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Juniors Snap Streaks With 3 To 2 Victory

Barry Gibson Hurls Six-Hitter; Errors Give Shelby 6 To 1 Win

Fryettes Win First; Meet Again Monday

Meat Presley allowed just two hits and four walks while striking out 12 in hurling the Fryettes to a 5 to 4 victory over the Lanterns this week for his first win of the 1962 Cleveland County Negro Little League season.

Although the Fryettes left the bases filled without scoring three times, their five runs were enough to hold off the determined Lantern threat.

Sparkling defensive plays by Albert Thomas cut down Lantern scoring threats at third base in the first and third innings.

The big blow of the game for the Fryettes against the offerings of four Lantern pitchers was a long, standup triple by Richard Schenk.

The CCNLL schedule for this week has Compact vs Fryettes and Boys Club No. 2 vs Lanterns, Friday, with the Fryettes again playing the Lanterns Monday, June 25.

The Fryettes only loss thus far in the season was to the Boys Club No. 1 team.

Barry Gibson's superlative pitching performance was not enough Saturday night as the locals dropped their fifth straight game, a 6 to 1 decision to Shelby.

Gibson went all the way for the Kings Mountain nine and allowed just one earned run on six Shelby hits. He struck out five and walked none.

Seven errors afield by the locals accounted for the winning bulge of five runs.

David Green, the winner, was equally effective on the hill for Shelby. He was reached for five hits and no earned runs while fanning five and walking one. However, several defensive gems by his mates preserved his earned run average.

Kings Mountain scored its lone tally of the contest in the eighth on a walk, Shelby's one error and a double by Gibson.

Lawrence Bolin opened the frame drawing the one free pass of the game. On Jackie Hughes' roller back to the mound the pitcher went to second to start a double play. When the second baseman's relay to first went astray, Hughes legged it into the Keystone. At this point Gibson came through with the only extra base blow of the night, a double to the base of the right field scoreboard which scored Hughes.

The locals were fooled in the fifth on a tremendous running catch by centerfielder Handy Hamrick. Gold led off the inning with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice by Bo Goforth but could not score as Bolin's drive to deep left was hauled in after a long run by Hamrick.

Shelby came back in the home half of the fifth to score the game's first marker on a hit, a Kings Mountain error and a suicide squeeze play.

Catcher Dick Bankston singled to center with one out and when Ronnie Wilson's infield roller was misplayed for a two-base error, Shelby had runners on second and third.

With everyone in the park waiting for the expected play, pitcher Green laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt on the fourth pitch as Bankston made his dash to the plate.

Shelby scored three more markers in the seventh on two hits, a balk by Gibson and two Kings Mountain errors.

Three errors, one hit and one hit batsman were all that Shelby needed for two runs in the eighth.

Richard Gold led both teams at the plate with two hits in four plate appearances.

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Statesville Owls Top WCL Attendance

The Statesville Owls of the Western Carolina League received another feather for their caps this week with the disclosure by National Association President George Trautman that they were in the running for the Attendance Derby.

Statesville according to figures released by the minor league office, led the WCL in attendance for the month of May and was one of the leaders in attendance throughout all the Class D leagues in the National Association.

The Owls also lead the league in the won-lost column and boast the top hitter in Jesse Sneed.

Fleete McCurdy, local businessman and restaurateur, is the owner of the Statesville team.

Early Enacts Slow-Pitch Rules; Carolina Throwing Wins Two Tilts

With Jake Early acting as commissioner and drawing up rules and regulations for play the Kings Mountain Slow-Pitch Softball League teams returned to action Friday and Saturday nights.

In the league's second week of play Carolina Throwing continued to win by picking up two more victories while Footo and the Painters won one game each.

Beacon dropped two games in last week's action.

Friday night Footo defeated Beacon 8 to 7 but lost to Carolina Throwing 11 to 0.

The Painters on Stevens 8 to 1 to 1.

In the Footo-Beacon game the Beacons came from behind to knot the score in the top of the seventh on Quinn's double and Ferguson's round tripper, but an out field error and Cash's single provided the winning margin in the home half of the inning.

Cash had another single and a home run to lead the Footo team at bat. Presley received credit for the win.

Gerald Hipps with 2 for 3 led the Beacon hitters.

Peterson led the Throwers to their 11 to 1 win with three hits in four trips. A big six-run third inning by the Throwers put the game out of reach for the Painters.

The Painters came back Saturday night to down the Beacon team with the aid of a 10 run 6th inning.

Rushing was the winning pitcher in the 15 to 11 win with Don Horn leading the hitting. Horn's 4 for 4 included a grand-slam home run in the big sixth frame.

Thomas was the loser, Tablet with 3 singles and a home run and Peterson with 4 singles led the Beacon hitters.

Footo fell victim to the heavy hitting of the Throwers Saturday night and dropped an 8 to 3 decision in the night's second game.

Eng was the winning pitcher and shared hitting honors with Lefty Moss as each showed 2 hits in three trips. Moss and Hipps homered for the winners.

Presley was the loser while Rathbone had a double and a triple to pace the hitting for Footo.

Line Score:
Beacon 200 111 2-7 6 2
Footo 520 000 1-8 10 4

Carolina Throwing 116 300 0-11 11 4
Painters 100 000 0-1 6 12

Painters 300 20(10) 0-15 14 3
Beacon 300 11 4 2-11 15 6

Footo 000 102 0-3 6 5
Carolina Throwing 103 130 x-8 9 2

Softball Squabbings

The Kings Mountain fast-pitch softball team still appears to be beset by troubles even though it has a 6 and 1 record and is in the number one position in the league standings.

In April the trouble was finding a sponsor willing to furnish support during the 1962 season. This problem was solved when the Moose lodge promised the needed funds.

The problem now is dissension among the athletes. Last week a forfeit was avoided only when the home team was unable to field the necessary eight men to claim the default victory.

Everyone knew of the game but several of the local players felt they had not been getting to play enough and decided not to show for the game in Shelby.

Friday these same "stars" called a team meeting with the intended purpose being to effect a change in the managerial reins of the local team. This measure failed when the remaining players refused to go along with the boys whose feelings had been hurt.

Behavior such as this makes one wonder if the players are deserving of sponsorship. Maybe the campaign for backing from this source in April was misguided. The next few games should tell the story.

The hope here is that the problem will work itself out since the local team has a fine chance to pick up all the marbles this year.

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AMERICAN		NATIONAL	
1b	Gentile .292	Cepeda	.318
2b	Temple .293	Neal	.280
ss	Hower .245	Wills	.273
3b	Rollins .349	Boyer	.291
lf	Jimenez .350	T. Davis	.327
cf	Mantle .315	Mays	.309
rf	Robinson .329	Alou	.344
c	Batthey .326	Burgess	.354
p	Belinsky 6-2	Purkey	11-1

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The A's relief artist, Gordon Jones, went six games without yielding a run after his recall from the minors. . . . Harmon Killebrew hit his first homerun of the season at home on June 10 against the White Sox. . . . Don Rudolph, Senator lefty, retired 30 batters in a row before issuing a walk to Billy Bruton June 10. This was two short of the league record held by Vic Raschi. . . . Purnal Goldy recently brought up from Denver by the Tigers hit his first two big league homers in consecutive appearances against the Red Sox Sunday. . . . Just who is this Manny Jimenez who continues near the top of the American League hit parade? . . . The American League could have four rookies in its All-Star lineup. Bo Belinsky, Rich Rollins, Manny Jimenez and Tom Tresh have all displayed superior qualities this season. . . . Why didn't they allow Ralph Houk and Billy Hitchcock to continue their "discussion" in the bean-ball controversy? The outcome could have been enlightening. . . . Did Jim Bunning really apply the belt buckle to the ball at Baltimore? We will probably have to wait until he retires to get the answer.

KINGS MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
BurMill	5	0	1.000
Kiwanis	4	1	.800
Jaycees	3	2	.600
Park Grace	3	2	.600
Lions	2	3	.400
Optimist	1	4	.200
Police	1	4	.200
Rescue Squad	1	4	.200

State Freshmen Led By Morris

Jerry Morris, former Bethware and Kings Mountain Legion Junior baseball standout, was one of the leaders of the N. C. State Wolfpack freshman baseball team this past season.

Morris, a catcher here, played first base for the State freshman and hit at a .341 clip to help bring the Big Four yearling title to Raleigh for the second time in three years.

The local star, who received tutoring from Bill Powell and is assisting Powell with the local junior line this summer, led the Big Four Freshman Champions in hits (15), doubles (6) and runs-batted-in (12).

The big left-handed swatter also paced the team with a healthy 545 slugging percentage.

Freshman coach Jim Edwards and varsity coach Vic Sorrell are looking forward to having Morris and a few of his teammates "graduate" to the varsity.

Both coaches feel that there are several good college prospects in this group.

VFW Wins 3 To 2; Shows 3-1 Record

The Kings Mountain VFW team in the Shelby Teener League again proved master of the Spangler & Son entry as the Mixers fell victim to the Vets for the second time this season. The score Monday was VFW 3, Spangler & Son 2.

The Mixers scored first and held a one-run lead until the bottom of the fifth inning when the Vet team scored three runs on only one single. Four walks and an error aided the scoring.

The Mixers came back for one run in the top of the sixth but the four walks and one error in the fifth proved to be disastrous to them.

Shirley Lowery was again the winning pitcher for the VFW. He allowed two runs on three hits and four walks and recorded two strikeouts.

Pittman and White combined to limit the winners to only two hits but wildness was the difference.

The VFW team with 2 wins over the Shelby VFW now has a 3 and 1 record. A 9 to 5 loss to No. 1 is the only blemish.

The Mixer record is 0 and 3.

Remaining games:
June 22 Kings Mountain VFW at No. 1 8 p. m. Shelby VFW at Spangler & Son, 4 p. m.
June 25 No. 1 at Spangler & Son at Shelby VFW, 4 p. m.
June 29 Kings Mountain VFW at Spangler & Son, 4 p. m.
July 2 No. 1 at Kings Mountain VFW, 4 p. m. Spangler & Son at Shelby VFW, 4 p. m.
July 6 Spangler & Son at No. 1 8 p. m. Shelby at Kings Mountain VFW, 4 p. m.
All Kings Mountain VFW and Spangler & Son home game will be played in City Stadium.

George Stepanovich, former N. C. State basketball and baseball player, and Bo Belinsky, pitcher and playboy now with the Los Angeles Angels, were roommates while at Little Rock last year.

KM Scores First But Loses 8 To 4

Kings Mountain scored first but could not maintain the lead as the locals dropped their fifth straight game of Area Four play by an 8 to 4 count to Rutherfordton Friday night.

It was the same story with only a change in chapters as weak hitting on the part of Kings Mountain left eleven runners stranded on the basepaths.

The Local Legion junior nine was able to gather only six hits off the services of the Rutherfordton pitcher James Hutchins. Four of these were of the infield variety.

Runners were left in scoring position in six of the nine innings.

Kings Mountain marked first in the third inning via two walks and an infield bobbie. Jackie Hughes walked and went to second when Henry Hilliard drew a free pass. Hughes scored when the Rutherfordton third baseman threw wild to first on Bolin's infield roller. An infield out retired the side without further damage.

Trailing by five, Kings Mountain scored again in the seventh when Hughes drew another free pass, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on an error by the second baseman.

The final Kings Mountain runs were recorded in the eighth on three hits and an error.

Pat Murphy and Charles Goodson singled, moved up on an error by the first baseman and scored on Bo Goforth's single down the rightfield line.

Rutherfordton scored in the fourth, fifth and seventh stanzas.

Three hits and a fielder's choice were good for two markers in the fourth. Three hits, three errors, a walk and a fielder's choice accounted for four runs in the fifth.

In the seventh an error, stolen base, three hits and a fielder's choice pushed across the final two Rutherfordton scores.

Jackie Hughes started on the hill for Kings Mountain and received credit for the loss. In six and one-third innings the righthander allowed ten hits and four earned runs. He struck out five and walked one.

Bo Goforth relieved Hughes in the seventh and allowed just one hit over the remaining one and two-third innings.

Hutchins kept the distance for Rutherfordton and gave up six hits, two earned runs and six walks. He struck out eleven.

Charles Goodson led the Kings Mountain nine at the plate with three hits for five plate appearances.

Leonard Shines In Prep Classic

Beattie Leonard, local Legion Junior hurler, was not credited with a decision in the East-West high school all-star games Friday and Saturday, following seven hits and striking out nine, Tuesday night he hurled a six-hitter as Kings Mountain downed Morganton 3 to 2.

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Margrace Wins In Pony League

Mauney and Margrace were winners in Pony League action last week as the Margrace nine downed the Moose 5 to