

Juniors Play Host To Newton Thursday Night



BOWLING CHAMPS — Pictured above is the Medical Pharmacy ladies' bowling team which won the league championship for the 1964-65 season. From left to right are Betty Cash, Mickie Houser, Ora Mae Bennett, Barbara Miller, and captain Janet Parker. The ladies were presented trophies at a league banquet at Hager Restaurant in Shelby last Tuesday night.

Cherries Down Juniors 10-6 Friday Night

Cherryville downed the Kings Mountain Post 155 Legion Juniors 10-6 in an exhibition game here Friday night. The Cherries scored one run in each of the first two innings and rallied for five runs in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Gary Homesley started on the hill for Cherryville and worked six and one-third innings before being relieved by Harry Graham of Lincolnton. Seerley Lowery started for the locals and worked three innings. Steve Goforth came in and worked two frames and Mickey Adkins hurled the remaining four.

Homesley was awarded the win and Lowery was tagged with the loss.

Leadoff man Jerry Randall grounded out to begin the ball game and second baseman Danny Abernathy singled to right field. Abernathy went to second on Smith's infield out and scored when pitcher Seerley Lowery dropped a throw at first following a grounder by Keith Setzer. Catcher Bobby Queen grounded to the pitcher to end the Cherryville first.

Steve Brackett singled to begin the second, stole second and scored one out later on a single by pitcher Gary Homesley. The next two Cherryville batters were retired and the Cherries led 2-0.

Kings Mountain scored its first run in the bottom of the second.

With one out, Hubert McGinnis was issued a base on balls, went to second on a passed ball and scored an out later when Seerley Lowery reached base on an error by the Cherryville first baseman. Ronnie Rhea flied out to end the inning with the score 2-1.

With one out in the top of the fifth, KM pitcher Steve Goforth issued a walk to Cherryville shortstop Jerry Randall and Randall scored on a double by Abernathy. Smith walked and both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Keith Setzer hit a triple to deep centerfield, scoring both runners.

Queen was awarded a base on balls, stole second, and Setzer came home on a passed ball. Queen going to third. Brackett put down a squeeze bunt and was safe at first when no play was made. The next two batters struck out to end the Cherryville fifth, the Cherries leading 7-1.

Kings Mountain added another run in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, third baseman Pat Murphy singled and went to third on a double by Richard Gold. Bell hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield and Chris Faulkner struck out to end the inning.

The Cherries tallied their final runs in the sixth and put the game out of reach for the locals. Larry Davidson reached base on an error and Jerry Randall was issued a base on balls. Mickey Adkins then relieved Goforth.

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Gold Ends Fine Career At KMHS

When members of the 1965 Kings Mountain high school graduating class walk down the aisle Monday night to receive their diplomas, there will be one boy who has left a big mark on the KMHS sports scene.

That boy, of course, is Kings Mountain's all-around athlete Richard Gold.

Richard has earned 10 "K" letters in his four years as a high school athlete, and in the four years, has impressed many people with his ability to play all sports.

Earned Four Letters In Baseball

Richard played on Mountaineer baseball teams all four of his high school years and compiled an overall .285 batting average. He had his best season in '64 when he collected 17 hits in 49 times at bat for a .347 average. He hit at a .167 clip as a freshman (two hits in 12 at bats), at a .304 clip as a sophomore (led the hitting with 10 hits in 46 times at bat), and batted .319 this past season.

He was one of the best fielders and base runners in the Southwest Conference for three seasons and was named to the all-conference teams as a junior and a senior. He was first string for three years and was a member of the 1963 SWC championship team.

He has been a standout for the American Legion team for the past two campaigns and is back again this season.

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Richard was listed on the Southwest Conference all-conference basketball team for two years in succession and this season, led the Mountaineers of Coach Don Parker to the bi-conference finals.

Most Valuable Football Player In '64

Richard was tapped as the Most Valuable football player for the 1964 grid season and was also listed as a back on the all-conference team.

He could play at any position, as he very well showed toward the last of the season, playing end, halfback, and quarterback. He was a defensive standout all season long.

During his high school athletic career, he was named to all-conference teams five times, two each in baseball and basketball, and one in football.

Folks around Kings Mountain will still have a few more months to enjoy seeing the super-star work on the baseball diamond.

Through the first two American Legion games, Richard has collected five hits in eight times at bat, with two of these safeties being doubles. He has scored two runs and has one stolen base to his credit.

Not only Richard, but a lot of other boys from the '65 class are going to be missed next season.

When 25 or 30 athletes graduate, there's a big gap that will be left in the sports that they participated in. On the football field, only four lettermen will return, on the baseball field only two will return, and on the basketball court — none.

Six footballers were listed on the '64 all-conference list but none will be back next season. Two Mountaineer basketball players made all-conference and four members of the baseball team were listed.

Boys making the SWC all-conference teams for the 1964-65 school year were: Richard Gold — football, basketball, and baseball; Pat Murphy — football and baseball; Mickey Bell, baseball; Seerley Lowery, baseball; Ken Bunn — football.

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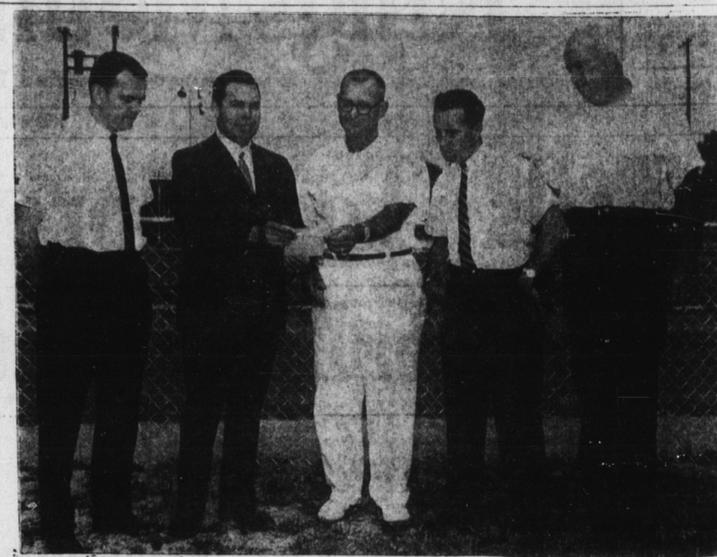
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RECREATION COMMITTEE — Pictured above is the City Recreation Committee, going over plans for this summer's program. The program gets underway Saturday night with a street dance from 8-11. From left to right are Bob Maner, Mayor John Moss, Recreation Director Elmer Ross, Roy Pearson, and Carl Wilson.

Recreation Park Opens Saturday

A street dance at the Kings Mountain swimming pool will highlight the opening of the summer recreation program Saturday night, it has been announced by the Recreation committee and Mayor John H. Moss.

Everyone is invited to attend the dance, which will get underway at 8:00 and last until 11:00. Music will be provided by the Cascades, a rock-n-roll band consisting of Jeff and Ike Patterson, Wayne Dellinger, Johnnie Moore, Leslie Joy, and Johnny Bennett.

Mayor Moss announced that all recreation and city commissioners and their wives are invited to chaperone the dance, which will be held in the parking lot of the park.

Elmer Ross is the City Recreation Director and Bob Maner, Roy Pearson, and Carl Wilson are members of the Recreation Committee.

Upon announcement of the opening of the recreation program for this year, Mayor Moss announced some improvements and additions and additions of games at the park.

Brackett, Gantt Roll High Games Monday Night

Albert Brackett and Robert Gantt shared spotlight honors at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center Monday night as they led their teams to four game wins over Dilling Heating and Clyde Culbertson respectively.

Brackett rolled a 146 line and a 499 set to lead his team into first place with a 7-1 record and Gantt rolled a 155 line and a 400 set to lead the Richard Bridges team into the second place position with a 5-3 mark.

The Brackett team defeated Dilling by 129 total pins, after giving the Heaters a 20-pin per game handicap. John Dilling and Janet Parker paced the losers with a 120 line and 315 set respectively. Ronnie Culbertson added a 376 set for the winners.

Gantt, Clarence Plonk, and Richard Bridges combined respectively 400, 393, and 328 sets to score a team set of 1673 to down the Culbertson team by a total pin fall of 43 pins. The Culbertson team was led by Barbara Miller who posted a 140 high game and a 377 line set score. Team captain Clyde Culbertson added a 349 set for the losers.

STANDINGS table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct.

85 Kings Mountain High Students Receive Letters For Sports Play

Eighty-five Kings Mountain high school athletes have been awarded "K" letters and/or stars for their participation in sports for the 1964-65 school year.

In order for a person to letter in a sport, he must participate in at least half of the season's games of the sport of which he was a part. A person receives a star for his second, third, or fourth year of participation.

Football led the list with a total of 30 boys — 25 seniors — lettering. Track was second with 14, baseball third with 13, and girls basketball fourth with 10.

The girls basketball team will head the list of number of returning lettermen next season with six. The football team will have only four lettermen back, the track team three, the baseball team two, and the boys basketball team will not have any.

The complete list of students receiving letters and/or stars follows:

FOOTBALL (30) table listing names and years.

TRACK (14) table listing names and years.

BASEBALL (13) table listing names and years.

Tigers To Play Here Saturday

Kings Mountain Tigers will play the Stanley Blue Sox here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Davidson ball field.

A spokesman for the Negro Recreation group stated appreciation to Roy Pearson for his "untiring efforts" at the Davidson Street pool and ballfield. New wire and dugouts have been added at the playing area, the spokesman said.

Saturday will be the local team's first appearance of the season.

Little League Teams Play 12-Game Schedule Beginning Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain Little League and Teener League teams get their seasons underway Tuesday afternoon, it was announced today by Commissioner Roy Pearson.

The Teener League will tip off its season Tuesday at 4:30 with the Margrace playing Spanglers and Tuesday evening at 6:00 the Bur-Mil Little League team will take on the Jaycees in the first LL game of the season. The Kiwanis will play Rescue Squad in Tuesday's LL nightcap.

The Little Leaguers will take a week off from July 2-11.

Wednesday at 5:00 the V.F.W. Teener team will play Foote Mineral. The full Teener League schedule will be announced next week.

1965 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHEDULE table with columns for Date, Games.

Play Gastonia In Area IV Opener Tuesday

The Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion Juniors will play host to Newton Thursday night and Charlotte Post 330 Saturday night before opening their regular season play here Tuesday against Gastonia.

Kings Mountain will be playing at Newton Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The locals have yet to win a game, losing both their two practice games with Cherryville over the weekend but the boys promise to get on the winning side this week if they have a big turnout at City Stadium on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Game time for both home games will be 8 p.m.

Coach John Gold said Tuesday that he will start Seerley Lowery, Bill Mullinax, and Mickey Adkins in the three games but does not yet know in what order. Lowery posted a 5-3 record in high school this season, Mullinax was 4-1, and Adkins was a standout at York.

Hubert McGinnis will be at first base, Mickey Bell at second, Pat Murphy at third, and Richard Gold at shortstop and in the outfield will be Ronnie Rhea, Claude Pearson and Chris Faulkner or Tony Leigh.

Richard Gold is the team's leading hitter with five hits in eight times at bat, including two doubles. Claude Pearson has three hits in eight trips and Mickey Bell is two-for-three. Bell did not see action in but one game.

All pitchers have seen action with Mickey Adkins and southpaw Philip Gladden working the most innings, four each. Lowery has seen action in three innings, and Mullinax, Steve Goforth and Danny Sprouse have worked two frames each.



LETTERMAN — Samuel Calvin Lockridge, a freshman at Appalachian State Teacher's College in Boone and son of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Lockridge of Kings Mountain, lettered in track this year at ASTC. Calvin was Kings Mountain high school's best jumper for three years and lettered in track for three seasons and in football once. He is a physical education major at ASTC. He spent the weekend at home with his parents.

Commissioner Pearson announced that there will be a meeting of all Teener League players Thursday, June 3, at 4:30 at the Deal Street swimming pool.

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