

# Jrs. Eliminate Hickory With 4-3 Win Thursday

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The jinx has ended! Kings Mountain's Post 155 American Legion Juniors, trailing two games to one in the best 3-of-5 game series, won two straight games over Hickory on Wednesday and Thursday nights to advance to the semi-finals round of the Area IV playoffs against Shelby, who eliminated Forest City in the quarter-finals.

Thursday's game at Hickory was climaxed by a two-run double by KM catcher Roy Medlin with two out in the ninth to give the locals a 4-3 win. Pitcher Bill Mullinax struck out the side in the bottom of the ninth.

The elimination of Hickory marked the first time in three sports seasons that a Kings Mountain high school athletic team or a KM Legion baseball team has eliminated Hickory.

Hickory's jinx began back in the spring of 1963 when the Fred Withers' coached KMHS baseballers lost out to Hickory in the initial game of the WNCSSAA playoffs.

Then Hickory came along in '64 and eliminated the Otis D. Greene Post 155 Juniors and the KMHS football team. The 1965 Kings Mountain High boys' basketball team was defeated by Hickory in the semi-finals round of the association playoffs and Hickory shut out KMHS in two tennis matches.

But now the jinx has ended,

thanks to fine pitching by Bill Mullinax and Seerley Lowery, timely hitting by Richard Gold and Chris Faulkner, the coaching abilities of John Gold, and most of all teamwork.

## FIRST GAME

Seerley Lowery pitched a five-hitter here Wednesday night to lead the locals to a 5-1 win and even the series at two games apiece, Kings Mountain struck for three big runs in the second inning and added singletons in the sixth and eighth for insurance.

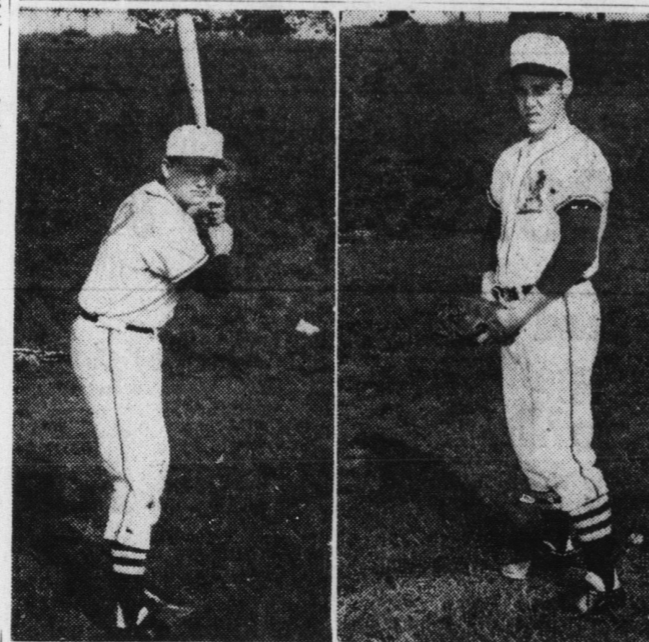
Lefthander Steve Sisk was tagged with the loss. Sisk had beaten KM in the first game of the series in Hickory. Both pitchers went the distance with Lowery fanning eight batters and Sisk striking out three. Both hurlers walked two batters.

With one out in the bottom of the second, Mickey Bell reached first base on an error, went to second on a single by Tony Leigh and Roy Medlin walked to lead the bases.

Bell scored on a wild pitch and pitcher Seerley Lowery drove Leigh and Medlin across with a single to center. Ronnie Rhea hit into a double play but those three runs were all KM needed to coast to the win.

Hickory scored an unearned run in the fifth to bring the score closer at 3-1 but the Mounties struck back to score one run in each of the sixth and eighth frames.

Richard Gold scored both the winner's additional runs, in the sixth after reaching base via a double by Faulkner, and scoring on a single by Mickey Bell.



**STANDOUTS** — Pictured above are two post 155 players who were standouts in the final game against Hickory, which KM won 4-3. Roy Medlin (left), KM catcher, hit a two-run double with two out in the ninth to give the locals the win and Bill Mullinax hurled a six-hitter and fanned seven Hickory batters in recording his second victory of the season.

Gold doubled to lead off the eighth and scored one out later on a single by first baseman Hubert McGinnis.

Gold led the winners at the plate with two hits in two official times at bat and Larry Sisk had two hits in four trips for the losing Hickory nine.

## SECOND GAME

Roy Medlin delivered the key blow of the series at Hickory Thursday night, a two-run double with two out in the ninth to score Chris Faulkner and Mickey Bell to give the locals a 4-3 win and an advancement to the Area IV semi-finals against Shelby.

Kings Mountain took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning with Ronnie Rhea, Richard Gold, and Chris Faulkner collecting safeties.

Rhea, led off the game with a single to centerfield but went all the way to third base when Hickory centerfielder Kelly Rudisill let the ball roll through his legs and all the way to the fence. Murphy lined out to center and Rhea scored when Gold doubled off the fence in leftfield.

Faulkner drove Gold across with a single to leftfield and scampered to third when the Hickory leftfielder couldn't come up with the ball. McGinnis struck out and Bell flied out to end the inning.

Mullinax kept Hickory in check until the fifth inning when the host team tied the game at 2-2.

Richard Dellinger reached base on a KM error, was sacrificed to second by Donnie Hastings, and scored on a single by shortstop Larry Sisk. Sisk stole second, went to third on a single by Clement Huffman, and tied the game when Rudisill flied deep to centerfield.

Hickory appeared to have the game won in the eighth when Dickie Deal drove Rudisill across with a triple off the fence in leftfield. Rudisill reached base when hit by a pitched ball.

Mullinax struck out pitcher Gary Abernathy, Jimmy Arrowood grounded out, and Steve Lail flied out to end the eighth, with Hickory leading 4-3.

Chris Faulkner singled to lead off the ninth for Kings Mountain. McGinnis struck out for out number one, and Mickey Bell reached base on an error by Hickory shortstop Larry Sisk.

Nelson Connor, pinch-hitting for rightfielder Tony Leigh, struck out for out number two and all hope appeared to be gone for KM. But Medlin timed a fast ball just right and lifted it over the leftfielder's head for a double and drive in the tying and winning runs.

Mullinax tossed only 11 pitches in the bottom of the ninth, striking out Richard Dellinger, pinch-hitter Steve Sisk, and his brother, Larry.

## KM - HICKORY BOX SCORES

**FOURTH GAME**

Hickory	AB	R	H	RBI
L. Sisk, ss	4	1	2	0
Huffman, 2b, 3b	3	0	0	0
Rudisill, cf	3	0	0	0
Deal, c, 2b	2	0	1	0
Arrowood, 1b	4	0	1	0
Lail, lf	3	0	0	0
b—Teague, rf	1	0	0	0
Dellinger, 1b	4	0	1	0
Hastings, 3b	1	0	0	0
a—Mullan, c	2	0	0	0
S. Sisk, p	3	0	0	0
	30	1	5	1

**Kings Mtn.**

Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Rhea, lf	4	0	1	0
Murphy, 3b	4	0	0	0
Gold, ss	2	2	2	0
Faulkner, cf	4	0	1	0
McGinnis, 1b	3	0	1	0
Bell, 2b	4	1	1	1
Leigh, rf	4	1	1	0
Medlin, c	3	1	0	0
Lowery, p	3	0	1	2
	31	5	8	4

## FIFTH GAME

Kings Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Rhea, lf	4	1	2	0
Murphy, 3b	4	0	0	0
Gold, ss	4	1	1	1
Faulkner, cf	5	1	3	1
McGinnis, 1b	3	0	0	0
Bell, 2b	5	1	2	0
Leigh, rf	4	0	0	0
a—Connor, rf	1	0	0	0
Medlin, c	4	0	0	0
Mullinax, p	4	0	0	0
	38	4	9	4

**Hickory**

Hickory	AB	R	H	RBI
L. Sisk, ss	5	1	2	1
Huffman, 2b	4	0	1	0
Rudisill, cf	2	1	1	1
Deal, c	4	0	0	0
Arrowood, 1b	4	0	0	0
Lail, lf	4	0	0	0
Dellinger, rf	4	1	0	0
Hastings, 3b	1	0	0	0
b—S. Sisk	1	0	0	0
	33	3	6	3

a—struck out for Leigh in 9th.  
b—struck out for Hastings in 9th.  
E—Sisk, Rudisill, Lail, Dellinger, Hastings, Murphy, Bell, SB—Sisk 2, S—Hastings, 2B—Arrowood, Gold, Faulkner, Medlin, 3B—Deal, HBP—Rhea (By Abernathy), Rudisill (By Mullinax).  
WP—Mullinax  
LP—Abernathy

## Shelby Downs KM In Opener, 5-4

The Shelby American Legion Juniors scored five unearned runs and made use of five Kings Mountain errors to defeat the local Post 155 boys 5-4 here Tuesday night before a capacity crowd at City Stadium.

Shelby struck for one run in the first inning, Kings Mountain came back to tie the game in bottom of that frame, and Shelby went out front 5-1 in the sixth by scoring four runs on four hits.

Tommy Pruett doubled to start the game and scored when KM centerfielder Chris Faulkner let Ronnie Wilson's single go through his legs.

With one out, in the bottom of the first, KM third baseman Pat Murphy singled but was nabbed at third trying to take two bases on Richard Gold's single to center. Gold went to second on the play and scored on a single by Faulkner. McGinnis grounded out to end the inning.

Bobby Putnam singled to begin the sixth for Shelby. Max Jones struck out and Don Wortman reached base on an error by the KM first baseman. Johnny Hamrick singled to load the bases and pitcher Jim Turner was safe when Putnam was nabbed at the plate, following an infield grounder to first. Tommy Pruett drove across Wortman and Hamrick with a single and Ronnie Wilson doubled to score two more runs, Joel McKinney flied out to end the Shelby sixth.

Pat Murphy singled to lead off the KM sixth and went to third when Richard Gold singled to rightfield and the hit got by the Shelby outfielder. Both runners then scored on a wild pitch and Chris Faulkner doubled. But Faulkner was thrown out trying to take third on an infield grounder by McGinnis and McGinnis was doubled up at first when Mickey Bell lined out to leftfield.

KM scored another run in the bottom of the ninth. Faulkner flied out to start things off and Hubert McGinnis and Mickey Bell gained life with back-to-back singles. Nelson Connor, pinch-hitting for rightfielder Tony Leigh, doubled to score McGinnis and Roy Medlin was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Pitcher Seerley Lowery fanned for out number two and Medlin was forced at second base when Shelby shortstop Ronnie Wilson made a fine catch of Ronnie Rhea's smack through the middle.

Both pitchers, KM's Seerley Lowery and Shelby's Jim Turner, went the distance with Turner picking up his third win against three losses and Lowery losing his second in six decisions.

Ronnie Wilson paced the winners at the plate with a double and two singles in five times at bat and Richard Gold had 2-for-4 with two runs scored for the locals.

## KM - SHELBY BOX SCORE

Shelby	AB	R	H	RBI
Pruett, 3b	5	2	2	2
Wilson, ss	5	0	3	3
McKinney, cf	4	0	1	0
Leigh, 2b	4	0	1	0
Putnam, 1b	4	0	2	0
Jones, lf	3	0	0	0
Wortman, rf	3	1	0	0
Hamrick, c	4	1	2	0
Turner, p	4	1	0	0

**Kings Mountain**

Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	RBI
Rhea, lf	15	0	0	0
Murphy, 3b	4	1	2	0
Gold, ss	4	2	2	0
Faulkner, cf	4	0	2	1
McGinnis, 1b	4	1	1	0
Bell, 2b	4	0	2	0
Leigh, rf	3	0	0	0
a—Connor	1	0	1	1
Medlin, c	2	0	0	0
Lowery, p	4	0	0	0
	37	5	11	5

a—doubled for Leigh in 9th.  
E—McGinnis 2, Murphy 2, Faulkner, Jones, Wortman, DF—Jones to Putnam, S—Jones, HBP—Wortman (By Lowery), McKinney (By Lowery), 2B—Pruett, Wilson, Faulkner, Bell, Connor. WP—Turner (3-3) LP—Lowery (4-2)

## Three-Sport Court At Swimming Pool

An outdoor recreation court should be finished and ready for use at the Deal Street Recreation Park by this weekend.

Grading work began Tuesday morning for a full-size basketball court which can be used for basketball, volleyball, and badminton. Mayor John Henry Moss and Recreation Director Elmer Ross said Tuesday that the court should be ready for use by Friday or Saturday of this week.

Mayor Moss also announced that auxiliary policemen are now on duty at both the Deal Street and Davidson Parks.

## Reds-Greens Still Tied For Tee Lead

After two weeks of Tee League baseball action for youngsters 7-9 years of age, the standings still show the Greens and the Reds tied for first place with identical 2-0 records. The Whites and the Blues have yet to win a game and have 0-2 marks.

In action this past week, the Greens defeated the Blues 20-14 with Monty Wilson leading the way with three hits in four times at bat, one of those three being a home run.

The Reds downed the Whites 20-15 in another contest. The Whites led 15-9 going into the bottom of the fifth but the Reds rallied for 11 runs to provide the winning margin.

**STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Greens	2	0	1.000
Reds	2	0	1.000
Blues	0	2	.000
Whites	0	2	.000

## City Singles Tennis Tourney Ends Thursday

The City Singles tennis tournament got into full swing this week with Mike Ware, Sandy Mauney, Richard Etheridge, and Franklin Dean winning matches and advancing to the semi-finals round to be played Wednesday afternoon.

Ware, who won 8-6 and 6-3 decisions over Robby Suber Tuesday morning, will go against Franklin Dean who defeated Joe Lettwich in the opening round. Mauney will play Etheridge, who won his opening matches over (Continued On Page 3)

## Juniors Host Shelby Thursday Night, 8:00

The Otis D. Greene Post 155 American Legion Juniors travel to Shelby tonight for the second game of a scheduled best three of five game series and will return home Thursday night at 8:00 to play host to the long-time county rivals.

There's always exciting baseball when these two teams meet and this season's playoff games will be no exception. Shelby defeated Kings Mountain 5-4 in a close opening game battle here Tuesday night.

The winner of the KM-Shelby series will meet the winner of the Gastonia-Beimont contests to determine the division champion. That series will be the best four-of-seven games.

Bill Mullinax will get the starting call at Shelby tonight and Jim Lowe will be going on the mound for the Shelby boys. Mullinax will be striving to even up his pitching record as he got off to a slow start, losing his first two games. His record now stands at 2-3.

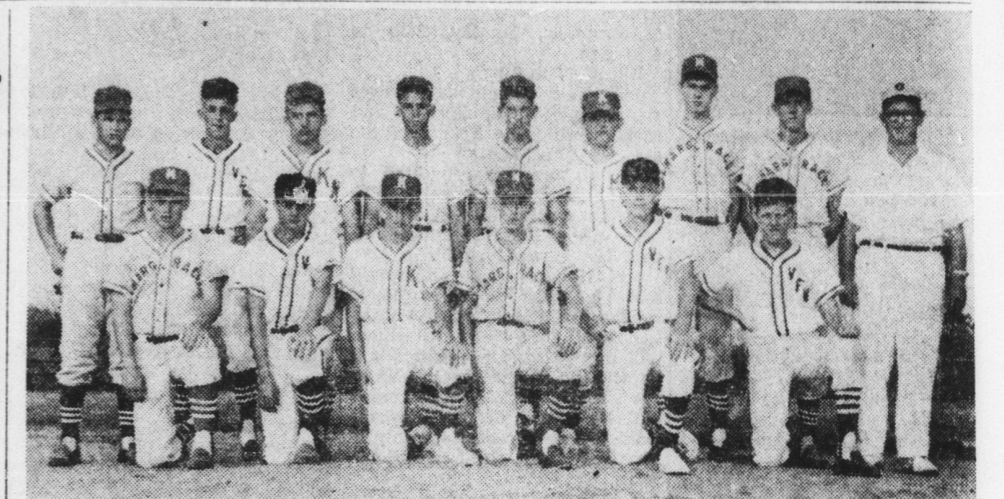
Richard Gold carries a .492 batting average into the game. Gold has collected 31 hits in 63 times at bat this season, has scored 25 runs, and has seven doubles, one triple, and two home runs to his credit. He has also batted in 14 runs and stolen 11 bases.

Centerfielder Chris Faulkner is the only other KM player hitting over the .300 mark. He has 24 hits in 63 times at bat for a .381 average. He also leads the team in doubles with 11 and triples with three. He has 10 runs batted in.

Hubert McGinnis leads the team in RBI with 19 and is also third on the batting list with a .281 mark with 18 hits in 64 times at bat. Mickey Bell, who has just now started to hit, carries a .262 average and Pat Murphy is hitting at a .250 clip with 18 hits in 72 times at bat.

Seerley Lowery is at the head of the pitching crew as he now posts a 4-2 record. Bill Mullinax has a 2-3 mark, Steve Wilson is 1-0, and Mickey Adkins and Philip Gladden are both 1-1.

The fourth game of the Shelby-KM series, if needed, will be played at Shelby Friday night, and the fifth and final game will be played here Saturday night at 8:00.



**ALL-STAR** — Pictured above is the Kings Mountain Teener League all-star team which enters elimination play against Cherryville at City Stadium Monday at 4:00. Front row, left to right, are Wayne Mullinax, Ricky Grah, Rocky Goforth, Gene Putnam, Ricky Stewart, and Glenn Perkins. 2nd Row, Darryl Putnam, Carl Leigh, Paul Gaffney, Dennis Connor, Tommy Goforth, Eddie Black, Darrell Whetstone, Carl Cash, and Recreation Director Elmer Ross. Joe Cornwell, not pictured.

## KM Teener League All-Stars Host Cherryville Monday

The Kings Mountain Teener League baseball team plays host to Cherryville Monday at 4:00 in the first of a two-best-of-three playoffs, the winner leaving for Greenville, N. C. next week for action in the state Teener League championships.

The team is sponsored by the local Frank B. Glass Post 981, V.F.W. and is made up of 15 players who were standouts in the Kings Mountain teams.

The coaches of the four Teener League teams voted for the all-stars and chose four boys from each of the Margrace, V.F.W., and Kings Mountain teams and three players from the Spangler's Concrete team.

Kings Mountain's City Stadium will be the setting of the first playoff game between KM and Cherryville, the second game will be played at Cherryville, and the third contest, if needed, will be determined by the "flip of a coin."

Umpires for the games will be from Charlotte.

Margrace finished in first place in the Teener League standings this season with a 6-4 record. V.F.W. was second with a

4-4 mark, and Spangler's and Kings Mountain deadlocked for third with 4-5 marks.

Coaches Bob Moore and Bud Bumgardner stated Tuesday afternoon that they will go with

either Darrell Whetstone or Tommy Goforth in Monday's opener. Right-hander Ricky Stewart and southpaw Rocky Goforth will be standing by for relief work.

## 1965 KM

## TEENER LEAGUE ALL-STAR

Player, Team	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	B	T
Eddie Black, KM	Inf.	5'8"	160	R	R
Ricky Stewart, VFW	P	5'10"	140	R	R
Joe Cornwell, KM	OF	5'4"	120	R	R
Darryl Putnam, SP	Inf.	5'8"	158	R	R
Darrell Whetstone, MG	P	6'0"	155	R-L	R
Dennis Connor, SP	Inf.	5'9"	150	R	R
Carl Cash, MG	Inf.	5'9"	150	L	R
Ricky Grah, VFW	Inf.	5'5"	130	R	R
Gene Putnam, MG	Inf.	5'4"	115	R	R
Wayne Mullinax, MG	Inf.	5'8"	150	R	R
Glenn Perkins, VFW	Inf.	5'6"	125	L	R
Rocky Goforth, KM	P	5'5"	110	L	L
Carl Leigh, VFW	OF	5'10"	140	L	R
Tommy Goforth, SP	P	5'8"	150	R	R
Paul Gaffney, KM	C	5'8"	175	L	R

## Rescue Squad Advances In Little League Play

The Rescue Squad continued its jinx over the remaining Little League teams this week by trouncing heretofore first place Optimists 10-2 Thursday night to knock the losers back into a tie with the Lions.

The standings now show the top four teams tied for positions with the Lions and the Optimists tied for first and the Rescue Squad and Parkgrace tied for third, however, Rescue Squad has played more games and posts a 6-3 record as compared to a 4-2 record for Parkgrace.

**KIWANIS - JAYCEES**  
The Kiwanis won their third game of the season Wednesday night by edging the Jaycees 13-12 in seven innings. Chuck Carpenter picked up the win, striking out 12 Jaycees batters and allowing nine hits.

The Rescue Squad picked up only five hits off Optimist pitcher Randy Byers but made use of many bases on balls and had several batters hit by pitches.

Optimist 011 000-2  
Rescue 071 02x-10  
Leading Hitters: Rescue—David Smith, 2-for-2; Optimist:

with the loss. He gave up only five hits but walked 11 batters and Kiwanis made use of many wild pitches.

Kiwanis 162 200 1-13  
Jaycees 421 050 0-12  
Leading Hitters: Kiwanis: Tommy Queen 2-for-4; Jaycees: Boyd Shipman, 4-for-4. WP—Carpenter, LP—Putnam.  
**RESCUE SQUAD - OPTIMIST**  
Darrell Bridges pitched a two-hitter and struck out 10 batters to lead the Rescue Squad to a 10-2 win over the Optimist Club in Thursday's nightcap.

Freddie Southards double. WP—Bridges, LP—Byers.  
**POLICE - BUR-MIL**  
The Police Dept. won its fifth game of the year Friday, defeating bottom-place Bur-Mil by a score of 8-4. Frankie Patterson hurled the win, allowing five scattered hits while fanning six. The game was halted after five innings of play.

Police 304 01x-8  
Bur-Mil 100 30x-4  
Leading Hitters: Police: Reece Black, homer; Richard Stowe, 1-for-1; Bur-Mil: Steve Nolan, 2-for-2. WP—Patterson, LP—Carpenter.  
**LIONS - KIWANIS**  
The Lions wound up the week's action in Friday's nightcap, defeating the Kiwanis 7-5. The game went into the bottom of the sixth tied but the Lions scored two runs in that frame to cop the win.

Geper Howard hurled the win for the Lions, giving up only three hits while fanning 12 batters.

Kiwanis 202 010-5  
Lions 220 012-7  
Leading Hitters: Lions: Mike Sisk, home run; Howard, 2-for-

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Lions	7	2	.778
Optimist	7	2	.778
Rescue Squad	6	3	.667
Parkgrace	4	2	.667
Police	5	5	.500
Kiwanis	3	7	.300
Jaycees	2	7	.222
Bur-Mil	2	8	.200

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