KM Juniors Are Hosts To Hickory Nine Saturday



Sports

BY GARY STEWART It's Almost That Time Again

With only about a month and a half before the beginning of football practice many pigskin fans are already studying over the 1965 schedule and are predicting the

studying over the 1965 schedule and are predicting the outcome for Kings Mountain this year.

Kings Mountain, of course, will be in a rebuilding stage this season but should be one of the top four teams in the conference. Coaches Bill Bates, Don Parker, Bill in the conference. Coaches Bill Bates, Don Parker, Bill out-of-three game series.

Rings Mountain broke a 2-2 deadlock Monday night by scorning eight runs in the fifth inning to down the BC boys 11-7 in the first game of a scheduled two-out-of-three game series. Cashion, and Bob Hussey are going to have to come up with a quarterback to take the place of Pat Murphy, some good linemen to replace Hubert McGinnis, Lyn Cheshire, Jimmy Cloninger, and others, and some backs to fill in for Steve Baker, Pat Hord, and company.

out-of-three game series.

Post 155 had gone ahead 2-0 with singletons in the first and third but Bessemer City tied it up in the fourth with two runs on three hits.

Leon Kirkland then relieved BC starter Jimmy Pressley and immediately walked two straight batters to give the locals another Steve Baker, Pat Hord, and company.

Twenty-five boys graduated from last year's team and left a big gap in the KM roster but 15 rising seniors and 17 rising juniors are back to book 10 2 65 team, but lack of loaded the bases with back-toexperience could cause some trouble. · | 安星逐點 | 1

Only four lettermen will be on the field this year, all rising seniors. A fifth letterman, Ben Grimes, will be play- and McGinnis with a double to ing center for Oxford, N. C., this season instead of Kings deep leftfield.

Lettermen in the backfield will be Jay Powell, Danny to left-center, scoring Faulkner. Kiser, and Steve Goforth, and Chip Bridges, who lettered as a sophomore but had to sit out his junior year because of a knee injury, will most likely be at one tackle post, that is, if his knee has healed by football time.

Roy Medlin, rising junior, saw much action at one tackle slot last season after being brought up from the tenth grade team when senior Glenn Bolin suffered an injury. Medlin will weigh almost 200 and should be one of the toughest linemen in the conference.

Shelby should prove to have a tough team as it has five starters returning, including quarterback Mitchell Self. Shelby lost 15 boys to graduation, and has 12 rising when the locals added their fina seniors but only one rising junior returning, however, run.

many boys will be brought up from the '64 tenth and ninth'

Faulkner reached base on an

End David DePriest, who proved to be one of the best extra point makers in the conference last season, will be plate in the seventh inning and back as will be the other starting end, Sonny Davis.

Halfbacks Paul Wright and Mike Peeler will be back as will 180-pound guard Roger McKee.

R-S Central lost 17 boys from last year's second place that team and will have only one starter back, tackle Charles in the eighth.

Catcher Jerry Milwood led Best of the place with three places.

Bermont lost 16 boys and will have nine seniors and Beimont lost 16 boys and will have nine seniors and semer City had only one extr 18 juniors on this year's team, including '64 starters Barry base hit, a double by third-base Farmer, 223-pound tackle, and fullback Charles Orren. man Howard Hill, while KM col Rising junior Tommy Tate saw much action at one end lected five doubles.

Quarterback Will Present Big Problem

The Kings Mountain coaches are going to have their hands full trying to replace such players as Richard Gold, Steve Grigg, George Plonk, Ronnie Rhea, etc., but the biggest problem to face the coaching staff this year will be the replacing of Pat Murphy, the number one quarterback in the SWC for the past two seasons.

Murphy was, without a doubt, the reason why Kings Mountain won the conference championship last season and co-championship honors in '63.

He tossed 16 touchdowns this season, but the amazing made their first mound appear and ances of the year at Bessemer thing about the year was that he didn't start throwing un-til the season was half gone. Murphy was awarded the ed to hand the BC boys a 14-8 Connor, If team Leadership trophy, which he richly deserved. He loss. was all-conference for two seasons, '63 and '64, and was | Wilson hurled the first five one of the best quarterbacks in the state, the best in the innings, giving up eight runs on B. City

Murphy has been awarded a full scholarship to Appalachian State Teacher's College and will certainly be of frames, giving up no hits and no Adams, 1b, p help to the ASTC Mountaineers in the next four years.

The quarterback position could go to either of four men to face him. He was in trouor five boys. Rising juniors Tommy Goforth and Tommy ble only once, in the eighth inn-Finger quarterbacked the tenth grade team last season ing when he walked three Pressley, p and will be fighting it out for the starting role this year. straight batters. Rising senior and letterman Steve Goforth or rising junior positions and Doug Mercier will be moving up from the tack with four safeties in six jayvee squad. E—Pressley 2, Hill, Davis, Wiltimes at bat. Chris Faulkner son. DP—Kirkland, Jones & Dav-Philip Wright could possibly switch from their halfback

Who To Replace Cloninger, McGinnis?

Another boy who will be missed heavily this season will be Jimmy Cloninger, all-conference and all-state end and best punter in the conference in '64. Cloninger punted for a 39.1 average last year and was one of the key receivers of Murphy's passes.

Also, Hubert McGinnis is going to be missed in three or four spots. McGinnis was all-conference and all-state Galilee Leads in '64, the best center in the SWC, and one of the best extra point makers in the conference.

McGinnis was also one of the key men on the defensive side of the KM team. The big 210-pounder scored a After another week of play in total of 27 points last season, 21 conversions and one the Negro Little League and touchdown. The TD was a blocked punt in the Cherryville Pony Leagues, the standings now end zone, plus, the big man intercepted many passes and was responsible for the breaking up of many opposing plays.

KM coaches will have to come up with a couple good Pony League results last week ends to take the place of Cloninger, Richard White, and Jimmy Wright, a center to replace McGinnis, and a couple Compact over Kings Mountain 6-Jimmy Wright, a center to replace McGinnis, and a couple of guards to replace Steve Grigg and George Plonk.

Chucky Gladden will most likely be at one of the called after five innings, which time the score was 5-5. guard posts and Kenny Plonk will see much action on the line. A 1964 end, Fred Wright, could possibly be moved to Kings Mountain defeated Grover the center position and John Van Dyke and Tommy Dover
will also see much action at the end posts.

Bessem mer City 3-1 in Little League ac.
Grover will also see much action at the end posts.

If the KM coaches can come up with a quarterback to fill Murphy's shoes, a kicker to replace Tonnie Ware, an Tec extra point maker, a good punter, and some good linemen, the Mountaineers just might stage some stiff competition Co in the Southwest Conference this season,

Herald Gold-Led Juniors Defeat Bessemer

runs in the two contests and bat-

FIRST GAME

Pat Murphy was issued a base back singles. Hubert McGinnis drove in two runs with a single

One out went by and catcher Roy Medlin lashed out a double

end the inning and give the Mounties the difference.

A single by Gold and a double by McGinnis was KM's only hits until the bottom of the eightl

error and scored two outs late on a double by Lowery.

Eight BC batters came to the were able to produce four run three hits. Bessemer score the runs as a result of thre singles, three KM errors, a field er's choice, and a sacrifice.

semer City at the plate with thre singles in four times at bat. Bes

Seerley Lowery went the distance for Kings Mountain, giv-ing up only two earned runs. Bessemer collected 12 hits off the ace southpaw and made big uss

Buddy Varille started on the LP-Varille hill for Bessemer City but was relieved in the sixth by Gary Adams. KM collected 10 runs off Rhea, lf, p Varille and tagged him for 10 of Murphy, 3b 14 hits. Eight of Kings Mountain's runs were earned.

SECOND GAME Steve Wilson and Ronnie Rhea Faulkner, cf made their first mound appear. Leigh, rf

13 hits. GAL 2 — LEGION GAMES . Rhea worked the final four runs. Rhea struck out two bat- Davis, 2b ters and retired the first seven Steele, cf

Rhea also was one of the big guns in the Mounties' 17-hit at-tack with four safeties in six added four hits, Hubert McGinnis had three, and Richard Gold (By Pressley), Davis (By Wilson). and Mickey Bell added two hits SB—Rhea, Gold, Milwood, Jones.

10 runs. Gold and McGinnis had Medlin. two hits each in that inning and WP-Wilson Pat Murphy and Chris Faulkner LP-Pressley

(Continued From Front Page) at Bessemer City, including two Gold led off the frame with a extra base blows, a double and a triple. Faulkner scored four scored on a single by Bell, Bell going to third on the play when the BC rightfielder couldn't hold

on to the ball. Bell then scored on a single by

batters to give the locals another

run and load the bases. Rhea singled, driving in two, and Murphy then cleared the bases with a triple to deep rightcenter. Gold lashed out a ground rule double to score Murphy from third and McGinnis doubled to core Gold after Bell fanned.

McGinnis scored on Faulkner's triple and Leigh struck out to nd the frame, KM leading 13-2. Bessemer scored four runs in and KM added their final tally

Jimmy Pressley was tagged with the loss, his second against FIRST GAME

B. City	AD	n	n	DI
Jones, ss	4	2	3	0
Davis, 2b	5	0	0	0
Milwood, c	4	1	3	2
Adams, 1b, p	5	2	2	0
Varille, p, 1b	4	2	0	1
Steele, cf	4	0	2	2
Hill, 3b	4	0	2	1
Jennings, rf	4	0	0	0
Kirkland, lf	5	0	0	0
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	39	7	12	6
Kings Mtn.				
Rhea, lf	6	1	0	1
Murphy, 3b	3	4	2	0
Gold, ss	5	1	4	2
Bell, 2b	3	1	1	2
McGinnis, 1b	5	1	2	2
Faulkner, cf	4	2	1	2
Leigh, rf	3	0	1	0
Medlin, c	4	1	2	1
Lowery, p	2	0	1	1
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HBP—Murphy (By Varille). SB— Murphy, Gold, Jones. SAC. —Milwood, Varille, Hill, Steele, Leigh 2, Lowery. 2B — Gold, McGinnis, Faulkner, Medlin, Lowery, Hill.

SECOND GAME

AB R H BI Bell, 2b McGinnis, 1b

is. Rhea and Medlin. HBP -Gold SAC - Pressley, Davis, Steele, Kings Mountain held a 3-2 edge SF-Medlin. 2B-Gold, McGinnis, going into the third inning when Faulkner, Adams. 3B — Adams, Post 155 broke the ice and scored Milwood, Faulkner, Murphy,

Swimming Classes

A two week swimming class will begin at the Deal Street

at 10.00 a.m. and lasting until

take the lessons.

Boys and girls ages 7-12 can

the pool anytime between now

and Monday.
Mr. Ross also announced that

the annual city tennis turna-

ment will begin the first week in

ed in participating may sign up

To Begin Monday

Negro LL Loop

pool Monday, classes beginning Pony loop with a 3-1 mark.

4, and the game between Kings Mountain and Bessemer was after five innings, at July and said that those interest

Compact downed Ebenezer 9-3,

LITTLE LEAGUE

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mpact	3	2	.6
benezer	3	2	

PONY LEAGUE STANDINGS ct. Kings Mountain 00 Compact 2 500 as a result of five walks and two 3 400 errors.
4 200 Lions' catcher Steve Powell (Continued On Page 3) 600 Yankees 00 Grover 600 Galilee

Kings Mountain took a 16-8 de-bision over Bessemer City here on to the ball and Murphy scor-the bases and Leight scored when Friday night, defeated Bessemer ed from third. The BC catcher, Murphy walked. Gold cleared the there Saturday afternoon in a thinking McGinnis could take bases with his second two-bagger there Saturday afternoon in a 2:30 game, and downed Shelby 13-8 at Shelby Saturday night.

FIRST GAME

Post 155 staged a nine-hit attack to blast Bessemer 16-8 Friday night with Richard Gold and Mickey Bell leading the way with three hits each. Both boys

with three hits each. Both boys forth was relieved by Philip and one in the ninth and KM had two doubles and a single. Gladden in that inning in which added one in the fifth and three

nie Rhea walked to begin the reached third on a two base KM half and was forced out at throwing error by the BC catch-

League team to a 3-0 win over

of three for the week for the

Bur-Mil-Kiwanis

Kiwanis won its second game

first, added singletons in the sec-

Lions-Police

Mike Sisk hurled a no-hitter

and struck out 15 batters to lead

the first-place Lions to a 3-0 vic-

Leading Hitters: Wilson

Kennedy (L), 1 for 2. WP-Sisk,

Lions-Kiwanis

in Thursday's opener with Geep-

er Howard tossing a one-hitter

and fanning 16 batters.

The Lions came right back to

fourth to insure the win.

Smith; LP-Carroll.

Ernie Davis tory over the Police in Wednes-

singles.

4-1 lead in the bottom of the win.

giving up only three hits. Kiwanis 411 30x—9 game.

hits off the Police hurler, all two errors.

0 5 .000 take a 7-3 win from the Kiwanis (R) 1 for 2. WP—Patterson, LP—

Last weeks games:

the Police. The win was the first Kiwanis



Plactures — Pictured above are tive members of the Kings Mountain American Legion pitching staff who will carry the Otis D. Green Post 155 juniors into the quarterfinals of the Area IV npionships Friday night at Hickory. Left to right are Bill Mullinax (1-2), Seerley Lowery (2-1), Steve Goforth (0-0), Mickey Adkins (1-0), and Philip Gladden (1-1). Steve Wilson (1-0) and Ronnie Rhea (0-0) are not pictured.

Juniors Complete First

American Legion Juniors won grounder to the shortstop. Richthree games over the weekend to pull into a tie for third place Murphy to third, and Mickey Leigh took second on a wild pull into a tie for third place with Shelby for the first round of Area IV Legion play.

Murphy to third, and Mickey Bell walked to load the bases.
Hubert McGinnis struck out, first base via four balls. Rhea

sult of a base on balls, a hit batter, and a single. Shortstop Sonballs, one hit batter, a fielder's 155. ny Jones walked to begin the choice, and a sacrifice fly.

Bo Davis led the BC hitting mame and went to second when Kings Mountain clinched the with two singles in five times a game and went to second when leftfielder Larry Jennings was victory in the bottom of the hit by a pitched ball. Jones stole third by scoring nine runs on third and scored on a single by five hits. Gold walked to start third-baseman Buddy Varille.

The Otis D. Green Post 155; second when Pat Murphy hit a er. Faulkner struck out for out

hird-baseman Buddy Varille.

Kings Mountain went ahead in scored on a double by Mickey the bottom of the first by scor-ing three runs on one hit. Ron-gle by McGinnis and McGinnis

Bur-Mil won its second game

Bur-Mil struck for two runs in

(P) 1 for 2. WP-McDaniel, LP-

Leading Hitters: Payne (O) double; Hicks (R) 1 for 3; Logan

Lions

penter.

of the season in Wednesday's of the season Thursday night by

of the season in welling a edging the Police by a 4-3 score. On the season in welling a edging the Police by a 4-3 score. Mark McDaniel picked up the

ond and third, and three in the fourth to insure the win.

The losers scored one in the first and two in the second. Dennis Welch's double for the

Black.

second inning.

Optimist

Hicks.

had two doubles and a single.

Bessemer City jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first inning as a reopponents. Bessemer scored its added one in the fifth and three in the eighth. Gold, Bell, and Faulkner collected the only hits

Philip Gladden picked up his first win of the season against one defeat.

SECOND GAME Mickey Adkins recorded his first victory of the year Satur day afternoon at Bessemer City (Continued On Page 3)

Plonk Team Has Lions Still Undefeated Five-Game Lead The Clarence Plonk tean jumped to a five-game lead in the Summer Mixed League stand

In Little League Play the Summer Mixed League standings Monday night by downin, Dilling Heating by a 3-1 score Only two weeks remain in th league schedule. Mike Sisk hurled his second no-, slugged a home run in the fourhitter of the year Wednesday th inning and Mike Sisk had one night to lead the Lions Little in the first. Richard Bridges gained line and set honors for the winner

with a 134 line and a 340 set Clarence Plonk added a 303 se 000 003-3 for the winners and Tom Gam Leading Hitters: Alexander (L) ble paced the losers with a 11! Lions and the three wins brought 2 for 3; Sisk (L) Home Run; their record to six wins against Powell (L) 2 for 4; Byars (K) 1 line and a 319 set.
The Clyde Culbertson tear for 2. WP - Howard, LP - Car-

got back into the win colum-Monday night by defeating the Moose Lodge three games tone. Clyde Culbertson rolled 138 line and a 365 set for th winners and Betty Fite toppe the loser's scoring line and a 360 set.

The Culbertson team night set honors with a 1560.

Dennis Welch's double for the Team W L Pct Roger Smith hurled the win, Police was the big blow of the Clarence Plonk 17 7 .70 Moose Lodge 12 12 .50 Dilling Heating 120 000-3 11 13 .45 RIVATIS
Bur-Mil
Leading Hitters: Queen (K) 2
Class
Color 4; Ramsey (B) 2 for 2; WP—
Color 5 for 4; Ramsey (B) 2 for 2; WP—
Color 6 for 2; WP—
Color 7 for 2; WP—
Colo Clyde Culbertson 8 16 .33.

Tee League Schedule Announcer

Tommy Patterson pitched a two-hitter to lead the Optimist to League baseball was announced The 1965 schedule for Tec a 3-0 win over the Rescue Squad Wednesday by Commissione will serve as instructor and Rec. day's nightcap. Sisk issued six in Friday night's opener. The Roy Pearson and itis as follows will serve as instructor and Rec-reation Director Elmer Ross said that youngsters may register at the pool anytime between now

The winners collected only five

Winners scored all three of their runs in the fourth inning as a result of four bases on balls and

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Winters scored all three of their

hurler, all two errors.

Rescue Squad pitcher Luther Fri, July 2 — Greens Vs. Blue Hicks gave up only one hit, a double to Ronnie Payne in the Tues., July 13—Blues Vs. Whiter Thurs., July 15-Reds Vs. Blues 000 300—3 Fri., July 16—Greens Vs. Whites * All games 4:30.

Final First Round Area IV Standings W L Pct.

.875

.625

.500

Howard dossing a one-nitter and fanning 16 batters.

Howard allowed three runs to score in the bottom of the sixth Gastonia Relmont KINGS MTN.

Richard Gold Enjoying .500 **Batting Average**

The Otis D. Green Post 155 Legion Juniors travel to Hickory Friday night for the first of a scheduled three-out-of-five game series with the Hickory team.

Hickory drew a bye in the first round of elimination play and KM defeated Bessemer City two straight games to advance to the quarter-finals.

Kings Mountain returns home Saturday night to host the same team at 8:00 and the two teams will go back to Hickory on Monday. The fourth and fifth games, if needed, will be played in the same order as the first three with KM playing here Tuesday.

Shortstop Richard Gold car-ries a .500 batting average into Friday's game, that percentage being the best in Area IV competition and probably the best in the state for regular players.

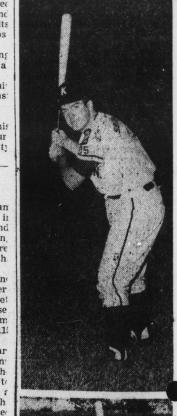
Gold has collected 20 hits 40 official times at bat, including five doubles, one triple, and a home run. He has 13 runs bat-ted in and leads the team in stolen bases with 10. He also leads the team in runs scored, 18. Centerfielder Chris Faulkner is out of his early season batting slump and is now hitting at a .333 clip with 13 hits in 39 times to the plate. His other two big blows were triples against Bessemer City. Faulkner has scored seven runs and batted in eight.

Roy Medlin is hitting at the third-highest clip with 11 hits in 34 plate appearances for a .324 average. Included in those hits are one double and two triples. Medlin has scored five runs and driven in four.

Pat Murphy and Mickey Bell are the only other players hitting over the .300 mark, Murphy hitting at a .311 clip and Bell, .306. Murphy has scored 14 runs and is 14-for-45 at the plate. He has two triples, one double, and has stolen four bases.

Bell is 11-for-36 officially, has rossed the plate 11 times, and

has batted in eight runs. Hubert McGinnis, first baseman, is leading the team in rbi with 16 and is hitting at a .286 clip with 12 hits in 42 times at bat. McGinnis has two doubles (Continued On Page 3)





STANDOUTS — Pictured above are two members of the local have been standouts in games this season. Chris Faulkner (top) had a 4-for-4 night at Bessemer City Tuesday night and Roy Medlin, catcher, has the third highest batting aver-.000 age on the team, .324