lead but Weaver let knuckleballer Wilbur Wood of the White Sox hand the game over to the Nationals in the ninth.

And how about this guy Weaver? He criticized St. Louis pitcher Bob Gibson when Gibson said he didn't want to pitch in the all-star game because he felt Thursday's game with Montreal was more important.

Weaver said Gibson should be honored to pitch for the National League and that might be true. But, what did Weaver do. He let Billy Martin of the Tigers demand that 17-game Mickey Lolich not start for the Americans and not to pitch over two innings in relief. Weaver started his own Jim Palmer instead of the Tiger southpaw who is the winningest pitcher in the majors over the past four and one-half years with 91 victories.

## Four Played Entire Game

Only four players, two from both teams, played the entire 10-inning contest. Several players, especially those on the American League squad, did not get into the contest and that's a big disappointment for the fans who have to pay eight bucks for a buck and a half seat in the upper deck.

Morgan and first baseman Lee May of the Astros were the only National League players to go the whole game and shortstop Bobby Grich of the Orioles and outfielder Reggie Jackson of the A's were the only American League players to play the entire contest.

Grich was a late replacement for Luis Aparicio of the White Sox, who was voted the starting shortstop by the fans. But an injury forced Aparicio to sit out. Weaver chose his own player over Bert Campaneris of Oakland and Fred Patek of Kansas City. Neither of those two players saw action.

## Two Tar Heels On AL Team

Two North Carolinians, both pitchers, were members of the American League team. Gaylord Perry of Williamson and the Cleveland Indians hurled a pair of innings and would have gotten the win had the National League not batted back in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game against Wood. Perry, who was coached in high school by Gaither Cline of Gastonia Ashbrook, served up a two-run homer to Aaron but Rojas's two-run shot got him off the hook and put him in position for the victory.

The other North Carolina player was Oakland's Jim (Catfish) Hunter, native of Hertford.

Four former Western Carolinas League stars made the contest. Fred Patek, former Gastonia Pirate and now a shortstop with the Kansas City Royals, was on the AL squad with pitcher Nolan Ryan of the California Angels. Ryan played with the Greenville Mets several years ago and still holds the WCL single game strikeout record.

On the National League team were Steve Carlton, pitcher from the Philadelphia Phillies, and Al Oliver, outfielder from the Pittsburgh Pirates. Both saw action. Carlton, was with the Rock Hill Cardinals and Oliver played for the Pirates in Gastonia.

In all, eight American League and five National League players didn't get in the contest. AL stars who sat out were pitchers Joe Coleman of Detroit, Pat Dobson of Baltimore, Hunter and Ryan, catcher Ellie Rodriguez of Milwaukee, infielders Campaneris, Patek and Toby Harrah of Texas and outfielder Carlos May of Chicago. National League players who rested were pitchers Clay Carroll of Cincinnati, Gary Nolan of Cincinnati and Tom Seaver of New York, catcher Ted Simmons of St. Louis and outfielder Lou Brock of St. Louis.

The National League had the youngest and the oldest player in the game. The oldest, Willie Mays of the Mets, who is 41. The youngest, Cesar Cedeno of the Astros, who is 21. The AL's oldest was Brooks Robinson, who is 35, and the youngest Toby Harrah of Texas, who is not yet 24.

## Charlottean Replaces Leo

The big news coming out of Atlanta except for the All-Star game was Leo Durocher's resigning as manager of the Cubs. He was replaced by Whitey Lockman, a native of Charlotte, who should make the Cubs a good manager.

Leo had the knowledge of the game but apparently didn't have the knack of getting the best out of his players. For several years, the Cubs have had good material but haven't been playing up to their capabilities.

Danny Murtaugh, ex-Pirate manager who came out of retirement to manage the National League team, was his usual self. He sat in the dugout and enjoyed the game. Never once did he leave his seat.

Needless to say, the All-Star contest brought Atlanta its biggest baseball crowd in history and brought the Southeast its first All-Star game.

Here's hoping there will be many more,

# KM Plays Tryon At 8 P.M. Area Little League Tournament Opens Here

Kings Mountain's Little League tournament here and the winner will advance to the regional tournament in Concord. The winner of the Western Area Tournament championship tonight at 8 p.m. at Concord will go on to the at City Park against the Tryon state tournament.

The KM team, coached by Rick Moore and assistants Robbie Moore and Bill Tinsley, is comprised of players who competed in the six-team city league. Five teams are entered in the tournament here and the winner will advance to the regional tournament in Concord. The winner of the Western Area Tournament championship tonight at 8 p.m. at Concord will go on to the at City Park against the Tryon state tournament.

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The winner of the Kings Mountain-Tryon game will advance to the championship game Saturday at 6:30.

Steve Lancaster, a Central Junior High product who helped lead Moore's Parkgrade team to a perfect 13-0 record and the city championship, will probably pitch for the KM all-stars tonight. Moore hasn't announced his en-

tire starting lineup but many fans feel that this year's all-star team is one of the best to ever represent Kings Mountain.

The all-star team roster shows four players from Parkgrade four from Rotary, three from Optimist, three from C&C Metal and two from Kiwanis. The complete list includes:

PARKGRADE — Donald Ellis, Steve Lancaster, Dennis Putnam, Brian White.

ROTARY — Timothy Riddle, John Gamble, Ronald W. Lin, Larry Valentine.

OPTIMIST — David Robinson, Tim Chapman, Andrew L. Lita, C&C METAL — Timmy Whitaker, Timothy Spicer, Jerry Jackson.

KIWANIS — Richard Van Dyke and David Cobb. The Tryon All-Star team is coached by Hoyle Haynes and Jack Kiser. Its players include Vincent Haynes, Russel Steele, Brett Kiser, Danny Abernathy, Timmy Robinson, Butch Anthony, Jeff Kiser, Phillip Sellers, Mark Bridges, Dale Greene, Lance Sellers, Von Hunter, Jeff Steele, Chester Haynes, Lee Crosby and Bill Bowlin.

## 13-Year-Old BR All Stars Open State Tournament Play



CHAMPION STANDOUT — Mike Smith, above, former Kings Mountain High and American Legion baseball standout, is one of the leaders of the Champion's Landscaping Number Two team, which is unbeaten in the District 23 softball tourney being held at City Stadium.

## Opening Round Game Scheduled For 2:30 Friday

Kings Mountain's 13-year-old Babe Ruth League all-star team will leave this morning for Asheville, where they'll participate in the state tournament July 28 through August 1.

The local all-stars won the Area Four tournament at Charlotte two weeks ago to qualify for the state event at Asheville. The double-elimination tournament will be played at Williams Field in East Asheville.

Kings Mountain, coached by Rick Hamrick of VFW and Fred Sisk of the Braves, defeated Charlotte's Park Road Optimist twice to win the area tournament. The locals will join seven other area champions plus host team East Asheville in the state tournament.

The all-stars will not know their opening round opponent until they arrive in Asheville, but they do know they'll be playing the area one champion at 2:30 Friday afternoon. If they lose, they'll play again at 2:30 Saturday and if they win they'll play at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Gene Austin, president of the local Babe Ruth League, points out that the last time a Kings Mountain All-Star team went to Asheville for a state tournament, it won all the marbles. "That was in 1968," Austin said, "and the people at Asheville tell me they really liked our team that year. They're looking forward to seeing our team in action."

There will be no advancement for the winner of the Asheville tournament. In 13-year-old Babe Ruth play, the state championship is the highest honor that can be achieved.

Members of the KM all-stars team include Larry Goss of Bessemer City, Gregg Sellers, Harlen Haynes, Joel Burgess and Pat Rends of Tryon, Preston Short, Randy Putnam, Mike Bumgardner, and Kevin Tinsley of the Braves, Rusty Bell, Ricky Deaton, Darrell Queen and Don Johnson of VFW and Stanley Bridges of the Optimist Club.

## KM Fans See All-Star Game

Several baseball fans from Kings Mountain went to Atlanta Tuesday night for the major league All-Star game.

Among those attending included Richard Barnett, Luther Bennett, Dick McGinnis and son Greg, Ollie Harris and grandson Johnny, Ray Cline, John Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stewart.

## Two Kings Mountain Teams Still In Running

Kings Mountain teams have found the going rough in the 32-team District 23 slupitch softball tournament being played at City Stadium.

Five Kings Mountain teams entered the event but three fell by the wayside early. Only two local squads are still in the running for the tournament championship, Champion's Landscaping Number Two, which is 2-0, and Carolina Throwing, which is 1-1.

Champion's Landscaping, the best team, is one of six unbeaten teams as the tournament enters the quarter-finals round. Other unbeaten include J. C. Cowan, Ellenboro, Cherryville Pythians, Pittsburg Plate Glass and Dover-Ora.

Kings Mountain teams which have been eliminated include Duplex, Kings Mountain Mica and Oxford. KM Mica and Oxford went out in straight while Duplex won one and lost two.

Champion's Landscaping, paced by such standouts as Rocky Gofforth, Gene Connor, Mike Smith and others, is given a good shot at winning the double-elimination event, which sends its winner to the area tournament, to be played here next month. The winner of the area tournament will advance to the state tournament in Eden, N. C.

## Arial Leaves Pros To Join G-W Staff

BOILING SPRINGS — A veteran of more than 25 years as an athletic trainer, Warren Arial, has been named head athletic trainer and assistant athletic director at Gardner-Webb College.

Arial comes to Gardner-Webb from the position of head trainer of the Houston Oilers of the National Football League. He had previously served as head trainer for the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League.

He is a native of South Carolina and has lived in many parts of the Palmetto State where his father served more than 40 years as a Methodist minister. He is now retired.

The new Bulldog trainer is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Eastern School of Physical Therapy, New York City. He has partially completed his master's work at the University of Indiana.

Athletic Director Eddie Holbrook said that he felt the college was fortunate to get the services of a man with ability and experience of Arial. "We now have a man on our staff who is considered one of the most outstanding trainers in the field today," said Holbrook. "He knows as much about the prevention and treatment of athletic injuries as any man in his field. He is also an experienced administrator in the field of athletics. We are very pleased that he has accepted a position on our staff."

## Three Enter Shelby Race

SHELBY — Three long-time favorites, Daniel Warlick, Benny Clontz and Frank Weathers, join the field of heavy-footed Late Model Sportsman drivers expected for Thursday night's weekly stock car races at the Shelby Speedway, located at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Action begins at 8 o'clock. The gates open at 6:30.

"Stick" Elliott and Chuck Piazza, with a win each; Carl Smart, Freddy Smith, Mike Humphries, Charlie Blanton, Herman Mauney, Mike Duvall, Kirby Allen, Raymond Payne, Bill Montelith and many others will be on hand when the green flag falls.

Action ends by 11 p.m. Under the new management of BHW Enterprises, the Shelby Speedway is attracting more name drivers each Thursday night.

## Gant Eyes Win Over GN Stars Saturday Night

HICKORY — Modest but confident, Harry Gant figures he has a real chance of winning Saturday's 16th running of the Buddy Shuman Memorial race at Hickory Speedway, although it means out-doing Grand National great stars Bobby Isaac and Bobby Allison.

A victory by the popular Sportsman driver would be comparable to a rookie hitting a bases loaded homer in his first time at bat in the major leagues. For although he's a veteran short-track racer, Gant has never tried his hand in a Grand National event.

Gant will have a lot going for him in the 300-lap Grand National at East meeting. He will be driving a newly-engineered Mercury Cougar, owned by Reid Shaw of Asheboro. A year ago Gant was setting some blistering warm-up laps in a Shaw Mustang in preparation for a Grand National race when the engine tightened. Shaw's cars have won twice this season.

"I've never had a green flag in a GN race," says Gant, and he sees Saturday's race as a chance to show his stuff. In 1969 Gant was runner-up to National Sportsman champion Red Farmer, winning the Hickory track title in process.

This season the Taylorsville driver, figured by fellow drivers as one of the strongest men in the sport, has won 13 Sportsman races, including eight on his home Hickory track. His strength, knowledge of the track and a top rate car make him a solid threat.

Crew members of Gant are a little less modest on his chances of winning the first time out. Figuring fewer pit stops for the lighter Cougar, chief mechanic Elvin Rector grins and says, "Harry will be turning the track when some of the heavier cars, like Isaac and his Dodge, Allison in a Chevrolet are in the pits. We think he can win."

Isaac isn't Gant's only problem. He'll also have to fend off such veterans as Jim Paschal, Neil Castles, Elmo Langley, Wendell Scott and a host of others. Limited to a field of the 24 fastest cars, the action begins at 8 p.m.

## All-Time Team Contest Continued Extra Month

Since voting for the Herald's all-time Kings Mountain football, basketball and baseball teams is coming in slowly, we've decided to continue the contest for another month.

The deadline for entries is now Monday, August 28. The teams will be announced in the August 31 paper.

The ballot at the bottom of this story might make it more convenient for you as you name your team. Just clip the ballot, fill it out and mail your vote to the Herald, P. O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N. C. 28036.

Cast your vote for the all-time Kings Mountain football, basketball and baseball teams. Ballots must be returned to the Kings Mountain Herald, P. O. Box 752, on or before August 28. The teams will be announced in the August 31 edition of the Herald.

ALL TIME FOOTBALL TEAM	
Ends (2)	_____
Tackles (2)	_____
Guards (2)	_____
Center (1)	_____
Quarterback (1)	_____
Halfbacks (2)	_____
Fullback (1)	_____
ALL-TIME BASKETBALL TEAM	
Forwards (2)	_____
Center (1)	_____
Guards (2)	_____
ALL-TIME BASEBALL TEAM	
First Base (1)	_____
Second Base (1)	_____
Shortstop (1)	_____
Third Base (1)	_____
Utility Inf. (1)	_____
Outfield (3)	_____
Catcher (1)	_____
Left-hand Pitcher (1)	_____
Right-hand Pitcher (1)	_____

## Three Take Victories In Hickory Program

HICKORY — In a ladies night of double-headers at Hickory Speedway Saturday night, Harry Gant and Bob Pressley smoked off with Sportsman victories, while Hobby driver John Settlemyre did the hat trick, winning both ends of a double-feature.

Gant started on the pole and led all the way in recording his eighth victory of the season in the first feature, which was viewed by a tacked house. In the second, he started in the rear and finished third, a half second in back of Pressley and runnerup Benny Kerley. Pressley's win was his fifth.

Settlemyre did it all in winning his 10th and 11th Hobby features. He did it the easy way in the first feature, starting on the front row and chasing down Jerry Fox to win. He did it the hard way the second time around, starting in the rear and working through a tightly packed field.

Settlemyre's performance puts him one victory ahead of the 1971 record setting pace of Ted Wells. Junior Crouch, Morgan Shepherd and Bosco Lowe were second, third and fourth in the first Sportsman feature. In the second feature, Benny Kerley, Gant and Shepherd followed the winner home.

Roby Jetton of Lincolnton was taken to a nearby hospital for a (Continued On Page Six)