



# Herald Sports

By DICK WOODWARD

## WCL President Reports On Convention

Just before closing time Saturday, John Moss, President of the Western Carolina League, stopped by the office, and immediately our conversation turned to baseball.

Moss has recently returned from the National Baseball Convention, which was held in San Diego, California, December 1-4, at which all minor league presidents met to discuss the administrative functions of the 1964 season, and review the progress of last year's teams.

Moss attended the convention with two of the WCL general managers: Jim Baynes, general manager of the Rock Hill entry into the league, and Bob Bell, general manager of the Spartanburg club.

"It was quite a trip, and we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to sunny southern California," commented Moss as we talked about the geographic metropolis of San Diego which borders Mexico.

The three man aggregation left Douglas Airport in Charlotte November 29, and upon arrival in New York, were joined for the cross-country trip by one of the country's top comedians. George Jessell was on his way to Los Angeles to be guest speaker at a dinner being held in honor of the Los Angeles Dodgers ace pitcher, Sandy Koufax.

Moss reported that Jessell was quite a conversationalist, and the trip seemed much shorter as a result of Jessell's being along.

One incident was related by Moss that happened during his conversation with Jessell which brought out his true humor of the comedian. "Koufax is the greatest Hebrew athlete since Solomon," was Jessell's description of the Los Angeles pride and joy.

The baseball convention was held at the El Coroz Hotel in San Diego, and the Western Carolinas League was awarded three of six national awards.

The WCL received the Attendance Trophy, presented to the Class A league which had the greatest attendance for the '63 season. The WCL drew 433,143 fans during the previous season, best in the eastern United States.

Lexington was awarded the individual team Attendance Trophy in Class A, and Spartanburg received the Grand Sweepstakes Trophy for the outstanding individual club attendance for the year. Spartanburg's attendance led all United States Class A teams with an attendance of 104,407.

Ford Frick, commissioner of baseball, was at the convention, and congratulated President Moss on the tremendous strides that he has taken since becoming president of the league in 1960. "Minor League baseball is on the upswing in the United States," said Frick, "and the success of the major leagues depends on the success of the minors," he added.

Monday afternoon I resumed my interview with Moss as we met and drove over to Gastonia for lunch.

He was busily informing me that the WCL is presently negotiating with the eight WCL teams with regard to sponsoring radio coverage of the 130 game schedule which is to be played this year.

"This will be the first coverage of this type in the history of Class A baseball," Moss said, "and although plans are not definite as yet, we are hoping to procure broadcast rights for next season," he said.

All eight teams in the league have been contacted, and Moss is currently conferring with several large corporations in the area to sponsor the broadcasts at an estimated cost of \$175,000.

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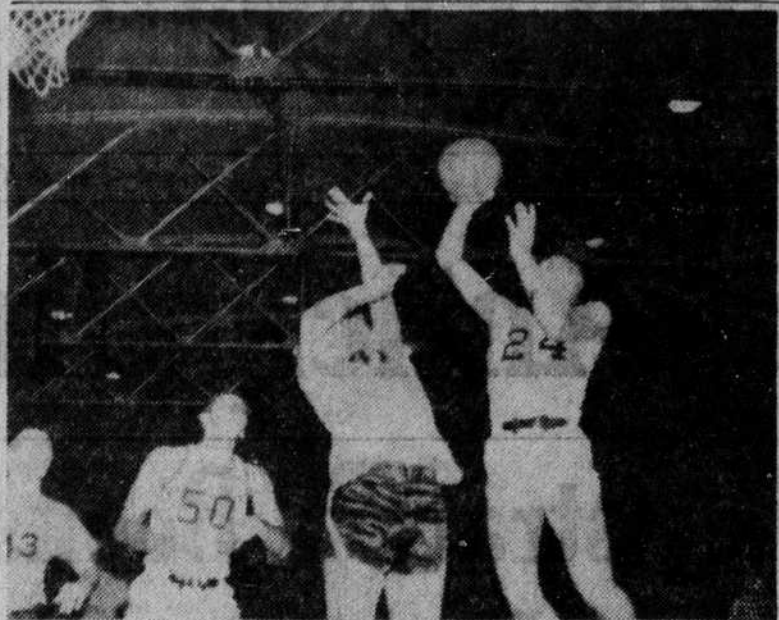
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# Cagers Split With Dallas In Home Opener



TWO POINTS — Richard Gold (24) is just before scoring two of his 17 points against Dallas Friday night. Mike Ballard (50), Mountaineer center, and Charles Dixon (43), look on as Tim Atkins (41), guards Gold. Kings Mountain won, 55-53.

## Girls Lose First 42-37, Boys Win Second, 55-53

Kings Mountain opened its home basketball schedule Friday night by dividing a twin bill with Dallas of the Little Six Conference.

The Kings Mountain girls dropped its first decision of the season, 42-37 in the opener, and the boys redeemed themselves with a 55-53 victory after having lost to Dallas last week by two points, 50-48.

The Kings Mountain girls quickly moved out in front of the visiting Dallas team in the first quarter as forward Joyce Bolin scored six quick points from the floor, and added another point with a free throw. Dallas closed the scoring gap late in the first quarter as Alice Blake and Christine Ratchford scored from the floor and Jill Payseur added two free throws to draw within 1 point of Kings Mountain, 11-10 as the first quarter ended.

The Dallas offense began to jell in the second quarter and Dallas outscored the Mountaineers 11 to 8 to take a 21-19 lead at halftime.

In the second half Dallas increased the margin to six points as the Dallas lassies outscored Kings Mountain 12-8 to lead at the end of the third quarter, 33-27.

Kings Mountain rallied early in the fourth quarter and came within four points of knotting the score midway through the period, but the Dallas team, which lost to Kings Mountain last week 31-27, held on for the victory.

Blake led the Dallas scoring with 20 points, and Payseur added 18 for the visitors.

Joyce Bolin paced the Kings Mountain attack with 21 points, followed by Becky Webster with six, and Margie Huffstetler who scored five.

In the boys game, Kings Mountain built up a seven point halftime lead, 29-27, and fought off a second half Dallas scoring barrage which netted the visitors 21 points in the third quarter, to win a seesaw battle 55-53 over a strong Dallas team.

The scoring pace started slowly in the first quarter with Ken Bunkowski, Richard Gold, Terry Leonard and Mike Ballard providing the Mountaineer scoring which gave Kings Mountain a slim 9-8 first quarter lead.

The pace quickened in the second quarter of play as Gold scored seven, and Bunkowski and Ballard adding two field goals each, as the Mountaineers scored 20 points and pulled away, 29-22 at intermission.

Dallas caught fire early in the third quarter with Alvin Culberson scoring six points, and Tim Atkins and Steve O'Shields adding four each to give Dallas a 43-39 lead going into the final period.

The Mountaineers were not to be denied as Ballard kept Kings Mountain in the game with timely shooting from the floor and accurate scoring from the foul line.

With two minutes remaining, and Kings Mountain leading 51-49, Bunkowski stepped to the free throw line and calmly bucketed two charity tosses to increase the Mountaineer lead to four.

Dallas was far from down as Culberson got loose under the basket for a layup to narrow the margin to 2 at 53-51.

Lewis Cook missed on a one-and-one attempt from the foul line with 1:05 remaining, and Dallas was still alive.

Mickey McMahon knotted the score at 53-53.

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BALANCING ACT — Margie Huffstetler, KM forward, balances the ball on her fingertips in Friday night's action with Dallas as Joan Howard (31), Becky Webster (12) and three unidentified Dallas players look on. Dallas won, 42-37.

## McCurdy Team Increase Lead In Women's Race

McCurdy Cleaners increased its lead in the Women's Bowling League to three games Tuesday night with a 3 to 1 victory over Fulton's Department Store.

Second place Oates-Henderson had to settle with a 2-2 tie with Kings Mountain Drug, and Kings Mountain Moose outlasted Griffin Drug 3 to 1.

Liz Gault dominated the scoring for McCurdy Cleaners as she rolled a single game score of 106 and a three game set score of 296 to lead her team to a 3 to 1 victory over Fulton's Department Store. Charity Goforth rolled a single game high score of 94, and a line set score of 258 to lead the losers.

Oates-Henderson Shell and Kings Mountain Drug battled to a 2-2 tie with Jenny Oates pacing the Oates-Henderson Shell scoring with a 110 single game and a 302 line set. Mickey Houser tied for single game high scoring for the match with 110, and Betty Cash rolled a 317 line set score, high for the match, to lead the Kings Mountain Drug team.

Griffin Drug found the Kings Mountain Moose Club hard to beat as the Moose dropped Griffin Drug four games behind second place. Oates-Henderson Shell placed with a 3 to 1 victory.

Huffman said that all boys, ages 12-15 and up, who are interested in participating, should contact him immediately. He can be reached by calling 739-3457.

An inter-city schedule of bouts is being established with matches with Gastonia, High Point, Mt. Holly, Charlotte, and other cities being considered.

All interested candidates, who are 18 years old or less must have their parents consent before being eligible to participate.

Boxers from the Kings Mountain Club are: 46 26 639, Oates-Henderson 43 29 597, Griffin Drug 39 33 541, KM Moose 28 34 527, KM Drug 39 43 402, Fulton's Dept. St. 21 51 291.

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## All-Stars, Ramblers Tied In Recreation League

The Kings Mountain All-Stars and Belk's are tied for the lead in the Recreation Basketball League standings as a result of winning Thursday and Tuesday nights.

Roosevelt Adams scored 16 points of the Kings Mountain All-Stars Thursday night to lead his team to a 58-41 victory over the Hawks. Sid Franklin led the scoring for the night with 18 points in a losing cause.

In the only other game played Thursday night Belk's won a close 41-37 victory over the Ramblers with Arthur Allen scoring 13 points for the winners. Doug Rathbone scored 19 for the Ramblers, whose record is now 2 wins and three losses.

In Tuesday night's action the Kings Mountain All-Stars continued to show signs of being the team to beat registering their fourth victory in five starts with an overwhelming 55-30 victory over the Mountaineers. P. Smith led the All-Stars scoring with 71 points. Ken Cash and Tommy Barrett scored 9 each for the losers.

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## JV Cagers Lose Opening Games

The Kings Mountain Junior Varsity basketball teams opened the 1963-64 season Thursday night at the high school gymnasium and lost both ends of a double header to East Rutherford.

The girls found it hard to register on the scoreboard as the local lassies only managed 11 points in the 24-11 opening loss.

East Rutherford jumped off to a 12-0 first quarter lead and added three more in the second to take a 15-8 halftime lead.

Kings Mountain scored only three points in the third and fourth quarters as East Rutherford dominated the action.

In the boys game Kings Mountain fell behind 12-9 in the first quarter, and was behind 22-16 at halftime.

East Rutherford continued to outscore the locals in the third quarter, 15 to 10 and take a 37-26 lead into the final quarter.

Kings Mountain found the range in the fourth quarter, scoring 18 points but was unable to catch the visitors, who tallied for 15, and a 52-44 victory.

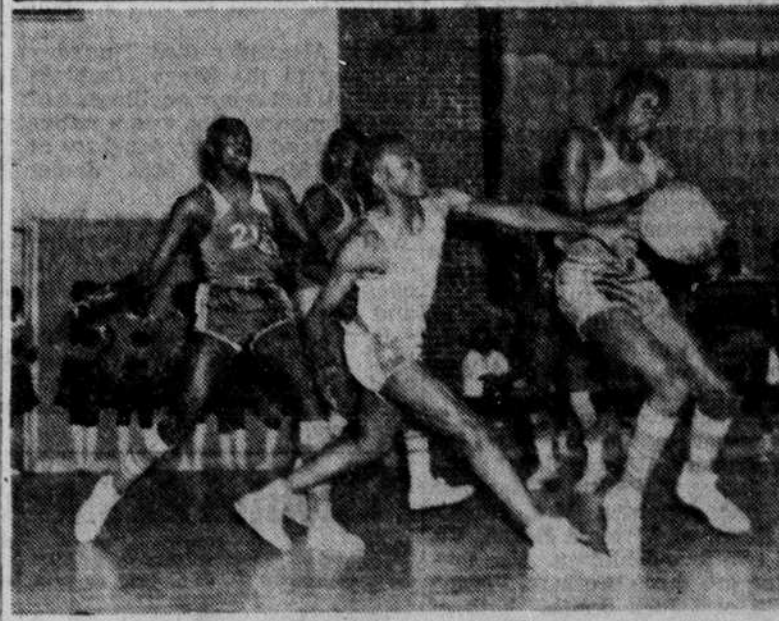
Subs: Cleary, Johnson, Dilling, Wheeler.

Subs: Burton 1, Connor, L. Burton, Bridges.

Subs: Gagne, Baldwin, Henson, Vassey, Dotson.

Subs: Rush, Logan, Moss.

Halftime score: E. Rutherford 22, Kings Mountain 16.



HOLD IT — Compact forward Billy McCathen receives a pass in Friday night's action with Lincoln High. James Hood (21), Vincent Bell (left center), James Good (4) and Miles Boyd (background) are other players. Compact won 61-47.

the Rock Hill Chiefs in the Tri-State league, and the Rock Hill team attracted 128,793 fans during the season, high for the Class B league.

During the 1950 baseball season Moss was affiliated with the Detroit Tigers minor league system, and from 1951-1956 was general manager for several minor league clubs for the Tigers.

Moss was affiliated with the Warsaw, Wisconsin professional football team for three years before returning to Kings Mountain in 1959 to become president of the WCL.

## Compact Trims Lincoln High In Twin Bill

Compact basketball teams scored a double victory Friday night, downing the Lincoln High Eagles.

Compact junior varsity edged the Lincoln junior varsity team 21-20 in the opener, and the Compact varsity won easily, 61-47 in the nightcap.

Sonny Moore and Donald Leach scored seven points each for the Shelby Cobras in the opener, which saw the lead change hands several times before Compact could win in the final seconds.

In the nightcap, James Hood hit 44 percent of his shots from the floor in leading the Compact scoring with 15 points, and James Hood, 6'4" Cobra captain ripped the nets for a 43 percent average and 13 points as the Cobras outlasted the Visiting Lincoln Eagles, 61-47 before a sellout crowd at Compact gymnasium.

Friday night's victory gave Compact a record of 3 wins and 1 loss for the season.

Varsity 4-Game Scoring Table:

	C	FG	FT	TP	AV.
J. Curry	4	15	14	44	10.8
M. Boyd	4	15	13	43	10.7
J. Hood	4	12	17	41	10.2
B. McCathen	4	17	5	38	9.7
	4	10	2	22	5.2
	4	7	5	19	4.8

## Eight Western Carolina League Players Drafted

Eight Western Carolinas League baseball players were drafted by major league teams December 3 at the annual baseball meeting held at the El Coroz Hotel in San Diego, California.

The national meeting, at which league presidents, general managers, and team managers were present, drafted 98 minor league ball players, who will attend spring training drills with their respective major league teams.

The WCL sent eight players to the major league teams via the draft route.

Gastonia has three 1963 players drafted: Jack Gaines, left-handed pitcher, was drafted by the Boston Red Sox; Ken Solomon, right handed pitcher was the choice of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Victor Antonetty, an outfielder, was also secured by the Dodgers.

Gary Wallman, who pitched for the Shelby Colonels last year was drafted by the San Francisco Giants, and George Culver, another Colonel pitcher, was drafted by the Cleveland Indians.

Cary Overstreet, third baseman for the Rock Hill team, was drafted by the Houston Colt.ons.

Right handed pitcher Jim Davis, of the Salisbury Dodgers, was drafted by the Minnesota Twins, and Clarence Stanley of the Salisbury team was drafted by the San Francisco Giants.

The newly drafted players will accompany their respective major league teams in spring training.

WCL officials were well pleased with the caliber of baseball that was played in this area last year, and report that the primary function of this league is to develop the young hopefuls into major league players of the future.

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