



HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

Ted Coming Back?

Short cuts from the world of sports: Ted Abernathy of Gaston County, two-time Fireman of the Year, is trying a baseball comeback...

Basketball's a long way off but Duke University's publicity department is already sending out info. The Blue Devils' 1973-74 schedule is being billed as one of the nation's most exciting...

Actors Jackie Cooper and Cameron Mitchell will participate in the 24th Southern 500 race festivities Labor Day at Darlington. Cooper, you'll recall, began his claim to fame as a member of the Little Rascals gang...

Mike Tilleman, 280-pound defensive tackle recently acquired by the Atlanta Falcons, will be guest speaker at the annual Gardner-Webb Bulldog Club Kick-Off Dinner tonight at 7 p.m. in the Bulldog Room of the Charles Dover Campus Center...

Pembroke State's Wayne Pyrtle continues to dominate the hitting statistics in the North Carolina Collegiate Summer Baseball League. He's hitting a torrid .379 and has a 40 percentage point lead over his closest rival, Campbell's John Whitehurst.

KM To Host LL Tournament

Kings Mountain will host the district little league baseball tournament July 30 - August 4 at City Stadium. Picked a favorite yet for the 1973 Southwest Conference football race? It has to be South Point, which lost only four players off last year's team...

They say statistics don't lie. If so, a Chevrolet will win the July 22 Dixie 500 at Atlanta International Raceway. Only once in the 14-year history of the race has victories not come in pairs for different makes of cars...

KM Needs Jayvee Program

Bobby Jones, who'll be beginning his third year as Kings Mountain High head football coach next month, says a junior varsity team would be a big help to his program. The only drawback is, in recent years there haven't been enough players to supply the varsity...

Gerald Allen, successful head coach for many years at Shelby High, has been named head coach of the North Carolina team for this December's Shrine Bowl game in Charlotte's Memorial Stadium. That means two Shrine Bowlers for the Lions. Gastonia's Juniors have done it again...

Dizzy Dean has the right method of speeding up baseball games. Put pitchers like Bob Gibson on the mound. Dean, on Monday night's game of the week, noted "When you got a fastball like Gibson's you just walk out there on the mound, take the signal from the catcher and throw it. Don't give the hitters time to get dug in there."

Weiskopf's British Open Victory Earns Him Free Spot In Tourney

RALEIGH. — Tom Weiskopf, just 25 who won his first major golf championship by taking the British Open Saturday, became the seventh player to be exempt first 36 holes of the \$100,000 U. S. Professional Match Play championship half of golf's only doubleheader to be played at MacGregor Downs Country club in Cary the week of August 20.

Weiskopf, winner of three previous tour events this year, thus joins Jack Nicklaus, defending match play champion, Tommy Aaron, 1973 Masters winner, Johnny Miller, 1973 U. S. Open champion, Lee Trevino, George Archer and Greg Jones, two, three and four respectively on the 1972 exemption points list.

The eighth and final exemption will be awarded to the winner of the PGA championship next month in Cleveland. If the winner is a previously exempt golfer, the eighth spot will then be awarded to the next available golfer on the 1972 points list. This would be Jerry Heard.

Weiskopf, the 30-year old the \$150,000 U. S. Match Play will be seeded fifth for and 21, \$4,000; August 22, \$7,000; the \$150,000 U. S. Match Play August 23 and 24, \$6,000; August championship. He will play the 25 and 26, \$8,000. Ample parking 12th seeded player in the opening round the morning of Au-

Enter State Tournament Play Friday Babe Ruth All-Stars Cop District Title

Kings Mountain's 13-15 year old Babe Ruth League All-Stars whipped Charlotte's Central Lions 9-1 Tuesday night in Monroe. A single and stolen base by Frank Hovis and doubles by Parker and Burgess accounted for the three runs in the sixth inning.

The local all-stars will open state tournament play Friday at 12:30 p. m. at St. Stephens high school against Greenville, winner of the District VII tournament. Greenville is the defending state champion.

A four-run first inning was all Jeff Carroll needed to nail down the championship victory Tuesday. He went the distance on the mound, giving up only five hits.

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Kings Mountain and Charlotte Central, by far the best two teams in the field, met for the first time Saturday, with Kings Mountain winning 3-2 in eight innings.

Jeff Reynolds worked six innings of no-hit relief for Carroll and picked up the victory. He walked two and struck out five.

Kings Mountain trailed 1-0 until the seventh inning, when singles by Reynolds and Wray and a double by Andy Bridges tied the score and sent the game into an extra frame.

The locals picked up a pair in the top of the eighth on a single by Parker and double by Southwell, then Charlotte got a singleton in the bottom of the inning on an error.

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singleton in the first on a double by Southwell and Carroll's single, then broke the game open with three runs in the top of the sixth. Burgess, Wray and Johnson had singles to spark the rally.

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Kings Mountain registered a 14-2 victory over West Union County Friday to earn a semi-final berth with Charlotte. Burgess went the route on the mound, allowing just two hits.

Kings Mountain packed all of its scoring into two innings, getting seven runs in each of the fifth and sixth racks. West Union picked up singletons in the third and fifth.

Burgess, Carroll, Bridges, Johnson and Monte Falls each had two hits apiece in KM's 13-hit plate attack.

If Kings Mountain whips Greenville in Friday's opening round game, the locals will meet the winner of the Hominy Valley-Concord game Saturday at 5:30 p. m.

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Church Teams Resume Game

Second Baptist and Bethlehem will resume their championship game of the local church league Deal Street Park.

Second Baptist, the regular season champion, was leading in last Saturday's game 11-1 in the sixth inning when rain forced a halt.

If Second Baptist goes on to hold its lead, it will be the tourney champions but if Bethlehem comes back to win, another game would be necessary to determine the champion.

Bethlehem earned the right to meet the regular season champs by defeating Macedonia 8-3 in the semifinals.

Earlier tournament scores included First Wesleyan 6, Temple Bishop, Chesnee; Jimmy Martin, 5; El Bethel 21, Allen 18; Macedonia 11, First Wesleyan 5; Second Baptist 8, Bethlehem 5; and Macedonia 14, El Bethel 6.

First Wesleyan was voted the league sportsmanship trophy and pitcher Dale LeCutter of Bethlehem was given a special trophy as the league's most courageous performer. Ledbetter pitches for the Bethlehem club despite a handicap.

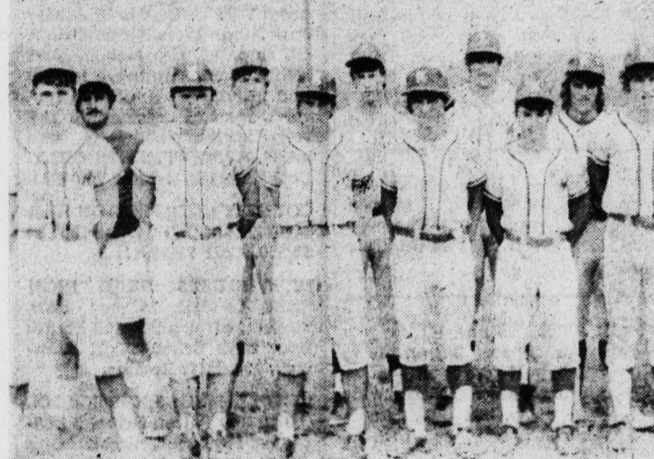
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Football Physicals Scheduled For Friday

All persons planning to play varsity football for Kings Mountain High School who did not have physicals Monday night are asked to be at the KMHS field-house Friday at 7 p.m. for physicals.

Coach Bobby Jones said that only 18 players showed up for Monday's physicals. One-day practices will begin on August 6.

The Mountaineers, coming off a 6-4 season, will begin 1973 play on August 31 at Bessemer City. They'll play five home games, beginning with Lincoln's Wolves on September 14.

Cherryville Softball Event Set August 13

CHERRYVILLE — Local rec director Floyd Wright says he's seeking a 30-team field for the sixth annual Cherryville Invitational softball tourney here next month.

The CIT, rapidly blossoming into one of the area's better tournaments, is slated for an Aug. 13 start at City Park and the two weeks' event will continue through Aug. 26 at which time handsome trophies will be awarded to both city and tournament champions.

Entry fee for this summer's tourney is \$45 and all fees and entries must be submitted to Wright or assistant rec director Gary Simpson by Aug. 3. It'll be a double elimination tourney.

The competition here is tough. Last summer, Kings Cleaners of Charlotte captured the title with a win in the finals over Pharr Yarn of McAdenville and Pharr went on to top the national industrial crown. Two seasons ago, Howard Furniture of Denver, now rated the nation's leading slow-pitch softball team, brought their "B" unit here and although they were fortified with several of the "A" squads' homer kings, were bumped off in the semi-finals.

Annual Industrial power Aetna Life of Charlotte came here three campaigns ago and failed to win the title. Town & Country of Lincolnton, the Cherryville rec all-stars (twice), Hardin Mfg., and Kings have copped the five previous CIT events.

Golf Tourney Set By Club

The second annual American Legion golf tourney will be played at Kings Mountain Country Club golf course on September 8th.

Following the game, a banquet and dance will follow at the American Legion building. Legionnaires planning to participate in the tourney are asked to make application with Mr. McDaniel and pay a \$5 entrance fee. Reservations are asked by August 20th.

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Father-Son Teams Capture Golf Titles

Three father-son teams won titles in the annual Fourth of July Golf tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

First place in the grades 1-23 division went to Dr. Charles Adams and his son, Chuck. They edged Charles and Lee Neisler while Brian and Guy Bickley copped low putts.

In the 4-56 grade division, Darrell Austin and Darrell Austin Jr. came in first over Walt and Chip Harmon. Low putts in that division went to Dick and Gregg McGinnis.

In the 7-89 grade division, Tom Tate and Tom Tate Jr. won out over Jim Lybrand and Jim Lybrand Jr. There was a three-way tie for low putts with Henry and David Neisler, Wyss Barker and Douglas Sincos and Mickey Powers with Mitch Howze sharing the honors.

Alfred Grigg and Gary Howze copped first place in the high school division. Second went to Don and Kevin McGinnis. Marilyn Neisler and Parks Neisler copped low putts.

In the college division, Ben T. Goforth and Geep Howard copped first place over Snooks and Mike McDaniel. Low putts went to Bill and Carl Fulton.

Ben T. Goforth won closest to the hole honors on a par three hole.

Kiwanis, C & C Win LL Titles

Kings Mountain little leaguers will begin practice next week for the district tournament to be played here beginning July 30.

Bob Short, who coached Kiwanis to the regular season championship in the National League, will handle the NL all-stars and Ray Roberson and Pressley Anderson, who coached C&C Metal to the regular season title in the American league, will coach the AL all-stars.

Roy Pearson, city recreation director, will serve as tournament director. Thus far, teams from Tryon, Charlotte and Bessemer City are entered in the tourney.

Weeds are a well-known pest of crops, but only in recent years through modern research has there been an accurate measure placed on the damage indicated that one pigweed per foot of row in 30-inch (width) rows cut soybean yields 25 percent.

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Duvall Seeks Fifth Win

SHELBY. — Gaffney's Mike Duvall, riding a four-race winning streak, returns to the Shelby Motor Speedway Saturday night in an attempt to break up the winning ways of Shelby's Preston Humphries and Morgan-

ton's Herman Mooney at the Cleveland county fairgrounds. Action begins at 8:30 at the half-mile dirt track, regarded as one of the south's fastest ovals.

Morganston's Bennett Clontz yet to win here this season, and Arthur Bollinger, Morganston and Randy Morrison, Cherryville, and both hot newcomers to the Late Model Sportsman field; Raymond Payne, Forest City; Billy Bishop, Chesnee; Jimmy Martin, 5; El Bethel 21, Allen 18; Macedonia 11, First Wesleyan 5; Second Baptist 8, Bethlehem 5; and Macedonia 14, El Bethel 6.

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