Legion Juniors Lose Opener To Gastonia, 9-6



ss throws out the first pitch to officially open the Daniel (shortstop), Bob Maner (second - base-1965 Kings Mountain Little League baseball sch man), Carl Wilson (first-baseman) and Roy Pecedule. Behind the Mayor is his infield, from left rson (catcher).

Summer Recreation Program In Full Swing Bur-Mil-Kiwanis

The summer recreation program for Kings Mountain is now in full swing with the opening of the swimming pools, Little League and Teener League schedules and the Legion baseball program.

City Park opened Saturday with a street dance high-lighting the event that night. Little League and Teener baseball teams opened their reguley covered to the covered their reguley covered to the covere baseball teams opened their regular season play Tuesday night with a double_header and the Legion baseball team began regular season play Tuesday night at 8:00, playing

Coach John Gold's juniors played five pre-season practice games and came out with a 2-3 record with wins over Carl Wilson (first baseman), Newton and Charlotte Post 380. Their losses were to Cherryville (twice) and Newton. Their biggest win was against Newton, 16-2, and their poorest appearance was at Cherrylooked on. ville when they lost 9-0.

So far, the Legion team has played two extra inning took respective 9-1 and 5-3 wins games, winning one and losing one. The boys lost 7-6 to over the Jaycees and Rescue Newton in 11 innings and won 6-5 over Charlotte here Sat-Squad to take an early lead in urday night in 10 frames.

Bell In Early Hitting Spree

Second-baseman Mickey Bell, who has been the Kings Mountain high school and Legion's leading hitter for the past two seasons, is showing signs of having his best Legion baseball season this year.

Bell led the KMHS hitting parade this spring with a neat one-hitter and struck out eight Jaycees batters. The Jaygames he has collected 12 hits in 17 times at bat for a tre- cees' only run came in the second mendous .706 batting mark. He has scored six runs and inning, when second baseman has collected 10 singles and two doubles, plus he has three truns batted in and one stolen base to his credit. Bell has by a pitched ball. Hope stole second, and came around on two

Five other boys are hitting at a high clip and, if they can continue their hitting in regular season play, will give hit Bell some rough competition for the season's batting

Probably the busiest Legion player is shortstop Rich- hits off Jaycee pitcher ard Gold, who is second on the hitting list with a .455 mark Putnam. Keith Ramsey, Melvin with 10 hits in 22 times at bat. Gold leads the team in the Carroll, and Timmy Oliver coldouble and triple department with five doubles and one lected the three Bur-Mil safeties three-bagger, however, he has made the most errors, five. and Johnny Bridges scored two He also has the most stolen bases, three, and leads the runs. team in runs scored, nine. He has three rbi's.

Third in hitting comes first baseman Hubert McGin_ nis, who has eight hits in 19 at bats for a .421 batting mark. The big 210-pounder leads the team in runs batted but the Kiwanis pulled out a 5-3 victory over Rescue Squad in the night nightcap. The Kiwanis scored in with six and has two doubles to his credit.

he juniors by Charlotte Sat with a single in the bottom of the tenth inning to score the third and the Rescue Squad out but took first when the KM Richard Gold from second base with the winning run. Hu- scored two in the first and one bert's single in the eighth inning drove in the tying run, in the second.

Pat Murphy is hitting in fourth place with a .316 batting average with six hits in 19 times at bat. Pat has scored three runs and is carrying a remarkable 1.000 fielding Robert Johnson had a triple, ed three runs and is carrying a remarkable 1.000 fielding average. He has not made an error so far and made only McDaniel a single for the losers.

one boot in high school this past season. Claude Pearson is 7-for-23 and has a .304 batting mark and leftfielder Ronnie Rhea is 7-for-24 and is hitting at a 292 clip. Pearson is runner-up in runs batted in with five, and Rhea is runner up in stolen bases with two. Kiwanis

Lowery—18 Strikeouts In 2 Games

Seerley Lowery, a member of the 1965 Southwest Con- Parkgrace ference all-conference team, was impressive in the two Police pre-season games that he appeared in as he struck out a total of 18 batters in 12 innings.

Strikeouts Blank He worked the first three innings of the juniors' opening game with Cherryville and was tagged with a loss (10-6) but came back strong to send 16 Newton Post 16 batters back to the bench via the strikeout route and give the locals a 16-2 first season win.

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Lowery gave up only nine hits in the two games (four taineers Monday afternoon to against Newton), allowed only four runs to score (two stretch their Junior League lead

Bill Mullinax pitched one of the best games of his high school and Legion career Saturday night against Charlotte and came out atop the Post 380 boys 6-5. The win evened his pre-season won-loss record at 1-1. His 10 strikeouts against Charlotte increased his two games total. strikeouts against Charlotte increased his two-game total rear with a 5-10 record. to 11 and the four hits he allowed left him with allowing

only six for the two games.

Mickey Adkins of York, S. C., hurled eight innings at Newton last Friday before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the top of the ninth inning. Adkins failed to win the game but was not charged with the loss as the contest went 11 innings before Newton managed to edge the Post 155 hovs 7-6

155 boys 7-6.

Adkins has also worked 12 innings and is also holding an impressive record. He will certainly be a big help to but their team failed to win

The Legion team opened its Area IV schedule here

Blanton copped the high line Tuesday night against Gastonia and has two more home came along and rolled lines of 'ueld in the first round of play.

ad for four games.

80, 126, and 118 for a 324 set, which is the year's high. Keith Hullender rolled a 120 line and a 306 set for the winners.

Juniors Split Two-Game Series With Newton; Lowery Fans 16 The Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion Juniors split a two-game exhibition series with Nexton Post 16 Thursday and Friday nights, the locals winning there Thursday and getting nipped 7-5 in 11 innings at Newton Friday night. The locals scored their final seven runs with a singleton in the fifth, four in the sixth, and it wo in the eighth, Duling those last few innings Coach John Gold cleared his bench, except for the pitchers, and the boys colleged hise hits in the four six and was awarded the win.

Friday night.

FIRST GAME Scuthpaw Seerley Lowery pitched a four-hitter and fanned 16 to lead the locals to a 162 final innings. opening win. Kings Mountain batted around in two of the in nings and slugged three Newton pitchers for 20 hits.

Newton was retired three up. three down in the top of the first hill for Newton and was tagged and Ronnie Rhea lined a single with the loss. He hurled 2% into begin the bottom half. Rhea stole second and went to third or a single by Pat Murphy. Richard Gold was issued a walk to load nant hurling the final three. the bases and Rhea scored when cleanup man Mickey Bell walked. Murphy and Gold scored on a single by Claude Pearson and Bell and Pearson came in on a double by first-baseman Hubert McGinnis and the next three KM batters were retired in order. The

KM rallied for another run in the second inning. Murphy reached base on an error, went to second on a sacrifice by Gold, took third on a single by Bell and scored on a sacrifice fly. McGin-nis added a single in that inning. hit apiece for the losers. SECOND GAME

ed out the first ball Tuesday afternoon to begin the 1965 Little

League schedule. The Mayor threw a perfect strike to catcher

Bob Maner (second - baseman),

Willie Grice (third - baseman),

and Joe McDaniel (shortstop)

And then Bur-Mil and Kiwanis

the league standings. The remain

ing teams, the Lions and Opti-

mists and Parkgrace and Police

BUR-MIL-JAYCEES Bur Mil pitcher Mark McDan-

five in the fifth on only three

RESCUE—KIWANIS Luther Hicks and Chuck Car-

Carpenter led the Kiwanis hit-

STANDINGS

The Strikeouts took a three

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Jaycees Rescue Squad

Optimist

ed to lead off the inning and was a result of four walks and went to third on a double by two sacrifices. Kings Mountain Pearson. Bell scored only secouthit Newton 11-8. onds later on a passed ball, Pearson going to second. McGi nnis started on the hill for the locals son going to second. McGi nnis walked and Faulkner sacrificed both runners. Medlin reached base on an error and Pearson scored on a sacrifice fly by Low. scored on a sacrifice fly by Low-ery. Rhea flied out to end the

collected nine hits in the four

Doubles by Richard Gold and Chuck Gladden highlighted those

Newton scored its two runs in the seventh inning as a result of a double, a base on balls, a sintle and a KM error.

Larry Sherill started on the nings before giving way to Glenn Withers, with Withers tossing for 2% frames and Bobby Whis-

Lowery went the distance for the locals, giving up only four hits, five bases on balls, and striking out 16. Lowery was one for three at the plate and batted in two runs

Every KM starter collected at least one hit with second-base-man Mickey Bell giving a four-for - five performance. Claude for - five performance. Claude Pearson was three-for-four and drove in three runs and Hubert McGinnis was two-for-four with two rbi's. Four boys collected a

nis added a single in that inning.

The locals were held scoreless in the third but scored runs number eight and nine in the bottom of the fourth. Bell singless and the score of the score

walked none

Newton jumped to a 10 lead ir the first inning with two singles and two fielde,'s choice. Second baseman Johnny Moose singled to leadoff the ottor of the first went to second on a single by thi d-l aseman M ke McRee, tool th'rd on a passed ball and scored when Peeler's grounder wacooted by the KM second-base man.

The locals tied it up in the second but Nowton jumped a head 3-1 in the third. Newton's three runs were scored as a re sult of a triple, and two more KM errors.

of the sixth when the locals went out ahead 4-3.

Gold reached base on an error stole second, went to third on a single by Bell, and stole home to tie the game, Bell swiping sec ond at the same time. Pearson and McGinnis flied out and Bell crossed home when Tony Teigh's grounder was thrown away at first base.

Newton tied it back up in the

bottom of the sixth and went a-head 6-4 in the seventh. Their sixth inning run was a result of a double, a KM error, and a sintwo sacrifices. Kings Mountain gle and their seventh inning outhit Newton 11-8.

Righthander Mickey Adkins and a double.

up all eight of the opponents hits, struck out four batters and scored the run in the eighth and (Continued On Page Six)





LOWERY

STANDOUTS — Pictured above are three Post 155 Legion Juniors who have been standouts in the early season games Hubert McGinnis (top) leads the team in runs batted in with nine and it was his 10th inning single that gave the locals a 6-5 win over Charlotte Saturday. Richard Gold (middle) leads the team in doubles with five and stolen bases with three, and Seerley Lowery is the mainstay on the pitcher's mound. Lowery hurled a fourhitter and struck out 16 to lead the locals to a 16-2 win over Newton Thursday night.

Culbertson, Dye Lead Moose Win

Ronnie Culbertson rolled a 145 line and Johnny Dye added a 359 set to lead the Moose Lodge

Culbertson added lines of 118 win increased the Moose Lodge's

Dilling Heating and Clarence Plonk split a four-game series, with Dilling winning the ing Heating with a 124 line and and scored on a single by Nelson a 324 set and Richard Bridges had a 124 line and a 357 set for the Plonk team.

STANDINGS Moose Lodge Clarence Plonk Clyde Culbertson

Adkins, p E-Murphy 2, Gold 2, Lowery Adkins, Medlin, Culbertson. DP

> got away from Lowery, who was covering first. Gillespie sacrificed the runner to third and Hill scored on a double by Morgan. Culbertson grounded out to end

n the sixth as a result of two more errors and a stolen base.

off the inning with a single, was sacrificed to second by Lowery, sacrificed to third by Murphy, Connor. Gold struck out to end

the inning.
Giles broke the tie in the top 10 2 .833 scored three more runs in that 7 5 .583 inning as a result of a double, 5 7 416 two singles, a wild pitch, a stolen Continued On Page 6

Juniors Edge play tonight, with the first game getting underway at 6:0. 0 Charlotte 6-5 In Ten Innings iel got his season underway on the right foot as he hurled a

pitch single to centerfield in the bottom of the tenth inning Saturday night to give the Post 155 Junior team a 6-5 win over Charlotte Post 380.

consecutive wild pitches. Boyd Shipman collected Jaycees' only The single came with two men out and two runners aboard. Richard Gold crossed the plate Bur-Mil scored one run in the with the winning run. second, three in the fourth, and

Ronnie Rhea singled to begin the bottom half of the first and scored an out later on a single by Gold. Gold was safe at second on an attempted steal when the Charlotte catcher threw low. Mickey Bell singled and Pearson reached base on a fielder's choice but McGinnis and Tony Leigh locals leading 1-0.

Charlotte's first nine men were retired in order by Kings Mounnightcap. The Kiwanis scored two runs in the first and three in fourth-inning leadoff man struck catcher failed to hold on to the third strike. The runner stole second, second - baseman Gregg Porter walked, and the bases were loaded when a bunt was

> The runner scored from third when Charlotte first baseman Ed Adkinson's bunt was errored. The next two batters struck out but a walk allowed one more run to 1 0 1.000 score. 0 1.000

Charlotte stretched its lead to 5-1 in the fifth as a result of two KM errors and double, a single to the Kings Mountain type of the Kings Mountain type of the Country Club Thursday, June and a sacrifice fly. With one out, shortstop Skip Fodel reached base on an error and Porter was safe on an error. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice fly to deep centerfield by catcher Randy Richardson and both runners scored on a double by Adkinson. Adkinson crossed the plate sec onds later when leftfielder Rob-

ert Perry singled. Kings Mountain scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to draw the game nearer at 5-3. Gold hit a triple to deep centerfield to lead things off and scored two outs later on a single by Hubert McGinnis. Leigh reached base on an error, Medlin walked, day's. and McGinnis scored when Mul-

In action Monday, Keith Fite linax was issued a walk. KM made it 54 in the seventh with Tony Leigh scoring on an at 6:00. unearned run.

Bell doubled to lead things off in the bottom of the eighth for KM and scored an out later on a single by McGinnis. Neither team failed to get a man passed second base in the ninth and the game went into an extra inning.

Charlotte was retired three up, three down in the top of the tenth. Pat Murphy flied to cen-terfield to begin the KM half and Richard Gold was awarded first base via four balls. Bell singled, putting runners on first and sec-Continued On Page 6



men showing off 107 King Mackerel which they caught while fishing aboard Captain Basil Watts' boat at Southport last weekend. Pictured are (kneeling) Jim Yarbro and standing, left to right, Captain Watts, Herman Blalock, Broadus Herndon, Hal Morris, and Gillie Falls.

Third Annual John H. Moss Award To Be Given At Rotary Banquet

Negro LL, Pony

League Coaches Announced The Davidson Recreation Cen- presentation.

ter begins its 1965 Little League and Pony League schedules this week with the Little Leaguers playing on Tuesday's and Thursday's and the Pony Leaguers playing on Monday's and Fri-

All games will be played at the Davidson Recreation Center with the first game getting underway

Ben D. Adams and Benjamin Brown serve as the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner, Leaner Porter is the secretary, treasurer, and Charles Stephens the reporter. Charles Smith, George Thombs

Nonal Young, J. C. Jamerson, and Hilliard Hunterwell serve as the auxiliary policemen and Mrs. Katherine Jamerson, Mrs. Sally M. Adams, and Mrs. Benjamin Brown will be in charge of the Continued On Page 6

The third annual John Henry uable Player at the annual Ro-

The Western Carolinas League President first gave the award in 1963, when it went to ace pitcher Barry Gibson, a southpaw who led the '63 team to the Southwest Conference championships. Since then it has been an annual

Mickey Bell, leading Moun-Mickey Bell, leading Moun-taineer hitter in '64 and '65, was bertson Monday night in Sumthe receipient of the award last mer Mixed League action. season. He posted a .383 batting average in '64 and hit at a .405 and 92 for a 355 set and Dye had clip this year and was essential single games of 105, 116, and 138. to the success of the club both Clyde Culbertson led the losers with a 126 line and a 349 set. The seasons.

Clyde Sukeforth, manager of lead to three games. the Gastonia Pirates of the Western Carolinas League, will be the guest speaker. Sukeforth, former Leaner Porter is the secretary, william Manning the assistant is currently guiding the Pirates atop the WCL standings. game and total pins and Plonk taking the second and third games. Ton Gamble paced Dill-

> SHELBY GAME The American Legion baseball game between Kings
> Mountain and Shelby, regularly scheduled for Saturday, June
> 5, has been re-scheduled for
> Wednesday, June 9, at 8:00 at

Dickie Giles' Iomer Begins our-Run Ninth

Gastonia pitcher Dickie Giles hit a home run in the top of the ninth inning to break a 55 t.e and start a four run Gastonia rally to give the Gastons a 9-6 win over Kings Mountain Tuesday night.

The game was the first regular Area IV contest for both

eans. Post 155 plays host to Belmont tonight (Wednesday) at 8:00. Belmont was a 12-2 victor over Bessemer City in its

opening game Saturday opening game Saturday.
Southpaw Seerley Lowery
started on the hill for the locals
and held the oponents hitless in
the first four frames before giving up two safeties in the fifth, two in the seventh, one in the eighth, and three in the ninth.

Gastonia shortstop Steve Culbertson reached base on a KM error to begin the ball game, stole second, and took third on a wild pitch. Lowery walked num-ber two batter Doug Lanham and Culbertson scored when second-baseman Tony Hill reached base on an error, Lanham going to third. Hill stole second cleanup man Willie Gillespie walked to load the bases.

All runners advanced on a wild pitch, catcher Leonard Morgan was hit by a pitched ball, first baseman Al Culbertson struck out, and the runner scor-ed from third on a sacrifice fly by third-baseman Ronnie Smith. The next batter struck out to end the top of the first, with Gasonia leading 3.0.

Kings Mountain tied it up in he bottom of the first with Pat Murphy and Mickey Bell collecting safeties. Murphy led off with a single to centerfield, and Nelon Conner, playing in the place of Ronnie Rhea, struck out for out number one. Richard Gold vas issued a base on balls and Murphy cored on a double by

Claude Pearson fanned for out number two and both Gold and Bell scored when McGinnis reached base on an error. Tony Leigh truck out to end the inning.

Neither team managed a score n the second frame but KM came in to take the lead in the oottom of the third. Gold led off he inning with a single through he middle, took second and third on wild pitches, and scored on a single by Hubert McGinnis. Mc-Ginnis went to second on a passed ball, took third on a wild pitch, but was stranded when enterfielder Tony Leigh struck

The locals led 4-3 until the top of the fifth when the Gastons tied it up on another unearned un. Doug Lanham singled for he first hit off Lowery but was forced out at second on a fielder's choice. Tony Hill went to second when a double-play ball

BOX SCORE Gastonia Julbertson, ss Lanham, If Hill, 25 Gillespie, rf Morgan, c Culberson, 1b 3mith, 3b Lewis, cf

Giles, p 4 1 1 32 .9 Murphy, 3b Connor, lf Gold, ss Bell, 2b McGinnis, 1b eigh, cf Medlin, c owery, p 0

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Gold, Bell and McGinnis. HPB-By Giles, McGinnis. By Lowery, Morgan. SB - Culbertson, Hill Gillespie, Morgan. SAC - Gilles pie 2, Culbertson, Murphy, Lowery. 2B-Bell, Culbertson, Morgan. 3B-Murphy. HR-Giles. Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO Giles (w) 9 11 6 6 1 14 xLowery (1) 8 8 8 2 6 7 Adkins x-faced three batters in 9th.

he inning. Gastonia took the lead again

Post 155 tied up in the bottom of the seventh. Roy Medlin led

of the ninth with a homer over the leftfield fence and Gastonia