

## Defeat Charlotte 8-5 In Title Game

# KM Babe Ruthers Cop State Championship



Photo By Gary Stewart

**ACCEPTS TROPHY** — Kings Mountain Coach David Robinson, right, accepts championship trophy from Dean Spears after his 16-year-old all-stars defeated Charlotte 8-5 for the state title Thursday night at Lancaster Field.

Kings Mountain's 16-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars wrapped up the first North Carolina State Championship for that age division Thursday night at Lancaster Field with an 8-5 victory over Charlotte Clark Griffith.

The visiting team, which won six straight games after dropping its first game in the tourney to Greenville, won the first game 7-4 to force a second title game.

David Ray Robinson and David Cobb combined pitching talents in the title contest, Robinson going the first five innings and getting the victory.

Kings Mountain never trailed after Cobb's towering home run over the left-centerfield fence gave the local entry a 1-0 lead in the second. Charlotte battled back in the top of the third to tie it on a homer by Sammy Martin, but KM tallied two in the bottom of the inning and held the lead after that.

Bryon White, who singled, scored the winning run on a single by Robinson and Danny Bolin's double plated Ronnie Wilson, who had reached on an error.

Kings Mountain picked up two more in the fourth on White's two-run homer, and added three in the fifth on doubles by Robinson and Butch Pearson, Cobb's single, Bolin's sacrifice and Chris Keeter's infield out.

Charlotte outhit KM, nine to eight, but Robinson and Cobb were both extremely tough in key situations.

Martin went 4-for-4 to lead the Charlotte plate attack and White, Robinson and Cobb had two hits each for KM.

KM grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first game, scoring twice in the first on two walks, Bolin's sacrifice bunt, Robinson's single and Cobb's sacrifice fly.

But Charlotte battled back to tie it in the third on Tom McVaney's two-run homer, and the visitors grabbed the lead for good with two in the fourth.

Wilson worked the first five innings for KM and was charged with the loss. Cobb hurled the final two frames.



**STATE CHAMPIONS** — Here's the 16-year-old Kings Mountain Babe Ruth all-stars, who copped the State Championship Thursday with an 8-5 victory over Charlotte. Team members include, front row, left to right, Mike Mitchell, Mark Schuman, Jimmy Hall, Butch Pearson and Craig

Bell. Second row, Bryon White, Steve Boggan, Danny Bolin, Ronnie Wilson, and David Ray Robinson. Back row, coach Max Brooks, David Cobb, Scott Thronburg, Dwayne Clark, Chris Keeter and Coach David Robinson.

## Cheerleader Softball Tourney Is Underway

The first annual Kings Mountain High School Cheerleader Softball Classic continues tonight and Wednesday at City Stadium.

All proceeds from the double-elimination, slowpitch event will benefit the KMHS cheerleader staff.

Admission is one dollar for adults and 50 cents for students.

Action got underway last night with the Kings Mountain Men's Club facing Clevefont, Skidmore Construction playing Second Baptist Church, B. R. Smith Homes against the Kings Mountain A's, and Gaston County Merchants meeting Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Opening round winners will play tonight at 8:30 and 9:30.

The championship game is set for Wednesday night following a fastpitch game at 8 p.m. between the Shelby champions and Sonny's Exxon of Greenville, S. C., last year's South Carolina state champions.

Loser's bracket games begin at 8 p.m.

## Gaston County Merchants Win Area Softball Title

The Gaston County Merchants defeated Skidmore Construction 16-13 Saturday to win the Area Three Class A slowpitch softball title.

The victory sends the Merchants to Burlington August 18-21 for the state tourney. The Carolina A's of Kings Mountain, the defending state champions, will also be competing in that event.

Al Culbertson hurled the title win Saturday and Ted Harris and David Johnson rapped out three hits each to lead the plate attack.

Robert Clawson, the tourney MVP, was 4-for-4 for Skidmore.

Clawson finished with a .705 batting average for the double-elimination event, hit five home

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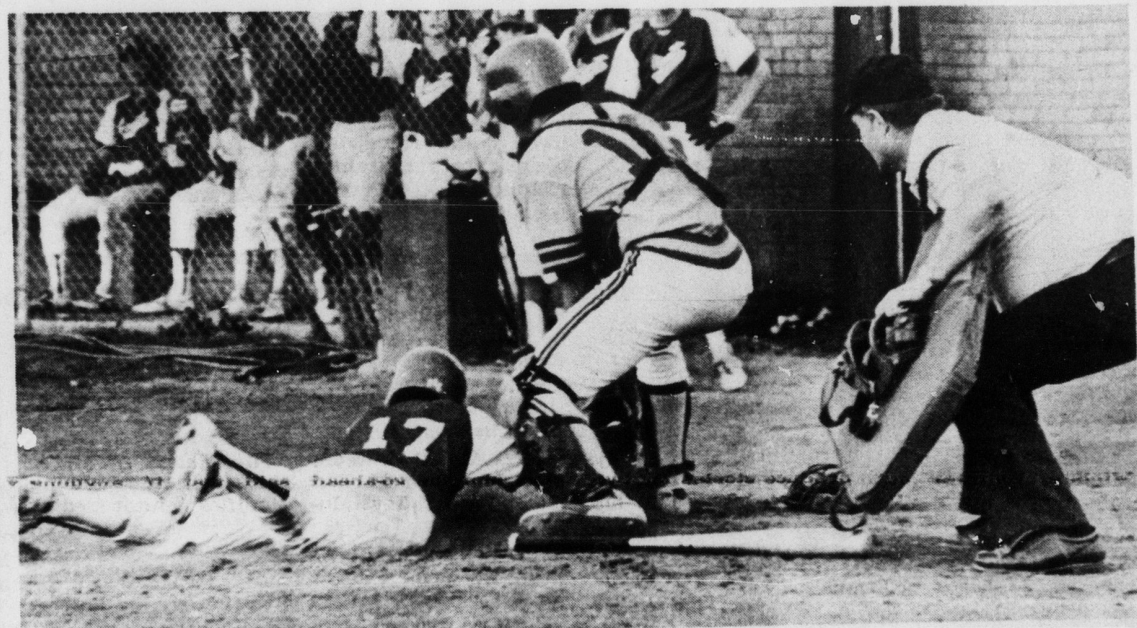


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## Dixie Youth Stars Lose To Cape Fear

Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth major league all-stars reached the end of the line Friday in the state tournament in Norwood, losing to Cape Fear in the title game 8-7.

Further details were not available.

**"HEADING" HOME** — Sammy Martin of Charlotte slides head first into home with one of Charlotte's runs in Thursday's Babe Ruth championship game at Lancaster

Field. Making the tag too late is KM catcher Bryon White and keeping a close eye on the play is umpire DeVoll Butcher. KM won 8-5.



**SAVING TITLE** — David Cobb is shown working on save in 16 year old Babe Ruth championship game Thursday night at Lancaster Field. Cobb, who worked the final two innings in relief of Ray Robinson, homered in the second inning to get KM started toward its 8-5 victory.

## Babe Ruth Boxscores

FIRST GAME				TITLE GAME							
AB	R	H	RBI	AB	R	H	RBI				
Charlotte	4	1	3	0	Char.	4	2	4	2		
Martin, 2b	4	2	3	2	Martin, 2b	3	1	1	0		
McVaney, ss	4	1	0	1	McVaney, ss	3	0	0	0		
Hoffler, 3b	4	0	1	1	Hoffler, 3b	4	1	1	0		
Sawyers, 1b	4	0	1	1	Sawyers, 1b-p	3	0	1	1		
Morris, rf	3	1	1	1	Morris, rf-1b	4	0	0	0		
Patterson, lf	2	1	0	0	Patterson, lf	2	0	1	0		
Gamble, c	3	0	0	0	Gamble, c	2	0	1	0		
Morris, cf	2	0	0	0	Marston, cf	3	1	1	1		
Poole, ph	1	0	1	2	Hellard, p	0	0	0	0		
Marston, p-cf	3	1	0	0	Poole, p	2	0	0	0		
Totals	30	7	9	7	Eury, ph	1	0	0	0		
K. Mtn.	2	1	0	0	Totals	29	5	9	5		
Hall, cf	3	2	1	1	K. Mtn.	2	1	0	0		
Wilson, p-1b	2	0	0	0	Hall, cf	3	2	2	2		
Bolin, 3b	4	0	3	2	White, c	4	1	0	0		
Robinson, ss	3	0	0	0	Wilson, 1b	4	1	2	2		
Cobb, 1b-p	3	0	0	0	Robinson, p-ss	3	2	2	1		
White, c	1	0	0	0	Cobb, ss-p	2	0	1	1		
Bell, 2b	1	0	0	0	Bolin, 3b	2	0	1	1		
Pearson, 2b	1	0	0	0	Keeter, lf	3	0	0	1		
Schuman, lf	2	0	0	0	Boggan, rf	1	0	0	0		
Mitchell, lf	1	0	0	0	Bell, ph	1	0	0	0		
Boggan, rf	2	0	0	0	Pearson, 2b	3	0	1	1		
Keeter, ph	1	1	1	0	Totals	26	7	8	8		
Totals	26	4	5	4	By Innings						
By Innings					C	001	121	0	5		
C	002	220	1	7	KM	012	230	x	8		
KM	200	010	1	4	2B — Bolin, Robinson, Pearson,						
2B — Keeter, Wilson.					Gamble. HR Martin, Cobb, White.						
McVaney.					Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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Marston	2 1-3	1	2	2	4	3					
Poole (W)	4 2-3	4	2	1	1	4					
Wilson (L)	5	7	6	4	0	5					
Cobb	2	1	1	1	0	1					

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