

District Babe Ruth Action

KM All-Stars Win One, Lose One

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Kings Mountain all-stars came out on the winning and losing sides in opening round action in the district Babe Ruth tournaments Sunday afternoon at Lancaster Field.

The 14-15 year old all-stars scored an impressive 15-3 victory over East Gaston but the 13-year-olds saw Gastonia score five runs in the eighth inning for a 5-0 victory.

The 15 year olds were scheduled to play Gastonia, which drew an opening round bye, in a 6 o'clock game last night. The 13 year olds will play at 6 o'clock tonight against the loser of last night's East Gaston-Gastonia game.

The 14-15 year old tournament could end tonight if a team goes unbeaten. However, if the loser's bracket team wins, the title game will be Wednesday at 6. The 13 year old tourney is scheduled to end Wednesday at 6 but if the loser's bracket team wins, a second game would be necessary.

SAFE AT THIRD—Carvin Petty slides into third with a stolen base in Sunday's game against East Gaston in

Kings Mountain's 14-15 year olds brought out some big bats and played superb defense in outclassing East Gaston in Sunday's 2 p.m. opener.

East Gaston jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a single by Johnny Adams and a triple to deep right-center by Jeff Spargo. But KM used two excellent defensive plays to prevent any further damage.

KM's bats came to life in the second off Rodney Coleman, who was to leave the game trailing 7-1 in the fourth. The local nine put together three-run rallies in the second and third and got another off Coleman in the top of the fourth. A seven-run sixth wrapped the game up.

the district Babe Ruth tournament at Lancaster Field. KM won 15-3.

Tony Boyce finished with three doubles and Carvin Petty two singles to lead the 10-hit KM attack. Petty singled home the tying run in the top of the second and Jeff Moss singled home what turned out to be the winning run. Kevin Jones' double to the left-centerfield fence

sparked the third inning rally and Boyce doubled and scored on an infield out to make it 7-1 in the fourth. In the seven-run sixth, Boyce and pitcher Roy Mathis both had doubles and Terry Bullock and Leard Keeter added singles. Boyce got his third double and scored on a sacrifice fly by Moss for the final run in the seventh.

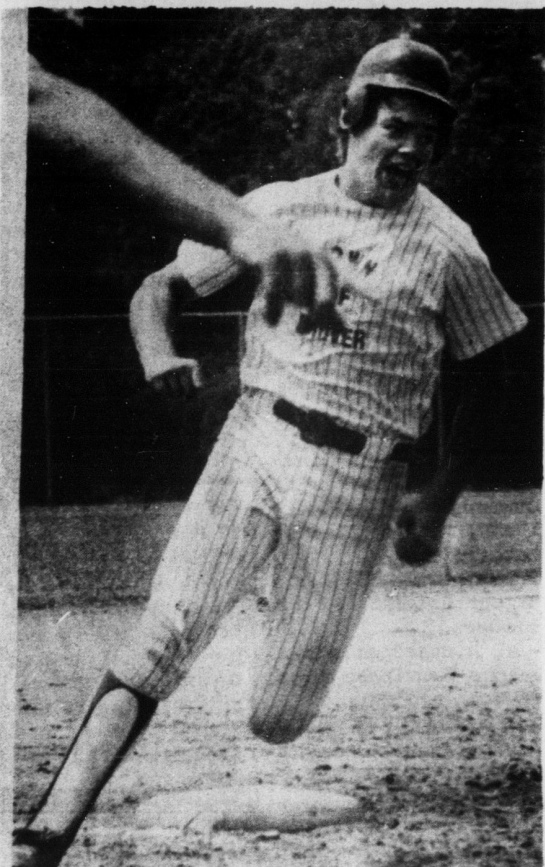
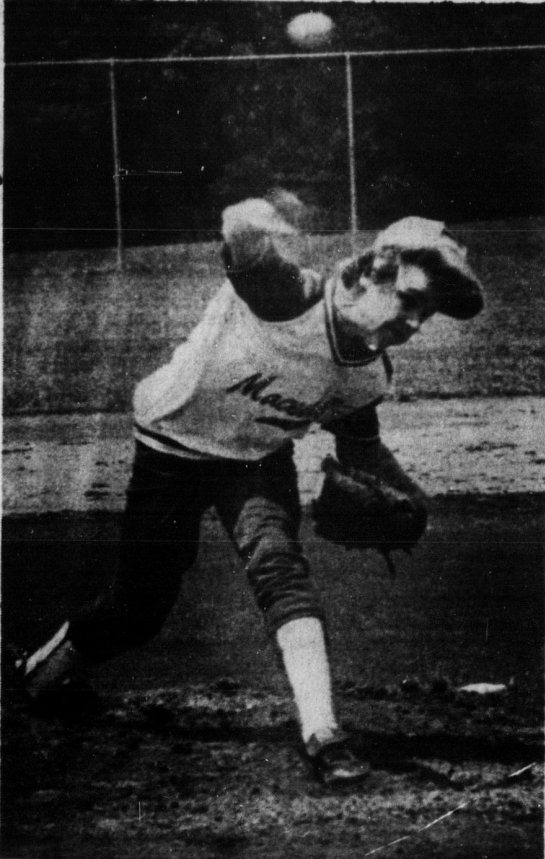
Mathis went the route on the mound, scattering six hits.

KM's 13 year olds fell victims of a home-hitter by Gastonia's Todd Broome, but it still took the Gastonians eight innings to get to righthander Skeeter Foster, who pitched well for the KM forces.

Foster hurled three-hit ball until the eighth, when he walked two straight batters. Gastonia then exploded for four hits, including a two-run single by Broome, who went 2-for-4.

Brad Reynolds had the only hit for KM, a single in the sixth inning. Kevin Echols then hit a long fly ball to left field but the Gastonia leftfielder made a good running catch to end the inning. Broome finished with 12 strikeouts.

In other local tournament action, the district Dixie Youth Minor League Tournament was scheduled to get underway late Monday afternoon at Grover. Action continues there throughout the week. The Kings Mountain and Grover all-stars were scheduled to open the event yesterday at 4 p.m. and both of those teams will be in action today, at 6 and 8 p.m.



BABE RUTH ACTION—Roy Mathis, top, is shown pitching a six-hitter and Leard Keeter, bottom, rounds third and heads for home in Kings Mountain's 15-3 win over East Gaston in Sunday's opening round of the district Babe Ruth tournament at Lancaster Field. Action continues tonight and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Winners in both the 13 and 14-15 year old divisions advance to the area tourney at Hickory.

Legion And VFW To Play Softball Game

Members of the local American Legion and VFW posts will play a benefit slowpitch softball game July 18 at 7 p.m. at City Stadium.

All proceeds will go to the Kings Mountain Optimist Club to purchase equipment for its football teams.

Some of the local sluggers participating will be Butch Broome, Bill Van Dyke, Ed Jones, Johnny Connor, Charlie Mashburn, Randel Elgin, Gerald Hipps, George Bowen, Gene Stone, Wayne Russell, Lynn Valentine, Jimmy Littlejohn, Jeff Yarbrow, Lefty Moss, David Fisher, Jim McGinnis, Reid Hamrick, Paul Reynolds, Boyce Wells, Steve Lee, Daryl Honeycutt, Jerry Ross, Larry Owens, Tommy Day, Paul Whetstone, Steve Thrift, Jeff Bell, Robbie Goforth, Harold Ledford, Gary Smart, Wayne Walker, Gene (Toad) Layton, Jackie Dean White and Phil Russ. Coaches are C. Ross Baumgardner and Lefty Moss.

Post 155 Tourney Is Slated

The eight annual Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion golf tournament will be played Sat., Aug. 4 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Tee off time is 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$25, including green fees, cart and a dinner dance. Refreshments will be served on the course.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., after which awards will be presented. The dance will begin following the awards-presentation. Door prizes will also be given.

Entry deadline is Mon., July 16. Entry forms may be obtained at the KMCC pro shop or from Charles Hampton or other legion members.

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