State Babe Ruth Tournament Begins Here Friday

The Senior Babe Ruth state baseball tournament opens Friday afternoon at Lancaster Field with host Kings Mountain and seven area champions battling for the state crown.

The Kings Mountain allstars will play in the 8 p. m. The Foothills team ingame each night until they are eliminated or are the state champions.

Action gets underway at Davie. 1 p. m. Friday with the (probably Washington) meeting the Area E champ (probably Beaufort).

At 3 p. m., the Area F

Greenville) will meet the Area B winner (Clark Griffith of Charlotte), and at 6 p. m., the Area D champ (either Union or Cabarrus County) will take on the Area C champ (Foothills). cludes all-stars from four counties, Yadkin, Alexander, Iredell and

Kings Mountain will G champion meet the Area A champion, either South Buncombe County or North Buncombe County. Those two clubs were battling for (probably their area title Tuesday

David Bolin, who coached BDF Construction Co. to the regular season Kings Mountain League title, and Tony Leigh, who coached the KM Orioles entry, will pilot the KM all-

KM All-Stars include Scott Ledford, Harlan Haynes, Ricky Carroll. Ralph Self, Bruce Valentine, Steve Southwell, Greg Sellers, Shane Gibson, Falls. Chris

Johnson, John Cantrell, John Yarbro, Jeff Carroll, Scott Ellis, Rusty Bell, Gary Proctor, Marty Homesley and Tim Spicer.

Bob Feller, former Cleveland Indians pitching great and a Hall of Famer, will be guest speaker at a pre-tournament banquet tonight at 7 p. m. at the community center.

Feller, who was voted the greatest living righthand pitcher in baseball's centennial in 1969, signed

age of 16 for a one dollar bonus. Feller played four years of American Legion baseball prior to signing

the first legion product to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

Feller had a lifetime 266-

his first pro contract at the his pro contract and was 162 won-lost record even strikeouts and hurled three though he spent 44 months no-hitters. in the Navy during the prime of his career. He registered 2,581 lifetime

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Lose In Finals Kings Mountain's 14-15 year old Babe Ruth League all-stars lost their bid for a berth in the state tournament Monday night at Charlotte's Myers Park High field, losing 8-2 to

15 Year Olds

East Mecklenburg in the finals of the area tournament. The locals battled their way back through the loser's bracket and whipped East Mecklenburg 2-1 in Monday's first game to force a second and deciding contest. East

Meck had put the Mounties in the loser's bracket Saturday with a 3-2 vic-Kings Mountain managed only four hits in Monday's championship game while East Meck went on a 10-hit attack against KM hurlers David Cobb and Chris Kedter.

East Meck error. East Meck led only 4-2 going into the seventh inning, then broke the game open with four runs on four hits and a pair of KM errors.

KM's runs came in the fourth on doubles by Ray

Robinson and Cobb, and an

Robinson hurled the local entry to victory in Monday's opener. East Meck's lone run, an unearned tally, came in the sixth inning after KM had built a 2-0 lead.

KM jumped out front early, scoring a run in the first on Robinson's triple and Danny Bolin's infield out. KM added its second run in the fourth on a triple by Vincent Haynes and an East Meck error.

The Mounties opened tournament action last Thursday night with an easy 11-2 victory over the Hickory all-stars. Robinson went the route on the mound, hurling a onehitter and striking out 10.

KM jumped out front 2-0 in the first inning on Robinson's single, a walk and a double by Bryan

KM added five more runs in the fourth with White's double, singles by Jimmy Hall and Jody and Ronnie Deaton Wilson's triple being the big blows

Keeter's double and singles by Tim Whitaker and Cobb accounted for three more runs in the fifth and KM closed out its scoring in the sixth, getting a run on three walks and a pair of passed balls.

East Meck then put the locals in the loser's bracket, scoring its 3-2 victory by coming from behind with single runs in the fourth and sixth

KM had moved out front 2-1 in the second, getting a pair on White's triple, singles by Whitaker and Eric Dixon and a pair of

fourth on a run-scoring single by Fink and won it in the sixth on another single by Fink.

KM bounced back on Sunday to eliminate St. the route on the mound, scattering seven hits and fanning seven. KM scored nine runs in

the first inning with Robinson and Bolin getting a pair of hits each during the uprising.
Bolin had a home run

and two singles and Hall a double and two singles to lead KM's 15-hit plate

East Meck now goes to Washington, N. C., to compete in the state tournament which opens

Jaycees Set Slowpitch

Tournament

The Kings Mountain Jaycees are sponsoring an eight-team double elimination slowpitch oftball tournament at City Stadium July 29-31.

A one dollar donation will purchase a ticket that can be used for all 15 games and the ticket will also be good for door prizes which will be given away between each game. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Jaycees.

Proceeds from tournament will help finance a Jaycee little league team and charities.

