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Gibson Has Arm Trouble, Has 4-3 Record

Lenoir-Rhyne's Barry Gibson is one of five former Kings Mountain high school and/or Post 155 American Legion Junior stars who has been shining on the college diamond.

But recently Barry's arm has been giving him trouble and his record is going down hill. After four starts this year, the L-R ace had compiled a 4-0 record but now, after developing soreness in his pitching arm, his record has slumped to 4-3.

The former Kings Mountain high school and Post 155 Legion star has been a big name at Lenoir-Rhyne since his freshman year in 1964. He is currently a junior and will be very valuable to Coach Walter Cornwell's Bears again next season.

Barry gained much respect while pitching at Kings Mountain. His senior year at KMHS he won the John Henry Moss Most Valuable Player Award after leading Coach Fred Withers' Mountaineers to the Southwest Conference championship. He was 4-0 that year.

Barry's pitching thus far has led L-R to a very successful season. The Bears have stayed around the top of the Carolinas Conference standings all year and will be one of the first division clubs at season's end.

Gibson has appeared in nine of Lenoir Rhyne's 14 games this year. He has started seven games and has completed five. He has worked the most innings of any L-R pitcher, 54 2/3, has allowed 51 hits, 23 runs, has walked 13, struck out 39 and has an earned run average of 2.63.

Barry's three losses came in one week. His 2-1 loss to Elon last week is considered his best game of the season. Barry went the distance, allowing only four hits, two of them infield singles.

In LR's first game of the season, Barry completed the game while whipping Wofford 7-2. He allowed only seven hits and fanned seven batters.

He pitched the last three innings against Wofford in the second game of the season to pick up his second win. He didn't allow a hit or run during his innings and swept to a 10-7 decision.

His other two wins were over Newberry. His losses were to Elon, Western Carolina and Pfeiffer.

Gold Hit At .255 Clip, Played All Games

Richard Gold, who recently completed his first season of college baseball, hit at a .255 clip and played every inning of every game for the Florida State Frosh. Gold served as captain of the team, led the team in stolen bases with 10, was second in runs scored with 15 and tied for the leadership in runs batted in with 13.

Richard was switched from his old familiar shortstop position to second base but he quickly got into the swing of things. He stayed around the .300 mark most of the season but an end-of-the-season slump dropped his batting average. He was fourth on the team hitting list.

Dick collected seven extra base hits during the 28-game season, a home run and six doubles. The team finished the season with a 17-11 record.

Richard expects to leave around the first of June to play with Luray, Va., during the summer, in a Virginia Collegiate League.

While at Kings Mountain, Richard earned four monograms in baseball and three in basketball and football. He led the Mountaineers in hitting during his sophomore year and carried a four-year batting average of almost .300.

Dick was Post 155's Most Valuable Player last year while carrying a .479 batting average, one of the best marks in the state for a regular.

Richard also cashed in on several awards in basketball and football. He was the football team's MVP his senior year and was also all-state in football. He made the All-SWC teams in all three sports his senior year and was all-conference in baseball and basketball his junior year.

He owns the all-time Mountaineer basketball scoring mark at KMHS with 826 points in three years.

Goforth, Leigh In Slumps At ASTC

Warren (Bo) Goforth and Jim Leigh are both members of the Appalachian State Teachers College team but are having their troubles at this time of the year.

After winning his first start of the season, Goforth has slumped to a 1-3 record. He beat Presbyterian 15-1 in his opener and has since lost decisions to Western Carolina (4-2), Pfeiffer (3-0) and High Point (5-1).

While at Kings Mountain, Warren led the Mountaineers to a 7-7 season in '64 and had a 4-3 record in '63 when the Mounties won the conference championship.

He was winner of the Legion MVP Award in '64, the same year that he made Post 155 history with a no-hitter against Bessemer City in the post-season elimination rounds.

Warren has two brothers — Steve and Tommy — who are currently leading KMHS in the hitting and pitching categories.

Leigh, a junior, is currently hitting at a .195 clip while playing first base for ASTC. Leigh has eight hits in 41 times at bat, has scored six runs and has one double and one run batted in to his credit.

Jim, who served as assistant Legion coach last year, won the Legion MVP Award in '62.

Beattie Leonard, who played Legion ball in Kings Mountain three years ago, is currently the number two pitcher on the squad at the University of North Carolina.

Leonard, a fireballing southpaw, has two shutouts to his credit. His best game of the year was a three-hit, 3-0 victory over Georgia Tech two weeks ago.



MOUNTAINEER INFIELD — Pictured above are the five boys who hold down the four corners of the infield and shortstop position for the Kings Mountain high school baseball team. From left to right are Paul Gaffney (catcher), Wayne Mullinax (3b), Nelson Connor (ss), Mike Smith (2b) and Chucky Gladden (1b).

Jay Powell Gains Medalist Honors In SWC Golf Match

Kings Mountain high school senior Jay Powell fired an even par 74 at Forest City Municipal Golf Course Monday afternoon to gain medalist honors in the Southwest Conference Golf Tournament.

Powell finished first in a field of 48 golfers from eight SWC schools and qualified for the association meet to be held in Boone on May 9.

John Van Dyke shot a six-over par 80 to join Powell as the only two KMHS golfers to qualify for the association meet. Both Powell and Van Dyke are lettermen and have been valuable to the team for the past two seasons.

Van Dyke's score earned him a tie for seventh place in the conference individual standings.

As a team, Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers finished third with a team score of 328. Shelby won the championship with a 319 total and R-S Central finished second with a 326 team score.

Host team East Rutherford scored a 336 to finish fourth and Belmont, Cherryville, Chase and Lincolnton brought up the rear in that order.

The Shelby and R-S Central teams, along with the 12 top qualifiers will represent the Southwest Conference in the association meet.

Kings Mountain will end its regular season schedule here today against Lincolnton. Coach Parker's linksmen currently sport a 6-6-1 record.

TEAM SCORES
CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT
PLACE TEAM SCORE

1	Shelby	319
2	R-S Central	326
3	KINGS MOUNTAIN	328
4	East Rutherford	336
5	Belmont	337
6	Cherryville	338
7	Chase	341
8	Lincolnton	375

Grover, Bur-Mill Post Softball Wins

Grover and Bur-Mill posted victories in Slow Pitch Softball League action Tuesday night after rain postponement to opening night games Monday.

Gastonia and Margrace and Jayces and Craftsman Jets were scheduled to open Monday night but heavy rains forced postponement. The Jayces and Craftsman Jets were scheduled to make-up their game Wednesday night and Margrace and Gastonia have rescheduled for Saturday night.

In action this week, Cash Grocery plays the Bees and the Jets play Bur-Mill Thursday, and Craftsman Gems play Margrace and Gastonia meets Mullins Friday night.

Grover meets Cash Grocery and the Bees play the Jayces Monday and the Jets play the Margrace and the Gems meet Mullins Tuesday night.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Bur-Mill	1	0	1.000
Grover	1	0	1.000
Gems	0	1	.000
Mullins	0	1	.000
Cash Grocery	0	0	.000
Jets	0	0	.000
Bees	0	0	.000
Jayces	0	0	.000
Gastonia	0	0	.000
Margrace	0	0	.000

MARGRACE PRACTICE

All boys who plan to play on the Margrace Teener League team this season are asked to meet at the Margrace Ball Field Saturday morning at 10:30 for registration and beginning of practice.

R-S Central	W	L	Pct.
Walker, 3b	4	0	1.000
Goforth, rf	3	0	1.000
Dalton, ss	3	1	.750
Davis, cf	3	1	.750
Conner, lf	2	1	.667
Freeman, p	3	1	.750
Thompson, 2b	2	1	.667
Luckadoo, 1b	2	0	1.000

Bob Hussey Replaces Gold As Post 155 Legion Coach

Jim Leigh Named Assistant Coach For This Season

Bob Hussey has been named as the new coach for the Otis D. Greene Post 155 American Legion baseball team.

Hussey replaces John Gold of Grover who has handled the team for the past two seasons. Jim Leigh will again serve as assistant coach.

The announcement was made Monday by Legion Athletic Director Carl Wilson.

Hussey serves as head girls' basketball coach at Kings Mountain high school as well as track coach, ninth grade head football coach and assistant backfield coach for the varsity gridlers.

Hussey handled the KMHS ninth grade baseball team until Kings Mountain dropped out of the junior high program in 1965.

Registration for boys who plan to play Legion baseball will be on Saturday morning, May 14, at 10:30. Practice will begin on Monday, May 16.

The Legion program will operate on a 22 game regular season schedule this year with league opening on May 31. Kings Mountain has five practice games scheduled before the opening day.

Twelve teams will make up this area. They include: Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Bessemer City, Shelby, Belmont, Forest City, Henrietta, Marion, Newton, Hickory, Granite-Falls and Cherryville.

The top four teams will advance to round two with the bottom eight teams being eliminated.

A meeting will be held in Shelby on May 21 to draw up the regular-season schedule.

Post 155 will have six starters — three of them pitchers — back this season. Returning starters are outfielders Ronnie Rhea and Tony Leigh, pitchers Steve Goforth, Steve Wilson and Mickey Adkins and catcher Roy Medina.

Adkins posted a 12 record last year, Wilson was 14 and Goforth was 20. Rhea did some relief pitching but was not involved in a decision.

Mounties Lose To Lincolnton

Lincolnton scored three runs in the first inning Saturday afternoon and then cruised to a 5-2 win over Kings Mountain in a Southwest Conference contest.

Ace righthander Harry Graham picked up the victory for the Wolves with a four-hitter. Graham struck out 10 KM batters en route to the win.

Senior Steve Goforth was tagged with the loss, his second in as many days. Goforth went the distance while giving up only five hits and fanning seven batters. Two of the hits off Goforth were infield singles.

Lincolnton's three first-inning runs were scored by the help of three Mountaineer errors, two stolen bases and a triple by Frank Mosteller.

The hosting Wolves went ahead 4-0 in the fourth with Gene Cady scoring after getting a single, going to second on a single by Melvin Huffstetler, moving to third on a fielder's choice and coming home on a fielder's choice.

Kings Mountain scored in the fifth with Wayne Mullinax and Steve Goforth each getting a single.

Lincolnton stretched its lead 5-1 in the fifth before KM added the game's final tally in the seventh with Charles Carroll scoring in gaffer getting a triple and coming home when Mullinax reached base on an error.

BOXSORE

Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	BI
T. Goforth, cf	3	0	1	1
Connor, ss	3	0	1	0
Smith, 2b	3	0	1	0
Gladden, 1b	1	1	0	0
Gaffney, c	2	0	0	0
Leigh, lf	1	1	0	0
Carroll, rf	2	0	0	0
Mullinax, 3b	1	1	0	0
S. Goforth, p	2	0	0	0
	18	3	5	1

Chase

Chase	AB	R	H	BI
Willis, 3b	3	0	0	0
Winn, 2b	3	0	0	0
Bridges, ss	3	0	1	0
Radford, c	2	0	0	0
G. Hamrick, cf	2	0	0	0
Henson, lf	2	0	0	0
D. Hamrick, 1b	1	0	0	0
Jones, rf	2	0	0	0
Wease, p	2	0	0	0
Powell, p	0	0	0	0
	19	0	1	0

E-Wease, D. Hamrick, Willis, Mullinax, 2B-T. Goforth, Connor, SAC —Gaffney, DP—Wease, Bridges & D. Hamrick.

Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO
S. Goforth (w) 6 1 0 0 2 11
Wease (l) 4 2 3 0 3 4
Powell 1 1 0 0 1 0

Williamson, c 3 0 1 2
25 5 7 5



LEGION COACH — Bob Hussey (above) has been named coach for the Post 155 American Legion Juniors for the coming season. He replaces John Gold as Legion Coach.

Mounties Host Belmont Tuesday

Tuesday night's Southwest Conference baseball contest between Kings Mountain and Shelby was postponed because of rain and was scheduled to be played Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

Coach Bill Bates will take his Mountaineers to East Rutherford Friday afternoon before returning home to host Belmont Tuesday and Cherryville Friday in the final two season games.

The Mountaineers are currently 4-6 in conference play and are in sixth place in the loop standings.

Lincolnton (8-1) leads the league while East Rutherford and R-S Central are tied for second, Belmont's fourth, Shelby fifth and Cherryville and Chase tied for seventh.

Steve Goforth (4-3) will probably receive the starting nod against Shelby with either Tommy Goforth (1-3) or Darrell Whetstone (0-1) starting against East Rutherford.

Steve has been the mound workhorse all season and had an impressive 4-1 record until Friday and Saturday when he lost back-to-back decisions to R-S Central and Lincolnton.

His pitching record still is one of the best in the Southwest Conference. He has worked a total of 38 1/3 innings, has given up only 22 hits, five earned runs, has walked only 20 batters and has struck out 54. His earned run average stands at 0.89.

Tommy Goforth currently leads the team in hitting with a .267 batting mark with four hits in 15 times to the plate. Mike Smith is second on the hitting list with a .231 mark and Nelson Connor is third with a .212 average.

Senior Mitchell Self will probably pitch for Shelby on Wednesday with Brinson Hill or Lewis Jolley hurling for East Friday.

G-W Gridders Get Athletic Grants

BOILING SPRINGS — Two Gardner-Webb College star football players have received full athletic scholarships from Southern Conference colleges. Gerald Mathis, a fullback from Cowpens, S. C., will play at William and Mary College and David Langford, bruising tackle from Fayetteville, N. C., will go to Richmond University.

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Mathis, a 6-0 192 pound back was honorable mention on the National Junior College All-America squad, "Back of the Year" in Region 10 play and All-Western Carolinas Junior College Conference. During his freshman year, the South Carolinian led in rushing in Region 10 (Virginia, Carolinas, Maryland and Georgia) and was co-captain of the GAW team. Mathis is at William and Mary this semester but missed spring drills due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Coach Marv Levy says this will not cause the loss of the scholarship. At Richmond, Langford will play for Frank Jones who is former coach at Presbyterian College and assistant coach at Mississippi State.

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Gault Sets New Record — Rolls 429 Set Tuesday

Lib Gault did it again! Just last week she became the first lady in Kings Mountain bowling history to roll a 400 set by setting an all-time high set mark of 425.

But this week she broke that mark. Tuesday night Lib rolled a 429 set to lead her Elsie's Beauty Shop team to a 4-0 win over the Outcasts.

However, Elsie's still trails league leader Plonk Brothers by four games heading into the final week of the 1965-66 season.

Lib connected on lines of 134, 164 and 131 for her record total. Charity Goforth added a 350 set for the winners while Ethel Tignor was high for the Outcasts with a 109 line, and a 302 set.

Elsie's winning margin over the Outcasts was 123 pins after spotting the losers 16 pins per game.

Plonk Brothers won a 4-0 decision over McGinnis Furniture and Kings Mountain Drug won a 3-1 score over Oates-Henderson Shellet in the other two matches Tuesday.

Pat Herndon had a 131 line and a 319 set to top Plonk Brothers and Betty Fite had a 116-300 for McGinnis Furniture.

Lynda Sparrow, Margaret Wilson and Pat Panther all had 106 lines and Panther had a 307 set for KM Drug. Jenny Oates topped her team's scoring with a 116 line and a 317 set.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Plonk Brothers	46	22	.676
Elsie's Beauty Shop	42	26	.618
Kings Mtn Drug	40	28	.588
Oates-Henderson	28	40	.412
Outcasts	25	43	.368
McGinnis Furniture	24	44	.353

WNCHSAA Annual Meeting Held Wednesday

The annual dinner meeting of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association was held Wednesday night at Belmont following an executive board meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Purpose of the meeting was to study applications of three Iredell County Schools, North Iredell, North Davidson and Central Davidson and to draw up plans for next year's meeting and sites for 1966-67 events such as wrestling, golf, forensic and track tournaments.

The Conference Sportsmanship Award, which last year went to Shelby High School, was to be presented at the meeting.



Q—What change has been made in the social security disability program by the Social Security Amendments of 1965?

A—Under the old law disability benefits could be paid only to people whose impairment was permanent — expected to last for a long and indefinite time or to result in death. Under the new law, benefits can be paid to a person whose impairment has lasted or is expected to last 12 calendar months.

Q—Did the 1965 amendments change the work requirements for disability benefits?

A—Most people can receive benefits only if they have worked under social security for at least 5 of the 10 years before they became disabled.

Q—Does the disability still have to have lasted for 6 months before benefits can be paid?

A—Yes. The 1965 amendments did not change this. The worker's first check will be issued for the 7th month of disability. However, the disabled worker should check with his social security office during the 6-month period.

Q—I began receiving retirement benefits at 62 and when I was age 63 I became disabled. I checked at my social security office and they told me that I could not get disability benefits because I was receiving retirement benefits. Has this been changed by the 1965 amendments?

A—Yes. After receiving retirement benefits, it is now possible to change to disability benefits if you become disabled before 65. This means that if you are already receiving a reduced benefit when you become disabled, your payment may be increased.