

Jrs. Complete First Round Schedule This Week

Herald Sports

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Never Argue With An Umpire, Summers

Eight members of the 1965 Kings Mountain high school baseball team were present at the annual Kings Mountain Rotary Club baseball luncheon Thursday at the Country Club and heard from Al Summers, former umpire who is now over the minor league umpire system.

Summers based his talk on "being a good loser" and told the boys to never disagree with an umpire's decision. Summers said that good baseball players "like Ted Williams, Stan Musial, etc." never argued with an umpire's decision. "It's the guys who are striving to hold their jobs that argue with the umps," said Summers.

This year's player turnout was probably the smallest in the history of the annual event, but KMHS Coach Bill Bates made it quite clear that most of the boys are "tied up" with summer employment and were not able to get away from their jobs.

Players present were Richard Gold, Seerley Lowery, Mickey Bell, Nelson Connor, Bill Mullinax, Steve Wilson, and Steve and Tommy Goforth.

Wrong-Hander Wins Moss MVP Award

Those wrong-handers have been the stars at Kings Mountain high school for the past three seasons. Mayor John Henry Moss has given a Most Valuable Player Award since 1963 and every season it has gone to a left-hander.

In two of the three seasons it went to a southpaw pitcher and the other year to a left-handed hitter.

The first recipient of the award was Barry Gibson, a pitcher, who led Coach Fred Withers' 1963 team to the Southwest Conference championship. The second winner was Mickey Bell, a left-hand hitting second baseman, who led the '64 team to a third-place tie and who was also essential to the success of the Mountaineers this season.

Bell had a .383 batting average last season and hit at a .405 clip this year. Bell also won the Legion Most Valuable Player Award in '63.

AND this year's winner was the team's number one pitcher Seerley Lowery, who posted a 5-3 won-loss record and was a member of the Southwest Conference all-conference team.

Lowery was more than impressive on the mound as he hurled a total of 54 1/3 innings, allowed only 14 runs, gave up only 29 hits, walked only 18, and struck out 49.

All the games he lost were only one run and two of the games were in extra innings. His losses were: Shelby, 3-2 in eight innings, Belmont, 5-4 in 10 innings, and Shelby, 1-0 in seven innings.

In the 1-0 game that Lowery lost to Shelby, he, along with Shelby's Billy Champion, hurled one-hitters.

COACH BILL BATES introduced the players to the Rotarians and guests and recognized the four KMHS all-conference players for the year. The boys tapped for all-conference were Lowery, second-baseman Mickey Bell, shortstop Richard Gold, and third-baseman Pat Murphy, who was not present.

Bates recognized Gold as being Kings Mountain's best all-around athlete and made it known to the group that the super-star was all-conference in all three sports this season. Gold was listed as a back on the football all-conference squad, a guard on the basketball team, and shortstop on the baseball squad.

This was the second year that Gold, Murphy, and Bell were named to the team.

Bates reviewed the entire 1964-65 KMHS athletic season and remarked that it was the best in the history of the school. The football and boys' basketball teams won conference championships, and the girls' softball team won the association championship. Richard Gold's sister, Sharon, pitched all three games in the girls' softball championships, AND WON THEM.

The girls' basketball team and the two ninth grade cage teams were the only ones not to post at least a .500 season. Coach Bob Hussey's varsity girls' team won seven of nineteen games and finished seventh in the SWC standings, and the two ninth grade teams combined won only two of twenty-four games.

The tennis team went to the association quarter-finals before losing out, the golf team placed eighth in the association meet and won 10 of 13 season matches.

GEORGE PLONK placed third in the individual division of the association golf match and posted the low average of the season for KMHS golfers.

The track team placed second in the conference meet and were high finishers in both the bi-conference and association meets. The KMHS relay team placed first in both the conference and bi-conference meets and placed second in the association match. Members of the champion relay team were Jimmy Wright, Buz Shuford, Butch Blackburn, and Mike Goforth.

KMHS Players On Legion Field

The KMHS baseball team had a good season in '65 and you fans can see the same boys who made that team a good one on the field in Post 155 American Legion games this season.

The Junior season is still young and the team, although it is off to a poor start, shows signs of giving some stiff competition in Area IV before the end of the year.

The team has four boys hitting over the .300 mark with one hitting close to .600. Mickey Bell leads the team with a .591 mark and he is followed by Richard Gold at .429, Hubert McGinnis at .346, and Pat Murphy is hitting .333.

Catcher Roy Medlin got off to a slow start but has been pouring on the steam since the start of the Area IV games. Medlin, although down the list with a .222 average, is .500 in regular play. Roy's big blow of the year was a triple against Belmont, but Belmont won 5-1.

Come on out and see the juniors in action. They play host to Shelby tonight (Wednesday) and then play four away games before entering the elimination round.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER — Pictured above is KMHS pitcher Seerley Lowery (left) receiving the 1965 John Henry Moss Most Valuable Player Award from Mayor Moss. The annual award was presented at the Rotary Club baseball luncheon at the Country Club Thursday.

Lowery Wins John Moss MVP Award

Pitcher Given Award At Annual Rotary Fete

Seerley Lowery, the Kings Mountain high school pitcher for the 1965 season, became the third recipient of the John Henry Moss Most Valuable Player Award at the annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon at the Country Club Thursday.

Lowery, a southpaw, compiled a season's record of five wins and three losses, was named to the Southwestern 3-A all-conference team, and was the key to the Mountaineer success for the past two seasons. The Mounties finished the '65 season tied for second place in the SWC.

Lowery joins pitcher Barry Gibson and infielder Mickey Bell as recipients of the award.

Only eight players were present at the fete but Coach Bill Bates made it clear that several of the boys have summer employment and could not be there.

Coach Bates introduced the players present and gave out all-conference awards to Richard Gold, Mickey Bell, and Lowery.

Other players present were Nelson Connor, Bill Mullinax, Steve Wilson, and Tommy and Steve Goforth. Pat Murphy, also an all-conference player, was not present.

Coach Bates recognized Richard as being the "best all-around Kings Mountain high athlete" and reviewed the entire 1964-65 athletic season.

Mayor John H. Moss, who was in charge of the program, introduced Dusty Gardner, President of the Gastonia Pirates of the Western Carolinas League and the guest speaker, Al Summers, an ex-umpire who is now in charge of minor league umpires.

Clyde Sufekorth, manager of the Gastonia club, was the scheduled speaker but was not present because of sudden illness.

Daryl Bridges, Mike Sisk Pitch No-Hitters In LL Action Monday

Two no-hitters were hurled in Little League action this past week with Daryl Bridges of the Rescue Squad being the first boy to accomplish the feat Monday night in the opening game of the doubleheader.

Bridges allowed only three Police Department batters to reach base and had a perfect game going his way until the fourth inning. Mike Sisk of the Lions came along in Monday's nightcap to pitch a no-hitter over the Jaycees.

The standings this week show the Lions sitting alone at the top of the loop with an undefeated 3-0 record. The Optimists and Parkgrace are tied for second place and there is a five way tie for fourth between the remaining five teams.

Last week's games were:

LIONS - OPTIMIST
Geeper Howard pitched a two-hitter and Mike Sisk had a perfect 3-for-3 night at the plate as the Lions downed the Optimist 6-2. Sisk had a home run and two singles for the winners and Steve Powell added a single and a double.

Tommy Patterson had a home run and Randy Byers a single to account for the only two hits off Howard.

LIONS 140 10x-6
Optimist 000 011-2

POLICE - PARKGRACE
Scott Howell of Parkgrace hurled a one-hitter, giving up only a single in the first inning, but the Police scored two unearned runs to give Parkgrace a 2-1 opening loss.

Reece Black collected the winner's only hit and Joe King and Marvin Bolin scored their two runs. Howell led the Parkgrace hitting with a two-for-three performance.

Police 100 001-2
Parkgrace 000 001-1

JAYCEES - KIWANIS
The Jaycees broke into the win column on Thursday night with a 3-0 victory over Kiwanis.

Larry Putnam and Mike Hope collected the winner's two hits and Jaycee pitcher Billy Smith kept the losers in check during all six frames, not allowing a hit.

Lions 101 00x-2
Rescue 001 00x-1

POLICE - OPTIMIST
The Optimist took a 5-3 decision from the Police Department in Friday's opener. The Police got off to a 1-0 lead in the second inning, were headed 3-1 in the third, tied it back in the top of the fourth, but the winner's added two in the bottom of the fourth to cop the win.

Ronnie Payne had a single and a double to lead the winner's hitting and four boys collected a hit apiece for the losers.

Police 010 200-3
Optimist 003 20x-5

PARKGRACE - BUR-MIL
Parkgrace got in the win circle on the right foot in Friday's nightcap by defeating Bur-Mil 15-1. Gene Harris hurled the win, allowing the opponent's only two hits while striking out nine.

Harris and Johnny Caldwell led the winner's hitting with three hits each. Terry Putnam added two safeties and Robby Moore, David Caldwell, and Mike Stewart had a hit apiece.

The winners batted around in the fifth inning scoring eight runs on four hits.

Bur-Mil 000 001-1
Parkgrace 023 28x-15

RESCUE - POLICE
Then the no-hit day came around with Daryl Bridges hurling a 3-0 no-hit victory over the Police.

Bridges allowed only three base runners and had a perfect game going until the top of the fourth when he walked leadoff batter Dave Carroll.

Larry Huffsticker had a perfect night at the plate for the winners with a 2-for-2 performance. Curt Ramsey and Luther Hicks had the other hits for the winners.

Police 000 000-0
Rescue 300 00x-3

LIONS - JAYCEES
The Lions scored the biggest victory of the season in Monday's nightcap, a 21-3 win over the Jaycees with Mike Sisk hurling the second no-hitter of the night.

The losers scored all three of their runs in the first inning as a result of four walks and one hit batter. Then Sisk settled down to strike out 12 batters in recording the win.

Gene Alexander and Warren Herndon collected home runs for the winners and Sisk was the leading run scorer with four. Alexander had a single and a double to add to his hitting record and Steve Powell had two hits.

The Lions scored 11 runs in the fifth inning.
Jaycees 300 000-3
Lions 314 21x-21
PARKGRACE - KIWANIS
Parkgrace became the first team of the season to pull off a

Bessemer City, Yankees Atop Negro Pony Loop

After a week of action in the Negro Little League and Pony Leagues, the standings show the Yankees and Bessemer City atop the Pony League loop and Ebenezer leading the LL, all three teams sporting unbeaten 2-0 records.

On June 2 the Yankees downed Grover 10-9 as Barnard Cole pitched the first no-hitter of the season. Also on that date, Bessemer City beat Compact 7-2 and Kings Mountain defeated Galilee 9-2. On June 4, the Yankees downed Compact 9-6, Kings Mountain defeated Grover 6-3, and Bessemer City slugged Galilee 12-2.

Bessemer whipped Kings Mountain 7-1 in LL action on June 1, Compact downed Grover 17-1, and Ebenezer beat Grover 5-2. On June 3, Ebenezer edged Bessemer 1-0, Kings Mountain beat Compact 5-1, and Galilee whipped Grover 9-0.

STANDINGS PONY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Bessemer City	2	0	1.000
Yankees	2	0	1.000
Grover	1	1	.500
Kings Mountain	1	1	.500
Compact	0	2	.000
Galilee	0	2	.000

LITTLE LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Ebenezer	2	0	1.000
Bessemer City	1	1	.500
Compact	1	1	.500
Kings Mountain	1	1	.500
Galilee	1	1	.500
Grover	0	2	.000

Dilling Heating Takes Third Place

Dilling Heating moved into third place in Summer Mixed League action Monday night by taking a four-game win over the Clyde Culbertson team and the Clarence Plonk team moved within one game of first place by downing the Moose Lodge three games to one.

John Dilling rolled a 121 line and a 341 set to lead the Heaters to their win and Randy Culbertson rolled a 119 line and Richard Culbertson added 305 set for the losers.

In the other contest, Richard Bridges copped line and set honors for the Plonk team with a 133 single game and a 331 line set score. Albert Brackett had a 125 line and Johnny Dye added a 351 set for the losers.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Moose Lodge	11	5	.688
Clarence Plonk	10	6	.625
Dilling Heating	6	10	.375
Clyde Culbertson	5	11	.312

Strikeouts Lead Junior Bowling

The Strikeouts held their seven game Junior bowling lead Monday afternoon by blanking the Alley Cats 3-0. The Strikeouts now post a 16-2 record, the Rebels are in second place with a 9-9 mark, the Alley Cats are third with a 6-12 record, and in the cellar are the Mountaineers with a 5-13 record.

Terry Spencer rolled a 106 line and a 274 set for the Strikeouts Monday and Tommy Blanton copped high scoring honors for the losers with a 95 line and a 255 set.

Steve Plonk rolled a 116 line and a 295 set to lead the Rebels to a three game win over bottom place Mountaineers and Roger Stewart copped high honors for the losers with a 97 line and a 272 set.

double play in Tuesday's opener by doubling up Kiwanis players James Self and Tim Stoll in the second inning and doubling up Bobby Byars and Buddy Oliver in the third.

Parkgrace scored two runs in the fifth inning to edge Kiwanis 2-1 behind the one-hit pitching of Robby Moore. Moore gave up a single to Byars in the fifth inning.

Junior Sellers led the winners at the plate with a two-run double and Terry Putnam, Robby Moore, and Chris Blanton collected singles.

Kiwanis 010 000-1
Parkgrace 000 02x-2

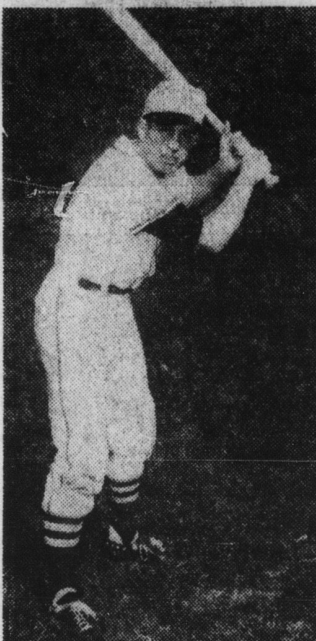
BURMIL - OPTIMIST
The Optimist handed Bur-Mil its second straight loss Tuesday, 13-1. Danny Sarvis pitched a one-hitter, giving up a single to Timmy Oliver in the first inning.

Sarvis led the winners at the plate also with three hits and four runs scored, David Bolin had two hits and Tommy Patterson and Ronnie Payne collected a hit apiece.

Bur-Mil 000 01x-1
Optimist 202 43x-11

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Lions	3	0	1.000
Parkgrace	2	1	.667
Optimist	2	1	.667
Police	1	2	.333
Kiwanis	1	2	.333
Rescue Squad	1	2	.333
Bur-Mil	1	2	.333
Jaycees	1	2	.333



STANDINGS — Pictured above are three Post 155 Legion Juniors who have been outstanding in the Area IV games this season. Roy Medlin (top) is four-for-eight in regular play, Pat Murphy (center) has been a standout at the hot corner position, and Bill Mullinax is a mainstay on the pitcher's mound.

Play Four Away Games; Host Shelby Tonight

The Post 155 American Legion Juniors are still striving to break into the win column as they play the final six games of the first round this week.

Kings Mountain plays host to Shelby tonight (Wednesday) with Coach John Gold expected to go with ace lefthander Seerley Lowery, who is 0-1 in Area IV games thus far.

Then the boys will hit the road for four away games before coming back home to play host to Bessemer City next Wednesday night in a makeup game of the previously scheduled game for this past Tuesday.

Gastonia Post 23 will play host to the locals Thursday night at Sims Legion Park and Belmont will be at home against Post 155 on Friday. Kings Mountain fell to the hands of both teams in earlier games, being defeated at home by Gastonia 9-6 and by Belmont 5-1.

Kings Mountain will journey "across the creek" on Monday night to play Shelby, will play at Bessemer City Tuesday night, and will play the final first round game against Bessemer City Wednesday at 8:00.

Juniors Lose To Belmont, 5-1

The Otis D. Greene Post 155 American Legion Juniors lost their second straight Area IV game Wednesday night, losing 5-1 to Belmont.

Southpaw Warren Garrett hurled a four-hitter over the locals, giving up three singles and a triple. The triple was a seventh inning blow from the bat of catcher Roy Medlin.

Belmont took the lead in the fourth inning on two runs and four hits. Tony Mauldin, Richard Armstrong, and Steve Barkley hit back-to-back doubles and first-baseman Danny Suggs added a single. Armstrong and Barkley batted in the runs in that inning.

Belmont added a singleton in the eighth as a result of a double and a single and scored two in the ninth as a result of a base on balls, two sacrifices, a triple and a single.

Pat Murphy was hit by a pitched ball to begin the bottom of the sixth inning. He went to second on a single by Richard Gold, to third on a fielder's choice, and raced home on a single by Claude Pearson.

Tony Mauldin led Belmont's hitting with three hits in four times at bat, and catcher Larry Hartsoll and third-baseman Richard Armstrong added two hits each. Four boys collected a hit apiece for the locals.

BOX SCORE

Belmont	AB	R	H	BI
Thompson, cf	3	0	1	0
Hartsoll, c	5	1	2	1
Mauldin, 2b	4	1	3	1
Armstrong, 3b	5	2	2	1
Barkley, lf	4	0	1	1
Norkett, ss	4	0	1	1
Suggs, 1b	3	0	1	0
Holcomb, rf	3	1	0	0
Garrett, p	3	0	0	0
Rayfield, p	0	0	0	0

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Kings Mountain
Rhea, lf 4 0 0 0
Murphy, 3b 4 1 0 0
Gold, ss 3 0 1 0
Bell, 2b 1 0 0 0
Pearson, rf 4 0 1 1
McGinnis, 1b 4 0 0 0
Faulkner, cf 3 0 0 0
Medlin, c 4 0 1 0
Mullinax, c 3 0 1 0
a-C. Gladden 1 0 0 0

a—struck out for Mullinax in 9th E—Armstrong 2, Garrett, DP—Bell, Gold, & McGinnis. HBP—Murphy (By Garrett). 2B—Armstrong 2, Mauldin, Barkley, 3B—Medlin, Hartsoll, SB—Norkett, Suggs, Gold. SAC—Thompson, Bell.

WP—Garrett LP—Mullinax

"Dixie 400" Grand National Race Set For Sunday

ATLANTA, Ga. — World record holder Lee Roy Yarbrough will aim a 1965 Dodge at the Atlanta Raceway speed mark in exhibition runs Friday and Saturday, during qualifying trials for Sunday's "Dixie 400" NASCAR Grand National late model stock car race.

The record attempt, in a car set up by mechanic Ray Fox of Daytona Beach, Fla., and powered by a supercharged "hemi" racing engine, will give Yarbrough double duty for the weekend. He is entered in the race, with a 1965 Chevrolet which also is owned by Fox.

Yarbrough drove the Dodge at more than 181 miles per hour three months ago on the 2 1/2-mile Daytona International Speedway — the fastest speed ever clocked on a competitive closed course.

That speed won't be attainable on the 1 1/2-mile banked asphalt track of Atlanta International Raceway, but Fox and Yarbrough said they are confident of going well above the Atlanta stock car record of 146.898 miles per hour—set last year by Ford driver Fred Lorenzen of Elmhurst, Ill.

Inspection of cars by NASCAR officials started Monday, with practice slated Tuesday. Qualifying trials for the "400" will open Wednesday, continuing through Saturday. The pole position and nine others will be determined by the average speeds of four-lap trials Wednesday, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Similar qualifying sessions on Thursday and Friday will decide 10 more positions each day. On Saturday, five positions will be decided by four-lap trials, and the remaining nine spots in the 44-car field will be filled by the order of finish in a 20-lap qualifying race slated for 4:30 p.m. Saturday.