

S-Yankees To Play G-Pirates Here Tuesday Night



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Cardinal Hopeful Impresses Everyone

It is strange how some individuals tend to stand out in a crowd.

Such was the case last Thursday night as I accompanied Western Carolinas League President, John Moss to Rock Hill, S. C.

The Cardinals, currently leading the WCL by nine games, were playing host to tied-for-second Salisbury.

Upon arrival at the ball park around 4:30, it was observed that the hosting Cardinals were working out some new players, who were decked out in gray St. Louis Cardinals uniforms. The regular players were dressed in the traditional, "home white."

After conferring with several ardent fans, who had come out to watch the local club take batting practice, it was learned that there were ten or more rookies who had stopped by Rock Hill on their way to the Florida League.

And, as the mass of youngsters went through their pre-game drills of batting practice, fielding drills, and running, one particular youngster caught my eye.

He was dressed in the home uniform of the Cardinals and across the shoulders on the back of his uniform was printed in red block letters, D. Smith, with the numeral 6 just below.

At first, it was opined that he was a catcher as he was working with one of the pitchers, playing catch with an oversized catcher's mitt. The mitt, proportion-wise, was much too large, but he seemed to manipulate the stuffed leather with amazing agility.

He seemed to share the limelight of the other players attention as they chatted back and forth with typical baseball lingo.

Oh, by the way, the D. on the back of his uniform stood for Dennis, it was learned.

Dennis has the same last name as the manager of the team, Hal Smith, who was in KM a couple of weeks ago to speak to the high school baseball team at the second annual Rotary Club luncheon.

He's Learned A Lot During 6-Year Tenure

Becoming more and more interested in the player, I learned that he has been affiliated with the Cardinal organization for a little over six years, and is expected to be one of the future Cardinal greats.

During the course of the pre-game drills Dennis was accidentally hit in the mouth by a throw from one of the other players. He was rushed into the dressing room, and in less than fifteen minutes, was back on the field as determined as ever. But this time, he had discarded the catcher's mitt and was using an infielder's glove.

I was anxious to see what he could do with a bat. . . . But, since all of the rookies were on hand, Dennis didn't get to hit.

I was also anxious to see him perform, and I got my chance as the game began.

He was not in the starting lineup, but was seen at home plate as the two managers met the umpires to go over the ground rules which sanctioned the contest.

To say the least, I was disappointed that Dennis didn't get a chance to play in the game.

But, as I talked with several followers of the Cardinals in the box seats behind home plate, it was learned that manager Hal Smith was expecting great things from the youngster, and they assured me that Dennis would see action for the Cardinal organization before the too distant future.

The Cardinal dugout was located down the third base line, and at least five or six times during the inning, D. Smith would emerge and casually stroll to the batter's box, make a few remarks to the umpire, hand him several objects, and swiftly return to his designated post.

This procedure continued for the entire game, which lasted until 10:15, with Rock Hill winning, 6-1.

But, constant observation revealed that the youngster had a tendency to slow down as the game progressed, and by the ninth inning, he seemed exhausted, but . . .

After the game, the players dressed into their street clothes and assembled outside the park around the concession stand.

I met several of the players and was anxious to meet Dennis as the players filed by.

And, after most of the players had made their exit (this was around 11:00), out came Dennis.

He was dressed in a tan pair of Bermuda shorts, a knit sports shirt, and white canvas sneakers. His face was beaming, and his blonde crew cut was neatly brushed. The injured lip was swelled considerably, but he didn't seem to be bothered. . . .

I introduced myself and he responded with a courteous, "Glad to meet you sir, did you enjoy the game?"

He left me and entered the general manager's office, where he sat attentively listening to manager Hal Smith converse by telephone with farm director, Eddie Stanky.

As President Moss and I left the ball grounds (around 11:45), the last thing I saw was little Dennis perched in a folding aluminum chair with his youthful head occasionally bobbing up and down as to indicate that a good night's sleep was in order.

He is the six year old son of manager Hal Smith, and serves as the bat and ball boy for the Cardinals when they play in Rock Hill.

Southpaw Hurler Impressive In Rock Hill

Steve Carlton, 6-3 1/2, 190 pound left handed pitcher for the Rock Hill Cardinals, has everything working in his favor as the 19-year-old North Miami, Florida native begins his career in professional baseball.

Carlton was the starting pitcher against the Salisbury Dodgers last Thursday night in Rock Hill, and was credited with the win, although he was relieved in the late innings as the Dodgers threatened to tie the game.

Steve exhibited a definite finesse as he baffled opposing batters through the first five innings, but he was having his troubles with control.

The first year has been good to him at Rock Hill as he sports a 9-1 record with the Cardinals and has gained the admiration of the area fans, and has opened a few Cardinal officials' eyes, too.

The big left hander is fresh from high school and American Legion competition. He had a 6-2 record his last season of Legion ball and an 8-2 mark his senior year in high school.

He averaged ten strikeouts per game his last season as a Legion hurler.

Remember the name, Steve Carlton.

Linc-Cherries And Shelby Halt Locals

Locals Lose, 8-6 In Seesaw Match At Lincolnton

Kings Mountain dropped its third consecutive game at Lincolnton Monday night in the Linc-Cherries, 8-6, in a seesaw battle which saw the lead change hands three times before L-C scored two runs in the seventh inning and broke a 1-0 tie to gain the win.

Ronnie Rhea, who enjoyed a perfect night at the plate by banging four hits in four trips, collected the first KM hit off L-C starter, Jack Cooke, in the third inning, and scored the first run of the game on Jim Leigh's grounder to second base. Rhea had advanced to second on Warren Goforth's infield out and moved on to third as Pat Murphy reached first safely on shortstop, Danny Abernathy's error.

Warren Goforth pitched the entire game for KM and kept the Linc-Cherries out of check through the first four innings, allowing only one hit, but gave way to a three-hit, three-run inning in the bottom of the fifth.

A KM error, singles by Abernathy, Bobby Hager, and Keith Setzer, plus two stolen bases netted the winners three runs and a tie in the fifth. Abernathy singled with one out, moved to second on a throwing error by pitcher Goforth on an attempted pick-off play, and scored on Hager's single. Jerry Randall followed with a base on balls, and Setzer drove in two runs with a single to left center field, to deadlock the game at 3-3.

The Linc-Cherries were right back at it in the sixth inning as Larry Helms and Don Cagle opened the inning with back-to-back doubles, and Bobby Queen followed with a single. Queen moved on to third on a fielder's error by Abernathy, and scored as Gary Warren rolled out to second base.

Trailing by a 6-3 score, KM came to bat in the top of the seventh, and Pat Murphy was issued a base on balls to start the inning. Jim Leigh followed with his second hit of the night, and L-C pitcher, Cooke was in trouble with no outs. Richard Gold flied out for the first out, but Mickey Bell stepped to the plate and slammed a three-run inside-the-park home run into deep left-center field which tied the score.

But the tie was short lived as the L-C's were not to be denied and scored the decisive runs in the bottom of the seventh. Singles by Helms, and Setzer, coupled with a base on balls, a stolen base, and an infield out sent the winning runs across the plate.

Goforth suffered his first defeat of the season against two wins, and Cooke gained the victory for L-C.

Rhea led all hitting with a 4-for-4 output, followed by Louis Cook, who rapped three safeties in five at-bats. Setzer, Helms, and Cagle led the L-C hitting with two hits each.

KM-Linc-Cherry Box Score

Kings Mtn (6)	AB	R	H
Murphy, 3b	3	1	1
Leigh, 1b	4	1	0
Gold, ss	4	0	0
Bell, 2b	5	1	2
Pitman, cf	5	0	1
Cook, c	5	0	3
Moss, rf	3	0	0
Medlin, rf	1	0	0
Rhea, lf	4	2	4
Goforth, p	4	1	2
a-Hughes	1	0	0
Totals	39	6	13

Linc-Cherries (8)	AB	R	H
Randall, 2b	2	2	0
Setzer, 3b	4	1	2
Cooke, p-lf	4	0	0
Helms, 1b	4	1	2
Cagle, cf	4	1	2
Queen, c	3	1	1
Abernathy, ss	4	1	1
Warren, rf	4	0	0
Hager, lf	3	1	1
Seism, p	1	0	0
Totals	33	8	10

a-struck out for Moss in 7th.
Kings Mtn. 001 020 030-6
Linc-Cherries 000 033 200-8



LEGION HURLERS. Pictured above are the six KM Post 155 pitchers who will carry the local's hopes into the elimination round of play which gets underway next week in the southern division of Area IV. They are (l. to r.) Jackie Hughes (9-1), Seacely Lowery (1-0), Bill Mullinax (0-1), Warren Goforth (2-1), Steve Goforth (1-1), and newcomer Mickey Adkins (0-0). Adkins, who hails from York, S. C., joined the team last week and has not seen action thus far this season.

Jrs. Enter Second Round Next Week

Pairings Unset With Two Games To Be Played

The second round of play in the Southern Division of the American Legion Area IV playoffs will begin next week.

A league meeting is scheduled for Hickory Sunday afternoon at which time a schedule will be formulated for the eliminations. The Southern Division, which has six teams this year, will play three rounds with each team in the division playing until eliminated. It has been tentatively announced.

The first round of the playoffs will pit the No. 3 and No. 6 place teams in a best-of-five series, and the No. 4 and No. 5 place teams will meet for the same number of games.

The first and second place finishers in the first round will draw byes into the semi-final round of southern division play with the top seeded team playing the winner of the third and sixth place finishers, and the number two team squaring off against the third and fourth place winner.

The finals would match the two winners in a best out of seven series and the right to represent the southern division in the Area IV playoffs.

The final rounds for the area championship would involve four teams, with the two finalists from each division playing a best of five series and a four out of seven series for the area championship.

The No. 1 place team in the southern division would be paired against the loser of the Southern division championship series and the southern division champ would meet the No. 2 team in the northern division. The four teams would play a best three-out-of-five series in the first round and a best four-out-of-seven for the Area crown.

If the present southern division standings remain as they are now, there would have to be some means devised to determine the top-seeded team and the

third place team.

Gastonia and Shelby are currently tied for the No. 1 spot with 6-2 records and Kings Mountain is deadlocked with Belmont, both with 4-4 records.

For an example, let's say that Shelby and Kings Mountain finish in the No. 1 and No. 3 spots respectively. This would mean that Shelby and Gastonia would have byes in the initial series of the second round. Kings Mountain would play Bessemer City (No. 6 team) a best 3 of 5 series and Belmont (No. 4 team) would meet Lincolnton-Cherryville (No. 5 place team). Shelby would play the KM-BC winner, and Gastonia would meet the Belmont-Lincolnton-Cherryville winner, etc. until the final round, which would pit the two remaining teams in the southern division championship, and these two teams would play for the Area IV crown against two teams in the northern division.

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Shelby	6	2	.750	—
Gastonia	6	2	.750	—
KINGS MTN.	4	4	.500	2
Belmont	4	4	.500	2
Linc-Cherry	3	5	.375	3
Bessemer City	1	7	.125	5

Rain Halts Race At York-Clover

Just as the women were getting their instructions for the special Ladies' Race, a shower of rain came and caused postponement of Friday night's seven-event program to be rescheduled for this Friday night.

Everyone who attends Friday night's race will receive a ticket for chances for a free automobile to be given away Friday night, July 3, courtesy of Davis Brothers Used Cars of Rock Hill, S. C.; also a beautiful one year old pony.

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Rival Shelbians Outlast Juniors For 4-1 Victory

With four victories and two defeats under their belts, the KM Legion boys "crossed the creek" Saturday night to do battle with arch-rival Shelby, and the "Pop" Simmons-coached boys tripped the locals, 4-1 to move into an undisputed possession of the No. 1 spot in the Southern division of the Area IV race.

The locals opened the game with a single run in the top of the first as Shelby ace, Bill Champion served Richard Gold a two-base pitch after two were out. Mickey Bell followed with a roller to shortstop, and pulled up safely as Ronnie Wilson tooted the ball and Gold raced home with the go-ahead run.

But the door was closed on the KM nine for the next eight innings as the locals managed only one additional hit, a single by Bell in the fourth inning.

Champion fanned 15 batters and allowed a solo walk to Ronnie Rhea in the second inning in posting his third victory of the season.

KM starter, Bill Mullinax kept the Shelbians in check through the first seven innings, allowing two runs and scattering nine hits. Shelby's first run came in the third inning as shortstop Wilson tripled with one out and scored off Mike Street's single, and the second tally came in the fifth as Street was safe on an error after one was out, but was thrown out at second base by KM catcher Louis Cook for the second out. Joel McKinney was safe on an error, stole second, and scored on Jerry Wilkie's single which produced the go-ahead run.

Two more runs in the eighth inning on only one hit insured the Shelby win. Mullinax issued two bases on balls and Champion collected his second hit of the night to produce the runs.

Mullinax turned in by far his best performance of the season for KM, as he scattered 10 hits in an undisputed three bases on balls.

"It was a hard one to lose, but we were well pleased with Mullinax's performance," Coach John Gold said. "We will be depending heavily upon the big right hander as the second round gets underway" he added.

KM-Shelby Box

Kings Mountain (1)	AB	R	H
Murphy 3b	4	0	0
Leigh 1b	3	0	0
Gold, ss	4	0	2
Bell 2b	4	0	1
Pitman cf	3	0	0
Cook c	3	0	0
Medlin rf	3	0	0
Moss rf	0	0	0
Rhea lf	2	0	0
Mullinax p	3	0	0

Totals	29	1	2
Shelby (4)	AB	R	H
Fraser 2b	4	0	2
Peeler c	2	0	0
Phillips lf	2	0	0
Wilson ss	4	1	1
Street rf	3	0	3
McKinney lf-cf	3	1	1
Wilkie 1b	2	1	2
Pruett 3b	4	1	0
Champion p	4	0	2
Bankston c	4	0	0

Totals	32	4	11
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