

George Selected To Play In East-West All-Star Game



IN EAST-WEST GAME — Kings Mountain High center-linebacker Mark George, above, will be on the West squad when the annual East-West High School All-Star football game is played in Greensboro August 3. George is the first KMHS gridder to be selected for the squad since 1955, when Hubert McGinnis, also a center, represented the Mountaineers.

KMHS Standout Named As Center On 33-Man Squad

Mark George, whose outstanding play at center and linebacker was a key factor in Kings Mountain's 6-4 record and fourth place finish in the Southwestern 3-A Conference last fall, has been selected to play in the annual East-West High School All-Star football game in Greensboro August 3.

Kings Mountain High Head Coach Bobby Jones received word of George's selection Sunday from Dick Thompson of East Gaston High School, head coach of the West squad.

George, a 195-pounder, was All-Conference and his team's most valuable player. He led the team in tackles from his linebacking post and at center was a key blocker in the Mountaineers' 1 attack.

"Mark's real excited about this," noted Coach Jones. "He did a real good job for us and I'm glad something good happened to him. This is just as big an honor for the school as it is for Mark."

George is Kings Mountain's first East-West standout since Hubert McGinnis was selected to the West squad in 1965. McGinnis, now a high school coach, helped lead the 1964 Mountaineers to a 10-1 record and the SWC championship. He later made All-District 26 for the Lenoir Rhyne Bears.

George hasn't been actively recruited even though he was a three-year starter for the Mountaineers.

"I can't understand why nobody's signed him," says Jones. "He's by far the best college prospect we had. But at Greensboro, he'll be playing with and against the best high school players in North Carolina, so if he shows up real good down there, it will be a big help."

George was named to the squad after Thompson's own center, Roger Hurst, declined an invitation. The 33 West all-stars were selected out of a group of over 300 senior standouts.

George will join only two other SWC standouts on the team. They are Tommy London and Mike Dover, both of Shelby's unbeaten Western North Carolina High Schools Activities Association champions.

The game will be held in conjunction with the annual North Carolina Coaches Clinic. George and his West teammates will report to Greensboro a week early for workouts.

Thompson, a veteran of over 30 years of high school coaching, will be assisted by Glenn Wilson of Taylorsville.

Church League Season Opens

Low-sided scores highlighted opening night action in Church League softball play at Deal Street Park Tuesday night.

Allen Memorial went on the biggest run-scoring spree, whipping First Wesleyan by a 15-5 score.

El Bethel also scored in the teens, defeating Buffalo 13-3 and Second Baptist hit double figures with a 10-1 victory over Temple Baptist.

Macedonia recorded the only shutout of the night, defeating Bethlehem 6-0.

Church League games will be played on Tuesday and Friday nights, all regular season contests at Deal Street Park.

Patriots Whip Stanley, Ashley To Run Unbeaten Record To 7-0

Central Junior High's Patriots had their first big scare of the year Thursday at Deal Street Park, but defeated Ashley of Gastonia 3-1 for their seventh straight victory.

Ashley jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Steve Haney but the Patriots battled back with three runs in the fifth to win it.

A run-scoring single by Mike Bumgardner and a two-run single by William Thompson accounted for the Central runs.

The Patriots got all four of their hits in the decisive fifth inning. Preston Short and Don Henderson had the other two hits for Central.

Henderson was the winning pitcher, going the final three innings in relief of Steve Lancaster. Henderson didn't allow a hit, walked one and struck out four.

Lancaster was touched for four hits over the first four innings, walked two and struck out four. The Patriots had an easier time of it Wednesday, blasting Stan-



SOPH HURLER — Righthander Richard Gillespie has pitched well for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers this season and has the best earned run average on the staff. (Photo by I. G. Alexander).

Mounties Return Next Tuesday At Cherryville

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, one-time Southwestern Conference leaders, return to the diamond Tuesday, facing Cherryville on the road in the first of three contests for next week.

The Mountaineers, who are currently on an eight-day Easter break, have lost three straight games and four of their last five contests to slip from a perfect 5-0 record to a 6-4 mark.

Coach Barry Gibson's charges appear out of the running for the Southwestern Conference title but can still finish with their best record in Gibson's three years as head coach if they regain their winning form.

Gibson's other two KMHS teams finished 11-7 and 12-6 and second in the SWC.

Kenny Farias, the team's top hurler with a 2-0 record, will probably draw the starting pitching assignment at Cherryville. The Mountaineers stopped the Ironmen 6-3 in an earlier bout here with southpaw John McGill picking up the pitching win in relief.

The Mountaineers will return home next Wednesday to host Burns, a team which the Mountaineers defeated 9-4 in their first outing. Then, on Friday of next week the Mounties complete their three-game week with a contest at R-S Central.

Coach Gibson has scheduled the week's only practice session for Friday at 2 p.m. and the young mentor hopes the layoff will help the players mentally. Mental errors have hurt the Mounties in their recent skid and Gibson points out that the inability to hit with men on base has also been a key problem.

Mountaineers Skid Continues With Losses To Shelby And Lincolnton

Mounties Blow 7-0 Lead Friday At Lincolnton

A Friday the 13th nightmare Friday at Lincolnton sent Kings Mountain's Mountaineers reeling to their third straight loss and fourth in five outings, and almost out of sight if Southwestern Conference leader South Point.

The Mountaineers were coasting along with a 7-0 lead when the host Wolves began a comeback which eventually netted them an 8-7 victory after 11 frustrating innings for Mountaineers coach Barry Gibson.

Kenny Farias, a junior right-hander, had the Wolves hand-cuffed with a no-hitter over the first three frames but the Wolves struck for a run in the bottom of the fourth to cut the KM lead to 7-1.

That tally didn't seem to hurt, but Richard Smith's Pack came back two innings later for a four-spot to cut it to 7-5, then poked up a pair in the bottom of the seventh to tie it and send the game into extra innings.

Gibson called on sophomore Richard Gillespie after Lincolnton tied the score and Gillespie responded with a no-hitter until the 11th when a pair of walks put runners on first and second with one away.

Gibson then called on senior Keith Parker from right field and he immediately gave up a single to Nichols, but an accurate throw by leftfielder Steve Hicks cut down a runner at the plate for the second out. However, Parker gave up another single to Mulkey and that was the ballgame as the runner on third trotted in for the score.

The 11-inning contest saw the Mountaineers put forth their best hitting performance of the season. They collected 13 safeties but again couldn't hit with men on base. They left 14 runners stranded as compared to only eight for Lincolnton.

Parker, last year's leading hitter in the SWC with a .445 average, regained his old form and collected four hits in six times at bat, including a triple which gave Farias a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Robbie Moore, this year's top hitter in the SWC, had three hits in six trips and scored a pair of runs and Steve Hicks and Darrell Van Dyke came up with a pair of hits apiece.

The Mountaineers added three runs in the second to go with Parker's first inning RBI. A three-run triple by Hicks following three straight walks did the damage in that inning.

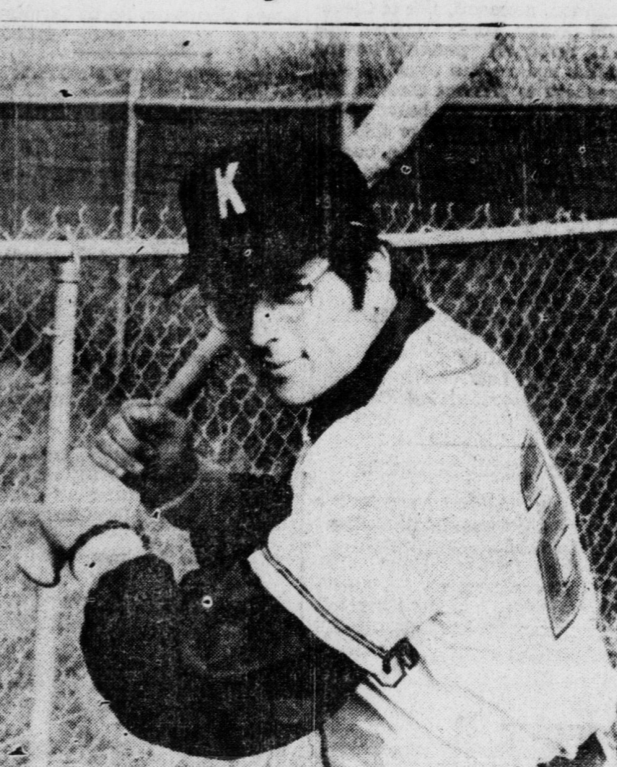
The Mountaineers made it 5-0 in the third, scoring two runs on three bases on balls and Parker's single. They closed out their scoring in the fourth on singles by Hicks and Parker, and a fielder's choice which allowed Moore to reach safely.

BOXSORE table with columns for team, player, AB, R, H, AVG.

Bulldogs Ink Seneca Star

BOILING SPRINGS — A Seneca, S. C. football product, Billy Hamilton, has signed with the Gardner-Webb College Bulldogs.

Hamilton is 5'11" and weighs 220 pounds played both on offense and defense at Seneca High



HITTING EYE'S BACK — Senior Keith Parker, above, has regained his hitting eye in the last two games, going 6-for-9 against Shelby and Lincolnton. Parker and his teammates are on an Easter break but return to action Tuesday at Cherryville.

Moore Only Regular Hitting .300 For KM

Senior shortstop Robbie Moore continues to be the only regular hitting over .300 as Kings Mountain High's baseballers try to regain the winning touch that had them on top of the Southwestern Conference ladder earlier in the year.

Moore who has hit safely in all 10 KMHS contests, is now hitting at a .571 clip with 20 hits in 35 times at bat. He also leads the team in runs scored with eight.

Moore started the year with a perfect 10-for-10 performance for an .813 average. He's the leading hitter in the 10-team SWC.

Kings Mountain's other two senior returnees, third baseman Wayne Bridges and pitcher-outfielder Keith Parker, are behind Moore in the hitting department.

Bridges is currently 9-for-32, good enough for a .281 mark, and Parker is 9-for-34, good enough for a .265 average.

Bridges slacked off in the two games last week. He had been

TEN GAME STATS table with columns for player, AB, R, H, AVG.

PITCHING table with columns for player, W-L, IP, SO, ERA.

Juniors Open '73 Season May 22

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors will begin 1973 Area Four play on Tuesday, May 22, at Bessemer City.

Post 155 will play a 14-game regular season schedule. Kings Mountain, which will be coached again by Bobby Jones and Gus Hartsoe, will compete in League Two with Morganton, Hickory, Forest City, Shelby, Cherryville, Bessemer City and Henrietta.

The eight League Two teams will play each other twice during regular season play on a home-and-home basis.

The Area Four playoffs will begin on June 25. The first round will be a best-of-five series and must be completed by June 30. Pairings will have the first round champion facing the eighth place team, the number two team against number seven, three against six and four against five.

The teams with the highest winning percentages will get the first home game in each playoff series. In case of ties, Area Commissioner M. B. Alley of Hickory

Shelby Jumps To Early Lead In 6-2 Victory

Shelby's Lions jumped off to a 5-0 lead after three innings and coasted to their sixth straight victory Wednesday over Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, 6-2.

The victory knocked the Mountaineers out of a second place tie with the Lions and Chase.

Mark M. Daniel went the distance on the mound for the winners, limiting the Mountaineers to five hits while walking just four and striking out 11. Richard Gillespie started for the Mountaineers and worked only two innings before giving way to John McGill.

McDaniel, in fact, scored what amounted to the winning run in the very first inning when he tripled and coasted home on a single by Chip Lane.

The Mountaineers picked up single runs in the fourth and sixth frames. Chuck Austin, who singled with one away, scored the fourth inning run on a long sacrifice fly by Dale Hartsoe and Keith Parker scored the sixth inning run on M. Daniel's balk.

Parker was the only Mountaineer to get over one hit, finishing with a pair of singles in three trips. Austin and McGill added singles and Robbie Moore kept his consecutive games hitting streak alive with a first inning triple.

The Mountaineers had base runners in every inning but couldn't come up with the key hits when they needed them. The Mountaineers led eight runners on base and seven of them were left in scoring position.

BOXSCORE table with columns for team, player, AB, R, H, Rbi.

PITCHER table with columns for player, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO.

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Horne, 3b 3 1 1 0
White, c 2 1 0 0
Barnette, 1b 1 1 1 1
Bridges, rf 3 1 3 2
Miller, 2b 1 0 0 0
Terrell, ss 3 0 1 2
Totals 24 6 8 5

E-Lane, Bridges, Van Dyke, Bridges, LOB—Shelby 4, KM 8. 3B—Moore, McDaniel, SAC—Miller, SP—Hartsoe, SB—Parker.

Tickets On Sale For G-W Banquet

BOILING SPRINGS — Tickets for the May 5 Sports Banquet at Gardner-Webb College are on sale. The speaker for the dinner will be one of pro football's top quarterbacks, Terry Bradshaw, of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The tickets sell for \$4.00.

According to Athletic Director Eddie Holbrook, at Gardner-Webb, tickets are on sale at Smith's Drugs and Suttle Drugs in Shelby and in Boiling Springs at Boiling Springs Drug. They can also be purchased at the college's athletic department.

HERALD SPORTS logo and a small portrait of a man.

Jarrett Makes Debut

Several years ago when I was writing sports for the Gastonia Gazette, I scheduled an interview with a Hickory American Legion baseball player who was wearing out Area Four pitchers after a brilliant year with the University of North Carolina freshman team.

His name was Glenn Jarrett and the 18-year-old outfielder just happened to have a famous dad, Ned Jarrett, of NASCAR fame.

I had called Ned at his Hickory Speedway office the day before and scheduled the interview. As Glenn and his Hickory teammates went through batting practice before the game, Ned and I chatted outside of Sims Legion Park in Gastonia.

The conversation naturally turned from baseball to auto racing and the former Grand National champion said his oldest son, Glenn, had never been interested in racing and he doubted if he ever would be.

Later, when Glenn came over, I asked him about what his father had said and he stunned papa Ned when he said he'd like very much to take up the sport of auto racing.

The next summer Glenn started running hobby cars at Hickory Speedway and last Saturday night stepped behind the wheel of his first sportsman's car.

The talk from Hickory was that the young Jarrett, now a UNC grad and working for Ned Jarrett Enterprises in Conover, was looking good before wrecking late in the race.

After listening to 17-year-old Richie Panch, son of former NASCAR great Marvin Panch, make his super-speedway debut in the Rebel 500 at Darlington Sunday, I wondered how much longer it would be before Glenn Jarrett made his big step.

It shouldn't be too long. And, papa Ned said it would never happen.

Sisk Redshirted By Richardson

A letter from Ray Sisk of Columbia, S. C., formerly of Kings Mountain explained why his son Mike is no longer on the University of South Carolina baseball team.

The sophomore third baseman was red-shirted by Coach Bobby Richardson this season because he hadn't completely recovered from a severely fractured leg which was injured during the latter part of the American Legion season last summer.

Sisk has continued to work out with the Gamecocks while the leg recovers and he plans to play with the Columbia Jets of the Central Carolina League this summer. Sisk was being counted on by Coach Richardson, the former New York Yankee great, for backup duty at third behind three-year letterman Bruce Pudlock. But when the leg didn't come around, Richardson figured it would be wise to red-shirt Sisk since it would give him three more years of eligibility.

G-W Signs Alabama Standout

Eddie Holbrook, Gardner-Webb's outstanding cage mentor and athletic director, continues to sign blue-chippers as he bids to put the Bulldogs back into the top ten among NAIA colleges.

Holbrook recently inked 6-8 John Searight of Luverne, Alabama, to a grant-in-aid. He has played the last two years at Alabama Christian Junior College in Montgomery.

A den's list student, Searight averaged 23 points and 18 rebounds per game last year in leading Alabama Christian to a 26-4 record. He shot 58 percent from the floor, made all-district, all-region, and all-state among junior colleges in Bama.

"John provides us with the good, big aggressive play-



MIKE SISK