

Finals Set For Tonight

KM Unbeaten In BR Tourny

Kings Mountain's 16-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars won their first two games and were battling for a spot in tonight's finals of the State Babe Ruth Tournament last night at Lancaster Field.

The local entry defeated Buncombe County 5-2 Friday and Greenville 6-4 Saturday to earn a semi-finals spot against the only other unbeaten team in the double-elimination event, the Foothills all-stars.

Those two clubs were scheduled to play last night at Lancaster Field, with the winner assured of a spot in tonight's 6 p. m. championship game. The loser of last night's game was to play the

winner of the Stanly County - Charlotte loser's bracket game.

Results of last night's action were not available at the Mirror-Herald's presstime.

Kings Mountain led all the way behind the pitching of David Ray Robinson in Friday night's win over Buncombe County but the Mountaineers had to stage a late rally Saturday to whip a good Greenville team.

Robinson scattered six hits for Friday's victory. KM managed only four hits off Scott Martin and Wendell Howard, but all of the hits came in key situations.

KM jumped ahead 3-0 after three innings and put the game on ice with

two more runs in the fifth. BC's only runs came in the fifth and seventh, and both were unearned.

Jimmy Hall walked, stole second and later scored on a passed ball to give KM a 1-0 lead in the first, and that turned out to be the winning run.

KM added a pair in the third on an error, a walk, and hit batsman and David Cobb's single, and scored its final two in the fifth on three more errors and doubles by Robinson and Danny Bolin.

KM scored four runs in the first inning of Saturday's game with Greenville but had to come up with two more in the fifth to win the game after the Pitt

County all-stars battled from behind to tie the game at 4-4.

Ronnie Wilson started on the mound, but exited during a fourth inning Greenville rally. Cobb came on to hurl no-hit ball over the final three innings and got the victory.

KM's winning tally came when Hall reached on an infield hit and scored on Wilson's double to center. Wilson added an insurance tally on Robinson's single.

A walk to Hall, Wilson's double and singles by Bolin and Robinson highlighted KM's four-run tally in the top of the first.

The Foothills all-stars advanced to last night's winner's bracket game

with KM by defeating Monroe 13-4 Friday and Carteret County 5-4 Saturday.

In other opening round play Friday, Carteret County edged Stanly County 6-5 and Greenville nipped Charlotte 9-8.

In other games Saturday, Stanly County ousted Monroe 11-2 and Charlotte eliminated Buncombe County 11-5. Stanly County and Charlotte recorded shutouts Sunday to reach last night's round, SC defeating Greenville 2-0 and Charlotte ousting Carteret 5-0.

FRIDAY GAMES

Foothills spotted Monroe a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but came back with four runs of its own in the bottom of the third and had no trouble the rest of the way.

Bart Reece went the route for the winners, scattering seven hits. Doug Crump took the loss.

Carteret County scored an unearned run in the bottom of the ninth to defeat Stanly County. Stanly Flynt reached base on an error and scored on an error for the winning tally.

Bill Rudder started on the mound for Carteret, moved to second base, then re-entered as pitcher in the eighth to pick up the win.

Flynt and John Yurko led the Carteret hitting with three hits each and Royce Dudley hit a home run.

Greenville picked up a run in the seventh to edge past Charlotte. Bobby Woronoff walked and scored the winning run on a squeeze bunt by pinch-hitter Ed Coley.

SATURDAY GAMES

Stanly County ousted Monroe as Phil Tucker went the route with a five-hitter. Jeff Brauda took the loss.

SC broke the game open with eight runs in the fourth, the winners getting five singles and taking advantage of five bases on balls.

Doug Smith, Allen Thomas and Eddie Barbee led the SC hitting with two hits each.

Foothills put Carteret in the loser's bracket with its 5-4 win in the 3:30 contest. Foothills scored the winning run in the fifth on an error, two walks and Chapman's single.



Photo By Gary Stewart

HUSTLING BACK — Kings Mountain's Butch Pearson hustles back to first base to avoid pickoff attempt in quarter-finals play against Greenville in the State Babe Ruth Tournament Saturday night at Lancaster Field. KM won 6-4 to advance to last night's semi-finals. The championship game is set for 6 p. m. today.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Following KM's victory over Greenville, Charlotte eliminated Buncombe on the strength of a five-run rally in the fourth.

Charlotte had three of its eight hits during that inning and also took advantage of three errors.

Stanly County got four-hit pitching from Doug Smith in ousting Greenville, which got combined five-hit pitching from Mac Stokes and Ben Wilson.

SC scored the winning run in the first on a walk to Phil Tucker and

Smith's double. Charlotte's Glenn McConnell held Carteret to three hits in Sunday's final game. Bill Rudder of Carteret lost his first game of the season despite hurling a fine five-hitter. Charlotte scored three runs in the fifth, with McConnell's triple the big blow.

Major All-Stars Are Undeclared

Kings Mountain's major league all-stars won their first two games in the Dixie Youth State Tournament in Norwood and were battling Cape Fear, the only other unbeaten team, in the feature game of last night's card.

KMHS Gridders Open Practice Today

By GARY STEWART Sports Editor

Kings Mountain's gridgers will open pre-season practice this afternoon at John Gamble Stadium.

Coach Bobby Jones said his charges will have physicals at 5 p. m. at the fieldhouse, then run a mile.

All football players, both junior varsity and varsity, are urged to be present.

The Mountaineers will go through six days of conditioning drills before beginning heavy practice next week.

Jones, who has most of his players back from an 8-2 team of a year ago, said the coaching staff will try a new method of coaching this season.

"All six of us will be working with both the varsity and junior varsity," he said. "That way, every boy will get the same coaching and we feel like it will really help our program. On game nights, only two or three of us will go with the team and it might not be the same coaches every time.

"I really like the idea," he went on, "because that will give the assistant coaches some exposure of being a head coach, which most of them want to be."

Jones also announced that second-year coach Dan Brooks has been given the duties of defensive coordinator in addition to his line coaching assignment.

The remainder of the coaching assignments will be the same as last year, with Dennis Dukes handling the offensive backs, Warren Goforth the defensive backs, Bud Bumgardner the defensive ends and John Blalock helping Brooks with the offensive line.

The coaching staff spent last week in Greensboro at the annual North Carolina High Schools Coaches Clinic and Jones feels the Mountaineer leaders received some valuable information.

"We heard Jerry Claiborne of Maryland talk on the information," he said, "and specifically the isolation series. I think we got some good ideas from him."

Jones, although it's early, feels the Mountaineers will be capable of winning the Southwestern Conference, even though the league will probably be the toughest it has ever been.

"We'll have the best team since I've been here," he said, "but the conference is going to be much tougher. The top four teams of last year (Shelby, Chase, KMHS and South Point) all have most of their players back. I can see any one of five teams winning it."

Mountaineer fans will get a sneak preview of their club on Wednesday when they host Olympic High of Charlotte in a scrimmage. Jones said an admission fee will be charged for the first time.

Also, Jones said, season tickets are on sale and may be purchased at the KMHS main office for \$10 a book. However, that will not include the scrimmage.

"We're anticipating big crowds this year, since some of the better teams will be playing here," he said. "We open the home portion of our season on September 16 against Chase, and Shelby and South Point will also be playing here."

The Mounties will play a much tougher schedule than last year, having added R-S Central and Ashbrook to replace Cherryville and Bessemer City, who dropped out of the SWC. The Mountaineers open September 2 at R-S, then play their only non-conference game the following week at Ashbrook.

KMHS
Schedule

SEPTEMBER


- 2, at R-S Central
- 9, at Ashbrook
- 16, Chase
- 23, E. Rutherford
- 30, at Crest

OCTOBER

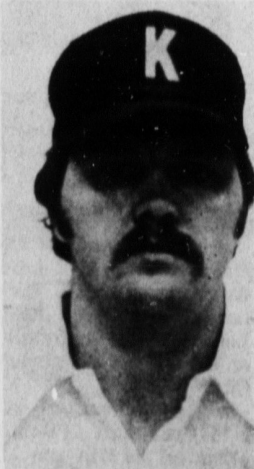
- 7, Shelby
- 14, at N. Gaston
- 21, S. Point
- 28, E. Gaston

NOVEMBER

- 4, at Burns



BOBBY JONES



DAN BROOKS

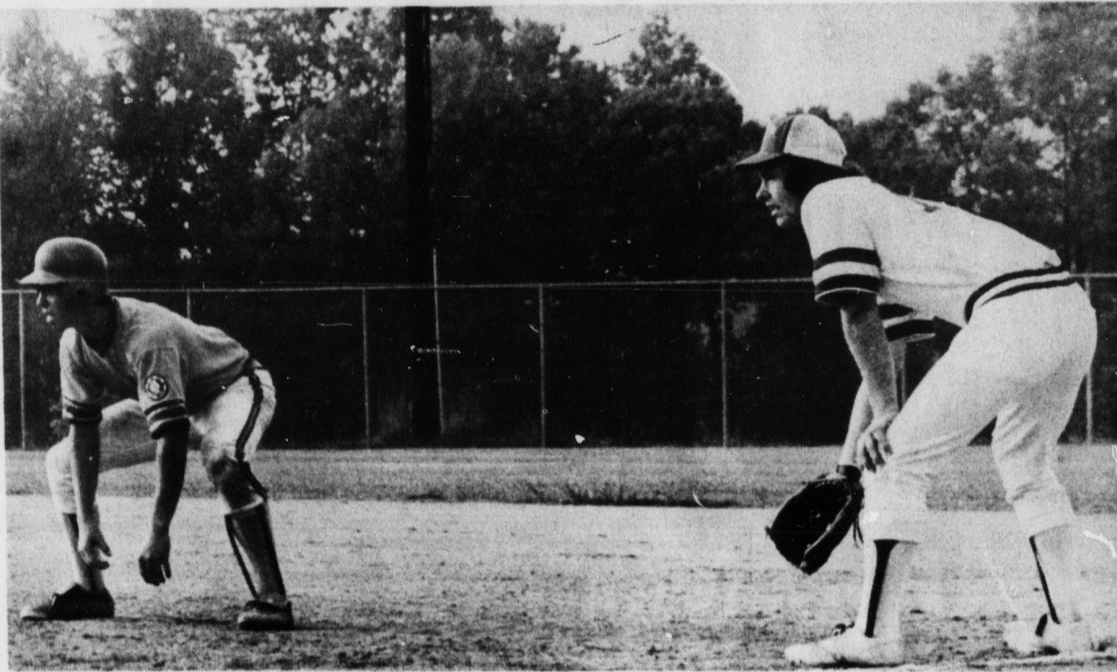


Photo By Gary Stewart

GETTING BIG LEAD — Kings Mountain's Jimmy Hall gets a big lead off first base in game with Greenville Saturday in the State Babe Ruth Tournament at Lancaster Field. Hall stole second and later scored the winning run on a double by Ronnie Wilson.

Legion Tourny Saturday

Sixty-six golfers will tee off Saturday in the sixth annual Post 155 American Legion golf tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

- 9:10 — Fred Sisk, M. Bowen, R. Elgin, P. Morrow.
- 9:20 — Lindberg Dixon, Ken Cloninger, B. Spicer, Bill Sellers.
- 9:30 — J. Arnett, B. Sanders, Rick Moore, C. Ledbetter.
- 9:40 — Scott Cloninger, D. Moody, R. Franks, K. Smith.
- 9:50 — George Bowen, R. Wright, G. Smart, D. Hope.
- 10 a. m. — B. McDaniel, Joe McDaniel,
- C. Whetstone, C. Huffstickler.
- 10:10 — Houston Wolfe, Mike Ballard, Charlie Ballard, D. Lanier.
- 10:20 — Gene Timms, E. Dwyer, Gene Tignor, Mike Tignor.
- 10:30 — R. Lowman, D. Chastine, W. Russell, M. Sisk.
- 10:40 — Jerry Ross, Gene Stone, Danny Bagwell, Carl Champion.
- 10:50 — Terry Leonard, C. Falls, George Thomasson, J. Alexander.
- 11:00 — J. Rayfield, Furman Wilson, P. Coutre, A. Sanders.
- 11:10 — Walt Harmon, C. Wilson, F. Graham, S. Lemmons.
- 11:20 — B. Wells, C. Jolly, G. Walters, B. Bridges.
- 11:30 — D. Ballew, L. Green, F. Dover, G. Higgs.
- 11:40 — R. Plonk, J. Bolton.