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Duck'em Dodgers, Teams Toss Challenges

"Encore in '64" is the Los Angeles Dodgers slogan for the upcoming season, but the defending World Champions may find themselves sitting out the Grand Finale in October as no less than four National League teams will be making strong bids for the top spot in the National League.

The Dodgers, which drubbed the mighty New York Yankees four games to none in the '63 World Series were to get superb pitching performances from the top three hurlers, which include Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale, and Johnny Podres, all of whom posted decisions over the Yankees in the Series last year. And relief ace, Ron Perranoski, who posted a season record of 16 wins against only 3 defeats last year as a relief pitcher, will give the Dodgers a strong mound staff if everything goes according to pre-season accomplishments. Ace pitcher, Koufax, has been very impressive in spring training as have Drysdale and Podres.

1963 National League batting champ, Tommy Davis, Dodger outfielder, should lead the team's hitting again in '64, and old reliable, Jim Gilliam will be back playing the infield for the champs.

Cardinals Seeking Revenge for '63 Slump

The ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, which finished in second place last year, six games behind the Dodgers, will be stronger than last year, and if the late season slump, which the Redbirds suffered in late September, doesn't pop up again this season, the Redbirds will be hard to beat.

With the Iron-Man infield which St. Louis sports, it will be mighty hard for any opposing team to penetrate the Cards' defense.

The Cardinal infield, which houses All-Star selections: Bill White, first base; Julian Javier, second base; Dick Groat, shortstop; and third baseman Ken Boyer, are all in good shape for the April 14 opening game.

The big question is: Will this fearsome foursome be able to retain its title of iron-man infield of the majors? Another thing: Will this quartet be in tune to match its performance of last season?

These are questions which only time will tell, but all indications point to the affirmative in both cases.

The winter acquisition of ex-New York Met pitcher, Roger Craig, who lost 46 games for the Mets in two years, may prove helpful to the Redbirds, and Craig has reported that he is looking forward to the '64 campaign after two nightmare seasons with the cellar-dwelling Mets.

Giants, Phils, Braves & Giants Threaten

The SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS manager, Alvin Dark, has his work cut out for him as the new season approaches, and the Giant mentor has been busy trying to shuffle his material into a championship team, comparable to the '62 pennant winning Giants.

Versatility is the word the Giants are using in their pitch to bring down the House of O'Malley. Except for the pitchers, not a Giant, not even Willie Mays, will be immune to the shuffling tactics which Dark has planned.

With versatile players such as: Harvey Kuenn, who has played first base, third base, and the outfield; Willie McCovey, who has seen duty at first base and right field; and any position, you name it - Willie Mays, the Giants will definitely be a contender.

The MILWAKEE BRAVES gave up pitching strength or hitting strength at the off-season trading tables, and new addition, Felipe Alou, whom the Braves acquired for pitcher Bob Shaw in the Brave-Giant trade, may bolster the Brave offense as sluggers Eddie Matthews and Hank Aaron will be depended upon heavily to provide the plate power that is so badly needed on any team.

North Carolina's Tony Cloninger, who has been with the Braves for several seasons now, may blossom into a constant winning pitcher and help the dwindling Brave pitching staff. Old Reliable, Warren Spahn is expected to win his share of games this year, and the Braves just may finish near the top in the final standings.

The PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES seem to be the most improved National League team this year, and the Phillies have a more than good chance of bringing Philadelphia its first pennant since 1950.

A star-studded pitching staff, which is headed by '63 rookie, Rap Culp, who led the pitching staff in won-lost percentage, and cushioned by veteran Cal McLish, a starter last year until he sustained a sore arm in late season, the Phils' strong point. Young Dennis Bennett, the 22-year old southpaw is in top shape for the upcoming campaign after missing most of the season last year as a result of an off-season auto accident. Art Mahaffey, who was the Philies ace two years ago, is in top shape for the season's opening, and manager Gene Mauch is predicting that Mahaffey will once again be a big winner for the Philies.

Chris Short, a left-hander, will be one of the Phils starting pitchers this year, and Jim Bunning, who came to the Philies from the Detroit Tigers, is expected to be a starter.

The Phils sacrificed power for pitching when they traded slugger outfielder, Don Demeter to the Tigers or Bunning, but Tony Gonzalez, West Covington, and Johnny Callison should give manager Mauch a sound first-run outfield.

The PITTSBURG PIRATES, which faltered last year after trading three of its infielders, may be in for a much better season this year.

Don Schwall, the rookie pitching sensation of a few years back with the Boston Red Sox, is in top shape for his year's opener after suffering an injury which sidelined him for the most of last year.

Bob Friend and Vernon Law will be the mound nights for the Pirates in '64, and newcomer Bob Bailey has seen action in spring training at third base and the outfield.

Roberto Clemente, everybody's All-Star selection, possesses probably the finest arm in baseball, and the constant outfield performer is living up to all expectations in spring training drills, and will lead the batting punch or the Bucs.

Reds "Unberthed", Colts & Mets Battle

The CINCINNATI REDS will field a sound and well-balanced team in the senior circuit this year, and if the pitching problem is solved, and if rookies Chico Ruiz and Ted Queen come around in good form, the Reds may be a contender. Joe Nuxhall, Bob Purkey, and Jim O'Toole will be the outstanding pitching performers, and slugging outfielder, Frank Robinson should be the big gun at the plate.

The NEW YORK METS and HOUSTON COLT .45's will once again be battling to stay out of the cellar, but Mets manager, Casey Stengel has come up with some good new talent in his 14 new player acquisition, and will

Lincs Blast Mounties, 10-1 In SWC Opener

Shelby Hosts KM Trackmen In Four-Team Meet Friday

Leader Chased As Women's Race Finish Is Near

McCurdy Cleaners kept its hopes alive Tuesday night of catching Oates-Henderson Shell in the Women's Bowling League race with a 2-2 split with the league's front-runners.

The split left McCurdy Cleaners three games behind the first place Oates - Henderson Shell team with two weeks of action remaining.

Evelyn Early paced the McCurdy Cleaners scoring in the night's feature match with a single game score of 114, coupled with a three game line set score of 302. Cautain, Jenny Oates, continued to roll high scores for the Oates-Henderson Shell team as she posted a single game high of 101, and a line set score of 282.

Kings Mountain Moose is assured of a third place finish in the final standings as Betty Fite paced her team to a 3 to 1 victory over fifth place Fulton's Department Store with high single and line set scores. She rolled a 104 single game high, and copped high line set scoring honors for the winners with a 280 total. Charity Goforth copped high scoring honors for the match with a single game high of 106, coupled with a three game line set score of 292.

Griffin Drug moved to within one game of fifth place with a 3 to 1 victory over Kings Mountain Drug, as Brenda Biddix posted scores of 98 and 274 to lead the winners. Janet Burns rolled high scores for the losers with a single game high of 112, and a line set score of 301, both being high for the match.

Standings	Won	Lost	Pct.
Oates-Henderson	75	49	.605
Shell	72	52	.580
McCurdy Cleaners	66	58	.532
KM Moose	56	68	.451
Fulton's Dept.	52	72	.412
Store	51	73	.410
Griffin Drug			

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The Kings Mountain Track team opens its regular schedule of Southwest Conference meets Friday afternoon at Shelby with a four team meet, which consists of teams from Kings Mountain, Shelby, Lincolnton, and Hickory.

The meet is scheduled for the Shelby High School athletic field, and will get underway at 3:30 p. m.

The Mountaineer trackmen opened the current season last week with practice meet with Ashley High of Gastonia, and came out on the short end of an 83-35 score.

Coach Bill Cashion reports several of the key Mountaineers contenders are in good shape for the upcoming meet, and that Kings Mountain should make a good showing in the second outing of the young season.

The Mountaineer trackmen will participate in five meets prior to the conference meet, which is scheduled for Shelby, May 1, to determine the Southwest Conference Champion for 1964. The winner of the conference meet at Shelby will participate in the Bi-Conference meet at Shelby on May 8, which pits the Southwest and Northwest Conference champions.

The winner of the Bi-Conference meet will go against the Piedmont Conference Champion on May 16 to determine the Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association champion.

Philadelphia Eagles new head coach, Joe Kuharich and Washington Redskins mentor, Joe Pepek surprised the sports world yesterday by swapping quarterback.

Young Norm Snead went to the Eagles and Sonny Jenson moves into the QB slot for the Redskins.

Both players were reportedly shocked upon hearing about the trade.

Washington's Claude Crabb was also traded for Jimmy Carr of the Eagles. Both are linemen.

T&R "Almost" Clinches Men's Bowling Title

Tignor & Russell enjoys a fou game lead in the Men's Bowling League as a result of Monday night's bowling action, and with two weeks remaining in the schedule, Dilling Heating and Plonk Oil are fighting for the runner-up spot and hoping to overtake the leader.

Red Morrison rolled a single game high score of 131, and a three game line set score of 324 to lead the Tignor & Russell team to a 2-2 split with McGinnis Furniture. Albert Brackett posted a single game high of 128 to lead McGinnis Furniture's single game scoring, and Audley Tignor copped line set scoring honors with a 316 total.

Dilling Heating moved into second place, one game ahead of Plonk Oil, with a 4 to 0 shutout of Dye Construction, which dropped to sixth place, two games behind the Bob Herndon team.

Robert Gantt and John Dilling paced the Dilling Heating scoring with 123 and 220 scores respectively. Dilling reached the 100 score mark three times with scores of 190, 167, and 115. Dye Construction failed to register a victory in the match, but Furman Wilson led the match scoring with a single game high of 126 and a line set score of 340.

The Bob Herndon team moved out of the cellar with a 3 to 1 victory over Plonk Oil, which dropped to third place, one game behind Dilling Heating. Rod Huser copped high scoring honors for the match with a 128 single game score to lead the losers scoring and Paul Ware copped line set scoring honors with a 328 in a losing cause.

Charles Culbertson led the line set scoring for the match with a three game total of 352, coupled with a single game high of 123 for the winners.

Standings	Won	Lost	Pct.
Tignor & Russell	41	23	.640
Plonk Oil	36	28	.562
Dilling Heating	37	27	.578
McGinnis Furn.	33	31	.515
B. Herndon	23	41	.359
Dye Construction	21	43	.329

Little Mountaineers Hosting Shelby In Seasons Opening Game Thursday

Winners Seeking Hickory Repeats

HICKORY, N. C. — Ken Houston, Bobby Waddell and Ralph Thomas will be shooting for repeat victories and Pete Stewart will be defending his lead in track standings when NASCAR's late model sportsman stock car racers set out in a 125-lap race Sunday (April 5) at Hickory Speedway.

A field of 20 to 25, most of them 1960 and 1961 models, is expected to get the green flag in the first long-distance test of the season on the four-tenths of a mile banked clay track. The race will be the main event of a four-race program for late model sportsman and hobby cars.

The hobby (amateur) drivers, led by Charles Triplett and Dennis Newton, will compete in two 10-lap heats and a 20-lap feature. First race on the \$2,500 program is scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

Qualifying trials for sportsman cars, to determine starting positions in the 125-lapper, are scheduled from 2 to 4 p. m. Saturday. Track officials said the Saturday trials will be open to the public, free of admission charge.

Houston, of Conover, sped to his first victory of the season in the 50-lap main event March 22, jumping from fourth to second in the track standings. He is only six points behind Stewart, of Statesville — who has finished third, fourth and fifth in three starts.

Thomas and Waddell won 50-lappers March 1 and March 8, respectively. Thomas, of Newton, drives a 1961 Ford. North Wilkesboro's Waddell pilots a 1957 Oldsmobile. Houston drives a

definitely give the New Yorkers something to cheer about during the season.

The CHICAGO CUBS will sorely miss Ken Hubbs, the outstanding second baseman who was killed in a plane crash several weeks ago.

Ron Santo and Ernie Banks will be the big names on the Cub roster for '64, and manager Bob Kennedy will pilot his forces to near .500 ball.

Junior High Roster

Name	Position
Phillip Wright	OF
Ricky Moore	OF
Charles Carroll	OF
Larry Hardin	OF
Tommy Dover	OF
Dean Henderson	OF
Gene Huntinger	OF
Kenny Plonk	OF
Phillip Putnam	OF
Tommy Leigh	OF
Ronnie Timms	OF
Tommy Gerberding	Inf.
Nelson Connor	Inf.
Phillip Cash	Inf.
Dennis Connor	Inf.
Chuck Gladden	Inf.
Danny Sprouse	P-OF
Tommy Goforth	P
Daryl Putnam	P

1961 Ford and Stewart a 1957 Chevrolet.

The track's sportsman races are open to 1956-61 models, but most drivers have shifted to 1960-61 models because of lucrative bonuses in the purse for those models.

Newton, a Johnny-come-lately from Valdese, ended a two-race winning streak for Triplett when he won the 20-lap amateur feature March 22. It was the first Hickory win for Newton. Triplett, of North Wilkesboro, leads the track amateur standings by 14-point margin over Johnny Smart of Hilderbran.

Other top challengers in the sportsman division include Homer (Burrhead) Nantz of Mooresville, who has finished second twice in his 1961 Chevrolet; Glenn Killian of Hickory, 1961 Pontiac; Frank Weathers, of Maiden, 1961 Chevrolet; and Don Tilley of Statesville, the defending track champ, in a 1960 Plymouth.

The probable starting lineup for the opening contest is as follows: Tommy Goforth-P; Roy Medlin-C; Eddie Hamrick-1b; Nelson Connor-2b; Chuck Gladden-3b; and either Jerry Ramsey, Phillip Putnam, Danny Sprouse, Phillip Wright or Charles Carroll.



FIRST PITCH — Mike Hustickler, Kings Mountain center fielder, opened the 1964 baseball season for the Mountaineers Tuesday afternoon as he led off against Lincolnton at City Stadium. Lincolnton pitcher, Steve Herman, struck out 10 batters, and the Lincs won, 10-1.

Golf Team Opens At Shelby Today; Travels To E. Rutherford Monday

Complete SWC Baseball Card

April 1	Chase at Belmont	4:00
April 3	Belmont at Rutherfordton	4:00
April 4	Chase at Shelby	4:00
April 5	K. Mountain at Cherryville	4:00
April 6	E. Ruth. at Lincolnton	4:00
April 7	Belmont at Shelby	4:00
April 8	Chase at Rutherfordton	4:00
April 9	Cherryville at Lincolnton	4:00
April 10	E. Ruth. at Kings Mt.	4:00
April 10	Lincolnton at Belmont	4:00
April 11	Cherryville at Chase	4:00
April 12	Shelby at E. Ruth.	4:00
April 13	Shelby at Kings Mt.	4:00
April 14	Belmont at Cherryville	7:30
April 15	East Ruth. at Chase	4:00
April 16	Kings Mt. at Ruth.	7:30
April 17	Shelby at Lincolnton	7:30
April 18	Belmont at East Ruth.	4:00
April 19	Chase at Kings Mt.	7:30
April 20	Cherryville at Shelby	7:30
April 21	Ruth. at Lincolnton	7:30
April 22	Shelby at East Ruth.	4:00
April 23	Belmont at Chase	7:30
April 24	East Ruth. at Cherryville	7:30
April 25	Kings Mt. at Lincolnton	7:30
April 26	Shelby at Rutherfordton	7:30
April 27	Ruth. at Belmont	7:30
April 28	Chase at Shelby	7:30
April 29	Cherryville at Kings Mt.	7:30
April 30	Lincolnton at E. Ruth.	4:00
May 1	Shelby at Belmont	7:30
May 2	Ruth. at Chase	7:30
May 3	Lincolnton at Cherryville	7:30
May 4	Kings Mt. at E. Ruth.	4:00
May 5	Belmont at Lincolnton	7:30
May 6	Chase at Cherryville	7:30
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May 15	Lincolnton at Ruth.	7:30
May 16	Belmont at Kings Mt.	7:30
May 17	Chase at Lincolnton	7:30
May 18	Cherryville at Ruth.	7:30
May 19	East Ruth. at Shelby	7:30

Motorcycle Race Set At Concord

CONCORD, N. C. — For the first time Suncoy the Concord International Speedway will host both "tourist trophy" and "flat track" motorcycle racing in an eight event program for light and heavy-weight machines.

Jim and Ken Hayes of Johnson City, Tenn., the hottest motorcycle brother combination on the east coast, will head the card at Concord Sunday in this first running of the Atlantic Coast Point Championship races. The Hayes Brothers will be riding Ducatti and Norton cycles as factory team riders.

Cycle Director John Moose of Charlotte, announced that entries now number more than 30 leading two-wheeler chauffeurs from the Carolinas, Tennessee and Virginia. A variety of machines will compete including Harley Davidson-upholding against greater numbers of the U. S. colors—B. S. A., Ducatti, Norton, Triumph and Honda, to mention a few foreign makes entered.

Competition Keen In Gastonia Racing

GASTONIA, N. C. — There was plenty of action in store for racing fans Sunday at Gastonia Fairgrounds Speedway. Approximately 600 fans saw Larry Wallace of Charlotte, N. C. driving a '56 Ford and Bob Seymour of Kannapolis, N. C. in a '46 Ford really battle for first and second spots. Bunk Moore of Indian Trail, who led the race several laps, lost a wheel and was forced out of the race. Heat races were won by Bunk Moore and Bob Seymour. Jimmy Furr of Charlotte, N. C. won the 20-lap rookie feature. Several different cars turned over during the race, however, all came out uninjured.

More of the same kind of racing is in store for this Sunday. From 20 to 25 modified cars and 30 rookie cars are expected. The track is being completely reworked to present better racing. The first race will get underway this Sunday at 2:15 p. m.

In the three outfield positions, Coach Hussey reports that the youngsters are working hard, and prospects are good for a successful season for the Little Mountaineers.

"Ace" Herman Strikes Out 10 In Lincs Win

Lincolnton rapped-out ten hits and scored ten runs Tuesday afternoon at Kings Mountain's City Stadium to post a decisive, 10-1 decision over the Mountaineers in the Southwest Conference baseball opener for both schools.

Steve Herman, Lincolnton ace pitcher struck out 10 batters in five innings and allowed the hosting Mountaineers only three hits, and was never in serious trouble as the Wolves exploded for eight runs in the fifth inning, after Kings Mountain had taken the early lead, 1-0, in the second inning, and Lincolnton had tied the score in the third.

Allowing only one run and one hit through the first four innings, Kings Mountain Pitcher, Warren Goforth, ran into trouble in the visiting half of the fifth inning as Bill Dodgin walked to open the inning, and center fielder Steve Herman reached first on an error. Herman added to his pitching cause with a double, scoring one run, and Setzer drove in two more runs with a double, and the Wolves were off and running.

Five more runs crossed the plate in the high scoring fifth inning, which saw Goforth yield to Bill Mullinax on the mound for the Mountaineers.

Mullinax yielded four more runs to Lincolnton before the side could be retired, and Lincolnton took an 9-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning.

Herman continued to harness the Kings Mountain batsmen in the fifth as he posted his ninth and tenth strikeouts as the Mountaineers went down in order.

Hubert McGinnis reached first base on an error in the Kings Mountain sixth inning, and advanced to second with none out. Pat Murphy struck out, and left fielder Ronnie Rhea took a called third strike before Gerald Carrigan singled to keep the home team hopes alive.

Catcher, Chip Brides fled to left field to end the inning.

Kings Mountain stranded two base runners in the seventh as the Lincolnton ace struck out three straight batters with KM runners on second and third and no outs.

Fifteen Kings Mountain batters went down via the strikeout route.

Kings Mountain journeys to Cherryville Friday afternoon for a SWC game.

TOTALS	AB	R	H	E
Lincolnton	32	10	10	2
Dodgin, 2b	4	1	0	0
Warren, cf	4	1	0	0
Bell, 1b	4	1	2	0
Mullinax, p	1	0	0	0
Setzer, ss	4	1	1	0
Cagle, 1b	4	1	2	0
Talbert, rf	3	1	2	0
Pitts, lf	3	2	1	0
Schroene, 3b	3	0	0	0
Jueen, c	2	2	2	0

KINGS MOUNTAIN	AB	R	H	E
Huffstickler, cf	3	0	0	0
Bell, 2b	3	0	1	1
Gold, ss	3	0	0	0
McGinnis, 1b	4	0	0	0
Murphy, 3b	3	1	1	0
Rhea, lf	2	0	0	0
Carrigan, rf	1	0	0	0
C. McGinnis, c	3	0	1	0
Goforth, p	3	0	0	0
Mullinax, p	0	0	0	0
Lowery, p	1	0	0	0

Winning Pitcher - Herman;	Score By Innings.
KM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
L	0 1 0 0 0 0 0
L	0 0 1 0 8 1 0

Herman Pleased Pirate Scouts

Pittsburg Pirates scouts, Russ Bergman of Gastonia, and George Pratt, were on hand at City Stadium Tuesday afternoon to observe Lincolnton's ace pitcher, Steve Herman, in action.

Herman, who is probably the most sought after pitcher in western North Carolina, fanned 10 Kings Mountain hitters in five innings, and showed definite signs of becoming a great baseball pitcher.

"I've seen him when he was better", said Bergman, "but he was pressing a little yesterday with a lot of scouts around. Then too, the weather was less than ideal for a pitcher", he added.

Weight scramble here last January.

Trophies will be awarded to the three best dressed motorcycle clubs in attendance. Ladies and children under twelve will be admitted free to the races which begin at 2:30 after practice at 1:30 p. m.