

# Juniors Open Eliminations Here Monday

## Play Charlotte Juniors

The Kings Mountain Legion Juniors open their elimination schedule with the Charlotte city team, Monday, June 10th, according to a schedule released this week by Willis McMurry, North Carolina state department athletic commissioner, and Western district director.

The Western district, composed of seventeen teams, is divided into three leagues with the central zone composed of six teams, including Charlotte (city), Gastonia (city), Forest City, Cherryville, Shelby, and Kings Mountain.

Two top teams in the three zones will be scheduled in a play-off during July, with the two leading clubs of these six teams meeting for a series to determine the Western champion.

The Western district winner will then have it out with the Central winner to determine which will play the Eastern winner for the state championship. The Eastern is scheduled for a bye this year, putting the winner of the district into the state play-offs.

The Juniors also meet the defending National Champs, Shelby, on June 12th here, and Charlotte, away on the 15th for a heavy opening week.

The complete schedule is:

- WESTERN CENTRAL DIVISION**
- JUNE 10**  
Gastonia (city) at Forest City  
Cherryville at Shelby  
Charlotte at Kings Mountain
- JUNE 12**  
Forest City at Gastonia (city)  
Shelby at Kings Mountain
- JUNE 13**  
Cherryville at Charlotte (city)
- JUNE 14**  
Gastonia (city) at Cherryville
- JUNE 15**  
Forest City at Shelby  
Kings Mountain at Charlotte (city)
- JUNE 17**  
Gastonia (city) at Shelby  
Forest City at Charlotte (city)  
Kings Mountain at Cherryville
- JUNE 19**  
Charlotte (city) at Gastonia (city)  
Shelby at Cherryville  
Kings Mountain at Forest City
- JUNE 21**  
Cherryville at Forest City
- JUNE 22**  
Shelby at Charlotte (city)  
Kings Mountain at Gastonia (city)
- JUNE 24**  
Kings Mountain at Shelby  
Gastonia (city) at Charlotte (city)  
Forest City at Cherryville
- JUNE 26**  
Charlotte (city) at Shelby  
Forest City at Kings Mountain
- JUNE 27**  
Cherryville at Gastonia (city)
- JUNE 25**  
Charlotte (city) at Forest City  
Cherryville at Kings Mountain
- JUNE 28**  
Shelby at Gastonia (city)
- JULY 1**  
Gastonia (city) at Kings Mountain  
Shelby at Forest City  
Charlotte (city) at Cherryville

## Juniors Lose In The Rain To Gaffney 4 To 3

The Kings Mountain Juniors went down to Gaffney last Saturday and lost a close one to the Gaffney Juniors, 4 to 3, in a game that was shortened to six and one-half innings by rain.

The local Juniors hopped on the fast pitches of A. L. Curtis, Jr., early in the contest, scoring three runs in the second on three hits and one Gaffney error.

Dwight Ware led off in that inning beating out a hit to short, and was down to second in plenty of time on Bobbie Huffstetler's high bounder to the pitcher, Huffstetler safe at first. Bill Dettmar singled to load the bases and Dan Queen, the pitcher for the local, tapped a slow roller to Branch, Gaffney second-sacker, who threw wide at home, Ware scoring on the throw. With the sacks still loaded, Don Glass lined a single to right center scoring Huffstetler and Dettmar. Curtis walked the next man, Charles Whisnant, but Curtis pitched himself out of the hole, striking out the next two men, Paul Bell and Odix Biddix.

Dan Queen held the Gaffney hitters to four hits while striking out five and receiving excellent support from his infield, until the bobble by his third sacker, Huffstetler, in the last of the fifth followed by Parker's single allowing the winning run to score in.

Bill Dettmar was the leading hitter with two singles in three trips to the batters box.

The box:

Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	P	OA
Glass cf	3	0	1	3	0
Whisnant ss	2	0	0	0	2
Bell rf	3	0	0	0	0
Biddix lf	3	0	1	0	0
Ware 2b	3	1	1	1	1
Huffstetler, Bob	3	1	0	0	3
Dettmar 1b	3	1	2	0	0
Britt c	3	0	1	5	0
Amos 3b	0	0	0	0	0
Queen p	2	0	0	0	5

## Vets To Enter State Semi-Pro Tournament

The Kings Mountain VFW sponsored semi-pro baseball club, better known as the "Vets," will enter the North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament to be held at Greensboro July 5-11, it was announced here this week by John Moss, business manager of the club.

The North Carolina winner will enter the National Semi-Pro Tournament to be held in Wichita, Kansas, in August.

## Vets Lose To Rex 12-6 In Hit-Fest

Don Parker, who fashioned a shut out over the potent Rex aggregation in their first meeting, didn't have it Saturday, nor did Boyce Stone his successor, and, aided materially by a nine-run seventh inning, Rex took the measure of the Kings Mountain Vets, 12-6, in a Tri-County league game here.

After the Rex swatsmiths had their big inning, the Vets started hitting the ball enough to give the large crowd a little hope, but the 11-run lead was only whittled down to six.

Before the explosion, Rex led 3-1, having tallied one marker in the second Jim Dodgin's hit, Padgett's sacrifice, and Austin's double. Rex added its second in the fifth as Pitcher White opened with a clean single, was sacrificed to second and came home on Manager McGinnis' hit. The third tally was a booming homer by Padgett in the sixth.

Kings Mountain scored one in the third, as Parker walked, went to third on Al Crisp's single and slid home safely as Rex played Crisp, momentarily trapped between second and first.

The wild seventh defies accurate description, but opened with a two-run homer by N. Dodgin. After that it was fast and furious and when Gus Hartsoe forced McGinnis to fly out to John George, Rex had a total of 12 runs.

The Vets got three in their half of the seventh. Sam Etters, who had entered the game for Ralph Mitchem, singled and was safe at second as McGinnis erred Hartsoe's grounder. George grounded to short to force Billy Thornburg, running for Hartsoe but Crisp singled to score Etters, and George and Crisp came home on Bob Wells double against the leftfield bank. The other two came in the eighth, on doubles by Etters, Crisp and Wells.

Wells was the top batsman for the Vets with four hits in five trips, while Crisp had three for five. John Grice and White each got three for five for Rex.

Score by innings:  
Rex 010 011 900 12 14 7  
Vets 001 000 320 6 13 4  
Batteries: White and Chandler, Stancy; Parker, Hartsoe and Mitchem, Etters.

## Vets Lick Mungo's Pageland Nine, 8-6

The Vets beat Van Mungo's Pageland semi-pro nine in the South Carolina town last Thursday on manager Ralph Mitchem's double with two on in the tenth inning by a score of 8 to 6.

Gus Hartsoe pitched good ball allowing eight scattered hits, one a 400-ft. triple by Mungo with the bases full.

With the score tied in the top of the tenth Floyd Smith, first man up, singled, and was sacrificed down to second by Coley Guyton. Boyce Stone was purposely passed setting the stage for Mitchem's long double down the left field foul line, scoring the two runners.

John George had three hits in five trips to lead the hitting and Guyton had thirteen assists to top the fielders.

Score by innings:  
Kings Mtn. 101 013 000 2 8 14 0  
Pageland 000 401 001 0 6 8 1  
Batteries: Hartsoe and Mitchem; Hendricks, Withers and Laird.

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## Vets In 14 to 7 Win Over Hanover

The Kings Mountain Vets swamped the Tri-County league-leading Hanover nine with base hits to win a game at city stadium last Tuesday by the score of 14 to 7.

Boyce Stone held the Hanover hitters to five hits while striking out eleven men.

The Vets had a big seventh inning, scoring ten runs on eleven hits and two walks.

Charlie Ballard, Vet center fielder slammed one over the right field wall with Coley Guyton on second, for a homer in the first inning to put the Vets out front. Ballard had a single in the seventh for two for three for the day.

Guyton had four hits in five times at bat to lead the hitting for the day. Bob Wells and Stone had three for five and John Gold two for four to follow in the hit parade.

Score by innings:  
R H E  
Hanover 040 010 002 7 5 0  
Kings Mtn. 200 020 (10)0x 14 17 2  
Batteries: Robinson, Greene, Sheppard and Sams; Stone and Etters.

## Juniors Lose To Shelby, 11-2

The Juniors lost a practice game to Shelby last Thursday by the score of 11 to 2, here at city stadium.

The Shelby Juniors, under Coach "Pop" Simmons, jumped on Jim Hudgins in the second inning, scoring two runs and were never headed.

Score by innings:  
R H E  
Shelby 025 013 0 11 9 3  
Kings Mtn 002 000 0 2 2 8  
Batteries: Hughey, Jolly, Francis and Hamrick, Bridges, Hudgins, Queen, Ross and Britt.

## BANTAM LEAGUE SCHEDULE

June 6—Rustins—Here.  
June 11—Victory—Here.

## Juniors In Last Practice Contest

Kings Mountain's Juniors play Lincolnton's Juniors at city stadium here Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in their last practice game before the district eliminations begin on Monday, June 10.

The Lincolnton lads are coached by Jack Kiser, well known high school coach in the Western high school conference.

## Bantams Win Two From Gaston Teams

The Kings Mountain Bantams triumphed on Firestone of Gastonia in a Bantam league contest last Friday in Gastonia to the tune of 21 to 12.

Gene Brooks, starting pitcher for the local youngsters, got a triple for the big hit of the day, and his battery mate, Horace Kiser followed with a single, as the opposing pitchers couldn't find the plate and together with errors by the Firestone nine and the generous free passes, the locals scored all their runs unearned.

Brooks and Person held the Firestone hitters down, Brooks getting credit for the win.

The Bantams went to Gastonia to lick Lewis Motors by a score of 19 to 7, on last Tuesday.

Gene Brooks pitched for the locals and Horace Kiser was the catcher. The Bantams have won two and lost one to date.

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