

By DICK WOODWARD

pected to join in the celebration as the "World 600" gets underway at 12:30 p.m.

The Charlotte classic features the longest late model k car race in the world, and forty-six entries have to participate.

Teams To Trade Three KMPlayers Named stock car race in the world, and forty-six entries have filed to particpate.

The track, which has been floundering in a sea of debts since its birth in 1960, has been dressed up condebts since its birth in 1960, has been dressed up condebts to this year's running, and fans will be able to have visited the impressive looking mile-and-and-a-haif Legion team will hold its first oval will remember the huge mound of dirt piled at the practice game of the season Frieast end of the infield which blocked the view of the first day night as Post 155 travels to two turns for spectators in the north grandstand. Well, Gastonia for a game at \$100 P.M. it is a pleasure to report that this obstruction has been leveled and fans will be able to watch the action at the first two turns as well as the backstretch and the fast urday might. moving third and fourth turns which lead into the speedy | Twenty-three candidates reportstraight-away.

Glory .....

Additional seats have been added to accommodate Stadium, with most of the team the overflow crowd which is expected.

More than 3,000 seats have been added, upping the year's high school team. track's seating capacity to more than 43,000. They in- The boys are in good shape as clude 632 seats in an all-concrete covered tower over a result of the high school sea-Section B of the Ford Grandstand, a row of chair seats son, and we are looking forward (nearly 1,200) along the top of the Ford, Chrysler, and to a succession season, reports General Motors stands, and 1,300 bleacher seats in the head couch form Gold who is in Paddock Area adjacent to the Garage Area. All fans with his first senson as head menter. 25th (top) row tickets will have chairs furnished. The Post 155 milletle director, Carl heavy advance sale, which is 50 per cent ahead of a year Wilson ago when a record North Carolina sports crowd of 58,722 An was on hand, prompted the seat-adding decision.

Time trials for starting positions will be held Wed- for Kings Mountain. "There is no nesday through Saturday, and a field of 46 entries (as of definite word as to whether or not May 15th) will be vying for the coveted pole position. 31-YEARS IS AVERAGE AGE ... o'stracki.hy ......

If precedent has anything to do with it, the winner of week", Wilson said. this year's race will be 31 years old.

That's the average age of 18 drivers who have won City area will be able to play for races of 500 miles distance or longer on NASCAR's four Kings Mountain this year. It is super speedways in the Southeast since 1960.

The age spread has ranged from a low of 24 (Bob interest in the Bessemer City Burdick, Atlanta 500, 1961) to 41 (Buck Baker, Darlington area may force them to withdraw 500 in 1960), and Nelson Stacy, (World 600 in 1962). The City doesn't field a team, Kings four previous World 600 winners have been an average of Mountain will be eligible to use 311/2 years old, with David Pearson, 1961 winner the those players who are interested youngest at 28 and Stacy the oldest. The overall average in playing", Wilson said. Forrest age of the 28 most active NASCAR drivers is 32. A dozen Dover, Bessen er City pitcher, and of them are 30 and under, 10 are between 31 and 35, five others, would be eligible for the are 36 to 40 years old and two are past 41. Buck Baker KM entry, and Dover has exis 45 and Wendell Scott is 42.

### Favorites Numerous; Winner Hard To Pick

As the time trials get underway on Wednesday, the four All-Conference players, Pat so-called favorites will be jockeying for the pole positions Murphy, third base, Richard Gold, and all will be out to de-throne Fred Lorenzen as top shortstop, and Mickey Bell, secmoney winner on the NASCAR circuit. Lorenzen is high- and base, are expected to carry ly ranked among the front runners, and his 1964 Ford the load in their respective dewill be challenged by such outstanding drivers as Buck Baker, who will be wheeling a 1964 Dodge. David Pearson; a 1964 Dodge; Bobby Johns, in a 1964 Pontiac; Fireball Roberts, behind the wheel of a '64 Ford; Paul Gold- is expected to play first base smith, a 1964 Plymouth: Junior Johnson, in a Ford; and this year, and he was named to Richard Petty in a '64 Plymouth.

Petty is fresh from a 100-mile victory at South Boston, Va. Saturday night and reports that his Plymouth is in top shape for the upcoming race.

Upon filing his entry, Goldsmith supported a state- er, outfielders Warren Goforth, ment made recently by Fireball Roberts of Daytona George Pittman, Ronnie Rhea Beach, Fla., to the effect that the Plymouths and Fords Chip McGinals, and several newwill be more evenly matched in the Charlotte race than in others so far this season.

Of the 46 entries to date the Fords head the list with Seerley Lowery. Bill Mullinax eleven entries, followed by Dodge with eight, Pontiac and Steve Goforth. with six, Chevrolet with five and Plymouth with five.

A field of 44 cars will be off and running at the drop of the green flag on Sunday, and it will be anybody's race as the 600-mile course will take its toll.

Care to predict a winner?

Richard Petty is this writer's pick to win with Fred Lorenzer a close second.

## Umps Running Bases Backward In Majors

The major league umpires have been running the bases backward for a long time, and no one seems to pay any attention to the fact.

Actually, they don't run the bases, but I use the phraseology figuratively to present a point which ha been overlooked, or else hasn't been studied.

This is how it is.

As long as there have been more than two umpire working as a major league game (which has been a num ber of years), they have been rotating around the infield in reverse order to the way the players run the bases.

But, before it becomes too involved, an explanation of \*All games how the umpires work is in order.

There are five teams of four umpires in each of the Women Bowlers two major leagues, the American and the National. These four-man teams work together during a designated series of games, with each taking turns umpiring the four Receive Awards bases. One umpires at home plate one game, then moves to third, second, and first, in that order, during the next team of the Women's Bowling three games, and back to the starting point.

This is where the problem arises. If anyone would ask an umpire why this system of rotation is used, he would probably say that it has been a matter of system and no one has ever suggested a

Anyone who follows baseball closely at all knows Gerry Werner Ethel Tignor, and that during a major league game the third base umpire Jennie Oates, won the championand first base umpire work the hardest.

Now, under the present system of rotation, the first base umpire moves from first base to home plate, and during a hot summer's day double header an umpire can really wear himself out by calling the plays at first base and then moving behind the plate for the second game. (101.4)

Wouldn't it be better to change the routine? You could have the third base umpire change places with the home plate umpire, and the second and first base umpires change. This would give the home plate umpire a "breath-

and also the first base ump.

This series of rotation would only be advantageous during double-headers, but I bet there would be a lot of major league umpires who would go along with it.

# e r a l d Mounties Win Finale On Lowery's Four-Hitter

# Legion Team To Gastonia Speedway Dresses Up For 5th Birthday The Charlotte Motor Speedway will celebrate its fifth birthday Sunday, and a crowd in excess of 60,000 is ex-

ed for opening day drills last Saturday, and the team has ceen

York-Claver area with regard to andidates being permitted to play for Kings Mountain, "There is no year, but we should know some-

There is also a good possibilireported that a seemingly tack of pressed interest in playing locally if Bessemer City fails to muster

Conference team for 1964, Jin Leigh, freshman at Appalachian the All-Conference team a year

Other candidates who will be counted upon heavily by coach Gold include; Louis Cook, catch

The pitching staff will be an-

Junior Varsity catcher, Ro-Medlin has been impressive it early workouts and should bols ter the catching department.

### American Legion Aren IV First Round Schedule

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9	1	Shelby	Hom
8	3	Cherryville	Hom
	5	Bessemer City	Awa
	8	Gastonia	Hom
	10	Belmont	Hom
S	13	Shelby	Awa
-	15	Cherryville	Awa
i	17	Bessemer City	Awa
	19	Gastonia	Awa
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The Oates - Henderson Shell League, was presented the championship trophy at a banquet which was held at the Hager Restaurant in Sheiby Tuesday night. The winning Oates-Henderson Shell team, which consisted of Helen Chauman, Pat Barrett, ship by six games, with the Me-Curdy Cleaners team finishing in second place

Other trophics which were presented includeo: High Average Elizabeth Gault ment which was held at Boone,

High Set Score - Janet Burns this week. High Game - Brenda Biddix-

Most Spares - Betty Fite Most Strikes -- Bonnie Wal-

Most Improved Bowler - Pat

# Murphy, Gold, And Bell Named

Three Kings Mountain players were named to the Southwest All-Conference team for 1964.

To 21-Man Squad

The three Mountaineers chosen on the "1-man squad were: Mickey Bell, second base; Pat Murphy, third base; and Richard Gold, shortstop All are juniors. Murphy also received All-Conference honors in football

Two players at each of the infield positions were chosen with the exception of shortstop, where three players were selected. Gold shared the shortstop honors with Ronnie Wilson of Shelby and Warren Daron of Rutherfordton.

Seven outfielders were named with Shelby's Charles Peeler heading the list. Peeler was also named to the All-Conference and All-State football team.

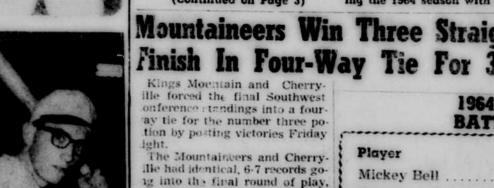
Seven of the eight members of the conference landed players on the star-studged squad, with Chase falling to land a player. Lincolnton headed the list with

five players, followed by Shelby and Rutherfereton, which landed four each. Kings Mountain and Rutherfordton contributed three apiece, and Cherryville and Belmont one each.

Players chosen were: LINCOLNTON Steve Herman, pitcher Bobly Queen, catcher Don Cagle, first base Keith Setzer, outfield Gary Warren, outfield SHELBY

Billy Champion, pitcher Richard Bankston, catcher Ronnie Wilson, shortstop

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-6 records. Kings Mountain deeated Belmont and Cherryville owned Rutherfordton. Cherryville won the final four ames of the season and KM osted three straight wins to finth with an even .500 percentage. Shelby copped the crown with victory over East Rutherford, vhich finished seventh with a 6-8 ecord, and Lincolnton pushed

nd each played teams which had

Chase deeper into the cellar to lnish one gan.e behind the lead r with a 20-4 season record. Chase's only victory of the seaon was a 5-3 win over Lincolnton on April 21.

Shelby dropped three games. losing to Belmont, Rutherfordton, and Cherryville. Lincolnton lost to Shelby twice, and to Kings Mountain and Chase once each. The Mountaineers split series with Belmont, Lincolnton, East

ALL-CONFERENCE-Pat Muzphy. (top). Richard Gold (cen-ter). and Mickey Bell were

named to the Southwest All-Conference team for 1964. The

three Mountaineer infielders

Final SWC

Standings

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in Tournament

base respectively.

KINGS MTN. ......

Rutherfordton .....

Cherryville

Madge Rhea.

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Mickey Bell were

Rutherford, and Rutherfordton and dropped two games to Shelby. Te locals only sweep during e season was over Chase.

### Seymour Eeks-Out Win At York-Clover YORK, S. C. — Max Goodwin of Rock Hill led the 50-lap fea-

ture for 47 laps and with only 3 to go Seymour took over and won his first victory at York-Clover during the 1964 season. .500 and Johnny Gardner of Rock Hill was third. Goodwin took the first .500 Johnny Black of York was second 428 heat with Jimmy Clark taking the .071 second heat. Parks Stein of Gastonia was declared the winner of the 25-lap amateur feature after Gary McIver was disquali-fied. Another big 6-event program has been lined up for this Five women golfers from Kings Friday night getting underway Mountain participated in the at 8:00 p.m.

Foothills League Golf Tourna-Monday and Tuesday of lap feature he only shook his past in the league. "The Western eek. Carolinas League is a pitcher's Those attending were: Lynne tainly be another time and I Mausey, Holes Blanton, Ann Wi. certainly want to win one of the been the deductions of several features at York-Clover Speed-major league scouts and baseball way and I will be trying again executives who have visited in the Margie McDaniel, and Mrs. Rhea finished in a three-



POSTS FIFTH WIN - Seerley Lowery, Lowery, Kings Mountain southpaw pitcher, twirled his second shutout of the season Friday night as the Mountaineers shaded Belmont. 1-0, to move into a four-way tie for third place in the final Southwest Conference standings. Lowery led the Mountaineer moundsmen during the 1964 season with a record of five wins against two losses.

## ountaineers Win Three Straight; DON'T FORGET-Finish In Four-Way Tie For 3rd tion game here Saturday night

Team plays Gastonia an exhibi-

### 1964 MOUNTAINEER **BATTING AVERAGES**

Western Carolina	as Le	agu	9	Enjoys	—Beam; 3B: KM—C KM—Rhea, Murphy; (5-2); LP — Barnhi	WP	L	; S	B:
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Hubert McGinnis 41		1	6	.146	TOTALS SCORE BY INNINGS	25	0	4	1
Ronnie Rhea 41		1	12	.222	Garrett, cf	0	0	0	0
Pat Murphy 54		3	9	.219	Walford, It Barnhill, p	1 2	0	1	0
Claude Pearson 17		2	4	.235	Beam, p-cf Abernathy, lf	3 2	0	1	0
Chip McGinnis 21		0	5	.238	Barkley, c	3	0	0	0
Warren Goforth 24		3	5	.250	Lawing, 1b Biddix, rf	2	0	0	0
Seerley Lowery 24			5	.277	Armstrong, ss Suggs, 2b	2	0	0	0
Louis Cook 34	101		10	.294	Crawford, 3b	3	0	0	1
Richard Gold 49			17	.347	TOTALS	23	1	7	4
Mickey Bell 47			18	.383	Carrigan, rf Lowery, p	3	0	0	0
Player AB			H	Avg	McGinnis, 1b	2	0	1	1

### Advances In Many Areas In '64 The Western Carolinas League ident in several respects. First

All eight clubs are affiliated with a major league team and President John H. Moss reported this week that attendance figures show that a 7 per cent increase is being currently enjoyed in spite of the bad weather conditions which curtailed play in the opening week of the season

To date, there have been 101 games scheduled, and 20 of these have been postponed due to wet grounds.

President Moss further added wo hours and 11 minutes that the increased attendance is When Goodwin was asked this year's caliber of player is about his near win of the 50- far superior to the players of the past in the league. "The Western league.", said Moss, and this has this Friday night." Over 800 fans league during the early part of

is enjoying its best season of its of all, there are currently five five year history.

of all, there are currently five pitchers with a 3-0 record, and pitchers with a 3-0 record, and ords. Secondly, the fact that Statesville is leading the league batting with a .251 team

average, is some indication as to the strength of this year's pitch-And still another very import-

ant factor with regard to the inease in attendance is the fact that most of the games are beng played in shorter periods of time. To date, the average time that it has taken the teams to play a nine irring game is a low,

Spectator interest is on the rise due primarily to the fact that throughout the league, and promotional ventures such as Tues-day night's double header at Shelby will further aid to the growth of the Class A league.

A great amount of interest in ninor league caseball has been shown throughout the Western Carolinas League area with em-

## **Belmont Blanked** 1-C As Locals Tie For Third

The 1964 Mountaineer base ballers moved into an end-of-theseason four-way tie for third place in the Southwest Conference standings Friday night by defeating the Belmont Red Raiders, 1-0 at City Stadium.

Seerley Lowery, junior south paw, limited the visitors to only four hits and struck out six in posting his titth win of the season against two defeats.

The Mountaineers loaded the bases in four of the first five innings and tallied the game's only run in the fifth as Warren Goforth singled home Ronnie Rhea after two wereout. Mickey Beli popped out to the shortstop to open the fifth and Louis Cook struck out. Rhea reached first base safely as a result of third baseman Crawford's error, and stole second to set up the go-head run. Goforth singled Rh home and the rally continued a **Hubert McGinnis and Gerald** Carrigan walked to load the bases. Lowery missed a chance to rushion his one run lead by striking out to and the inning.

Belmont threatened in the fourth inning as Suggs opened with a single and moved to third on Lawing's sacrifice bunt, which KM first baseman, McGinnis erored on the throw from third baseman Murphy. But Lowery bore down and struck out Biddix. tot Barkley on a grounder to shortstop, and struck out Beam to end the juning.

The 1-0 KM victory marked the second such win in as many years. The locals defeated Belmont by the same score to end the season last year, which gave the Mountaineers the 1963 conferance championship.

Three KM base runers were picked off base during the tighty contested game. Pat Murphy was nabbed in the first inning after opening the game with a double; Carrigan was caught napping in the second inning and was out after banging a three base hit with one out; and Cook was caught i pa run down beween first and second with the pases loaded in the third. Cook was not tagged out, but Murphy was caught at the plate trying score as a result of Cook's rut-

Kings Mountain collected seven nits and stranded twelve runners with Richard Gold collecting two singles to pace the hitting.

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١	Biddix, rf	3	0	0	1
ţ	Barkley, c	3	0	0	
١	Beam, p-cf	3	0	1	
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Mountaineer

# **Pitching Records**

Lowery W. Goforth Mullinax

## Golf Tournament Set For Tuesday

Kings Mountain Ladies Golf Association will sponsor a tournament at the Country Club Tuesday, May 26, with entrants teeing off a 8:30 A.M.

Approximately 14 entrants are expected to participate in the 18 hole tournament, which will followed by a dinner meeti Tuesday night The golfers hus-bands will be in attendance and way tie for first place, and Mrs. sat out in the chilly air to watch the season.

McDaniel finished second in their several thrills including several. The high caliber of pitching is respective flight pairings.

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The high caliber of pitching is league caliber.

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