

Area Tournaments Are Still Underway

Tournaments continue to be in the spotlight this week as local all-star baseball teams compete for cracks at state tournaments.

The area Senior Babe Ruth tourney opens Thursday at Lancaster Field with Kings Mountain playing Charlotte and Burns meeting Gastonia-Lincolnton. The winner will advance to the state tourney in Goldsboro.

Two Kings Mountain all-star teams and one from Grover are competing in the area Dixie Youth League major league tournament which began yesterday at the Tryon field. The winner of that event will advance to the state tourney to be played near Wilmington.

Two tournaments concluded last week with Gastonia winning the district 13-year-old Babe Ruth tourney at Lancaster Field and Dallas taking the district minor league title at Brice Harry Memorial Park in Grover.

Dallas edged Kings Mountain 8-7 in the championship game when Kings Mountain left the bases loaded in the last inning.

The KM all-stars, who lost their opening round game to Grover 6-5, battled back through the loser's bracket to reach the finals against the unbeaten Dallas team.

Kings Mountain was behind 8-5 going into the final two innings. The local nine scored two in the fifth to cut it to 8-7 before leaving the tying and winning runs on base in the sixth.

Mike Short's solo homer got KM going in the second and four more runs came across the plate in the fourth on singles by Monte Deaton and Keith Morris and a triple by Jared Wright. KM's final two runs in the fifth scored on a single by Brent Bagwell and a homer by Raynard Roberts.

Kings Mountain started its comeback trail Wednesday night with a 12-7 victory over Bessemer City's all-stars.

Todd Fleming hurled the win and helped out in the hitting department with a single.

Gary Carroll had two singles and a double and Rusty Bumgardner added a single, double and triple to lead the KM hitting. Aubrey Hollifield had a single and double and Monty Deaton and Reinard Roberts added a single apiece.

Kings Mountain broke the game open with eight runs in the fourth inning. Hollifield had a double and Bumgardner a triple

during the rally and KM also took advantage of five bases on balls.

Thursday night, the local team ousted West Lincoln 22-12, cracking out 19 hits in the process.

KM jumped out front early, scoring six runs and batting around in the first inning. Gary Carroll had two singles in the inning and Morris and Rusty Bumgardner one hit each.

KM broke the game open with an 11-run explosion in the second. Morris and Bagwell each had two hits during the inning and Roberts, Wright, Bumgardner and Jody Champion had a hit each.

Five hits by Carroll, Fleming, Short, Robert Price and Phillip Green sparked a four-run rally in

Footie Takes

First Place

Footie Mineral won two games last week to take over sole possession of first place in the men's industrial slowpitch softball league lead.

Footie blasted Carmet 25-9 and edged Kinmont 9-8 to run its record to 17-4. Kinmont and Eaton are tied for second with 16-5 marks, followed by KM Knit 14-7, Park Yarn and Kings Yarn 10-11 each, K Mills 8-13 and Carmet 0-21.

In other games last week, Kinmont edged Eaton 9-7, Park Yarn slipped by K Mills 9-8, Kings Yarn nipped KM Knit 11-10, KM Knit bombed Carmet 30-3, Eaton defeated Park Yarn 14-3 and KM Knit edged Kings Yarn 12-11.

the third and KM closed out the scoring in the fifth on singles by Wright and Champion.

That victory put the KMers in the semi-finals Friday against a good Tryon team and KM won that one 9-5 to advance to Saturday's finals.

KM opened the scoring in the third, getting three runs on two singles by Wright and one each by Morris and Fleming. Mike Short homered and Carroll singled to spark a four-run rally in the fourth and KM scored its final two in the fifth on singles by Bagwell and Short and a home run by Roberts.

Short played a sup game at third base, making several catches that turned possible Tryon hits into outs.

Grover, which defeated KM in the tournament's opening game last Tuesday, then lost 12-1 and 8-3 games to Dallas on Wednesday and Thursday to fall out of the double-elimination event.

In the district 13-year-old Babe Ruth tournament which concluded Wednesday night at Lancaster Field, Gastonia won the title and the right to go to the Area B tourney in Hickory by blanking the Kings Mountain all stars 8-0.

Derek Bates hurled a one-hitter for Gastonia and struck out 10. David Henderson led the winners at the plate with two doubles and a single and Kevin Davidson had two singles.

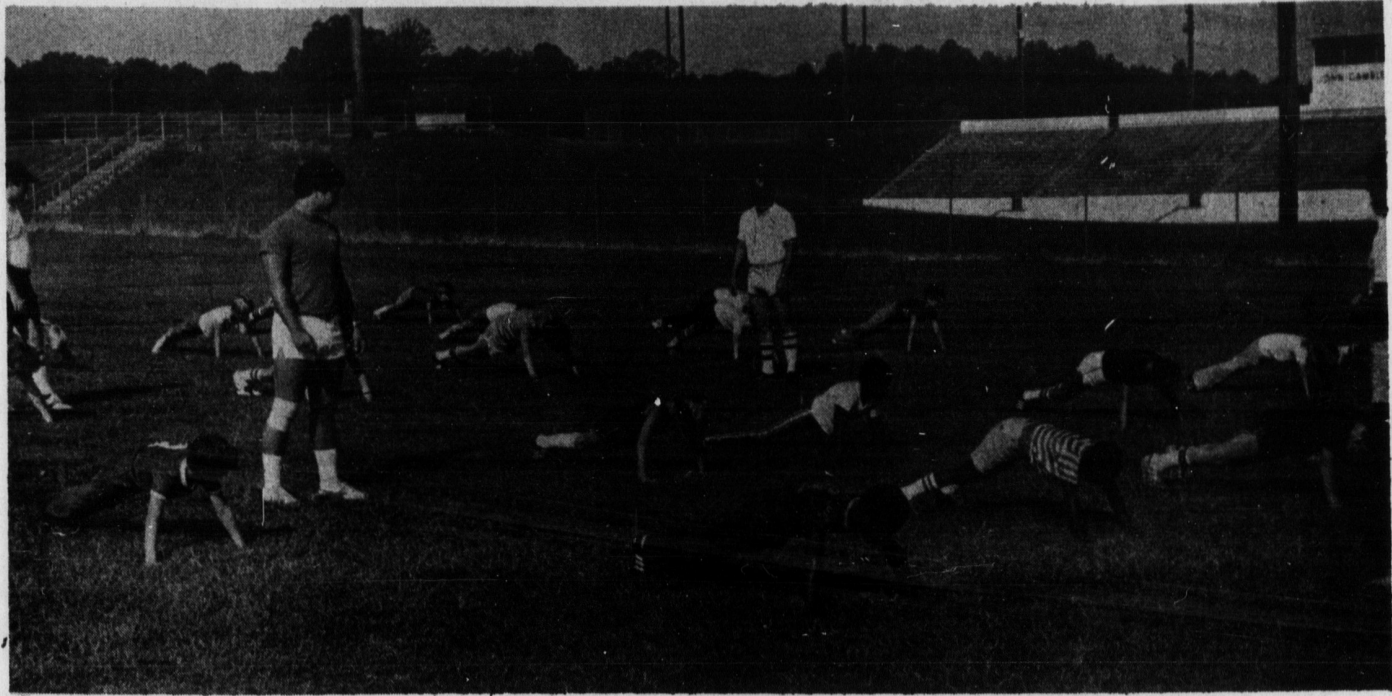


Photo by Gary Stewart

GRID CLINIC—Kings Mountain High School football coaches keep a close eye on the youngsters as they loosen up for a long day's activity in the second annual grid clinic at KMHS last week. The two-day clinic

Wednesday and Thursday was sponsored by the KMHS athletic department, KM Optimist Club and the KM Parks and Recreation Department.

Member-Guest This Weekend

The ninth annual Kings Mountain Country Club Member-Guest golf tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday. A field of 50 to 60 teams is expected.

This year's event promises to be one of the best ever as several strong teams are entered.

Last year's champions were Darrell Austin Jr. and Steve Sherman, but Sherman has since turned pro and is not eligible to play this year. Austin will be playing with Ray Adams of Fayetteville,

who is the past has teamed with Mickey Powers. Powers, who underwent surgery recently, is not playing this year.

There are several other strong teams entered, including John Howze and Buck Dover, 1977 champions Parks Neisler and Moore Patton, John Gamble and Tommy Stines, Stoney Jackson and Goober Lovelace and Sammy Wolfe and Frankie Howell.

Trophies will be presented to the top three teams in each flight and prizes will also be given to winners of the closest to the hole and longest drive contests.

KMCC golf pro Rudy Hayes and tournament chairman Mickey Powers said the public is invited to attend the action both on Saturday and Sunday.

Football Physicals August 1

All persons planning to play football at Kings Mountain High School this fall will have their physical examinations on August 1 at 7 p.m. at the John Gamble Stadium fieldhouse.

Summer practice will begin the following morning at 7:30. The Mountaineers will practice in light equipment for the first seven days before going to twice-a-day heavy drills.



SCORES FOR KM—Todd Fleming crosses home plate with what turned out to be the winning run in Kings Mountain's 12-7 win over Bessemer City in the district Dixie Youth Minor League tournament Wednesday night in Grover.



OUT AT THIRD—Terry Thornburg of Dallas is tagged out at third by Grover's Sam Wilson in Wednesday night game in the district minor league tournament at Grover's Brice Harry Memorial Park. Dallas won 12-1.

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