

Knights Split Pair With Hornets Northam And Erwin Lead Attack

The Knights ran their record to 11-5 by beating Methodist 7-2 and splitting a doubleheader with Lynchburg. After losing a heartbreaker in the first game 3-2, St. Andrews bounced back to capture the second, 9-5. The doubleheader concluded SA's DIAC games, as the Knights finished 5-1, good for first place in the conference. Lynchburg (4-1) has one conference game left with Methodist.

Against Methodist, the Knights scored four quick runs in the first inning. They added single tallies in the second, fourth, and sixth frames. The Monarchs scored their two runs in the third and eighth innings. John Everett, Ken Mehrling, and Irv Northam collected two hits a piece.

Junior southpaw Mark Kleber notched his second victory against one defeat. Kleber gave up eight hits, struck out five, walked four, and lowered his ERA to 2.16.

The first game of the doubleheader with Lynchburg featured a tremendous pitching duel between SA's Steve Litchford and Lynchburg's Keith Scruggs. After five innings, Lynchburg had two hits and SA had one, with Lynchburg holding a 1-0 lead.

In the top of the sixth, Everett walked, and Parrish was safe on an error. Mehrling bunted and Everett was thrown out at third. With runners on second and third, Northam promptly doubled, scoring both runners. Lynchburg retaliated with an unearned run in their half of the sixth.

With the score deadlocked at 2-2, in the bottom of the seventh, Lynchburg's right-fielder Don Massie delivered the crucial blow, a solo home run, to give the Hornets a 3-2 victory.

Steve Litchford suffered his first loss but pitched brilliantly. He allowed only three hits, struck out three, and walked one.

In the second game, Kemp Gregory picked up his second win, and the Knights blasted four pitchers for ten hits and nine runs. Riley Erwin smashed a grand slam home run, Irv Northam went three for three including a double good for three RBI's and Ken Mehrling raised his team-leading RBI total to fifteen. Mehrling hit a double and triple in four trips to the plate.

In the bottom half of the fifth inning with the score tied 3-3, the roof fell in for Lynchburg. Stuart Parrish ignited the fireworks with a walk,

Mehrling doubled, and Northam doubled them home to make it 5-3. Wayne Wise walked and Glenn Hundertmark singled, loading the bases for Erwin. Riley smashed a towering drive over the leftfielder's head to clear the bases and give the Knights a 9-3 advantage. Lynchburg touched Gregory for two runs in the seventh, but the damage was already done for the Knights' eleventh victory.

Junior Irv Northam had a fine day at the plate against Lynchburg with two doubles and two singled in six trips and knocked in five runs. Northam has hit close to .500 in the last four games and now owns a .318 average. Mehrling continues to lead the team with a .339 average and fifteen RBI's. Everett tops the team with 15 stolen bases, 22 runs scored, and carries a .293 average.

The Knights victory over Lynchburg ties last year's school record of eleven wins, and they have six games remaining. On Friday, at home, undefeated Riley Erwin (4-0) will face the Pembroke Braves. Pembroke features two All-American candidates in shortstop Ron Collins and center-fielder Preston Douglas. On Saturday at 2 p.m., the Knights host ACC with Litchford the probable starting pitcher.



THE KNIGHTS STOLEN BASE LEADER, John Everett, makes one of his successful steals in the SA victory over Methodist last Friday.

Boyd And Jones Lead SA Golfers Over Pfeiffer

Led by Joe Boyd's one under par 71, the Knight linksters defeated Pfeiffer and lost to Wilmington last Tuesday at Scotch Meadows. Mac Jones fired a 77 at the number two spot to win his points. Winning against Pfeiffer but losing to Wilmington were Ralph Nesbit, Jim Harward, and Toby Vosburgh.

Last Thursday the linksters mauled USC at Conway 14-1/2-

3-1/2 behind a 76 by Joe Boyd and 79's by Mac Jones and Ralph Nesbit. Toby Vosburgh and Jeff Saut also contributed victories at the rugged Quail Creek Course in Myrtle Beach. This same course will be the sight of the District Tournament in three weeks.

The next match for the Knights is at Lynchburg on Friday.

KM Takes Softball To Win Overall Race

Kings Mountain has completed a clean sweep of the "Big Three" sports in intramural competition for the 1969-'70 season and thus insured themselves of the overall championship trophy. The Mountaineers latest success came in the softball competition concluded this afternoon.

The final standings in softball are typical of those in many of the activities completed this season. Meck finished second once again behind the victorious KM team, with Winston Salem and Orange finishing a distant third and fourth respectively.

Senior Ken McGinnis was again instrumental in the Mountaineer championship as he

pitched every game in the KM softball victory string. McGinnis received valuable support from teammates Tersh Whitesides, Ray Killian, Gary Gredlein, Chris Johnson, David Sinclair, Butch Gaddy, Compy Groff, and John Daniel. Gredlein and Killian anchored a strong infield while Whitesides did an excellent defensive job behind the plate. Daniel and Gaddy played well in the Mountaineer outfield.

With the intramural season drawing to a close this reporter has selected Ken McGinnis as the season's MVP for his fine play and intramural managing in leading the Mountaineers to the overall intramural title.



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