

# Juniors Host Cherries In First Round Finale

## Herald Sports

### Teener All-Stars Appear Stronger Than 1966 Team

Kings Mountain's Teener All-Star coaches have cut down to the 15-player limit and continue practicing their boys in preparation for post-season tournaments.

The Teeners are working out daily under coaches Bill Grissom, Porter Griggs and Don Smith.

Southwell placed nine players to an all-star berth, league champion Mauney Textiles placed four and VFW and Tryon placed one player each.

Mauney, under Porter Griggs, won the league championship with a 7-0 record. Southwell was two games back at 5-2.

Heading up the Teener team is shortstop Geep Howard, who is a member of the squad for the third consecutive year. He played for Southwell for the past two seasons, after spending his "rookie" season with Spangler's Concrete, later to become Southwell.

Howard played on the 1966 club which finished third in the National Tournament in Hershey, Pa. He played right field on that club and first base on last year's team which lost out in the districts.

The other three returnees are pitchers Don Sessoms and Pete Hicks, and catcher Reece Black, who also played for the Southwell entry. Hicks also doubles as an infielder.

Other players from the Southwell team are infielders Chuck Carpenter and Billy Parker, outfielders David Bolin, Dana Sarvis and Tommy Patterson.

From the Mauney club comes pitcher Scott Morgan, infielders Wade Frye and Robert Gaines and outfielder Tim Groomes. James Hovis, an infielder, is Tryon's lone representative and catcher Joe Crocker is from the VFW team, coached by Smith.

Grissom, who coached Southwell, and Smith return off last year's coaching staff. Griggs, who coaches and teaches at Central Junior High, replaces Roy Pearson on the staff.

Many Teener followers feel that this year's team is stronger than the '66 team. But this year's squad doesn't seem to possess the power of the '66 club, although this

1968 TEENER ALL-STARS		
POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM
First Base	Wade Frye	Mauney Textiles
Second Base	Chuck Carpenter	Southwell Ford
	James Hovis	Tryon
Shortstop	Geep Howard*	Southwell Ford
	Billy Parker	Southwell Ford
Third Base	Robert Gaines	Mauney Textiles
OUTFIELD	David Bolin	Southwell Ford
	Dana Sarvis	Southwell Ford
	Tim Groomes	Mauney Textiles
	Tommy Patterson	Southwell Ford
Catchers	Reece Black*	Southwell Ford
	Joe Crocker	VFW
Pitchers	Scott Morgan	Mauney Textiles
	Pete Hicks*	Southwell Ford
	Don Sessoms*	Southwell Ford

\*Return from last year's team  
Coaches: Bill Grissom, Porter Griggs, Don Smith.

year's hitting appears to be better balanced.

Pitching could be the big plus factor on this year's team. Although there are only three pitchers listed on the roster, eight of the players have pitched before, and seven pitched in league play this year.

Listed as pitchers are Morgan, Hicks and Sessoms, but Bolin, Carpenter, Howard, Patterson and Sarvis from Southwell can pitch and Frye had a 5-0 record in league play this season for Mauney.

The '66 team had only two pitchers, lefthander Rocky Goforth and righty Darrell Whetstone. Darrell was the most valuable player in the state tournament.

None of this year's players have the power of '66 stars Wayne Mullinax, Mike Smith or Ken Mitchem, nor an all-around performer with the ability of Gene Putnam, but most of this year's players can hit for an average.

Coaches report they have been well pleased with all players' hustle and desire, and the coaches have been especially pleased with the pitchers' performances.

Howard, Carpenter and Frye appear to be the team's toughest hitters and Parker and Patterson have been listed as versatile performers who can play anywhere.

Several of this year's players played on last year's Babe Ruth all-star team, which finished third in the district event played here.

That list includes Parker, Carpenter, Bolin and Sarvis.

The schedule has been drawn up for this year's Babe Ruth tourney, which will again be played here.

It opens on Monday, July 8, at 8 p.m., with East Catawba, last year's champion, playing Newton.

Kings Mountain opens up against St. Stephens on Tuesday at 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Maiden plays the East Catawba-Newton winner.

Should the eventual champion sweep through the double-elimination event undefeated, the championship game will be on Friday at 8 p.m.

However, should the champion lose a game, the title contest will be Saturday at 6:30.

Here's the overall schedule:

DATE	GAME	TIME
Monday	East Catawba vs. Newton	8:00
Tuesday	K. Mtn. vs. St. Stephens	6:00
	Maiden vs. E. Catawba-Newton winner	8:00
Wednesday	E. Catawba-Newton loser vs. KM-St. Stephens loser	6:00
	Maiden game winner vs. KM-St. Stephens winner	8:00
Thursday	Maiden game loser vs. loser of Wednesday 8:00 game	8:00
Friday	Winner of 8:00 Wednesday game vs. winner of Thursday game	8:00
Saturday	Championship game	6:30

## Smith Leads 10-1 Win For Juniors

### Third Baseman Gets Four Hits To Back Goforth

Third baseman Mike Smith connected for four hits in five times at bat to lead Kings Mountain's Juniors to a 10-1 victory over Gastonia Monday night at Sims Park in Gastonia.

The win moves Post 155 into a tie for fourth place with Post 23. Both teams are 6-8, trailing league-leading Shelby by two and a half games and third place Belmont by a half game.

Smith, a former Teener star, was a base runner all six times he came to bat. In addition to getting four hits, he was walked once and was safe on an error once.

He also drove in a pair of runs and scored three times. His two-run double in the second inning, which staked Post 155 to a 2-0 lead, turned out to be the winning blow off Gastonia starter Dale Bates.

Lefthander Rocky Goforth went the distance for Post 155 and picked up his fourth win of the season against two losses. He gave up only five hits, three of those infield jobs.

Goforth didn't walk anybody and struck out 10 Gastonia batters. The only run scored off him was unearned.

Post 155 reached three Gastonia pitchers, Bates, Andy Rhine and Mickey Harris, for 12 hits. Post 155 left 14 runners stranded, 13 of those in the first five innings.

Nelson Connor, shortstop and KM's leading hitter, obtained three hits and was also a base runner six times. Connor and Smith were the only batters to obtain more than one hit.

Besides showing better hitting, Post 155 also took advantage of six Gastonia errors and six stolen bases. Second baseman Jack Bell and first baseman Rick Finger had two stolen bases each.

The only two real hits off Goforth were by Gastonia second baseman Jerry Gibson. He singled in the second and had a double off Smith's glove in the sixth.

Besides having a great night at the plate, Smith also played a bang-up defensive game. He made several outstanding plays at third and was described by Gaston Coach Doug McDonald after the game as the "best player in the league."

Also obtaining two hits for Gastonia was centerfielder Alfred Hill, but both his hits were of the infield variety. The only other hit off Goforth was an infield single by Vic Cauthen.

Smith also had the honor of stealing home in the ninth inning. Connor, after singling, got himself caught in a pickle between first and second, enabling Smith to score from third.

Smith beat a throw from first baseman Cauthen to home plate, and Connor went back to first instead of trying to turn the play into a double steal.

Of the 12 hits, only Smith and right fielder Glenn Perkins connected for extra bases. Perkins had a triple.

Catcher Clarence Ashe had three runs batted in for Post 155, two with a hit and another on an infield out.

The loss was the fourth straight for Gastonia. Post 23's last win was over Kings Mountain, 5-3 in an 11-inning tilt.

The game closed out the first round, four-game series between the two teams. Gastonia won three of the games, by scores of 10-0, 4-1 and 5-3.

### Water Skiing Fun, Can Also Be Safe

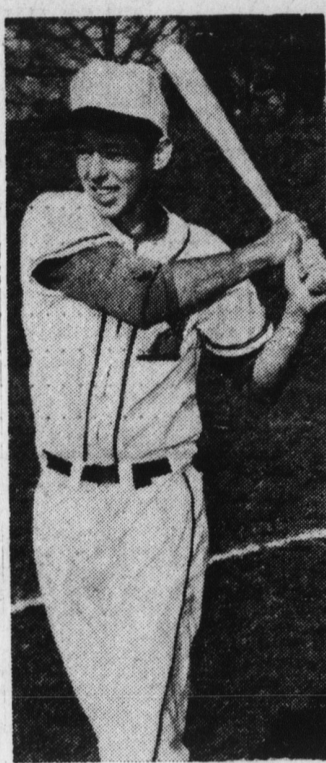
Water skiing is great sport — providing simple rules of safety are observed.

The American Insurance Association cautions skiers to stay clear of other craft, swimmers and obstructions, and always wear a life jacket.

The Association also advises that there should always be two persons in the ski tow boat — one to operate the craft in a safe and skillful manner, and the other to keep a proper lookout.

For added safety, the tow craft should fly a water ski safety flag approved by the American Water Ski Association to alert other boats in the area.

The insurance association reminds water skiers that while skiing and boating are good fun, they can be dangerous. More than 1,300 persons drowned in boating accidents in the United States in 1966, according to the U. S. Coast Guard.



**FACES WIN** — Mike Smith (above) collected four hits in five at bats Monday night to lead Kings Mountain's Juniors to a 10-1 romp over Gastonia Post 23. The smooth-fielding third baseman had two runs batted in, scored three times and was a base runner six times.



**THREE HITS** — Shortstop Nelson Connor (above) collected three hits and was a base runner six times Monday night as Post 155 defeated Gastonia 10-1 in an Area Four legion tilt. He'll be in the starting lineup tonight (Thursday) when KM plays host to Cherryville in the first round finale.

## Sharon Go'd Leads 18-7 Victory Over Homelite

Sharon Geld smashed five hits in five times at bat, including a home run, to lead Champion Landscaping Co. to an 18-7 victory over Homelite in a Gaston Adult Ladies League softball game Monday night at Deal Street Park.

The Champion ladies lashed out a 28-hit attack against Homelite pitcher Faye Barger.

Joyce Bclin and Charlene Yates obtained four hits each to aid the KM cause and Patty Champion, Becky Barnett and Nancy Hollibaugh obtained three hits each.

Champion scored eight runs in the first inning, with Lib Gault hitting a pair of homers in that frame.

Jean Brown was Homelite's

leading hitter with 3-for-5.

The Champion ladies lost an exhibition game to the Doctor and Hospital Employees team Saturday night, 16-1. By the way that Doctor's team was made up of male doctors.

Grady Howard and Regan Harper led the Doctor's charge with 4-for-4 each. Charlene Yates of the ladies was the game's leading hitter, though, with 5-for-5.

The Doctors pounded out 35 hits against losing pitcher Glenda Belk, while Champion connected for 21 safeties off winning pitcher Dr. Frank Sincox.

The Doctor's took a 9-0 lead after three innings. The Champions scored their only run in the sixth.

## Barry Robinson Attended Fourth VICA Conference In Oklahoma

Barry Robinson, rising senior at Kings Mountain high school, is back from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he attended the fourth national leadership conference of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

An ICT student at the local high school, he is North Carolina regional president of VICA.

Robinson took a bus trip to Wilmington and from Wilmington joined a group to go to Oklahoma City for the June 24-26 convention.

Oklahoma, VICA's fourth largest state association, was host to the conference at the Skirvin Hotel. Delegates participated in national officer elections, competitive activities and national committee sessions.

A special conference highlight was the VICA Rally where National Officer candidates were introduced. It was held at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, the only museum depicting the men and women who built the west. A VICA "Sing Out America" was held on Tuesday evening.

Faculty advisor for the KMHS chapter of VICA is Myers Hambricht.

### Powell Second In Tournament

Kings Mountain's Steve Powell recently finished second in the green belt division of the Piedmont States Karate Championships in Spartanburg, S. C.

Powell is actually a grown belt because he's only 14 years old, but participated in the green belt Semon Division in order to gain experience.

Eddie Pruett, also a 14-year-old, won a second place rating in the white belt division and Robert Haas of Gastonia won third place in the senior blue belt division.

## Rocky Rocks KM Past Shelby Club

### Perfect Relief Stint Gives KM A 7-4 Victory

Southpaw Rocky Goforth hurled three innings of perfect baseball Saturday night in Shelby as Kings Mountain's Juniors came from behind to take a 7-4 victory in an Area Four Legion game.

Shelby struck for three runs in the first inning off starter Darrell Whetstone but Post 155 came back with three runs in the sixth to tie it at 3-3.

Nelson Connor led off the inning with a single, was sacrificed to second by catcher Clarence Ashe, and moved to third on Danny McDowell's single.

A single by lefthander Gene Putnam sent Connor home and McDowell to third. Jack Bell's grounder to second drove in McDowell and Putnam came all the way around on a wild throw by Shelby second baseman Henry Jones.

Shelby regained the lead with a run in the seventh off Whetstone, then Coach Bob Hussey called on his ace, Goforth, who set I-w-n nine straight batters, four by the strikeout route.

Kings Mountain won it with three runs in the eighth on four hits and a walk. Post 155 added an insurance tally in the ninth on two hits and an infield out.

Righthander Don Bright went the distance for Shelby and suffered his first loss of the season against three victories.

Kings Mountain reached Bright on 14 hits while Shelby collected seven off Whetstone.

The contest was the final round meeting between the two teams, and Post 155 copped three of the four.

Only loss to Shelby was in the season opener, 19-7.

Score by Innings: R H E  
K. Mtn. 000 003 031-7 14 1  
Shelby 300 000 100-4 7 2  
Whetstone, R. Goforth (7) and Ashe; Bright and Whitworth.

## Norman Harris Shoots For 30 At Garner-Webb

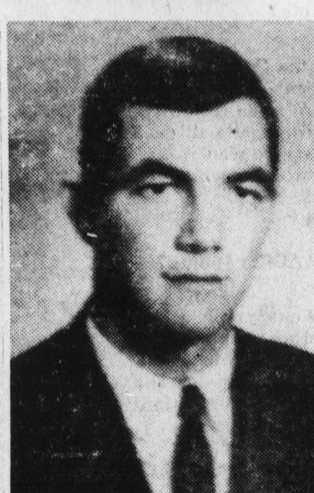
BOILING SPRINGS — Norman Harris, head football coach at Gardner-Webb College for 19 years, is preparing to round out two decades this fall. Few college coaches in the area can boast this tenure or the success which Harris has met.

With 30 returnees from last year's squad and a host of new recruits, it looks as if Coach Harris will surpass the magical 100 wins this season. The hopes for this season rest on many of the returnees such as David Gibbons, James Washburn, Donald Stiles and others, but much of the success must come from the recruits.

One of the most outstanding new players and one from whom much will be expected is Johnny Jamilton, a 5-11, 185 pound halfback from Charleston, S. C. Johnny played for the S. C. squad in the Shrine Bowl. He also holds the scoring record for the Charleston, S. C. area and was listed as Honorable Mention High School All American by the Coach and Athletics magazine.

Another newcomer with good credentials is 6-2, 221 pounder Danny Bradshaw from Bennettsville, S. C., who played last season as captain of the Carolina Military Academy team. Bradshaw is a big man with good speed who should help to fill the gap left by the graduation of All American tackle Wayne Rock.

In the quarterback slot Coach Harris is looking for the return of Sid Bryson from Morganton. Sid played for the Bulldogs in 1966 but was out of action due to a broken arm last season. If Bryson can get back into shape, the year he spent on the sidelines helping the coaches should help him in his knowledge of the game. Another candidate for the quarterback position is John Lovell from the Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Va. Lovell, at 5-10, 160 pounds, may be small but he has good speed and should prove to be an asset to the '68 team. The season opens Sept. 14 at Spangler Stadium against the freshmen from Western Carolina University.



**TO OKLAHOMA** — Barry Robinson, rising senior, attended the fourth national leadership conference of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America June 24-26 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### Use Power Mowers With Utmost Care

Never clean your power mower while the motor is running.

Should the rotating blade become clogged by grass clippings, shut off the motor and disconnect the spark plug wire before attempting to clear the machine, the American Insurance Association cautions.

In any event, the Association warns, avoid a possible serious injury by keeping your hands away from the blade until it completely stops.

The Association also advises that the mower should be used only when there is sufficient daylight; it should not be lifted while the motor is running, and one should be sure of his footing balance and control of the machine, while operating it.

## Loss Could End Year For Local Legion Club

Kings Mountain's Juniors wind up first round play and possibly their season this week.

A game last night (Wednesday) had Post 155 in Belmont, where a loss would all but eliminate the locals. Thursday night, Post 155 is host to Cherryville in its first round finale.

At present, Coach Bob Hussey's nine is 6-8, following consecutive victories over Shelby (7-4) and Gastonia (10-1). Post 155 is tied with Gastonia for fourth place.

Only the top four teams in League A advance to the second round eliminations, which begin on Tuesday night. The opening series will be best-of-three.

The standings show Shelby in first place with an 8-5 record, followed by Cherryville at 8-6, Belmont at 6-7 and Kings Mountain and Gastonia with 6-8 marks.

Kings Mountain was expected to go with righthander Tommy Goforth last night in Belmont with the host team, Post 144, hurling righthander Mack Clawson, who beat Post 155 earlier, 7-1.

Thursday night here, Hussey will probably go with his ace, Rocky Goforth, who hurled Monday's win over Gastonia with a five-hitter.

Belmont has three games remaining while Gastonia has two left. Belmont plays at Shelby Thursday and is host to Gastonia Friday.

Gastonia was host to Shelby last night.

Should Kings Mountain make it to the second round as the fourth place team, it would play Henrietta away Tuesday night. Henrietta has League B's first round title sewed up with a 12-1 record.

Should Post 155 end first round play tied for fourth place with either Belmont or Gastonia, a sudden death playoff game would be held Saturday night, at a site to be determined by the flip of a coin.

Thursday night here, Post 155 will face League A's top pitcher in Cherryville's Alan Lindsay. He has a 4-2 record and has struck out 97 batters in 50 innings.

## Adams Shown On TV Show

Karate instructor David Adams of Kings Mountain is now taking part in "Today in the Carolinas," a morning television show over WSOX-TV, Channel Nine.

Adams appears on the show each Wednesday morning from 9 until 9:30, instructing the program's host, Peg Rebour, on self defense.

He also plans to begin programming over WBT Radio, giving tips on self defense. "WBT and WBTU have both been very encouraging about my efforts to promote the programs," said Adams.

STANDINGS				
Teams	W	L	Pct.	GB
Shelby	8	5	.615	—
Cherryville	8	6	.571	1/2
Belmont	6	7	.461	2
Gastonia	6	8	.429	2 1/2
Kings Mountain	6	8	.429	2 1/2

### BOXSCORE

KING'S MOUNTAIN				
Player	AB	R	H	BI
Perkins, rf	4	1	1	0
Smith, 3b	5	3	4	2
Connor, ss	5	1	3	1
Bell, 2b	6	0	1	0
Ashe, c	4	1	1	3
McDowell, cf	5	0	0	0
McNair, cf	1	0	0	0
Putnam, lf	4	2	1	0
Goforth, p	5	0	0	1
Finger, 1b	3	2	1	1
TOTALS	42	10	12	8

### BOXSCORE

GASTONIA				
Player	AB	R	H	BI
Mackie, ss	4	0	0	0
Thompson, 3b	4	0	0	0
Cauthen, 1b	4	0	1	0
Parks, rf	3	0	0	0
Wilson, ph	1	0	0	0
Gibson, 2b	4	1	2	0
Hill, cf	3	0	2	0
R. Wofford, ph	1	0	0	0
B. Wofford, lf	2	0	0	0
Lawson, cf	1	0	0	0
Heafner, c	2	0	0	0
Warren, c	1	0	0	0
Bates, p	6	0	0	0
Rhyne, p	6	0	0	0
Lovin, ph	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	1	5	0

E—Gibson, Mackie 3, Bell, Cauthen 3, Smith, LOB—KM 14, Gastonia 5. 2B—Smith, 3B—Perkins, SB—Bell 2, Putnam, Finger 2, Smith. SAC — Perkins, DP — Thompson and Cauthen.

**PITCHING:**  
Pitcher IP H R ER BB SD  
Goforth 9 5 1 0 0 10  
Bates 2 5 4 2 3 2  
Rhyne 4 4 3 3 3 2  
Harris 2 3 2 2 2 1  
Winner: Goforth (4-2)  
Loser: Bates (1-2)  
WP—Rhyne, PB—Heafner, U—Oxendine and Auten, T—2-22.



**TWO WINS** — Rocky Goforth (above) has posted the last two victories for Post 155. He hurled three perfect innings in relief to defeat Shelby 7-4 Saturday night and his five-hit, 10 strike-out performance defeated Gastonia 10-1 Monday. He has a 4-2 record, the best on the KM staff. He'll probably start for Post 155 in the first round finale here Thursday (tonight) against Cherryville.

## Freddy Smith Takes Top Spot In Hobby Race

SHELBY — Stuck Elliott of Shelby took top honors in the feature race, for late-model sportsmen Saturday night at the Shelby Speedway to make it a weekend of back-to-back victories.

Elliott had won Friday night at the Rutherford County Speedway.

Shelbian Preston Humphries ran second in the Saturday night action. After leading more than half of the 30-lap feature, Humphries had to drop back when his 1955 Chevrolet developed overheating problems.

Dan Warlick of Lawndale took third in the sportsman feature, followed by Harold Painter of Gaffney, S. C., Benny Clontz of Morganton, Bill McAlitz of Gastonia and Roger Ware of Shelby.

Charlie Blanton of Gaffney, who won at Shelby last week, was forced out of the running Saturday night after he lost his gas tank.

In hobby action, Freddy Smith of Kings Mountain regained his form to capture top spot in the main event for hobby drivers. Teammate Mike Humphries of Gaffney ran second and J. E. Evans, also from Gaffney, ran third.

Jimmy Bullock of Gaffney took first in the rookie main event to stretch a lengthening win streak at the Shelby track.

In the qualifying heat action, Humphries and Montiz won in the sportsman division, Mike Humphries and Smith took the hobby heats and Jerry Gantt of Gaffney and Jimmy Gardner of Forest City