

# Legion Juniors Host Cherryville Monday Night



## Herald Sports

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### Leonard, Tar Heels Omaha, Neb., Bound

Kings Mountain's Beattie Leonard and his University of North Carolina teammates are bound for Omaha, Neb., and the College World Series after sweeping the NCAA District 3 baseball title at Sims Legion Park in Gastonia last weekend.

Leonard, a fireballing southpaw who leads Carolina in strikeouts, figured largely in UNC's success at Gastonia as he hurled a five-hitter which beat Mississippi State 5-4 Friday night.

That was Beattie's only appearance during the three-day tournament at Gastonia but he chalked up the win although he needed one-out relief help from George McRae.

The victory at Gastonia gave Leonard a 5-4 record heading into the World Series which gets underway on June 13.

In the game Friday against Ole Miss, Leonard helped his own cause with a 2-for-4 plate performance and one run scored. Leonard scored the first run of the game, in the third inning.

### BEATTIE LEONARD

Beattie got that inning off to a good start with an infield single.

Leonard, a 6-0, 185 pounder, struck out only four batters against Mississippi State and walked only four (two of them in the ninth inning) but he used a stay-cool pitching style and usually pin-point control in choking the Ole Miss bid for the District 3 crown.

After getting the first two batters out in the ninth, Leonard gave up two bases on balls and another batter reached base on an error by Danny Talbott before Coach Walter Rabb called on ace reliever McRae.

### UNC Ousted Gold's Future Teammates

Carolina had to defeat Florida State, the number two ranked team in the nation, in order to claim the District 3 title.

Florida State, which will have Richard Gold, another KM product, on its side next year, lost its first game to Ole Miss before defeating Mississippi State and Carolina to reach the finals Saturday night.

The Seminoles, who have been to Gastonia eight times in the past 11 years and have won the tourney four times, edged out Carolina, 6-5, in 10 innings Saturday afternoon to reach the finals.

But Beattie's teammates, behind superb pitching of ace Danny Walker, showed their power with a 6-4 win in the final contest.

Gold, who lettered in baseball four years at Kings Mountain high school, played on the Florida State freshman team this past year and hit at a .255 clip while serving the team as field captain.

Dick will figure largely in FSU's plans next year because the varsity losses its first unit second baseman and Gold will be right there to take over.

Gold was winner of the Legion Most Valuable Player trophy last year when he led the team in hitting with a .479 average, the highest mark ever posted by a regular Post 155 performer.

Leonard did not play high school ball here but was a key performer on the Legion team in 1962.

### Despite Disputes, Juniors Trip Belmont

Not paying too much attention to the many protests thrown at the umpires from the Belmont coaching staff and players, Kings Mountain's Juniors posted a 5-3 win over the Austen-Stowe boys here Saturday night and knocked the visitors from the unbeaten ranks.

Post 155 used near perfect fielding and timely hitting in handing Coach Neb Hollis and his boys the loss.

Kings Mountain got extra good play from its key-stone combination, Phillip Cash and Nelson Connor, and also some good play from centerfielder Ronnie Rhea and first baseman Chucky Gladden.

Although he failed to get a hit in four times at bat, Cash had a big hand in the KM win. He made a diving catch of a Larry Hartsell sinking liner which stopped a rally in the fifth and made a couple other good plays on ground balls.

Gladden pulled one of the oldest tricks in the books on Belmont third baseman Danny Suggs. After Suggs reached base on a bunt single in the sixth, Gladden failed to throw the ball into pitcher Steve Goforth, and when Suggs took his lead off first, Gladden tagged him for the second out of the inning.

Of course, that brought about much of a roar from the Belmont fans, coaches and players but it showed smartness on the part of Gladden and unawareness on the part of Suggs and the Belmont first base coach.

After the fifth inning, Belmont changed coaches at first base.

Ronnie Rhea pulled down a deep liner off the bat of Steve Barkley which stopped a rally in the seventh and shortstop Connor turned in a couple of good plays including an unassisted out of John Rudisill in the ninth.

### Connor, Gaffney Lead Junior Hitting

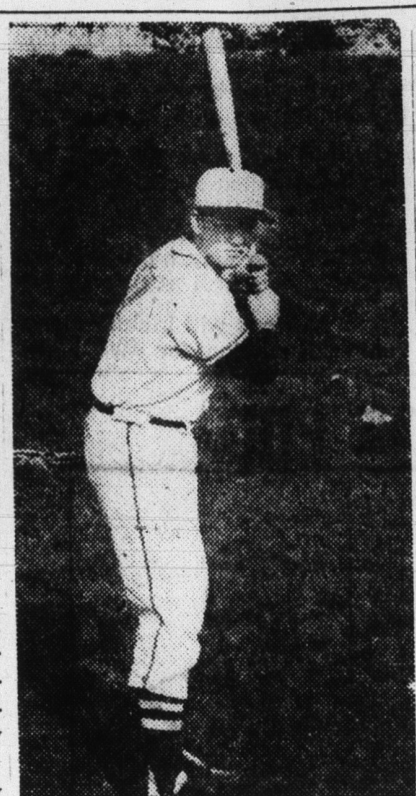
Going into Monday night's game at Bessemer City statistics showed that Connor and catcher Paul Gaffney were leading the Legion hit parade with .450 and .412 averages respectively.

Connor had collected nine hits in 20 times at bat, had scored four runs, batted in four, and had two doubles and a triple to his credit. Nelson had hit safely in each of the first four games.

Gaffney had collected 7-for-17 with three runs scored, four batted in and one double. Third on the hitting list was Ronnie Rhea with a .357 mark.

The only home run (going into Monday's game) was by Roy Medlin, a three-run blast at Shelby. Roy was leading the team in runs batted in with five runs scored with five.

Leading the mound crew was Steve Goforth with a 2-0 record.



HITS HOMER — Roy Medlin (above) cracked a three-run home at Shelby Thursday night but it was to little avail as KM lost, 14-10.

### Nine KM Errors Help Shelby Win Thursday 14-10

Shelby's Warren F. Hoyle Post 82 Legion Juniors took advantage of nine Kings Mountain fielding errors and several other mental mistakes in handing Post 155 its first loss of the season Thursday night at Shelby, 14-10.

Righthander Tommy Goforth suffered the loss for the locals. Goforth pitched 5 1/2 innings after relieving starter David Norris with two outs in the third, gave up six hits, nine runs, walked four and struck out four.

Phil Peeler went the distance for Shelby although he was in trouble throughout the game.

It was Peeler's squeeze bunt that drove in the winning run in the seventh inning but the big blow of the game was a three-run homer by KM's Roy Medlin back in the fifth inning.

After Nelson Connor led off the inning with a single and Ronnie Rhea reached base on a fielder's choice, Medlin hit Peeler's first pitch over the right-center field fence some 320 feet away.

Post 155 took a short-lived lead in the top of the first inning with Connor hitting a double, going to third on a fielder's choice and coming home when Medlin backed the leftfielder up against the wall in left-center.

But Shelby came back to score two runs in the bottom half of the first on triples by Mike McDaniel and Mike Wright, a sacrifice fly by Ted Whitworth and a single by Mike Grayson.

Shelby rallied for six runs in the third inning with singles by Max Jones, Bill Blanton and Randy Shuford, a triple by Grayson, a base on balls and three KM errors.

Kings Mountain scored a singleton in the fourth with Phillip Cash singling, going to second on a fielder's choice and scoring on a single by Tony Leigh.

Medlin's three-run homer brought the game closer at 8-5 in the fifth but Shelby stretched its lead to 9-5 in the sixth with Mike McDaniel doubling, taking third on a fly ball to deep right field and coming home on a passed ball.

Post 155 rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh to take a 10-9 lead.

KM scored its seventh-inning runs on singles by Chuck Ray and Connor, three Shelby errors, a base on balls and two fielder's choices.

Grayson doubled to leadoff the Shelby seventh and scored the tying run when KM first baseman Chucky Gladden threw wild at the plate. Another KM error put runners on second and third and Peeler then squeezed in Blanton with the winning run.

Shelby added one other run in the seventh and scored two more in the eighth to end the game's scoring.

Each team collected 12 hits with Connor's 4-for-5 performance leading the KM charge. Leigh and Cash added two hits each for Post 155 and Grayson led Shelby's hitting with a 3-for-5 showing.

Kings Mountain		Shelby	
AB	R H BI	AB	R H BI
Connor, ss	5 3 4 0	Peeler, ss	5 2 0 0
Rhea, 3b, cf	5 2 0 0	Medlin, rf	3 2 1 4
Medlin, rf	3 2 1 4	Gaffney, c	5 0 0 0
Gaffney, c	5 0 0 0	Cash, 2b	5 1 2 1
Cash, 2b	5 1 2 1	Gladden, 1b	5 1 1 0
Gladden, 1b	5 1 1 0	Leigh, lf	5 1 2 2
Leigh, lf	5 1 2 2	Bridges, cf	2 0 0 0
Bridges, cf	2 0 0 0	Ray, 3b	3 0 1 2
Ray, 3b	3 0 1 2	Norris, p	0 0 0 0
Norris, p	0 0 0 0	Goforth, p	3 0 1 0
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	41 10 12 9		
Shelby			
McDaniel, ss	5 2 2 0		
Whitworth, c	3 0 0 1		
M. Jones, cf	4 2 2 0		

### Forest City Downs Post 155 For Sixth Win

Forest City took advantage of six errors here Tuesday night in cruising to its sixth straight Area Four Legion win, a 6-2 victory over Kings Mountain Post 155.

The winners struck for one run in the first inning, added three in the second and two in the fifth. Post 155 managed two runs in the fourth frame.

Bobby Hill, a righthander from East Rutherford high school, gained the pitching win with a five-hitter and also led the FC hitting with two doubles in four times at bat. Hill went the distance giving up only two bases on balls and fanning 11.

Steve Goforth was tagged with the loss. Goforth also went the distance, giving up eight hits, walking nine and striking out eight. It was Goforth's first loss of the year against two wins.

All of Forest City's runs were unearned. The visitor's first inning run was a result of two bases on balls, a single and two KM errors.

Back-to-back singles by Wayne Hoos, Lenny Walker and Warren Dalton, two fielder's choices and another Post 155 error accounted for FC's three tallies in the second.

Kings Mountain brought the game closer at 4-2 in the fourth with a double by Paul Gaffney and a single by Chucky Gladden providing the punch. After Tony Leigh flied out to open the frame, Hill hit Roy Medlin with a pitch.

Medlin took second when Phillip Cash grounded out and then scored on Gaffney's double to left-center. Gaffney then scored when Gladden singled through the middle.

With one out in the fifth, Roger Vasey reached base on an infield single and Tommy Blankenship walked to put runners on first and second for FC. Doug Hauk then flied out but Goforth issued a base on balls to Hill, which loaded the bases. Don Blanton then hit a routine fly ball to centerfield but Ronnie Rhea dropped it and the runners scored from second and third. Hoos then flied out to end the inning.

Kings Mountain threatened in the seventh after Bill Bridges opened up with a double. Hill then struck out Mickey Adkins and walked Goforth but Rhea flied out and Tony Leigh grounded out to end the inning.

Catcher Paul Gaffney led KM's hitting with a 2-for-4 performance and Rhea, Bridges and Gladden collected a hit apiece.

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Leigh, lf	4 0 0 0	Hoos, cf	4 1 1 1
Medlin, 3b	3 1 0 0	Walker, 2b	3 1 1 1
Cash, 2b	4 0 0 0	Bradley, 2b	1 0 0 0
Gaffney, c	4 1 2 1	Dalton, rf	3 0 1 1
Gladden, 1b	4 0 1 1	Jolley, 3b	5 0 1 1
Bridges, rf	4 0 1 0	Vasey, 1b	4 1 1 0
Ray, ss	2 0 0 0	Blankenship, ss	4 1 0 0
S. Goforth, p	2 0 0 0	Hauk, c	3 1 0 0
T. Goforth, ph	1 0 0 0	Hill, p	4 0 2 0
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### Swimming Class Begin June 20

Warren (Bo) Goforth will be instructor for swimming classes at City Pool for two weeks beginning June 20.

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Wright, rf 5 2 1 0  
Grayson, lf 5 2 3 1  
Blanton, 1b 5 2 1 1  
Runyan, 2b 1 1 0 0  
H. Jones, 2b 2 1 1 0  
Shuford, 3b 3 1 1 4  
C. McDaniel, 3b 1 0 0 0  
Peeler, p 2 1 1 1

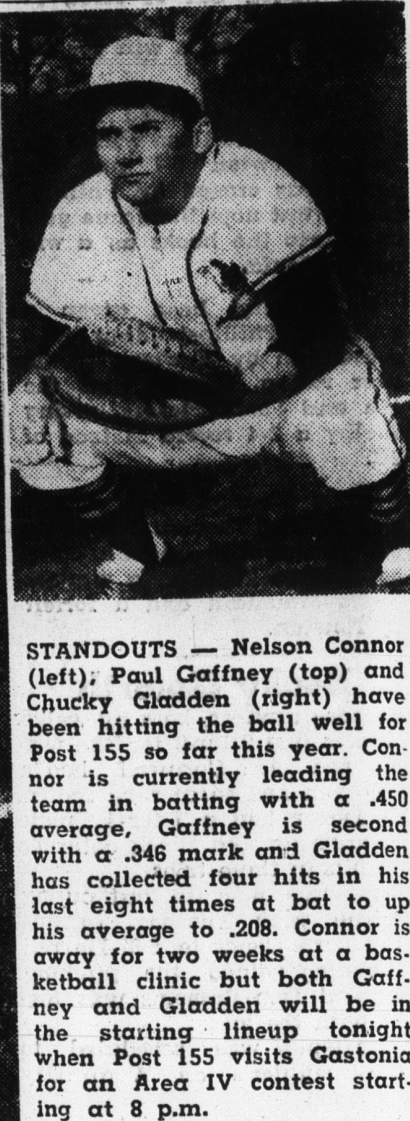
E-KM 9, Shelby 6. 2B-Connor, Grayson, M. McDaniel, 3B - Grayson, M. McDaniel, Wright. HR-Medlin, SAC-Norris, SF-Whitworth, 2, Medlin, DP-Connor, Cash and Gladden, Whitworth and Blanton. Whitworth, Blanton and C. McDaniel, SE-Rhea, M. Jones. WP-Goforth, PB-Gaffney.

Pitching IP H R ER BB SO Goforth (1) 9 8 6 0 9 8 Hill (w) 9 5 2 2 2 11

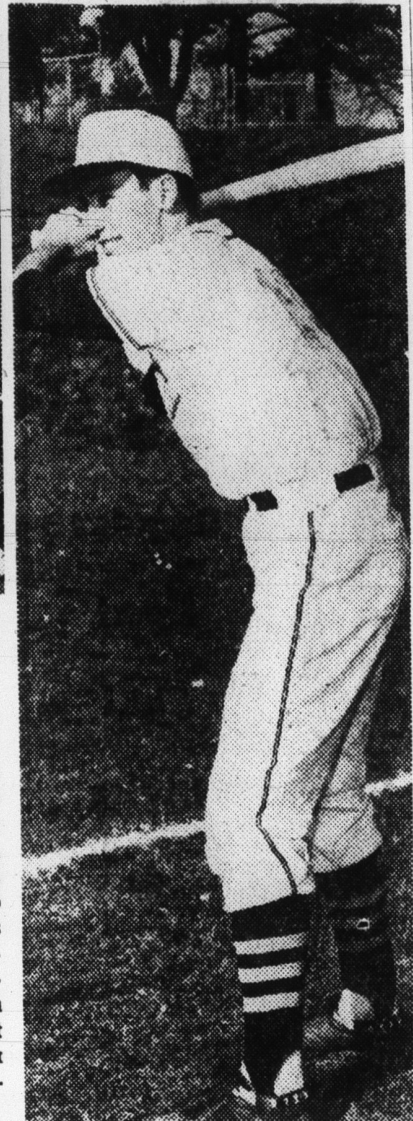
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### Tommy Goforth To Hurl Against Gaston Tonight

Post 155 travels to Gastonia tonight for a game with Gaston Post 23 and will return home Monday to host Cherryville at 8 p.m.

Kings Mountain was originally scheduled to host Newton Friday night at City Stadium but, because of financial problems, Newton has dropped out of Area IV and all games involving that team have been erased from the record books.

Coach Bob Hussey reports that he will start Tommy Goforth (1-1) against Gastonia tonight and will hurl either Steve Goforth (2-1) or David Norris (1-0) against Cherryville.

Post 155 will play at Granite Falls Tuesday night.

The locals carry a 4-2 record into tonight's game. KM is still riding in second place in the Area IV standings behind undefeated Forest City.

Coach Hussey stated Wednesday that he might make some defensive changes tonight. Hussey said that his outfield may be switched around somewhat. He added that either Chuck Ray or Mickey Adkins will be playing at shortstop in place of Nelson Connor who is in Raleigh attending a basketball clinic at North Carolina State University.

Connor currently leads the team in hitting with a .450 average. Catcher Paul Gaffney carries a .346 batting average into tonight's contest and Ronnie Rhea is third on the hitting list with a .334 mark.

Goforth has appeared in four games this year and has worked a total of 19 1/2 innings. He has given up 20 hits, has struck out 22, walked 10 and has an earned run average of 2.37.

Gastonia is made up of players from Ashley and Hunter Huss high schools and has been one of the area's toughest teams for many years. Gastonia won the area championship last year but was ousted from the state tourney by National Champion Post 9 of Charlotte.

Cherryville is combined of Lincolnton and Cherryville and has several boys who played for Lincolnton's high school team this past year. Heading the crop at Cherryville is all-conference pitcher Harry Graham and hard-hitting outfielder Frank Mosteller and catcher Larry Sain.

The game at Cherryville is a pre-season practice game and should prove to be tough competition for the locals come Monday.

### David Bolin Hurls Second No-Hitter

David Bolin hurled his second no-hitter of the Little League season Monday night at Optimist took over first place in the loop standings after whipping Police 9-2.

Bolin struck out 15 batters en route to the win. Police scored both its runs on bases on balls, wild pitches and passed balls. Bolin walked six batters and hit one during the six-inning contest.

Optimist collected only five hits off losing pitcher Richard Stowe with Dana Sarvis having a 2-for-3 plate performance and two runs batted in.

The game was tied 1-1 until the third inning when Optimist rallied for six runs with a triple by Gus Hayes, a double by Sarvis and a single by Bolin providing the punch.

Police 010 010-2 Optimist - 106 20x-9 WP - Bolin, LP - Stowe. Leading Hitter: Sarvis, 2-for-3.

POLICE KIWANIS The Police club used an 11-hit attack to hand Kiwanis a 14-7 setback Thursday night. Richard Stowe gained the pitching win and Dana Franklin was charged with the loss.

The game was called after four innings. 040 3xx-7 Kiwanis - 065 3xx-14 WP - Stowe, LP - Franklin. Leading Hitters: Police-Thombs, 3-for-3; Brown, 3-for-4; Kiwanis - Byars, 1-for-2.

PARKGRACE-RESCUE Parkgrace took advantage of 15 bases on balls off two Rescue Squad pitchers and cruised to a 9-3 win in Thursday's nightcap. Robby Moore gained the pitching win although he needed relief help from David Caldwell.

Parkgrace scored five runs in the second, two in the third and added two in the fifth while Rescue scored all its runs in the fourth.

WP - Moore, LP - Huffstickler. Leading Hitters: Parkgrace: Blanton, 1-for-1. Rescue: Johnson, 2-for-3.

LIONS-BUR-MILL Lions defeated Bur-Mill 8-2 to get Friday night's action underway. Craig Brown gained the pitching win with a two-hitter and Charlie Baker was tagged with the loss.

Freddie Wilson led the Lions in hitting with a double and

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## Juniors Hand Belmont First Loss; Beat Bessemer City

### Steve Goforth Gets Second Win With Six-Hitter

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors handed Belmont its first loss of the season here Saturday night with a 5-3 victory before a large home-town crowd.

Righthander Steve Goforth went the distance for Post 155 and picked up his second win of the season against no losses. Goforth gave up six hits and struck out 11 batters.

Tony McConnell was relieved in the eighth inning by Danny Adkins after KM put the first two runners on base.

Kings Mountain took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third with Tony Leigh driving Goforth home with a double to leftfield. Goforth had reached first base on a walk.

Leigh's drive hit the leftpost on the leftfield bank and bounced back into playing field, thus not putting the ground rule double ruling into effect, so Goforth was allowed to score.

Belmont struck for one run in the fourth to knot the score at 1-1. Third baseman Dan Suggs doubled to lead off the frame and scored when Ed Thompson singled.

McConnell got the locals three up, three down, in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings but a leadoff double by Paul Gaffney in the seventh started a one-run rally which saw KM take a 2-1 rally. Gaffney went to third when Ronnie Rhea grounded out, stayed at the hot corner while Chucky Gladden grounded out, then scored when Bill Bridges singled through the middle.

Nelson Connor singled to leadoff the KM eighth, Connor stole second and, after Tony Leigh reached base on an error, Nelson scored when the Belmont leftfielder dropped a fly ball off the bat of Roy Medlin.

Phillip Cash flied out and Leigh came home when Gaffney reached base on a fielder's choice. Rhea then doubled to drive in Medlin and complete the KM scoring.

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Leading the KM hitting was shortstop Nelson Connor with a 2-for-4 performance while Suggs was 2-for-4 for the losers.

Kings Mountain turned in several good fielding plays with Phillip Cash's diving catch of Larry Hartsell's liner in the fifth inning heading the list. Included in the fielding greats was an unassisted pick-off at first base by Chucky Gladden and a back-to-the-bank catch by Ronnie Rhea which stopped a Belmont rally in the seventh.

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### Cash, Grover Tied For Softball Lead

Cash Grocery and Grover are still battling it out for the lead in the local slow-pitch softball league. Cash Grocery is still undefeated with a 6-0 record and Grover is standing at 7-1.

Cash Grocery played only one game during the past week, beating last place Mullins by a 35-6 count on Friday. Cash Grocery belted five home runs with Lawrence Bolin, Ken Cash, Reggie White, Gerald McDaniel and C. B. Greene getting one apiece.

Grover posted two victories during the past seven days, beating Bur-Mill, 10-3, Thursday and besting Margrace, 8-3, Tuesday night.

The Bees are in third place with a 6-2 record and Bur-Mill and the Jaycees are deadlocked for fourth with identical 5-3 tabs. Margrace holds the only other winning record, 5-4.

STANDINGS		W	L	GB
Cash Grocery	6	0	—	
Grover	7	1	—	
Bees	6</			