

Photo By Gary Stewart

HEADING HOME — Kings Mountain's Ronnie Wilson rounds third and heads for home for one of his team's runs in Monday night's 6-5 victory over Foothills in the State 16-year-old Babe Ruth Tournament.

Rain has slowed the progress of the first annual State 16-year-old State Babe Ruth Tournament, with Tuesday's scheduled championship game between Kings Mountain and Clark Griffith of Charlotte halted.

The two teams will try again today at 6 p. m. There's no deadline for completion, since the 16-year-old program is a pilot program and the winner does not advance to regional or national play.

Kings Mountain is unbeaten and can wrap up the title with one victory. Charlotte would have to beat the local team twice to claim the championship.

Kings Mountain grabbed the coveted winner's bracket position Monday with a hard-earned 6-5 victory over the Foothills all-stars.

David Cobb, who slammed a three-run homer in the first to give KM a quick 3-0 lead, worked the first six innings before running into problems in the seventh. David Ray Robinson came on and gave up a three-run homer to Bobby Trivette as Foothills cut the score to 6-5, but the KM hurler settled down to retire the side on a strikeout and a game-ending doubleplay.

KM led all the way. After Cobb's first inning blow put KM out front, Robinson singled home Ronnie Wilson, who had doubled, for a

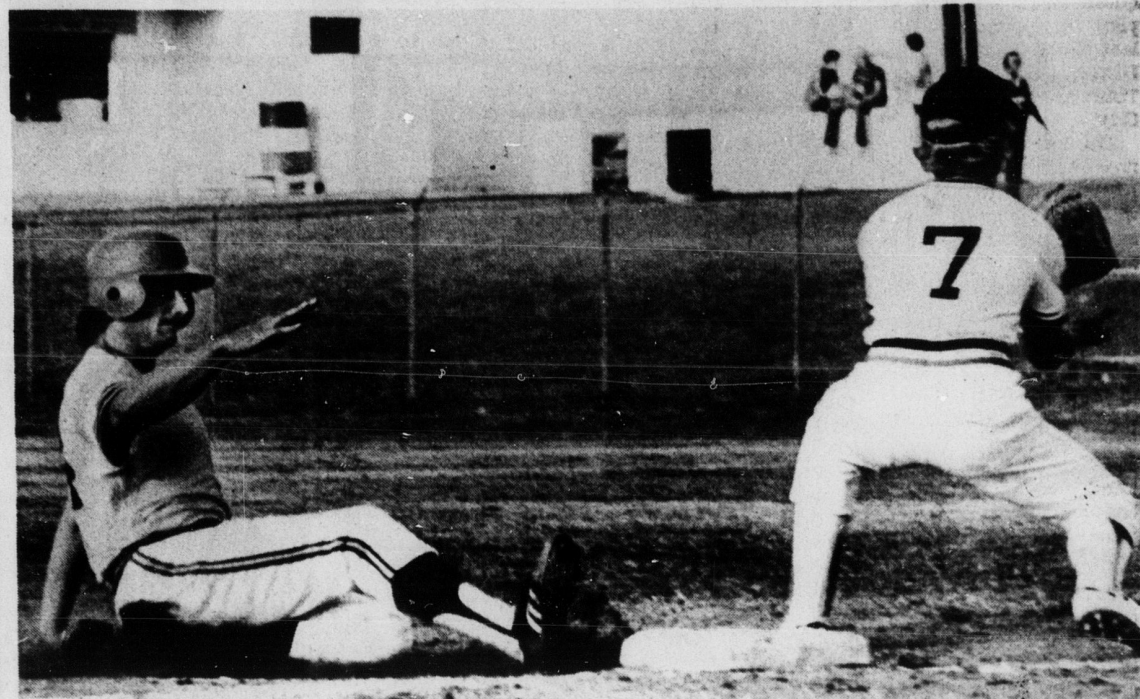


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DOING IT ALL — David Cobb did a little bit of everything in Monday's 6-5 KM victory over Foothills in the State Babe Ruth baseball tournament at Lancaster Field. Not only did he

pitch the victory and help the hitting cause with a towering three-run homer, but he created some excitement on the bases, too, as evidenced by his hustling slide into third base on a wild pitch.

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All persons planning on playing varsity or junior varsity football are urged to report to the gymnasium at 3 p. m. on August 15.

All girls track participants must report to the gym at 3 p. m. on August 16.

4-1 lead in the third, and KM hiked its lead to 6-2 in the sixth, scoring two runs on Robinson's single, an error, wild pitch and Bryon White's sacrifice squeeze bunt.

Charlotte has battled back through the loser's bracket after dropping its first game of the tourney to Greenville. That club eliminated Stanley County in an afternoon game Monday, 3-0, then came back on Monday night to oust the Foothills club, 5-0.

John Marston hurled a four-hitter in the afternoon, and his mates gave him the only run he needed in the first when Sammy Martin singled, stole second and later scored on a single by Pat Hoffer.

In the night game against Foothills, Duane Hellard and Eddie Poole combined for a four-hitter and Charlotte broke a scoreless tie with one run in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The winning run in the fourth came on a walk to Hoffer and a double by Tim Sawyers.

Charlotte In Key Game

The Kings Mountain A's will be playing their most important game of the season Saturday at Davidson Park when they host the Charlotte Hawks at 2:30.

The A's are currently 13-11 in Triple County League North Division play and must defeat the Hawks, 12-11, in order to make the league playoffs. The A's play their final regular season game Sunday at Albemarle.

The A's split a pair last week, defeating Rock Hill 9-8 Saturday and losing to the Biscoe Chargers 11-8 on Sunday.

Darrell Whetstine was the pitcher of record in both games, going the route for Saturday's victory and losing Sunday's game in relief.

Danny McDowell and Larry Lane with 3-for-5 each led the hitting Saturday and Whetstine went 2-for-5.

McDowell was 4-for-6 Sunday and Whetstine and James Smith both went 2-for-4.

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