

Mounties Blast Bessemer Twice In Practice Games

Coaching Trio Attends Clinic

Athletic coaches Bill Bates, Bill Cashica, and Bob Hussey attended the North Carolina Football Coach's Clinic at Durham last weekend.

The trio left Friday for the weekend affair, which hosts high school coaches throughout the state.

Coach Bates reported that most of the area coaches were on hand for the meeting, and that Coach Shu Carlton, of Gastonia, was among many of the surrounding area coaches with whom he talked football.

The annual clinic was terminated by the Duke University Blue-White football game on Saturday, and the Kings Mountain coaches were very much impressed by the Duke team.

"Duke has a devastating ground attack along with a good passing quarterback in the person of veteran 'Scotty' (Clackin)," says Coach Bates, and all three coaches agree that Duke will be among the top teams in the ACC next season.

Many of the ACC teams held inter-squad games Saturday, and speculations indicate that Duke, State, and North Carolina will be the teams to beat for the title in 1964.

T&R Gains Men's Bowling Lead With 4-0 Win

Tignor & Russell regained the Men's Bowling League lead Monday night with a 4 to 0 shutout of Plunk Oil, which was tied with Tignor & Russell for the league lead last week, and Dilling Heating broke a tie with McGinnis Furniture for third place with a 4 to 0 blanking of the Bob Herndon team.

Dye Construction rolled to a 2-2 tie with McGinnis Furniture in the night's other match.

Ranny Blanton paced the Tignor & Russell scoring in the match with Plunk Oil with a single game high for the night of 126 and a line set score of 355, also high for the match, as the league leaders moved out into a commanding four game lead in the standings with only three weeks of competition remaining.

Clarence Plunk led the losers scoring with a single game score of 100 and a line set score of 292, far below his season's average scoring.

Dilling Heating's 4 to 0 blanking of the Bob Herndon team gave the winners a two-game third place lead over McGinnis Furniture as Bob Putnam and

Time Running Out On Challengers In Women's Bowling League Race

With only three weeks remaining in the 1963-64 Women's Bowling League race, Oates-Henderson Shell is atop the standings, three games ahead of the second place McCurdy Cleaners team, and ten games ahead of third place Kings Mountain Moose.

McCurdy Cleaners is the only team in the six-team league which has a chance to overcome Oates-Henderson Shell, which have led the league for the majority of the season.

The league-leaders further increased the first place lead Tuesday night with a 3-1 victory over Griffin Drug, and pushed the losers into the cellar of the standings. Team captain, Jenny Oates paced the winners scoring with a single game score of 127, coupled with a three game line set score of 312, both scores being high for the match. Brenda Biddix and Dessie Loftin rolled single game scores of 100 for the losers, and Biddix posted a high line set score of 288.

Fulton's Department Store moved into fifth place with a 4 to 0 shutout of Kings Mountain Drug as Doris Ware rolled high scores of 120 and 310 to pace the winners. Ora Mae Bennett capped high scoring honors for the losers with a single game score of 100, and a line set score of 274.

Kings Mountain Moose moved to within seven games of second place with a 3 to 1 victory over the faltering McCurdy Cleaners team. Betty Fite rolled three games of over 100, the best being 115, and posted a three game line set score of 318 to lead the winners. Team captain, Lib Gault, registered high scores for the night with a single game high score of 138, and a line set score of 357. Gault rolled two other single game scores of over 100: 119, and 100.

STANDINGS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Oates-Henderson	73	47	.608
McCurdy Cleaners	70	50	.584
KM Moose	63	57	.525
KM Drug	55	65	.458
Fulton's Dept. Store	51	69	.425
Griffin Drug	48	72	.400

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NEW MENTOR. Baseball Coach, Bill Bates, is heading the Mountaineers for the first time this season, and is expecting a good year for the locals as the SWC schedule gets underway at City Stadium Tuesday afternoon against Lincolnton.

John Dilling learned to lead the winner's scoring with scores of 123 and 253 respectively. Charles Culbertson rolled three scores of over 100 as he paced the loser's scoring with a 115 single game score and a line set score of 326.

Dye Construction moved out of the cellar in the standings with a 2-2 split with McGinnis Furniture with Boyce Wells leading the Dye Construction scoring with a single game high of 129 and a line set score of 318. Albert Brackett rolled a 128 single game, and a 325 line set score to lead the McGinnis Furniture team.

STANDINGS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Tignor & Russell	39	21	.650
Plunk Oil	35	25	.584
Dilling Heating	33	27	.550
McGinnis Furn.	31	29	.517
Dye Const.	21	39	.350
Bob Herndon	21	40	.333

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Letter to Editor

Spring Sports Underway Soon At Gardner-Webb

The Gardner-Webb baseball and track teams begin practice sessions last week in preparation for the conference openings in April. The baseball team opens with Brevard April 4, and the track team against the same opponent April 9.

Baseball Coach, Norman Harris, announced this week that the 1964 Bulldogs will be striving to improve on last season's 8-7 Junior College baseball record.

The Bulldogs have six returning lettermen, the most prominent one being Rick Bradley of Gastonia. Bradley hit .431 last season, and will be depended upon heavily by Coach Harris this season. Other returning lettermen include: infielders Don Horton, and Bill Hayes, along with outfielders Ronald Rogers, and David Webster.

With only six returning lettermen, Coach Harris will be depending heavily upon his first year men, which include: catchers Davis Hill, an aWillie Burkette; first baseman Bob Fisher; and other infielders Clarence Mabe, Alton McGraw, Ronald Young; and outfielders Johnny Jenkins and Larry Inman.

Pitching candidates include Ray Crow, Harry Mauney, and Coy Doty, three area players. Crow is from Crest High School, Jenkins from Cherryville, and Mauney is from Polkville.

The Bulldog conference schedule opens April 4 against Brevard.

The Gardner-Webb track team will open its season at Brevard on April 8. The Bulldog cindermen are hoping to improve on last year's dismal, 0-7 record with returning lettermen Ronnie Frieze, Gene Swink, Gary Simpkins, and Donald Rogers.

Last year both Swink and Frieze set new records in their respective events. Swink is a high jumper, and Frieze runs the mile and two mile.

Several men who should bolster the G-W men are Jim Bal-

Locals Post 3-1 Win In Opener; Take Second, 4-0

The Kings Mountain high school baseball team posted two practice game wins over Bessemer City during the past week, 3-1, and 4-0. The first game was played at City Stadium last Thursday, and the return game was staged in Bessemer City Tuesday afternoon.

The first meeting, which went to the Mountaineers, 3-1, was the opening contest for each team, and the entire KM team saw action in the seven inning contest.

Tommy Black, who pitched the sixth inning for the Mountaineers, was credited with the win for the locals as the Mountaineers broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the home half of the inning.

Third baseman, Pat Murphy, lead off the sixth inning for the Mountaineers with a walk, and two pitches later stole second. Centerfielder Mike Huffstieker walked, and the Mountaineers had two base runners with no outs.

Murphy and Huffstieker executed the double steal, and with runners on second and third, Ronnie Rhea singled to drive in Murphy with the winning run. Huffstieker scored two outs later to increase the lead.

"It was a good showing for this early in the season," commented Coach Bill Bates following the game. "Our hitting was a little off, but that is to be expected in early season," he added.

The Mountaineers collected three hits in the opening contest, and Bessemer City was held to only one hit by four Kings Mountain hurlers. Warren Goforth started for KM and was relieved by Steve Lowery in the fourth. Lowery pitched the fourth and fifth innings, and Black worked one inning. Wayne Mullinax gave up the only Bessemer City hit in the seventh.

Second baseman Mickey Bell collected two hits for the winners, and Hubert McGinnis and Ronnie Rhea collected one each.

In the re-match Tuesday afternoon Warren Goforth pitched the locals to a 4-0 shutout victory, and Goforth received help on the mound from Black, Lowery, and Mullinax.

Kings Mountain scored one run in the first inning and added three more in the fourth.

Mickey Bell, who collected two hits in the opening game, added two more in Tuesday's game, to lead the Mountaineer hitting.

Richard Gold had one hit, along with Pat Murphy and Warren Goforth.

The Mountaineers open the Southwest Conference schedule Tuesday afternoon at 1:00, hosting Lincolnton.

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Herald Sports

Duke Dives In NCAA Finals

There's nothing to say . . . except . . . I can't believe it. The UCLA Bruins tore down in forty minutes what Duke Coach Vic Bubas had been building for four years, and tore it down the west-coasters did.

The 98-83 UCLA victory proved, to me anyway, that the No. 1 team in the nation is definitely UCLA. Duke was never in the game after the first eight minutes of play.

With Duke leading, 30-27 and approximately eleven minutes remaining in the first half, UCLA went on a 14 point scoring spree which left the Blue Devils wondering what it was all about and trying to gather forces and overcome an eleven point deficit (41-30), but the hot-handed Bruins were not to be denied as they built up a 50-38 half-time lead and coasted to the NCAA title with a devastating defensive and accurate shooting offensive game.

Duke finished No.3 in the nation last year, No. 2 this year, and if the numerical progression is to proceed at the same pace next year the Blue Devils had better come up with a high scoring sophomore, and two small giants.

Gone from this year's star-studded squad are All-American Jeff Mullins, and outstanding performers Jay Buckley and Buzzy Harrison. Tison and Ferguson will be back again next year, and rising junior, Jack Marin and reserves Brent Kitchin (6' 7"), Ron Herbster, and All-Eastern Regional player Steve Vaccandak really have their work cut out for them "come next winter".

Spring Sports Gain Limelight

Sports interest will make the quick transition from basketball to baseball, and on the local scene the Mountaineers will have something to feud about as the locals prepare for the 14-game Southwest Conference Schedule.

Coach Bill Bates still isn't making any commitments as to the future success of the Mountaineers, but is confident that the candidates will provide the area fans with some exciting baseball as the regular season gets underway March 31 at home against Lincolnton.

The Thursday afternoon practice game with Bessemer City went to the Mountaineers, 3-1, and Bates reports that if the pitching weakness is strengthened as the season progresses the Mountaineers will be in the running for the SWC flag.

The track team is coming along, but Coach Bill Cashion still has a lot of holes to plug before the conference slate begins at Shelby today (Thursday). The locals dropped an 80-48 practice met to Gastonia last week, but as the weather continues to warm and regular practice can be held, the trackmen will hold their own in the SWC.

National Picture Bright For Hopefuls

The major league teams will be heading North soon as they prepare for the upcoming 160-game schedule, which should prove to be quite a race in both the National and American league.

The odds-on favorite American League NEW YORK YANKEES seem to be as strong, if not stronger, than last year as Mickey Mantle is having a good spring and seems in good shape for the mid-April opener against Washington. The Yankees did less trading in the off season than any other team, but the old reliables: Elston Howard, Joe Pepitone, Bobby Richardson, Tony Kubek, Cleve Boyer, Mantle, and Roger Maris should prove too much for challengers.

MINNESOTA seems to be the likely choice for the second spot in the American league with outstanding hitters and a well healed pitching staff.

If Harmon Killebrew and Bob Allison have real good years at the plate, and '63 rookie Jimmy Hall, who hit 31 homers last year, comes around, the Twins should sport one of the best outfielders in the majors. Catcher Earl Battey will be behind the plate, and first baseman Vic Power is expected to have a much better year than in '63.

The CHICAGO WHITE SOX will have to come up with some good pitching from the veterans and the many newly acquired players must adjust quickly if the Sox are to be contenders.

Thirteen players, eight of them pitchers, were not on the Sox roster at this time last year. The pitchers are Fritz Ackley, Camilo Estevis, Bob Guzek, Jim Golden, Thomas Hoagland, Rudy May, Ed Nottle and Fred Talbot.

The Sox are heavy on pitchers at the moment as the roster lists 21 hurlers. There are four catchers, eight infielders and nine outfielders.

The CLEVELAND INDIANS seem to be having their troubles as manager Birdie Tebbetts is trying desperately to mend the broken pieces from last year. Injuries pushed the Indians into the second division last year, but manager Tebbetts is reported to have given his stamp of approval to last year's rookie sensation Max Alvis, the young third baseman, and is looking for great things from rookie Tom Agee, a center fielder.

Tebbetts is still haunted by the nightmare of the 1963 injuries which sidelined six of his key players. Thus, Tebbetts is accentuating health over hits in spring training drills.

The BOSTON RED SOX have a new pitching coach, ex-Yankee Bob Turley, and this seems to be the Red Sox's strong point as manager Johnny Pesky looks to the new season. Veteran hurler Gene Conley has given up basketball (he played pro basketball with the New York Knickerbockers for two seasons) and is concentrating fully on baseball.

The DETROIT TIGERS are depending heavily upon all-star performer Al Kaline to bolster the offensive threat, and of the pitching problem can be solved the Charlie Dressen-led Tigers may finish in the No. 3 spot. Don Demeter, who was traded to the Tigers by the Philadelphia Phillies, will add some home run punch to the Tiger bats, and Norm Cash is due for a good year after slumping last season. Jerry Lumpe, Dick McAuliffe and young catcher, Bill Freeman, will have to come along exceptionally well for the Tigers to make any kind of challenge for the flag.

The BALTIMORE ORIOLES may be better than last year, but will have their problems. Only time will tell whether this year's Oriole pitching staff is the best the Orioles have ever had, but it is certain that it never has been so difficult for a young pitcher to break in with the club. The Orioles have an abundance of pitchers, but lack the offensive power to offer any strong threat.

Tracksters Drop Opening Meet To Gastonia, 83-35

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Wright Paces KM With Two First Place Finishes

Ashley High of Gastonia handed Kings Mountain an 83-35 defeat Thursday afternoon at Gastonia in Kings Mountain's initial track meet of the season. Gastonia had on meet previously, finishing second to East in a triangular meet last week, with Harding finishing third.

The non-scheduled practice meet was led by Ashley's Green Wave star Todd Hicks, co-captain and halfback of the Green Wave football team last fall, who led the meet scoring with 11 points.

Hicks won the 100 yard and 220 yard dash events and placed third in the broad jump for his points.

Jimmy Wright paced the Mountaineer trackmen with 10 points. He finished first in the high hurdles with a time of 1:63 and the low hurdles with a time of 2:25.

Ben Grimes copped first place for Kings Mountain in the 880 with a time of 2:31.5.

Steve Grigg and Wendell Phifer finished second and third respectively in the mile and registered four points for the Mountaineers.

Blackburn won the other Kings Mountain first place in the broad jump with a distance of 18' 6".

RESULTS
120' high hurdles - Wright (KM) Time 1:63

100 yard dash - Hicks (A) 10.3 sec. Mile Williams (A) Time 4:57
low hurdles Wright (KM) Time 2:25

Broad jump Blackburn (KM) Distance 18' 6".
880 run Grimes (KM) time 2:31.5
Shot put Ghorley (A) distance 44'

Discuss Ghorley (A) distance 120' High Jump Curry (A) height 5' 6"
Pole Vault Gurr (A) height 8' 9"
Mile relay Ashley, 3:50
220 yard dash Hicks (A) 23.7 sec.
440 dash Williams (A) 58.4 sec.

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