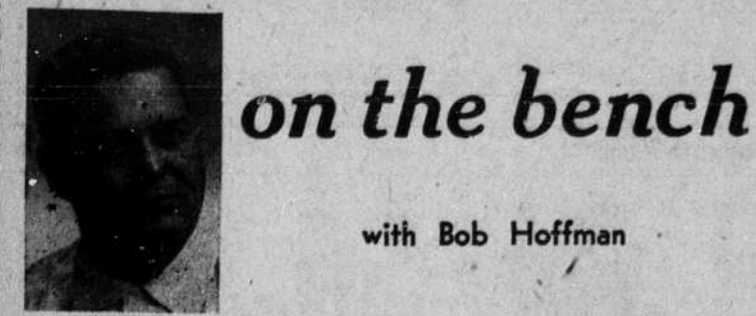


Mountaineers Trip Tri-High, Lose To Cherries



on the bench

with Bob Hoffman

LEGION SLOT — By the time this column is read Gastonia will have named a Legion baseball coach.

Fred Withers, Kings Mountain's popular high school mentor, is among the top three contestants for this spot, which is considered one of the juiciest diamonds jobs in the state.

Withers, Troy Washam, and Church Clements, Davidson coach and former Gastonia High School baseball man, are the three most likely to be considered. Washam is the former Hickory Legion boss, and has a pretty good record.

Of course, Gastonia High School is looking for a man to replace the now departed Crash Davis, who has taken a Burlington Mill personnel job. It will probably turn out that both jobs will be filled by one and the same man.

Since Withers has applied for the high school job also, this stands him in real good stead for the Legion position.

If Fred does end up with the job, Kings Mountain will be losing one of the best baseball coaches in the Southwestern Conference.

FOOTBALL FORECAST — Coach Shu Carlton reported last week that he has some 15-17 freshmen that may help his gridiron club next fall. Shu also feels that his team will be better prepared next season than last fall. Experienced personnel will be the difference.

Biggest problem will be replacing George Harris at quarterback. John McGinnis seems to be the most logical choice to try out in the slot. However, someone else may come through in the important role.

POP-FLYS — Kings Mountain's fielding left much to desired in the Shelby game here last week. The Mountaineers had committed four bobbles in the first one-and-one-third frames.

The boys shook off the Shelby loss to down Tri-High the following day however. The Tri-High team had previously dropped Cherryville's nine.

The Ironmen are taking their knocks thus far in the season. Seems like Turner and company have lost their first three contests.

John McGinnis may have to stop baseball play for a couple of weeks — reports have it that he is having blood-pressure troubles.

The Mountaineer bats must have holes in them. In the first two contests 22 Mountaineers went down by the strike-out route.

Jerry McCarter has been turning in some fine work for Kings Mountain behind the plate. A hustling catcher does a lot for the team, and Jerry is certainly a hustler.

Gene Bowers has been looking pretty good on the mound. Enemy batsmen will have several more years of trouble from this boy — he is only a freshman. Bowers is also being counted on heavily by the football coaching staff for next season.

CITRUS CLOUDS — The flow of copy from the major league training camps have the usual number of sore arms, over-weight players, and sensational rookies as in past years.

Guys like Enos Slaughter, Bob Feller, Mort Cooper, Hal Newhouser, and the others whose days are said to be numbered, never seem to stop hustling and the result is always that some younger man will again hit minor league pitching another season.

Cleveland Indian fans are watching with interest the work of Rocky Colavito during spring drills. The ex-Spartanburg Peach is bouncing base-hits all over the parks.

Last week, in five games, Colavito got 10 hits in 22 trips, including a pair of doubles and three homeruns. He also drove in 11 runs in the same period of time. This lad may be a fixture in right field for the Indians.

The Bob Porterfield-Church Dressen feud gets worse as time goes by.

Porterfield blames Dressen for his poor season with the Senators last year, and now Chuck is pointing out that he didn't throw the ball during Bob's 17 losses.

Washington fans had hoped that working agreement with Louisville might help matters. But the Senator brass has assured Chattanooga and Charlotte that they will get first chance at any players sent down. Still the same old song for Washington — from AA to the majors. This is probably one of the best reasons why the Senators have fielded minor league teams during the past few seasons.

With Charlotte being the only minor league club near, it's a pity the fans can't get more major league TV baseball. But remember, the high school teams and Legion teams are counting on your support — they are the ones that will be on the TV screens of tomorrow.

Bowling Pace Is Still Red-Hot

Bowling action in the city continued at a red-hot pace during the last week.

Independents moved into top spot in the Men's League by dropping the league-leading King Pins in a trio of games. Meanwhile, the Keglers knocked off the Alley-Kats in a pair to pull into a tie for second place.

Plonk's 328 paced the Independents into top spot, while a 297 by Everhart was the best effort of the Pins. The Keglers were headed by Barber's 337, as Arrowood's 329 paced the Alley-Kats.

Sportsman League activity saw McCurdy's sweep a three-game set from the Smoke-Eaters, as league-leading Bridges Texaco took a pair from the Blasters. Randle's 307 topped McCurdy's while a pair of 279s by Austin and Tignor headed the fire-fighters. Bridges' wins were led by Guyton's 336 as Stone's 290 paced the Blasters.

Action in the Automotive League resulted in Marlowe's taking three from Victory Chevrolet as the Three-Centers were edged out in a pair by Plonk Motors.

Dixon's 347 paced Marlowe's as a 289 by Short led Victory. Plonk's wins were paced by Bridges' 318, and a 309 by Foster led the Three-Centers.

The Minute-Men forfeited three

games to Odell Benton's in the Piedmont League and other activity saw the Hillbillies increase their lead by taking the Jaycees in two.

Ledbetter's 302 paced the Hillbillies, while Barber's 316 headed the Jaycee efforts.

The Dusters continued their winning ways in the Challenger League as they took a three game set from the Night Owls while Tin Benders managed to win a paid from Pin Prides.

Barber's 348 led the Dusters, and a 301 by Putnam paced the Owls. Blanton's 376 led the Benders victories as a 303 by Foster topped the Prides.

Stroupe's Drug and Barkley's Food Store still lead the Ladies' League as both teams won three from Harold's Service and Blalock's Park Inn.

Ora Mae Bennett's 270 paced Stroupe's wins, while Diane Gamble's 245 headed Harold's. Verna Mae Allran's 256 headed Barkley's victories, as a 244 by Betty Hovis paced Blalock's.

BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS
MEN'S LEAGUE — Independents 46-41; Pins 45-42; Keglers 45-42; Alley Kats 38-43.
SPORTSMAN LEAGUE — Bridges 55-32; McCurdy's 54-33; Blasters 51-36; Smoke-Eaters 14-73.
AUTOMOTIVE LEAGUE — Three-Centers 52-35; Marlowe's 52-35; Plonk's 47-40; Victory 34-51.
PIEDMONT LEAGUE — Hillbillies 52-35; Jaycees 45-42; Benton's 41-46; Minute-Men 35-52.
CHALLENGERS — Dusters 42-30; Benders 38-33; Prides 34-41; Owls 30-45.
LADIES' LEAGUE — Stroupe's 65-16; Barkley's 50-31; Harold's 29-52; Blalock's 19-42.

Carolina Booster Group Planned; Tatum May Talk

Friday 13th may be a lucky day for University of North Carolina sports boosters in the Kings Mountain area.

Tentative plans are calling for Jim Tatum, UNC's colorful football coach, to speak in Kings Mountain on the night of April 13. Object of the meeting is to form a Carolina Booster's Club here.

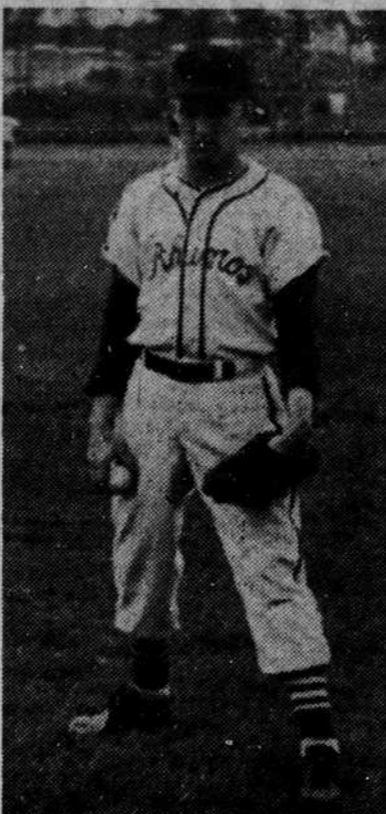
The city does not boast enough UNC alumni to form an Alumni Chapter, but formation of a booster's organization would give all former UNC students a chance to be associated with the University in a behind the scenes role.

Tatum is scheduled to speak in Gastonia on April 12 and 14, and has consented to slip the Kings Mountain date between his other engagements.

The Booster's organization will be open to anyone interested in backing the athletics program at the University. It is not especially designed for alumni only.

Coach Tatum will probably take this opportunity to give a preview of what he expects to field in the way of a gridiron team at Chapel Hill during the coming season.

Watch next week's Herald for full details on the proposed meeting.



ANOTHER TRY — Gus Hartsoe, Jr., Kings Mountain pitcher, is again getting a look from New York Yankee brass this year. Hartsoe is reporting to Winston-Salem to star his wares for the Yankee farm - system bosses. He did not play ball last year, setting out a year when he could not come to terms. He was listed on the Denver, Colo., roster when he decided to hold-out.

Cherryville Trounces Locals 21-6, As Kings Mountain Errors Hurt

Kings Mountain's Mountaineer baseball nine dropped its second conference game of the season Tuesday afternoon to the Cherryville Ironmen by a whalloping 21-6 margin.

As usual, errors by the Mountaineers were the biggest factor in their defeat, they committed at least 10 boos during the three-hour game.

Keith Layton started on the mound for the local team, and pitched a good ball game. However, he had to be relieved in the seventh inning, after errors had gotten him in trouble for the fourth time.

Gene Bowers came in to toe the slab in the remainder of the game, and he too was plagued by boos afield.

Rocket Ron Turner led the 16-hit Cherryville attack with four bingles, while McNeely added three hits, including a double and triple, and drove in three runs. Turner had four RBI's to his credit.

Cherryville tallied a pair of runs in the second frame, but Kings Mountain came back to tie it up in the bottom of the same inning. The Ironmen added another marker in the third, as did the Mountaineers. Not to be stopped, the Ironmen tallied another pair in the fourth. Kings Mountain added three in the fifth to take a 6-5 lead. But in the sixth, Cherryville bunched four hits with two walks and three errors to come up with seven runs. They added four in the eighth and another five in the ninth to end the game's scoring.

George Harris led the Mountaineers at the plate with two singles and a double. Keith Lay-

ton also banged the ball hard as he got a triple and a single to drive in three runs. Doug Rathbone also had three singles, but the hits failed to come as needed and Kings Mountain left 13 men stranded.

This was Cherryville's first win of the season, as they had dropped three prior games. Thornburg got credit for the win after relieving Tallant in the fifth inning. Layton was tagged with the loss, his second of the year.

CHERRYVILLE
Alexander, 2b 2 0 0
Thornburg, p 3 3 1
Lall, ss 7 2 4
Turner, 1b 6 2 0
McNeely, cf 7 1 3
Daggenhart, lf 6 2 0
Crison, 3b 3 2 0
Tallant, p, 1b 3 2 0
Saine, 3b 1 0 0
Cody, rf 5 3 2
Beam, 2b 1 0 0
Austell, 2b 2 0 2
TOTALS 50 21 16

KINGS MOUNTAIN
Watre, 2b 1 0 0
Bridges, 1b 3 0 0
McCarter, cf 4 0 0
Baily, cf 4 0 0
Gladden, cf 1 0 0
Harris, ss 1 0 0
Valentine, lf 3 2 1
Thomas, lf 1 0 0
Rathbone, 3b 1 0 0
Connor, rf 2 0 0
Layton, p 1 0 0
Marlowe, rf 1 0 0
Bowers, p 0 0 0
McCartney 0 0 0
TOTALS 36 6 12

Cherryville 021 207 045-21
Kings Mountain 021 103 000-6

—Struck out for Bowers in 9th.
E—Tignor 1, Bridges 1, Rathbone 3, Harris 1, Layton 1, Crison 1, McNeely 1; BB—Alexander 1, Lall 2, Turner 4, McNeely 3, Daggenhart 1, Cody 2, Tignor 1, Bridges 1, Harris 1, Layton 3; 2B—McNeely, Harris; 3B—McNeely, Layton; SB—Alexander 2, Thornburg 1, Lall 1, Turner 1, Austell 1, Bridges 1, McCarter 1, Harris 1; DP—Crison to Tallant; LEFT—KM 13, Cherryville 12; BB—Layton 7, Bowers 2, Tallant 5, Thornburg 3; SO—Layton 4, Bowers 2, Tallant 4, Thornburg 7; RO—Layton 1 in 6 innings, Tallant 8 in 4 1/2 innings; HB—Tallant (McCarter, Bridges); P—McCarter 2, Turner 2; W—Thornburg; L—Layton; T—3:00.

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Wolves, Cliffdwellers Are Next On List For Mountaineer Nine

With a pair of Southwestern AA Conference games on tap the coming week, the Kings Mountain baseball team will be trying to improve their 1-2 record in the loop standings.

The local nine will journey to Lincolnton Friday afternoon to meet the strong Lincolnton Wolves, and will then play host to the Cliffside diamondmen here next Tuesday afternoon.

Lincolnton is being heralded as one of the batting powers of the conference, although their pitching staff is not especially strong.

Cliffside is paced by Buzz Biggestaff, ace basketballer, and a handy man with a baseball bat.

Coach Fred Withers' boys now hold a 2-2 record, having taken games from Myers Park and Tri-High, while dropping contests to Shelby and Cherryville.

Their two losses have been the result of shoddy fielding. The Kings Mountain pitching staff of Keith Layton and Gene Bowers have looked good, even in defeat. However, boos, especially around

the infield have cost the locals heavily.

The team's hitting power is coming to the front, with George Harris, Jerry McCarter, and Charles Bridges supplying the extra-base blows when needed.

If Withers can come up with a sharp fielding right fielder, and plug a couple of holes around the bases, the Mountaineers have the potential of being one of the strongest teams in the conference.

Keith Layton will probably be toiling the mound for the Mountaineers in the Lincolnton game, with Bowers taking over when Cliffside comes to town.

Layton has been effective in the clutches, but his control is a bit off at times. Bowers, although not as fast as Layton, has fine control, but allows the batters to get wood on the ball.

Keith has struck out 20 enemy batters while giving up 10 free passes in the three games he has worked.

Harris Hot, As Mountaineers Edge Tri-High By 8-6 Margin

Kings Mountain high school took its first conference win of the baseball season last Wednesday as it downed Tri-High by a 8-6 score at Tri-High.

The Mountaineers took an early lead and were in danger only once, in the bottom of the ninth, when Tri-High managed to tally three runs.

George Harris, filling in at shortstop for the ailing John McGinnis, made his big bat known to the Tri-High hurler as he bounced out three doubles and drove in four runs.

Gene Bowers toed the rubber for the Mountaineers for eight innings, but Keith Layton was called in from right-field in the ninth to put down the Tri-High rally that netted them three markers.

The Mountaineers committed five errors afield, compared with three for the home team. Harris had three boots at his new short-stop position.

Burgess rapped a long home-run for Tri-High, and was the batting leader with two hits in five trips. Earley added a triple for the home team, as pitcher Childers chipped in with a double.

Charles Bridges added a double to the three by Harris for the local nine.

Bowers received credit for the win with Childers being tagged with the loss.

Carlton Didn't Let Big One Get Away

Shu Carlton, high school football coach, also knows what to do with a rod-and-reel.

Easter Monday Coach Carlton yanked a 23inch long bass out of the City lake.

He was proud enough to show it off, but when asked whether he wanted it preserved for mounting, he remarked optimistically, "No, I'll catch a bigger one for mounting."

Mike Paidousis and Red Bastien versus Ali Pasha.

Laskin and Paidousis, who battled Bastien to a 30-minute draw here last Friday night, will hold the semi-final spotlight, a one-fall event, with a 45minute time limit.

As for the opener, Bastien and Pasha, the terrible Turk, will meet in a single fall affair, action limited to 30 minutes.

Fans To View Dodgers 10 Times; Yankees 9 In 26 Game TV Slate

A twenty-six game major league baseball schedule, including two spring training contests, will be televised by station WBTV, beginning next Saturday, April 7, Kenneth I. Tvedwell, WBTV vice-president, announced yesterday.

"Baseball Game of the Week" will be a regular Saturday afternoon feature and lists games between top teams in both leagues including the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox, of the American League, and the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants and Cincinnati Redlegs, of the National League.

The New York Giants and the Cleveland Indians open the schedule in a pre-season game from Dallas, Texas, Saturday at 2:25 p. m. The New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers, last year's World Series opponents, meet in another pre-season contest at Ebbets Field the following Saturday, April 14.

The first official league game will be telecast, Saturday, April 21, when the Boston Red Sox invade Yankee Stadium to play the New York Yankees.

Veteran sportscasters Jerome "Dizzy" Dean and Buddy Blattner, both former major league players, will be back again this year to handle the play-by-play and color.

In addition to the game, Dean and Blattner will be on hand with a 10minute "Baseball Preview,"

warm-up interview session with players, managers or coaches preceding the weekly game broadcast.

Al Lopez, manager of the Cleveland Indians, is tabbed to be the first guest on "Preview," prior to the Indians clash with the Giants in Dallas.

The full 26-game schedule follows:

APRIL
7 Indians-Giants 2:25
14 Yankees-Dodgers 1:55
21 Red Sox-Yankee 1:55
28 Dodgers-Pirates 1:55

MAY
5 Tigers-Red Sox 12:55
12 Giants-Dodgers 12:55
19 Yankees-White Sox 1:25
26 Dodgers-Giants 12:55

JUNE
2 Tigers-Yankees 12:55
9 Dodgers-Redlegs 1:25
16 Dodgers-Braves 12:55
23 White Sox-Yankees 1:25
30 Dodgers-Phil. 12:55

JULY
7 Tigers-White Sox 1:25
14 Indians-Yankee 12:55
21 Tigers-Red Sox 12:55
28 Giants-Cards 12:55

AUGUST
4 Red Sox-Indians 12:55
11 Phil-Dodgers 12:55
18 Tigers-White Sox 12:55
25 White Sox-Yankees 12:55

SEPTEMBER
1 Dodgers-Giants 12:55
8 White Sox-Indians 12:55
15 Dodgers-Cubs 12:55
22 Yankees-Red Sox 12:55
29 Yankees-Boston 12:55

Duseks And Garibaldis Meeting Friday In Gastonia Wrestling

GASTONIA — Back before he turned promoter, Marvin Hutchins spent quite a bit of time as third man in the wrestling ring.

That threw him against all kinds of roughhouse kids, the villian-type wrestlers.

None, though, in the opinion of the Gastonia promoter, can outdo the Dusek brothers, known in the trade as the "Omaha Riot Squad."

"They're worse than riots as far as I'm concerned," said Marvin. "I know because I've reffed at some of their bouts." "Most reffing, try every I ever saw in the ring, try guys in the book and some things not in the book."

And the Duseks, seen by many on last Wednesday's television bouts, will be here Friday night to feature the three-bout card.

It'll be an Australian tag team scrap and the dangerous Duseks are pitted against the fabulous Leo Garibaldi and his uncle, Chick Garibaldi.

Leo is a former junior heavy-weight champ, hugged the title for a long time before relinquishing it to Baron Leone.

The tag team match is best two out of three falls, with an hour time limit.

As supporting bouts, Promoter Hutchins brings in Jack Laskin, a product of Canada, against

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