

Kings Mountain Falls To Gastonia In Eleven



ODDS-'N'-ENDS

By JOE CORNWELL

This is my last week with the Kings Mountain Herald. I can certainly say that it has been a pleasure working with the staff and the citizens of Kings Mountain and the surrounding area.

I have learned a great deal about sports and about the world of sports writing and newspaper editing. I personally would like to thank Martin Harmon for contributing his talents toward making me a better newspaper man. I also would like to thank Mr. Harmon for giving me the chance to begin my career in the newspaper field.

Continuing, I would like to thank Lib Stewart for the help she has been to me. Her personality and determination have made the Kings Mountain Herald a better newspaper.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the "backshop" or the men who really do hard work and have to be devoted to the job. Paul Jackson, Rocky Martin, Roger Brown, Fred Bell, Bob Myers, and last but certainly not least, Dave Weathers. Dave is the Lib Stewart of the backshop. Dave has helped me greatly. He has made me realize the part that every individual plays in editing a newspaper. I say, "Thank you Dave."

Kings Mountain is fast becoming a growing and thriving community. Who and what has made Kings Mountain begin the long struggle for recognition in the United States and North Carolina? Well, I can say that part of the question can be answered by the one word "industry". As you probably know without industrialization it is definitely hard for a community to grow and prosper as it should. First, for a community or city to gain industry it has to have an individual or a group of people to let the industries know of the potential of a community and how well a mill or trucking line or any other operation would fair in their city. The who part of the question can be answered with the name John H. Moss. Reigning as Mayor of our "Historical City", Moss has strived for all of the above things and more. He is the one individual that the City of Kings Mountain has needed in the past, and now has. He, along with other hard working citizens, have made Kings Mountain a town that can be used as a "Model" for other cities. The Mayor has helped me in the past directly and more so indirectly. Thank you, Mayor John H. Moss.

Thanks are also in store for the Kings Mountain High School faculty and coaching staff. Without the co-operation of me to get along at the Herald, Mr. Jake Atkinson, Kings Mountain High School principal, has let me out of class many times, so I could get caught up in my sports writing. Mr. Atkinson said that he would not have let me get out of class for just any job, and he turned down many who were trying to cut class to go to work. But, however, he feels that if a student is working in a field that he will surse as his future, then what could be more educational than the job itself. Mr. Atkinson, I have learned a lot from you and I hope to learn more. You have aided in broadening my knowledge of the newspaper world.

I would personally like to thank all of my teachers for their advice and support. Miss Donna Dotson and Mrs. Carl McWhirter are certainly in store for my thanks.

The high school coaching staff has also helped me in my job and in my life. These are the fellows, the coaches, to whom I would like to give my very personal and sincere thanks. As an athlete, I know how valuable a group of coaches can be to a community. They are the men who are connected with the most valuable part of our country and city, its youth. They are the men who mold athletes and try to give their advice and knowledge of the world to the young men and women. Coaches Bob Hussey, Bill Cashion, Blaine Fronberger and Bill Bates are the men who have given their time and effort to the development of our youth.

Coach Bates deserves more than just a name mention. Mr. Bates has played a large role in my life as well as the lives of many others. He has given me the advice that will eventually make me a man, for this I am very grateful. Thank you coaching staff and Coach Bates.

Miss Martha Houser has aided me greatly with a dependable and accurate account of all the messages that were sent to me during school. Being the secretary of a high school takes a great deal of patience. I would like to thank Martha for taking the time to deliver my messages. Thank you Martha.

22 Competing For 15 Starting Spots

Mauney Takes Teener Championship

Selecties Will Represent KM In Tourneys

Post 23 Scores Two In Eleventh

By JOE CORNWELL
Kings Mountain Post 155 fell to the hands of Gastonia, in the third clash between the two teams, and in their longest game of the year, 11 innings.

The Mounties came from behind to tie the score in the eighth inning when Clarence Ashe reached base on an error and scored on a passed ball and a wild pitch.

Sorrow hit the Mounties when Gastonia picked up two runs after two straight outs in the top of the eleventh inning. Two errors, a stolen base, a passed ball, and a single provided the Post 23 lads with their game winning runs.

Kings Mountain collected nine hits during the contest, three more than the Gastonians. Norris Thornberg controlled the Gastonians through four innings of play. Thornberg allowed three runs, after pitching great ball, in the fourth inning.

Tommy Goforth relieved Thornberg in the fourth, and quickly retired Post 23. Goforth turned out another fine pitching performance as he retired Gastonia through seven innings of play. Tommy allowed only two hits during his performance. Kings Mountain removed Goforth in the eleventh inning after Gastonia picked up their winning runs.

Danny McDowell was the big man at the plate for Kings Mountain. The centerfielder slashed two doubles driving in all three Kings Mountain runs.

Mickey Cross picked up the win. Cross fanned ten Kings Mountain batters.

Mrs. Lawing's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. David E. Lawing, 85, of route 1, Stanley, were held at 4 p.m. Monday from Craig Memorial Baptist church in Stanley.
Mrs. Lawing died Saturday in a Burke County hospital.
Survivors include a son, David J. Lawing, of Kings Mountain.

IN ATLANTA
Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, is in Atlanta, Ga. this week attending the annual convention of the Lutheran Church in America.

Blanton Wins In 60-Lap Main Event

SHELBY — Hard-driving Charlie Blanton of Gaffney, S. C., came from a lap behind to win first money in the 60-lap main event for late-model sportsmen Saturday night at the Shelby Speedway.

It rated as one of the most exciting finishes of the season. Blanton had started in one of the front row positions in his 1956 Ford, then dropped back in the field when he stopped to remove a loose hood while the field was under caution.

He was working back up when a pile-up dropped him back to last place, a lap behind. But with less than five laps to go, Blanton was set, and he charged past Bennett Clontz of Morganton, driving a 327 Chevelle, to take the checkered flag and \$600 in prize money.

Clontz finished second, and Shelby's oger Ware, piloting a Chevy, finished third.

In the 20-lap hobby main event, J. E. Evans of Gaffney finished first in a field of three. Evans was driving a Ford. Dub Beaver of Shelby, also in a Ford, took second money, and Arthur Bolinger of Golden Valley, in a Mercury, placed third.

The crowd of about 2,000 lost one of its favorites in the hobby event when Ford-driving Freddy Smith of Kings Mountain dropped out with an overheating problem.

Jimmy Bullock of Gaffney placed first in a Ford in the 15-lap main event for rookies. PeeWee Givens of Rutherfordton drove his Chevy to second place, and Melvin Revis finished third in a Chevy.

Blanton and Ware had taken qualifying heat events in the sportsman class. Hobby heat winners were Evans and Smith, while Bobby Deal of Landrum, S. C., in a Ford, and Bullock took the rookie heats.

A regular program of racing in the rookie, hobby and late-model sportsman divisions is planned for this coming weekend at the Shelby Speedway with action beginning Saturday night at 8:30.

Talent Hunt Set Saturday

A Big Rock & Roll and Soul "Talent Hunt" sponsored by Star Attractions, will be held at the Lake Norman Music Hall, located on Hwy. 150 in Terrell, N. C.

This contest is promoted in this area due to the amount of talent available, of which ten groups will be selected for beach appearances this summer.

The number one group selected will receive a cash prize with free three day trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The contest will be held June 29, at 8:30 p.m.

Interested groups write or call the Music Hall for entry blanks. Call 704 487-2498. The address is: LAKE NORMAN MUSIC HALL, SHERRILLS FORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

KM Rips Shelby



A FAMILIAR EXPRESSION — Tommy Goforth is shown walking from the mound in a recent game. The expression on his face of his troubles in combat. He must have looked much the same way after Gastonia scored the winning runs in the eleventh inning, last Friday night. (Issac Alexander Photo)

Mrs. Wood's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Sue Wood, 66, wife of Melvin C. Wood, were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from Second Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. George Julian, Rev. Albert Hastings and Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites.

Mrs. Wood died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday in the Kings Mountain hospital following a short illness. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hawkins and a member of Second Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Hicks of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Robert and Crayton Hawkins of Shelby, A. R. Hawkins of Kings Mountain and John K. Hawkins of Polkville; two sisters, Mrs. Mitchell Pruitt of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Thomas Pittman of Shelby; and six grandchildren.

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Morgan Stops Southwell, 7-6

Mauney Textiles, in its first year of participation in the Teener baseball program, defeated Southwell Ford 7-6 Friday night to win the City League championship.

Scott Morgan, a 14-year-old righthander, went the distance and picked up the pitching win for Mauney, coached by Porter Griggs.

Mauney scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead, but had to come back for four runs in the sixth in order to claim the victory.

In the first, Mauney went ahead on singles by Robert Gaines and Wade Frye, a walk and wild pitch by Southwell pitcher Pete Hicks.

Southwell scored three runs in the third to take a 3-2 lead. Singles by Jack King, Dana Sarvis and Reece Black, a walk and a Mauney error resulted in the tally.

Mauney tied it in the fifth on singles by Frankie Stokes, Bobby Byers and Gaines.

Southwell then went ahead 6-3 in the sixth on a single by Don Sessoms, Billy Loftin's double and five Mauney errors.

Mauney, which finished with a final 7-6 record compared to Southwell's 5-2 mark, won the game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Big hits were singles by Morgan, Ben Brown and Grooms, and a triple by Ronnie Payne.

In going the distance, Morgan scattered 10 hits and struck out 12 batters. Hicks gave up nine hits and fanned six.

Getting two hits for the winners was third baseman Gaines, while Sarvis, Black, Sessoms, Loftin and King had two hits each for Southwell.

Andy Haskins At Amarillo AFB

Andy Haskins, son of Mrs. Howard Haskins and the late Mr. Haskins, left June 6th for AF basic training at Amarillo Air Force Base in Amarillo, Texas.
He is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.
His address: A/B Anderson B. Haskins AF 12813612 Flight 221, 3333rd BMTS, Amarillo AFB, Amarillo, Texas 79111.
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Pull Second Straight Upset

Post 155 upset Shelby for the second straight time, 6-4. Kings Mountain bombed the sliding Shelbians for seven costly hits in hustle and determination.

Kings Mountain fell to the hands of Shelby in the first clash between the two teams. They returned in the next contest and upset the kids from across the creek.

Mike Robinson collected the win for Kings Mountain. He allowed three hits after relieving Darrell Whetstone in the third inning.

Kings Mountain picked up one run in the second when Jack Bell, second baseman, scored on a fielder's choice.

The Mounties scored three more in the third. Two consecutive walks by the Shelby pitcher along with two singles and an error, provided Kings Mountain with the scoring power.

Bob Hussey's lads picked up one more run in the eighth inning. Danny McDowell scored that run.

Mike Smith led the Mounties at the plate with a 2-3 performance. Pressley Wilson collected the loss for Shelby.

FINAL STANDINGS

Teams	W	L	GB
Mauney Textiles	7	0	—
Southwell Ford	5	2	2
VFW	2	5	5
Tryon	1	6	6

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