

Veteran Jake Early Named Rock Hill Playing Manager

Leaves Charlotte Hornets To Take New Position

ROCK HILL, S. C. — Jake Early, non-playing coach of the Charlotte Hornets, was today named new playing manager of the Rock Hill Chief of the Tri-State League.

Chiefs President Tom W. Huey announced the signing of Early following a called meeting of club directors this afternoon.

Early, a native of Kings Mountain, N. C., and a former big league catcher for the Washington Senators and the St. Louis Browns, succeeds Sam Lamitina, who was fired last Saturday. Lamitina, who was also signed as a playing manager, was unable to see much service due to a shoulder injury and was dismissed when he refused to take a salary cut.

As playing pilot, he was reported to be drawing more than \$800 per month. Mel Kerestes, regular third baseman, has been acting manager of the Chiefs since Lamitina's dismissal.

Early, who was the Hornets' regular catcher at the start of the Sully League season, was recently removed from the Bees' active list and carried as a non-playing coach. He was slated to join the Rock Hill club at Anderson tonight.

Huey said that both Sherry Robertson, assistant director of the Washington farm system, and Phil Houser, Charlotte general manager, highly recommended Early.

The Rock Hill prexy also announced today that Dick Ackermann, who served as utility infielder for the Charlotte club in the Tri-State League last season, is being sent to the Chiefs. Ackermann, who has been with Hagerstown, Md., in the Piedmont League this year, will replace the injured Johnny DiFresco on the Chiefs' active list.

Craftspun Defeats Foote, Neisler

Craftspun won a pair of Men's League softball games last week, edging Foote Mineral 7-3 on June 8 and stomping Neisler Mills 23-1 on last Thursday.

Bud Moss tossed a one-hitter in the win over Foote, with Bob Hullen getting the loser's two fly bingle. Gerald Hipps had two for three, including a homer, to



PLAYING MANAGER — Jake Early, veteran Kings Mountain professional baseball player, has assumed his first managerial position. He joined the Rock Hill, S. C., Chiefs Tuesday night at Anderson, S. C., as the club's new playing manager, leaving a coaching position with the Charlotte Hornets. Early served several days as temporary manager of the Minneapolis, Minn., team in the American Association (AAA) last season. He is pictured above while with the Washington Senators during his 10 years and 88 days in the major leagues.

pace the winners. Charles Smith also had a homer.

In the 23-1 rout, Fred Kiser had four for five and Charlie Ballard three for four. Gene Tignor three for six and Hipps three for four.

The win gave Craftspun a 7-3 record, while Neisler's mark dropped to 6-4.

The lineups:

Neisler Mills	ab	r	c	Craftspun	ab	r	c
Boling	3b	3	0	D. Guyton	3b	4	1
McFalls	ss	4	0	Kiser	2b	5	3
Reynolds	c	3	0	H. Fowson	ss	3	2
Ware	1b	4	0	Smith	ss	1	0
H. Smith	rf	3	1	G. Tignor	cf	2	3
T. Ross	cf	4	0	J. Ballard	1b	4	2
Broom	rf	1b	3	J. Guyton	c	4	1
Shyle	2b	3	0	E. Ross	rf	3	1
Fite	p	0	0	Hipps	rf	4	3
R. Smith	rf	3	0	Morgan	p	5	4
TOTALS	30	1	8	TOTALS	41	23	21

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Craftspun	ab	r	c	Foote Min.	ab	r	c
D. Guyton	3b	1	1	Stone	c	2	1
Kiser	ss	3	0	Bridges	cf	2	1
A. Tignor	cf	2	0	Hullender	2b	1	0
J. Tignor	cf	2	0	Connor	1b	3	0
Ballard	1b	3	0	Hullender	3b	1	0
J. Guyton	c	3	0	Herron	lf	3	0
Hipps	rf	3	1	T. Gordon	2b	3	0
Smith	2b	2	1	D. Smith	cf	2	0
Goforth	2b	1	0	C. Wilson	p	1	0
R. Ross	p	3	0	TOTALS	28	7	6
TOTALS	28	7	6	TOTALS	21	3	1

RAFTSPUN	020	101	2	7	6	0
FOOTE MINERAL	300	000	0	3	1	3

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RECREATION ROUND-UP

Little League Commissioner Red Layton announced that at the Monday night meeting of District 8 league presidents and directors held at the Gastonia recreation center, it was decided to have a double elimination tournament instead of the one-loss elimination as in the past.

District play will begin July 19 at Todd Field in Gastonia and all All-Star rosters must be in the mail not later than July 11.

Pairings for tournament play will be mailed out this week and all Kings Mountain coaches are being urged to begin picking all-star players. Night or day games were optional and because all local games were played in the day, Kings Mountain will not be required to play any games under the lights.

Several Leagues reported that in the even they won the district tournament, they would stop there and let the runner-up team represent the district. Most of the reasons were financial. Mr. Layton said he did not commit Kings Mountain either way but would like to know if, in the event Kings Mountain won the district tournament, the sponsoring organization would be willing to accept the responsibility of entering state play. If a team advances beyond state play, the United States Rubber Company pays all expenses.

Other Leagues entered in the 8th district are: A. L. Suddeth, Little Southern, United Service, Textiles and BurMill of Gastonia, and Cherryville, Stanly and Kings Mountain.

S. E. Tutor, manager of Joy Theatre, informs Little Leaguers that he will again have a free movie entitled "This is Little League U. S. A." Date will be announced by the Recreation Department.

Results

In Thursday's Little League action, the pattern remained about the same with Park-Grace taking a thrilling extra-inning affair from the improving Bur-Mil nine 5 to 4 and Jaycees downing Kiwanis 8 to 3.

Monday's rain knocked out the second game between Park-Grace and Kiwanis in the first inning with P. G. leading 2 to 0. But the few faithful saw a nip-and-tuck opening game between Jaycees and Bur-Mil. Jaycees took an early 2 to 0 on hits by Thomasson, McKee, Mike Ware and Small. Bur-Mil bounced back to tie the count at 2-all on two errors, a fielders choice and a hit by L. Pearson. Jaycees bunched two hits, by Ware and McKee, plus a walk for 3 runs in the second but Bur-Mil tied it again at 5 all on two walks, and hits by W. Pittman and R. Pearson. Jaycees failed to score in the third but the slugging Bur-Mil team scored 7 runs on 2 walks and 6 hits to take a 12 to 5 lead. Nit to be out done the Jaycees scored 6 runs in the fourth on two walks, an error and hits by Thomasson, Ross and G. Gibson Smith relieved Pittman on the mound and retired the Jaycees the next two innings without damage. Final score Bur-Mil 12 runs, 9 hits, 3 errors — Jaycees 11 runs, 9 hits and 5 errors.

Today's games (Thursday): Kiwanis will be host to Bur-Mil and Jaycees will be at home to Park-Grace.

Kings Mountain Pony Leaguers will play Bur-Mil of Gastonia here Friday afternoon at City Stadium at 3:30 p. m.

The Pony team, playing without the services of several key players, battled league leading Rex of Gastonia for six innings at City Stadium Friday afternoon to a 0 to 0 deadlock before an error and a misjudged fly ball gave Rex the ball game 2 to 0.

Keith Layton, Pony portsider, continued his mastery over the league leaders fanning 10, walking two, and allowing two hits in the five innings he worked. Johnny McGinnis relieved in the 6th and retired the Rex team in order.

Kings Mountain outthit the visitors 6 to 2, but Miller and Wilson kept the K. M. hits scattered and was most effective with men on bases. (In Pony League a boy can pitch only 9 innings in a week and most coaches use two boys in order to have reserve strength for the next game.)

Kings Mountain now has a season record of 9 wins against 5 losses, 3 of the losses by a total of 4 runs.

The Kings Mountain Women's softball team was rained out in their opening game with Bessemer City and will play their first game at the Little League field across from the Woman's club house.

The team roster includes: Sue Barrett, Etha Hawkins, Jennie McCarter, Jean Arthur, Maxine Bumgardner, Judy Owens, Kathryn Ware, and Linda Rhee.

Peggy Lewis, Pat Miller, Jean Hartsoe, Doris Sellers, Josephine Smith, Pat Ledford, Lois Hawkins, and Reba Camp.

Phyllis Green, Elizabeth Abernathy, Pat Malcolm, Creola Scruggs, Annette Lawrence, Becky Smith, Sandra Gilbert and Rachel Jolley.

Butch Houser, Billy Gibbons, Judith Neill, Billy Mabry, Glenda Spake, Elizabeth Spencer, Louise Whetstone and Linda Hoyle.

Legion Juniors Here On Monday, Wednesday

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors, scheduled at Shelby Friday night and at Gastonia Saturday night, meet Henrietta and Hickory here on Monday and Wednesday nights at City Stadium. All games are to begin at 8 p. m.

Coach James Byers' nine was to play at Gastonia, against the "Green" club, last night (Wednesday) after being rained out here Monday night with Henrietta.

On last Wednesday night, the club lost a 15-1 verdict at Gastonia, against the "Blue" team, and on last Friday night lost at Hickory by a 7-3 count.

Righthander Ralph Hord went all the way in the Hickory contest and generally the team showed improvement. Charles Blanton, Jerry Ross, Carl Barnette, Bob Wilson and Hord shared Kings Mountain's five hits off the winners Bob Rector.

At Gastonia, four Kings Mountain pitchers journeyed to the mound but failed to halt the big "Blue" bats. Gastonia got 15 hits, including a double and three triples.

Kings Mountain managed four hits off Froneberger, with Blanton getting a pair and Barnette and Ross adding one each.

Ross started on the mound, with Earl Marlowe, Don Wright and Ken Yarboro finishing up.

The club received additional coaching assistance this week as Gus Hartsoe, veteran baseball pitcher, joined the staff to assist Coach Byers.

Bobby Webster, Betwara shortstop, also came back into the fold and Bruce Gene, lanky Betwara outfielder, also reported for duty.

The Hickory line score: Kings Mtn.-002 000 001-3 5 5 Hickory 022 011 10x-7 14 6

Hord and Barnette; Rector and Sherrill.

The Gastonia box score:

GASTONIA BLUES	AB	R	H	PO	A
Dycus	5	1	1	3	0
Martin	5	2	1	0	0
Hopper	4	1	3	0	0
Shore	4	0	0	0	0
Cannon	2	0	0	3	0
Carpenter	1	1	0	4	0
Heavener	4	2	0	0	0
Sheppard	0	0	0	0	0
Hall	2	1	1	3	1
Wardman	5	3	4	4	0
Armstrong	0	1	0	0	0
Nixon	1	1	0	4	0
Froneberger	4	2	2	2	0
TOTALS	36	15	15	27	7

KINGS MOUNTAIN	AB	R	H	PO	A
Blanton	3	0	2	1	0
White	3	0	0	1	2
Harris	3	0	0	2	0
Herron	3	0	0	2	0
E-Shope	1	0	0	0	0
Barnette	3	1	1	6	1
zz-Davis	1	0	0	0	0
Marlowe	2	1	0	2	5
zz-Anthony	1	0	0	1	1
Ross	2	0	1	1	2
Wright	1	0	0	0	0
Ken Yarboro	0	0	0	1	0
Ken Cloninger	0	0	0	1	0
Jerry McCarter	0	0	0	0	0
Meat Valentine	1	0	0	0	0
Jerry Cook	1	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	32	1	4	24	13

z-Struck out for Harris in ninth.
zz-Struck out for Barnette in ninth.
zzz-Grounded out for Marlowe in ninth.

KINGS MOUNTAIN	AB	R	H	PO	A
GASTONIA BLUES	053	011	506	15	

RH: Hopper 4, Workman 2, Froneberger 1, Hall, Dycus, E. Workman, Armstrong 2, Hord 2, Barnette, Marlowe 2, Ross, Valentine 2, H. Workman, 3B: Heavener, Hall, Workman, 3B: Blanton, Hopper, Workman, Armstrong, Froneberger, Martin, Sac: Hopper, Marlowe, Froneberger, LOB: Kings Mountain 5, Gastonia 6, BOB-off: Ross 1, Marlowe 1, Yarboro 1, SO: Froneberger 7, Ross 1, Marlowe 1, Wright 1. Hits off: Ross 7 in 2 1-3 innings; Marlowe 3 in 3; Wright 4 in 1 1-3; Yarboro 0 in 1 1-3. Hit by pitcher—by: Ross (Armstrong), Marlowe (Armstrong), Wright (Nixon), Yarboro (Sheppard), Wild Pitch: Ross, WP: Froneberger, LP: Ross, Umpires: Neely and Carter. Time: 2:09.

Neisler Softballers Defeat Foote 6 to 2

Neisler defeated Foote Mineral 6-2 in a Men's Softball League game Tuesday.

Fite tossed the win and also got two hits along with Bolin, Ware and Ross. Foote's Smith had two bingles to pace their attack.

The lineups:

Foote	ab	r	c	Neisler	ab	r	c
Smith	cf	4	1	Bolin	3b	4	0
Bolin	ss	3	0	Shyle	2b	3	0
Connor	1b	3	0	Falls	ss	3	0
Stone	3b	2	1	Ware	1b	4	2
Dals	3	0	0	Smith	lf	3	1
Hullender	rf	3	0	Ross	cf	3	2
Herron	lf	2	0	Broom	rf	3	1
Robbs	2b	3	0	Reynolds	c	3	1
Wilson	p	3	0	Fite	p	4	0
TOTALS	26	3	4	TOTALS	30	6	11

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