

Junior High Splits, In Home Game Today

Kings Mountain Junior High split a pair of games during the past week to run its Tri-County baseball record to 2-2 heading into a home game today against Grier at the Kings Mountain High field. Coach Porter Griggs' charges edged previously undefeated Ashley 4-3 last Thursday but lost a heart-breaker to Crest Monday, 6-5.

A 12-hit plate attack keyed Thursday's victory. Southpaw Steve Lancaster went the route on the mound and also led his club at the plate with 4-for-4. Kenny Self, Tim Whitaker and Darrell Queen added two hits apiece. KMJH won the game in the fourth, breaking a 3-3 tie when Bruce Valentine reached base on an error and

later scored on Lancaster's single. Crest struck for four runs in the sixth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit and win Monday's contest at City Stadium. David Robinson started on the mound for the locals and was charged with the loss. He was relieved in the sixth by Ronnie Wilson.

KMJH managed only six hits with Scott Ellis leading the way with 2-for-3, one a triple. KM rallied in the final inning, scoring two runs to cut the final margin to 6-5, but the potential tying run was picked off first base to end the game.



TROPHY WINNERS - These four Kings Mountain High athletes won trophies at the annual Kiwanis Club basketball-wrestling banquet last Thursday night. From left, they are Butch Blalock, boys basketball most valuable player and best free throw shooter; Ronnie Terry, wrestling co-most valuable; Kathy Ledford, girls basketball most valuable and best free throw shooter; and Hal Glass, wrestling co-most valuable.

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PITCHER, HITTER - Here's southpaw Steve Lancaster on his way to a 4-3 win over Gastonia Ashley in junior high baseball action last week. In addition to hurling the win for KM Junior High, young Lancaster also paced a 13-hit plate attack with 4-for-4.

LL Teams To Begin May 13

Kings Mountain little league baseballers will begin regular season play Monday, May 13, at Deal Street Park. Seven teams are entered in the league this season and each club will play a 12-game schedule under Dixie Youth rules. Kiwanis, coached by Bob Short, is the defending league champion and KM's little league all-stars are defending district champs. Coaches this summer, in addition to Short, include Emmett Moss, Lions Club; Jimmy Champion, Police; Darrell Forbes, Parkgrace; Billy Tinsley and Carroll Ledford, Rotary; R.C. Champman, Optimist; and Dennis Connor, Roy Whitaker and Danny Whitaker, C&C Metal.

- Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 6 p.m.
- MAY**
- 13-Parkgrace vs. C&C Metal, Police vs. Optimist
 - 14-Rotary vs. Police, Optimist vs. Lions
 - 16-Police vs. Kiwanis, Lions vs. C&C
 - 20-Parkgrace vs. Optimist C&C vs. Police
 - 21-Parkgrace vs. Lions Rotary vs. Kiwanis
 - 23-Rotary vs. C&C, Kiwanis vs. Parkgrace
 - 27-Kiwanis vs. Optimist Parkgrace vs. Rotary
 - 28-Lions vs. Rotary C&C vs. Kiwanis
 - 30-Rotary vs. Optimist Kiwanis vs. Lions
- JUNE**
- 3-Optimist vs. C&C, Police vs. Parkgrace
 - 4-Lions vs. Parkgrace
 - 10-C&C vs. Kiwanis, Police vs. Parkgrace
 - 11-Kiwanis vs. Lions, Parkgrace vs. Rotary
 - 6-Lions vs. Police, Optimist vs. C&C
 - 13-Kiwanis vs. Parkgrace, C&C vs. Rotary
 - 17-Rotary vs. Kiwanis, Lions vs. Parkgrace
 - 18-Lions vs. Rotary, Kiwanis vs. Optimist
 - 20-Parkgrace vs. C&C, Police vs. Kiwanis
 - 24-Lions vs. Optimist, Police vs. Rotary
 - 25-C&C vs. Police, Optimist vs. Parkgrace
 - 27-Rotary vs. Optimist, Lions vs. C&C
 - 28-Police vs. Optimist

BR Loop Has 33 New Boys

Final tryouts for Babe Ruth baseball were held Saturday at the community center with 33 boys who did not play last year being drafted by four local teams. The '74 season will begin the week of May 20 with six clubs competing for the regular season championship. Teams include V.F.W. Post 9811, Macedonia Baptist Church, the KM Mountaineers and the KM Red Socks, plus Bessemer City and Tryon. Tryon is the defending regular season champion and the league all-stars are defending state champions. Only two of the KM teams have named their coaches. Jimmy White will serve as head coach of the Macedonia outfit and Max Bolin will manage the Red Socks. Any persons interested in managing either the Mountaineers or VFW should contact one of the league officers. Officers include Hugh Lancaster, president; Dean Spears, vice president; James Childers, secretary; Elmer Ross, treasurer; and Roy Pearson, player agent.

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