

# Legion Juniors Open Against Valdese Here Tuesday

## Coach Bradshaw's Nine To Journey To Valdese For First Game Monday

Kings Mountain's 1951 American Legion junior baseball team is slated to open the first round of state elimination play here on Tuesday night against the Valdese Juniors. Game time is 8 p. m.

Mayor Garland E. Still, a former high school player, will toss out the opening pitch to Captain Jim Kimmell, Kings Mountain shortstop with Mayor Pro Tempore James (Red) Layton, a baseball veteran, catching.

Coach J. R. Bradshaw, Gastonia bowling alley owner, will take his 20-man team to Valdese for the schedule opener on Monday

meeting to start all games in league 2 at 8 p. m.

Grady Tadlock, of Charlotte, is Umpire-in-Chief for both Area 4 leagues and also for a league in Area 3. Umpires will be assigned by the chief umpire. The Western North Carolina Umpires association will furnish officials for the games.

Two teams from Leagues 1 and 2 are to advance into the second round of play, another round-off in affair with the winner to be declared Area champions. The state is divided into four areas, with area playoffs to start in August. Gastonia is the defending state champs.

Kings Mountain will probably take the field this season with 9 1950 players on the roster. Ollie Harris, Jr., 1950 second baseman suffered a broken arm on the first play of the first practice game this year and will not get to play this season.

Regulars back from the Buddy Lewis-Bradshaw nine last year are Don (Chubb) Cobb, catcher, Bob Wells and Southpaw Fred Kiser, pitchers, Ken Spencer, outfielder-catcher, and Jim Kimmell, shortstop.

Other 1950 returnees are South paw Darwin (Dick) Moss and Charles Painter, Pitchers, Harold Matthews, infielder, and Bob Huskey, outfielder.

Promising candidates are Grady Hoyle, 1b, Carl Bell, 2b, Dewitt (Dee) Guyton, 3b; Jimmy Schofield, Bob Thomas, Charlie Mullinax, Harold Payne and Richard Bates, outfielders; Ray Mauney, Dean Huskey, Jimmy Matthews and Dean Spears, infielders; Ronnie Layton, catcher; and Southpaw Dealis Burtin, Bill Rhea and Billy Wells, pitchers.

Bud Hope is back as team manager, with Dick Smith, Merle Valentine, James Rushin and Dick Woodward as ball chasers.

Coach Bradshaw is to take his entry to Cowpens, S. C., for the final practice game Friday night. The Cowpens Juniors downed the locals 19 to 4 here Monday night.

On last Saturday afternoon, the Juniors lost to Rock Hill's Juniors 13 to 4. The Bradshaws men also dropped a two-game series last week to Gaffney, S. C., Juniors. On last Friday at City Stadium, Southpaw Kiser whiffed 16 batters but suffered from six-error support to lose 5 to 4. On May 24 at Gaffney, the South Carolinians won by 16 to 4.

Coach Bradshaw is to cut the team to the 20-player limit over

## Mens' Softball League Into Second Week Of Play; Protest Is Allowed

Burlington downed Craftspun Wednesday 20 to 10, Legion dropped another to Bonnie on May 24th 8 to 4, and Burlington downed Bonnie 22 to 13 in Mens' Softball league play last week.

The Wednesday game was a re-play of the scheduled game of May 24 as Commissioner Tillman Pearson ordered another contest on a protest by Burlington.

No box score of the Monday game, Craftspun at Margrace, has been turned in but reports give Margrace a close 12-11 victory.

Thursday's schedule (May 31) saw Bonnie at Margrace and Burlington at Legion, with Craftspun drawing a bye.

Burlington got off to a whirlwind start in the Wednesday game, pushing 14 runs across the plate in the first frame. Oiland Pearson took over the hill and allowed six runs on four hits the remainder of the route.

Bob Hufstetler, BurMil shortstop, had 3 for 4 and Coley Guyton matched that, his bingles including a homer. Bob Bridges, Bud Ross and Tommy Ross hit homers for the losers. Largest crowd of the year turned out for the encounter.

The high-scoring BurMil nine chalked up 24 hits Monday in downing Bonnie 22 to 13. J. Bennett slapped out 4 for 6 to pace the field, while Pitcher Mathis had 3 for 4 for the losers, who counted 15 knocks, 12 off Starter Baily and 3 off Roy Pearson.

Bonnie slapped the American Legion nine again, this time by 8 to 4 in a May 24th contest. Bonnie downed Legion on May 21st in the opener 12-6.

The schedule:

**MONDAY, JUNE 4**  
Bonnie at Craftspun.  
Margrace at Legion.  
Burlington, Bye.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7**  
Legion at Craftspun.  
Margrace at Burlington.  
Bonnie, Bye.

**Club Sponsoring Bridge Series**

The Kings Mountain Country Club will sponsor a series of monthly Master Point bridge games on the first Thursday evenings of each month beginning next Thursday.

Play will begin promptly at 7:45, according to announcement by Mrs. George Houser. The games are to be conducted under the rules and regulations of the American Contract Bridge League by Mrs. Kenneth Todd, of Gastonia.

Play is open to interested citizens in Kings Mountain and the surrounding area, Mrs. Houser said.

**AT WORK AGAIN**

E. E. Marlowe returned to work Thursday after being confined to his home due to a throat infection for several days.

## More About Thomasson Sale

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Thomasson, who died without leaving a will, are: Mrs. Agnes Thomasson, widow; Mrs. Bessie T. Abresch, widow; James C. Thomasson, single; M. Earl Thomasson; Means Thomasson and wife, Bessie Thomasson; Prue T. Shock, widow; Charles F. Thomasson, Jr., and wife, Lena Thomasson; J. B. Meacham and wife, Christine Meacham; H. C. Meacham and wife, Dorothy Meacham; L. H. Meacham and wife, Helen Meacham; Hatie Virginia Meacham, single; W. H. Thomasson, Jr., and wife, Gloria M. Thomasson; Mrs. Evelyn T. Shorter and husband, E. B. Shorter; and George Thomasson, single.

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- June 4—Valdese
- June 11—Shelby
- June 16—Ruth. County
- June 18—Hickory
- June 25—Haywood Cty.
- June 30—Valdese
- July 2—Shelby
- July 9—Ruth. County
- July 11—Hickory
- July 18—Haywood Cty

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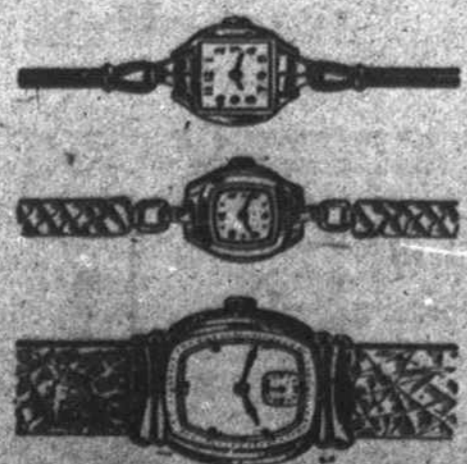
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