

Mounties Blank Chase, 6-0; Edge ER In 7th, 3-2



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Shooting "Pool" Is A Competitive Art

No other game in the world requires such delicacy of touch, steadiness of hand, accuracy of eye, and iron self-control as the ancient game of billiards.

Billiards, in the strictest sense of the word, is not the game which is most common to us players. Most of the billiard shooting that is done in the United States is a form of billiards, commonly called "pool," and actually known as "pocket billiards."

Pocket billiards differs from billiards in many different ways. Pocket billiards is played on a table approximately ten feet long and half as wide which has pockets in each corner and two extra ones in the center of the longer sides. The table has a very smooth and level surface of slate covered with green baize. Around the edge of the table is a beveled rail cushioned with rubber, from which the balls rebound lightly and easily. In "straight" pool, the most popular of the many pool games, 15 balls and a cue ball are used. The players take turns using the same cue ball, the object being to put the 15 balls in any of the pockets. The player wins who pockets the greatest number of balls. In this game the player must announce the ball he is playing for, and in which pocket he intends to put it. This is the game which is played in competition to determine the best straight pool shot in the nation. An annual tournament is held to determine the champion.

The most familiar game to the average town or community is the game which is called "rotation" pool. In this game, the balls are numbered from one to fifteen and must be played in rotation. A total of 120 points constitutes a rack of 15 balls, and the player collecting the largest number of points during the game is declared the winner. If only two are playing, the player who scores 61 or more points is the winner, and if more are shooting, the player with the largest number of points after all of the balls have been played is the winner.

There are numerous other pool games which are played throughout the country. One popular gambling game is nine ball, and is usually played with two or more players who place bets on the outcome of the game. As the name suggests, there are only nine balls used (the one through the nine) and the winner is determined by successfully pocketing the nine ball. The balls must be played in rotation, that is, one, two, three, etc., until the nine ball remains on the table. The player pocketing the nine ball wins the game.

There are certain variations as to the rules of the game, which are established by the so-called, "house-man." The "house-man" is usually the person who operates the billiard parlor.

Another common game is "eight ball." The rules of eight ball differ considerably from those of rotation, straight pool, and nine ball. All 15 balls are racked in a triangular fashion at one end of the table. The first player "breaks" the balls by striking the cue ball with a cue stick and hitting the racked balls, scattering them over the table. One player tries to pocket all of the low numbered balls (one through the seven) and the other tries to pocket all of the high numbered balls (nine through fifteen). The first player who is successful in pocketing all of his seven balls, then has a chance to play the eight ball. The first player to sink the eight ball is declared the winner.

Billiards Requires Extreme Skill & Poise

Unlike most of the common-known games which the average pool shooter knows, billiards is in a class by itself.

In America, billiards is played on a table similar to the common pool table as we know it, with one major difference. There are no pockets on the table. Three ivory balls two and three-eighths inches in diameter are used, one of which is red and the other two white. One of the white balls is distinguished by a tiny black spot. Each player chooses one of these white balls as his "cue" ball. The cue ball is struck with the point of the player's cue stick (a tipped wooden rod a little less than five feet long and varying in diameter from half an inch or less at the tip to an inch or more at the butt). Chalk is rubbed on the tip every few turns to make greater friction between cue and ball, thereby better control. The cue ball is struck with the point of the cue in such a way as to cause it to touch first one and then the other of the two remaining balls, thus making a "carom" or "billiard". Each billiard counts one point in the score. By directing the point of the cue against a part of the cue ball to one side or above or below its center, it is possible to "put English" on the ball; that is, to make it twist or curve and thus make shots otherwise impossible.

One very effective way to score many points without missing is to "nurse" the balls; that is, to get them in a corner or along the rail and by hitting them very lightly hold them in one place for a long time. This easy way of running up a large score is made impossible in many professional games by marking "balk lines" 14, 18, or 22 inches in from the edges of the table, and by making the rule that either to send at least one of the balls outside the marked square in which the balls are grouped when the shot begins. Any number of caroms, or billiards, are allowed in the square left in the center of the table.

The game has been played in many different ways at various times, and even today there are marked differences between the English, French, and American games.

Probably the most famous billiard player in the United States was the famed Willie Hoppe, who held more national billiard, pocket billiard, and bank pool titles than any other player. He was a master of the billiard and pocket billiard table, and until his death a few years ago, traveled the United States putting on exhibitions in billiard parlors. He was famous for his trick shooting, and has been described by many as the most accurate bank pool shot who ever lived.

Environment Much More Pleasant Today...

Until a few years ago the local pool hall was tabbed as being a "hangout," and parents warned their children about the evils of the pool room. But in the last few years the game of pool has fast become one of America's favorite family pastimes.

Ultra-modern pool rooms are being built throughout the country to provide wholesome recreational activity. A good example of such a business is the newly built pool room in Gastonia which features air conditioning, carpeted floors, a Grade A restaurant, and no restric-



FINALE FRIDAY — The above three Kings Mountain baseball players will be playing their final game for Kings Mountain Friday night when Belmont invades for the final South-west Conference game of the season. They are (l. to r.) Louis Cook, catcher, Mike Huffstickler, center field, and Warren Goforth, pitcher-outfielder.

Legion Practice Begins Saturday

The first practice session for all 1964 American Legion baseball candidates will be held at City Stadium Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M.

New head coach, John Gold, urges all interested candidates to be present at the initial meeting, which will consist primarily of signing the players and determining their eligibility. All boys who were born after September 1, 1945 are eligible for this year's team.

This year's players will be selected from candidates in the Kings Mountain, Grover, and Bethware areas with the possibility of securing players from the York-Clover area. If neither York nor Clover field a team this year, the players will be eligible to play for Kings Mountain.

"I have sent several letters to players in the York-Clover area inviting them to try out for the Kings Mountain team if there is not a team in their area," said Post 155 athletic director, Carl Wilson. There is no official word yet as to whether or not the players will be eligible to play with Kings Mountain.

Experience will dominate this year's squad as all but three of last year's players will be back. Pitchers Barry Gibson and Steve Carpenter, along with second baseman Henry Hilliard, are the three players that will not be returning this season.

The majority of this year's high school players will be eligible.

Coach Gold is optimistic concerning the potential of the team, but reports that the loss of Claude Pearson, who sustained a broken leg during a high school game with Cherryville, will present an outfield problem. "I was counting

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Little Mounties Complete Season With 6-2 Win Over Cherryville

The Little Mountaineers completed a very successful season Thursday afternoon by defeating Cherryville, 6-2 at City Stadium for the local seventh win of the season against only one defeat. Shelby downed the Mounties, 5-2 in the season's opener.

Steve Goforth posted his fourth win of the season as he limited the Cherrys to only four hits and two runs.

Roy Medlin started things for the Mounties in the bottom of the first inning as he drew a base on balls with two out. Phillip Wright followed with a double to put runners on second and third, and Phillip Cash collected two RBIs with a single to left field.

The third inning netted the winners four more runs as Nelson Connor singled to open the

tions as to age or sex. It is designed primarily for family recreation and there is no gambling, profane language, or loitering allowed.

So, don't criticize someone for participating in the game of the fast moving sphere, you just may find yourself enjoying the game someday.

Tracksters Drag In Bi-Conference Meet At Shelby

Kings Mountain finished in a three-way tie for tenth place in the 16-team Bi-Conference track meet at Shelby Friday afternoon.

The meet, which pitted teams from the Southwest and Northwest conferences, was won by Hickory. Rutherford finished second in the event and Shelby was third. Hickory amassed 52 points, Rutherford 34, and Shelby netted 19. Kings Mountain managed only two points. Calvin Lockridge finished third in the high jump event for the only Mountaineer point finish.

Hickory and Rutherford dominated the action by copping 11 of the 14 first place finishes. Hickory's Leland Hanna won the 100 and 220 dashes and his mates won the mile run, broad jump, and 880 and mile relays.

Wyman Parton of Rutherford won both hurdle events and ran a leg of his team's relay which finished third. The Hilltoppers also took first in the high jump, shot put and discus throw.

The teams finished in the following order: Hickory, 52; Rutherford, 34; Shelby, 19; Wilkes Central, 13; Newton, 8; Lenoir, 7; Morganton, 6; East Rutherford, 4; Kings Mountain, 2; Yadlow, 2; Hudson, 2; Chase, 1; Taylorsville, 1; Belmont, 1; Cherryville, 0; and Lincolnton, 0.

The Western North Carolina High School Activities Association track and field meet is scheduled for the Shelby track on Saturday.

Mounties Drop 3-2 Squeaker To RS Central

The Mountaineers dropped a close, 5-2 decision to Rutherfordton at City Stadium Friday night.

The visiting Hilltoppers scored all three runs in the third inning after KM starter Bill Mullinax had retired the side in order in the first and second innings. Left fielder Koone opened the Rutherfordton third inning with a base on balls and Taylor followed with a single to left field. Koone scored on Bailey's double, and Taylor and Bailey tallied the second and third runs as Hendrix doubled to left center field.

Mullinax kept the visitors in check through the next four innings as the Hilltoppers could manage but one base runner. Byrd doubled in the sixth inning.

The Mountaineers tallied one run in the fourth inning as Richard Gold reached first safely on an error. Mickey Bell followed with a double to move Gold to third, and Louis Cook fled to deep center to score Gold.

Kings Mountain rallied for one run in the nine inning as Mickey Bell walked and scored on Chip McGinnis' single with two out. McGinnis was picked off first base to halt the Mountaineer rally and end the game.

Whitener pitched a two-hitter and was credited with the victory for Rutherfordton and Mullinax, who gave up only four hits, was the loser.

Lowery Scatters Five Chase Hits As KM Wins 5th

Kings Mountain posted its first shutout victory of the season at Chase Friday night by defeating the Trojans 6-0 behind the five-hit pitching of southpaw seerley Lowery. Nine Chase hitters went down via the strikeout route as Lowery posted his fourth victory of the season against two defeats.

The Mountaineers rallied for three runs in the second inning on three singles and two Chase errors. Catcher, Louis Cook opened the inning with a single and scored the first KM run as a result of a wild pitch by Chase starter, Tommy Powell. Warren Goforth followed Cook's single with a one-run hit to left field and Hubert McGinnis rapped the third safety, a single, which scored Goforth. McGinnis raced home with the final run of the inning after Powell committed his second error of the inning, a wild pitch.

The locals increased the lead in the third inning to 5-0 with Richard Gold and Mickey Bell crossing home plate. Gold opened the yard with a triple to deep right field and singled Gold home with a drive to right field. Bell scored on left fielder, Ronnie Rhea's single after Cook had walked.

Pat Murphy tallied the final KM run in the fourth inning as Cook collected his second hit of the night to drive in Murphy, who had opened the inning with a Texas league double down the left field line.

Gold, Cook and Lowery collected two hits each for the Mountaineers to lead the eleven hit attack.

Tommy Powell started on the mound for Chase, but was relieved by Peeler in the second inning after KM had scored three runs.

Rox Score		AB R H E						
Kings Mtn. (6)	AB R H E	4	1	1	0			
Murphy, 3b								
a-Leftwich, 3b								
Gold, ss		4	1	2	0			
b-Morgan, ss								
Bell, 2b		3	1	1	0			
c-Bunch, 2b								
Cook, c		3	1	2	0			
Rhea, lf		4	0	1	0			
d-Ross, lf								
Goforth, cf		4	1	1	0			
McGinnis, 1b		3	1	1	0			
Bridges, 1b		1	0	0	0			
Carriagan, rf		3	0	0	0			
S. Goforth, cf								
a-Bunch								
b-Morgan								
TOTALS		32	6	11	0			
Chase (0)	AB R H E	3	0	2	1			
Bridges, ss		2	0	0	0			
Walker, cf		3	0	1	0			
C. Willis, 1b		3	0	1	0			
Hawkins, c		3	0	1	0			
Peeler, lf		3	0	1	0			
Robertson, rf		3	0	0	0			
Tate, 3b		3	0	0	0			
B. Willis, 1b		3	0	0	0			
Powell, p		0	0	0	3			
Peeler, p								
c-Rupe, lf		2	0	0	1			
d-Head		1	0	0	0			
TOTALS		26	0	5	5			
a-ran for Lowery in 4th								
b-ran for Cook in 4th								
c-entered left field in 2nd								
d-struck out for Tate in 6th								
KM		0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Chase		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WP—Lowery								
LP—Powell								



SHUTOUT VICTOR — Seerley Lowery, Mountaineer southpaw pitcher, limited Chase to only five hits Tuesday night and posted the first shutout of the season for the locals. Kings Mountain won, 6-0 for the fifth win of the season against seven losses.

Gold's Seventh Inning Double Broke 2-2 Tie

Richard Gold doubled to deep center field to drive home Pat Murphy with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday afternoon to give Kings Mountain a 3-2 victory over East Rutherford at City Stadium.

The Mountaineers knotted the score at 2-all in the sixth inning on Hubert McGinnis' two-run double. With two out, and runners at second and third, McGinnis lifted a fly ball to left field, and an apparent out resulted in a two base hit as the sun blinded left fielder Don Blanton and the ball dropped to allow two Kings Mountain runs to cross the plate.

The Cavaliers scored single runs in the first and third innings with David Matheny collecting hits in each inning. Matheny singled in the first, stole second and third base, and scored on pitcher, Freddie Smith's single, move the visitors in front. Matheny was the big gun for the Cavaliers in the third as he doubled with two outs and scored on Gerald Robinson's single to left field.

Matheny scored both the East Rutherford runs and had a perfect day at the plate with three hits for three at bats.

The Mountaineers took advantage of five East Rutherford errors and added five hits in gaining the win.

East Rutherford pitcher, Smith had shutout the locals by a 3-0 score at Forest City on May 1.

Bill Mullinax went the distance on the mound for the Mountaineers and posted his first win of the season.

The Mountaineers stand 6-7 in conference action with one game remaining, a home game with Belmont Friday night.

roe finished second with a 114 total. David Biggs, who was last year's medalist, finished with the fourth lowest score, a 116.

The Mountaineer golfers compiled an overall record of six wins and four losses during the season, and did not lose a conference match at home. The Mountaineers lost to Hunter Huss twice, and to Shelby, and East Rutherford on the road. Hunter Huss was the only team to defeat the locals at home.

Over the past two seasons the Mountaineers have won 13 matches while losing only 6. They stand 13-3 in conference competition over the past two seasons.

Golfers Finish In Tie For 12th

The Kings Mountain golf team finished in a tie with Shelby for twelfth place in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association golf championship Monday at the Shelby Country Club.

Morganton won its fourth title in the past five years by posting a team score of 367 for the 27-hole tournament. Led by Johnny Giles, the defending champions from Morganton won their third conference championship in a row. Rutherfordton finished second in the event with a 455 total.

George Plank led the four-man Kings Mountain team's scoring with a 27-hole total of 824. He shot rounds of 46, 41, and 43. Mike Ballard shot a 133, followed by Dwight Swan and Terry Leonard who shot scores of 136 and 138 respectively.

Giles led the field with a four-over-par 112 for medalist honors and Tommy Medlin of Mon-

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