

Juniors Hit Henrietta Here Monday; Four Players Added

Team At Hickory Friday, Gastonia Here Wednesday

Kings Mountain's American Legion juniors, off to a slow start in Area Four play this season, were bolstered Tuesday by the addition of four players to the roster. The club plays at Hickory on Friday night, meets Henrietta here at City Stadium Monday night at 8 p. m. and Gastonia Greens here on June 16.

George Harris, veteran of last season's club, reported for drills Tuesday and saw his first action at Gastonia last night (Wednesday). A regular infielder, Harris is now listed as an outfielder and may possibly take some pitching chores.

Earl Marlowe, pitching ace of the 1953 club and mainstay of Kings Mountain high school's mound corps, also reported Tuesday. A good hitter, he also doubles in the garden. Marlowe has been selected as one of five to represent Kings Mountain high at annual Tar Heel Boys State next week and will be absent from the team during that time.

Mearl Valentine, an outstanding prospect earlier this season, has re-joined the club after a brief absence.

There was a possibility Tuesday that Bobby Webster, classy Bethware shortstop, would also report back to the club.

Several other players have also been added to the roster. Jerry McCarter, outfielder and catcher of Kings Mountain high, joined the team last Saturday. Billy Hughes, who attended school at Grover two years ago, put his spikes back on and reported Tuesday. He is a righthanded pitcher and, should he regain his one-time form, will be a valuable asset.

Coach James Byers and Post 155 Athletic Officer Fleete McCurdy were also officered in the team management department last week with the addition of Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr.,

Don Tignor Leading Burlington Hitter

First-half hitting and pitching averages for the Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, Little League team have been announced by Leland Kindred.

Don Tignor, veteran LL performer, paced the club with a .428 knock average, getting 12 hits in 28 at bats. Ronald Pearson had .384, Doi. Smith .379 Douglas Wortham .348, James Robbs .347 and Chalmers Johnson .333 averages.

The records:

| FIRST HALF HITTING AND PITCHING BURLINGTON MILLS | | | | |
|--|-----|----|----|------|
| Player | AB | R | H | Pct. |
| Wortham, Douglas | 28 | 9 | 10 | .347 |
| Robbs, James | 26 | 12 | 10 | .384 |
| Pearson, Ronald | 26 | 9 | 10 | .384 |
| Tignor, Don | 28 | 12 | 12 | .428 |
| Smith, Doi. | 29 | 7 | 11 | .379 |
| Johnson, Chalmers | 24 | 7 | 8 | .333 |
| Pearson, Larry | 18 | 4 | 4 | .222 |
| Pittman, Wylie | 21 | 3 | 6 | .285 |
| Martin, Ronald | 22 | 4 | 5 | .227 |
| Hanrick, Paul | 3 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Bagwell, Danny | 1 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Pittman, Paul | 1 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| TEAM | 228 | 68 | 74 | .325 |

PITCHING RECORDS

| Player | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------------|---|---|------|
| Robbs, James | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Johnson, Chalmers | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Smith, Donald | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| TEAM | 5 | 4 | .555 |

to the ranks.

Nine teams are playing a 12-game schedule in the first round with the records having no effect on pairings for second round play which is to get underway on June 28. Teams will meet in Gastonia on June 27 to draw for second round assignments.

Players now listed on the club include:

From Kings Mountain high — Bobby Wilson, Earl Marlowe, George Harris, Mearl Valentine, Carl Barnette, Jerry Ross, and Ken Cloninger from the 1953 club, and Don Wright, ace Little League and Pony League pitcher, Julius Horne, southpaw pitcher, Winfred White, Charles Blanton, and Jerry McCarter.

From Bethware high — Ralph Ford from the 1953 club and Dean Blanton, Gene Bowers, Bobby Anthony, Bobby Webster, Ken Yarbore, and Doyle Burton.

From Grover high — Jerry Cook, Robert Peterson, Wayne Appling and Billy Hughes.

From Bessemer City high — Howard Payne and Cecil Shope, southpaw hurler.

Cherryville Forfeits Opener; Club In Losses To Charlotte, Morganton

Kings Mountain's American Legion juniors dropped the opening three games of Area Four play last week but picked up a forfeit victory over Cherryville to salvage one of the scraps.

Cherryville dropped the locals 12-1 here last Thursday night but on Saturday Area Four Commissioner Buddy Lewis, of Gastonia, declared the game forfeit because of use of ineligible players by the winners.

Don Dycus, Reid Armstrong and Ted Reid, all of Stanley, were the players ordered dropped from the Cherryville squad. Players must play with the team located nearest their legal residence, Commissioner Lewis said, citing national junior baseball rules. The trio must, therefore, play with Gastonia if they play at all, he added.

The ruling snarled up things in Cherryville, with a scheduled contest with Morganton not being played, according to reports.

"Hub" Sneed, Cherryville athletic officer, had reported at noon Saturday that his club would a-

SCHEDULE

| Date | Home | Away |
|-------------------|------|------|
| June 11—Hickory | | |
| June 14—Henrietta | | |
| June 16—Gastonia | | |

side by the decision and what caused postponement of the Morganton game was not learned here.

Dycus had two singles and scored twice and Armstrong had a pair of knocks in Cherryville's smashing win in the opener here Thursday. Reid did not play.

Bob Lineberger, veteran of the 1953 championship Cherryville team, tossed the first four frames and turned the job over to Joe Hallman, who went the rest of the way. Each gave up one hit, Lineberger allowing his to the leadoff hitter, Bobby Wilson, who slapped out a double.

Pitcher Ralph Ford got the other, an infield roller in the ninth. Catcher Carl Barnette plated Kings Mountain's only run in the final inning with a sacrifice fly to leftfield.

Charlotte also romped on the locals here Saturday night, scoring a 13-2 verdict. Jerry Ross and Ray Horne worked on the mound for Kings Mountain but nine errors affield turned the game into a rout.

Hord, Barnette and Bobby Anthony got the only Kings Mountain hits as the Queen City nine broke the game wide open with a seven-run sixth inning.

On Monday at Morganton, Kings Mountain ran into another top-notch pitcher and managed only two hits while losing 18-3. Hord and Ray Horne did the pitching for Kings Mountain.

The line score: Kings Mt. 000 021 000—3 2 5 Morganton 013 224 24x—18 19 5

Hord, Horne, and Barnette; Stimson and Sipes.

The Cherryville and Charlotte box scores:

| Player | AB | R | H | PO | A |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| CHERRYVILLE | | | | | |
| Don Dycus, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. E. McCurtie, 2b | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| T. L. Sain, 2b | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ronald Turner, cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dick Mauney, ss | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Dave Gardner, 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jim Lineberger, 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Frank Beam, rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Frank Rice, rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marion Smith, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| xx—Dean Wright, c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Reid Armstrong, pitcher | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| xx—Dorrell Loh, 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bob Lineberger, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Joe Hallman, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 44 | 12 | 14 | 27 | 8 |

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Charlotte box score:

| Player | AB | R | H | PO | A |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| CHARLOTTE | | | | | |
| Jimmy Irby, ss | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Bobby Campbell, 2b | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dodley McSwain, rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LaKey, rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| George Hart, 1b | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| Eddie Black, 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bobby Deaton, 3b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| x—Ellis, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| x—Billard, cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Leon Gettis, lf | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bruce Crump, c | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Robbie Haynes | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Earp, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Hunter, p | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bobby Armstrong, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 37 | 13 | 11 | 27 | 14 |

RECREATION ROUND-UP

Kings Mountain Little League second-half action opened Monday at the Park Grace field, BurMil and Park Grace posting wins over Jaycees and Kiwanis.

Each game was called after 5 innings because of the 7-run lead ruling.

All coaches are urged to begin thinking of their All-Star team choices. The rosters must be in not later than June 29th in order to be eligible for national competition, Red Layton said.

Thursday's games find Park Grace playing host to BurMil in the opener and Jaycees being home team to Kiwanis in the afterpiece.

Major Loftin, the official Little League umpire, will leave for the army this week and Buddy Medlin will take over the duties of ball-and-strike umpire it was announced by Little League Commissioner Layton.

The girl's softball schedule is as follows:

June 9 — at B. City.
June 16 — Firestone here.
June 23 — at Pyramid (Firestone pk.)

June 30 — Ragan here.

VACATION PERIOD WEEK OF JULY 4
July 14 — Smyre here.
July 21 — Bessemer City here.
July 28 — at Firestone.
August 4 — Pyramid here.
August 11 — at Ragan.
August 18 — at Smyre.

The play-off will follow the schedule. Ellis King is coach of the Kings Mountain girls team.



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