



Bobby Pearson homers in 16-0 Kings Mountain win ...

## Dixie Youth All-Stars Unbeaten In District Three

Story & Photos  
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Kings Mountain's Dixie Youth Major League all-stars won their first two games in the District Three tournament Monday and Tuesday at Warlick Field in Tryon and were scheduled to play the host Tryon team in a winner's bracket game last night.

Both clubs went into the 8 p.m. contest unbeaten in the double-elimination event. The tournament continues throughout the week. The winner will advance to the State Tournament beginning August 2 at Long Beach.

Kings Mountain edged Bessemer City 7-6 in eight innings Tuesday night after easily defeating East Lincoln 16-0 in their opener Monday.

Edwin Sherer hurled the last four innings for the local nine and picked up the win. Brad Jones started for KM and left after two innings and Scotty Bryant hurled the third and fourth frames.

Bessemer City built up a 5-3 lead after two innings but Kings Mountain tied it in the third on a two-run homer by Shane Adams. Kings Mountain then added another run when Kent Boheler singled and scored on a single by Sherer.

That made it 6-5 and it looked like the lead would hold up, but Bessemer City scored on an error in the bottom of the sixth inning to throw the game into extra innings.

In the top of the eighth, Bryant was hit by a pitch and moved to third when Bobby Pearson doubled. He then scored the winning run on a passed ball.

Sherer fanned seven in his four-inning relief stint. Bessemer City collected seven hits off the three KM pitchers and Kings Mountain rapped three BC hurlers for nine hits. Billy James, the third BC pitcher, was charged with the loss.

Pearson had a double and single, Sherer a double and single and Jones a double and home run to lead the KM attack. Adams, Boheler and Bryant had one hit each.

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Pitcher Tim Roberts got the KM all-stars off on the right track Monday, hurling a near-perfect game in a 16-0 victory



TIM ROBERTS ... Hurls No-Hitter

over East Lincoln. Roberts finished with a no-hitter and allowed only one baserunner. He walked the leadoff man in the top of the sixth inning, but he was erased when he was thrown out attempting to steal second.

Roberts fanned 14 batters, including the first 12 he faced.

Bobby Pearson gave Roberts the only run he needed when he led off the bottom of the first inning with a home run over the leftfield fence. Roderick Boyce, who homered later in the game, and Shane Adams had two hits

each to lead the KM plate attack.

Doug Schockley, Brad Jones, Scotty Bryant, Kent Boheler, Edwin Sherer, Rusty Bumgardner, Sam Smith and Roberts had a hit each.

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Todd Landers, who got his start in Dixie Youth baseball in Kings Mountain several years ago, slammed a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to give Bessemer City's all-stars an 11-9 victory over Grover in

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Grover's Trent Rhea steals second ...

### Regional In Virginia

## Babe Ruth All-Stars In Championship Game

Kings Mountain's 13 year old Babe Ruth all-stars were to play Union County last night at Grover's Brice Harry Memorial park for the Western North Carolina State Championship and a berth in the Southeastern Regionals beginning Monday in Staunton, Va.

The local nine was unbeaten in the double-elimination event and would have had to lose two games to be eliminated. Union County defeated South Buncombe Tuesday night to reach

the championship game at 5 p.m.

Kings Mountain edged Union County 2-1 Monday night to advance to the championship round as the only unbeaten team. For the second time in three games, the locals won in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Earlier in the tourney, the KM entry edged Sparta 7-6 when Baba Curry stole home in the bottom of the seventh. This time, Tommy Batchler was hit by a pitched ball with the bases

loaded to break a 1-1 tie.

Curry went the route on the mound, giving up just one hit. Kings Mountain collected five off Union County's Scotty Rushing.

Eric Marable led the KM attack with 1-for-1 and Rushing had the only hit for Union County.

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The tournament champion will report to Staunton Sunday

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