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FORMER POST 155 STANDOUT - Pictured above is Paul Gaffney who dropped off the Post 155 squad after three games because of personal reasons. Paul was all conference for two years at KMHS and his absence from the Post 155 team was a hard blow to the team and fans.



Kings Mountain's Juniors just completed their second consecutive losing season, but Post 155 followers can't help but think that it would have been a winning one had husky Paul Gaffney stayed with the team.

Gaffney, who was all-conference two years running for KMHS, dropped off the Post 155 squad after a week because of personal reasons and when he left, there went the team's only home run threat.

For the past two legion seasons Gaffney had teamed with big Roy Medlin as the team's 1-2 slugging punch, and ng his undefeated 60 record inthe pair had brought Kings Mountain fans some exciting moments

Gaffney hit .310 for KMHS his junior year and .355 this past season and was regarded as the best catcher in Horiste's 175 was Henrietta's 17th in 18 outings Henrietta moved into quarter. the Southwest 3-A Conference both seasons.

Gaffney, who played on the first Teener all-star team ver represent Kings Mountain in state play, was par-BOXSCORE to ever represent Kings Mountain in state play, was particularly tough at the plate when there were runners on the bases. And, Big Paul would have been the ideal cleanup Shehan, 3b Winn, 2b batter as Mike Smith and Nelson Connor each had a good Hamrick, cf year, batting second and third in the order. Lewellyn, lf Bridges, ss Cobb, rf

Another outstanding prospect also decided not to play out this legion season and he would have been a great help to Post 155. He's Wayne Mullinax, a 17-year-old who hit Hines, p Saine, o .375 for the high school team this spring. Edmondson, 1b

Mullinax, although left off the all-conference fist, joint ed Gaffney as the only players from KMHS to be named to Kings Min. Perkins, rf

KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD, KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

Teeners Drop District Opener To Shelby Tommy Hamrick Henrietta Eliminates Post 155 By 16-1 Nod Hurls Three-Hit Win For Shelby **Hines Two-Hits** Mike Smith Leading Post 155 Hitter In '68 Kings Mountain's Teener All-Post 155 In Stars had their backs to the wall in the District Tournament's **Legion Finale** Third baseman Mike Smith led final game at City Stadium yes-1968 POST 155 BATTING AVERAGES

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Henrietta's Juniors connected for 13 hits off three Post 155 pitchers at City Stadium Thurs-lay night and eliminated the KM Juniors by taking an easy 16-1 victory

Righthander Jerry Hines, a curveballer who made All-State for Plonk Central High School his year, limited the hosts to only two hits, doubles by pitcher Darrell Whetstine and outfielder Jlenn Perkins.

The contest was a pitcher's fuel between Hines and Whettine until the seventh inning vhen the KM righthander began to tire and wildness caught up with him. Henrietta took a 1-0 lead in

the second inning when cleanup nitter Mike Lewellyn, a stocky putfielder, cracked a Whetstine oitch over the left-centerfield The visitors added another pair

n the fifth, scoring the runs on wo walks, an error and a single v Mike Shehan. Kings Mountain narrowed the

nargin to 3-1 in the sixth when Whetstine walked, was sacrificed o second by Rick Finger and cored on a double to left-center y Perkins. Henrietta reached Whetstine

or three more runs in the eventh before Mike Robinson ome on and got KM out of the inning.

Then, in the eighth, Henrietta umped on Robinson and Coach Bob Hussey of Post 155 called n his ace, Rocky Goforth, but he visitors treated him rough

ilso. Before Rocky could put out the fire Henrietta had the game way but of reach. Lewellyn followed is second inning homer with a pair of singles and a triple and had five runs batted in to lead he Henrietta attack. Gary Hamrick and Bobby Joe Bridges added two hits each and

every player in the Henrietta lineup garnered at least one hit, except the ninth place hitter, irst baseman Harold Edmond. Hines walked only two KM

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batters and struck out 13 in keep POST 155 LEADERS - Mike Smith (top) paced KM's Juniors in hitting this season with a The loss ended Post 155's sea

on at a 8-10 figure. KM finished .333 average and Rocky Goforth (bottom) was the club's ace pitcher with a 5-3 mark. Both are former Teener stars.

> Lack Of Players AB R H RBI For Lions Bowl **Cancels** Game

Player, Pos. Mike Smith, 3b Nelson Connor, ss Paul Gaffney, c Norris Thornburg, p Gary McNair, ss Clarence Ashe, c Glenn Perkins, of Danny McDowell, of Gene Putnam, of Tommy Goforth, p Jack Bell, 2b Rick Finger, 1b Rocky Goforth, p Wayne Mullinax, 3b Rick Carson, 1b Darrell Whetstine, p Kenny Bridges, of Mike Robinson, p

> TOTALS 623 73 PITCHING RECORDS Pitcher Rocky Goforth Mike Robinson Darrell Whetstine Norris Thornburg Tommy Goforth

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Roy Trantham Captures Fifth **Straight Win**

Ace Ford driver Roy Trantham srased any douots about his qual-fications as the man to beat on fickory Speedway Saturday night by bicezing to mis firth win. The Asheville driver also pickd up and caller in the evening ash between drivers who have i feature win to their credit on he track this season, edging out Jack Ingram, Bosco Lowe and Ned Seizer.

In the early going of the 50-lap feature Lowe and Ingram controlled the pace. Trantham took over on the ninth lap and was never again seriously chal-ienged, finishing two seconds in front of Bob Pressley of Asheville.

Ned Setzer, Jack Ingram and Ken Houston rounded out the first five.

Medlin (above), a former KMHS Ingram started on the pole on and Post 155 baseball star, is a member of the Kings Mountain the basis of a blistering new time trial record of 87.15 miles an Merchants, a semi-pro baseball team which will host Gaffney's lour

An accident recorded on the 38th lap may be an all-time rec-Senators at City Stadium tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. ord for a coincidence in auto acing. Brothers Haj and Ken KM Merchants Host ord for Houston of Conover brushed fen-ders on the fourth turn, sending **Gaffney Tonight** Hal's car slamming into the fourth turn wall in a wild backward slide.

baseball team, the Merchants, will host the Gaffney Senators tcnight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at The Lions Bowl All-Star foot-ball game tentatively scheduled the your or Houston brother, City Stadium.

O. K. (Red) White, who for with the KM Little League and Pony League baseball programs, is coach of the Merchants. Junior Hartsoe will probably be the starting pitcher for the Merchants. Some of the team's leading hitters are catcher Roy Medlin, shortstor Tommy Bar-rett, outfielder Mike Huffstickler first baseman Reggie White. Owners of the more than 30,000

WITH MERCHANTS

Kings Mountain's semi-pro

Kings Mountain's Juniors in hit. terday: ng this season with a .333 bat. The Teeners dropped their opening game on Monday to Smith, a 17-year-old who will Shelby, 3-2, and yesterday's ing this season with a .333 batting average.

return for another year of high game pitted the Mounties against school and legion ball here, lash- the same Cleveland County out-d out 25 hits in 75 times at bat fit, which lost its second game .231 .222 .211 .203 d out 25 hits in 75 times at bat to edge out shortstop Nelson Connor for the batting title. Connor, playing out his last a no-hit, 40 victory. season of legion eligibility, had 21 hits in 64 at bats for a .328 will advance to the state tourna-batting mark. Smith and Connor vere the only Mounties to ton the day to Gastonia and the state tourna-batting mark and connor the state tourna-batting mark and connor the state tourna-batting to ton vere the only Mounties to ton the day to be state tourna-batting to ton .200 .193 .190 .182 .181 .129 .120

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batting mark. Smith and Connor were the only Mounties to top he .300 .igure. Smith not only led the team a batting average, but in runs cored, runs batted in and field-ng as well. Outside Smith and Connor, Post 55 had only two other regulars o hit .200 or better. Catcher Clarence Ashe batted .203 and outfielder Glenn Perkins hit an even .200.

scored on a single by Kim Esk-

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even 200. Smith hit safely in 16 of KM's 19 games this season. Perkins roved players as he hit safely n the team's final nine games. Southpaw Rocky Goforth led he tcam in pitching for the sec-southpaw as a a 16-year-old last who was 3-3 as a 16-year-old last sear. posted a 5-3 record this sea-trick who is son of Shelby High's baseball coach. Gene Kirkpatrick year, posted a 5-3 record this sea- baseball coach, Gene Kirkpatrick

son. Rocky, who like Smith is a ormer star of the 1966 Teener team which placed third nation-illy, was the only Post 155 start-er to post a winning record. Re-liefer Mike Robinson had a 10 when Tim Groomes walked and start and the start start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the start and the start and the start start and the start and the

cecord. Although Post 155 finished with a losing record (8-11) only three starters will not return next sea-son. Coach Bob Hussey loses Connor, first baseman Rick Fing-r and outfielder Danny McDow

Tourney Title

Tignol Garage Cops Softball

Hamrick. nings: R H E 011 010 0 3 5 1 Score by Innings: Tignor's Garage won the 1968 Shelby

Tignor's Garage won the 1968 City League So.tball Tournament Tuesday night at Davidson Park by blasting Craftspun Yarns 22-2. Gene Stone paced the 28-hit at tack by hitting a homer, triple, two doubles and a single in ad-dition to driving in seven runs. Stone had 4-for-5 assistance from Billy Parrish and Bud Bum-gardner and George Pittman ad-ded a home run to the attack. Dean Smith hurled the victory 000 100 1 2 3 4 Hamrick and Walker; Frye, Morgan (3) and Black.

ded a home run to the avictory Dean Smith hurled the victory for Tignor's. Jerry Ramsey led Craftsjun's hitting attack with the brown belt division. Four students of the David

In other games Tuesday, Tig-nor's defeated Craftspun 129 in 11 innings and Craftspun beat the Bees 8.7 to reach the cham-belt and Gene Alexander and Chade During Mountain Figh School, was pionship game. In the 11-inning Tignor-Craft-spun tilt, Gerald Hipps and Bud tonia received third degree brown Bumgardner had 3-for-5 each. belts. Lefty Moss hit two homers and Adams was recently tested for Don Tignor added one for Tig- a second degree black belt and nor's. In the Craftspun-Bees match, McClain and Carroll had 2-for-4 each for the winners. Tony Leigh nament will be held in the Kings. and Gerald Carrigan had two Mountain Junior High gymnas-hits each for the losers, with one jum on August 17 and it will be of Leigh's being a home run. Bob Greene was the winning free to the public. Starting this fall he will be pitcher for Craftspun. doing television programs, with WSOC in Charlotte, and hopefully two other stations. He's also planning radio programs in the Charlotte area.

r and outfielder Danny McDow. of the seventh, Geeper Howard ell. Returning starters next serson include Smith. Perkins, Ashe, Cene Putnam and Jack Bell, plus Ditchers Goforth and Darrell Whetstine. anning ten. Kings Mountain left nine runners on base and on

nine runners on base and on three different occasions had run-ners on second and third but didn't score. Kings Mountain was expected to pitch righthander Pete Hicks in yesterday's game while Shelby was scheduled to come back with Utweick

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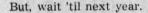
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When Mullinax and Gaffney dropped off the squad, Coach Bob Hussey was pressed to move Smith from second

Both Bell and Ashe performed well, but had Gaffney

R. Goforth, p Post 155 fans can't help but look ahead to next summer when the outlook here should be bright. Kings Moun-TOTALS $29 \ 1 \ 2 \ 1$ Smith, the club's leading hitter, and Rocky Goforth, the ace pitcher. Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack 2B—Whetstine, Perkins, Brid-Smith Perkins, Brid-Smit

Smith hit .333 in leading the Post 155 batting attack this season and Connor followed closely behind at .328. But lyn. SF-Hines. the remainder of the starters were under .200, except Ashe and outfielder Glenn Perkins who just barely hit .200. Hines (W) 9 2 1 1 2 13



Post 155 will have Bell back at second, Smith at third, Ashe behind the plate, Gene Putnam and Perkins back in the material grandparents. Mr. the outfield, and Goforth and Whetstine back for more and Mrs. Thurmond Greene, all of Kings Mountain. mound duty, plus a fine crop of prospects coming up from

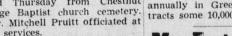
the Teener ranks. With young players making up the bulk of the squad, it took a lot of hard work and determination on the part into the playoffs, but had Gaffney and Mullinax stayed with the team. things could have been even better. Wallace Wade, for whom Duke's istors, 39, of Dallas, were held which, in turn, keeps the sun thursday at 4 p.m. from feaching troublesome weeds. Some people have even tried is often difficult. Before a person begins using Some people have neven better. Wallace Wade, for whom Duke's is took a lot of hard work and determination on the part into the playoffs, but had Gaffney and Mullinax stayed into the playoffs, but had Gaffney and Mullinax stayed into the playoffs, but he team. things could have been even better. Wallace Wade, for whom Duke's is took a lot of hard work and determination on the part into the playoffs, but had Gaffney and Mullinax stayed into the four Star Award from it to the team. things could have been even better. Wallace Wade, for whom Duke's is term. For team. Before a person begins using the Green Bay Packers. with the team, things could have been even better. 15 years.

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McNair, cf and Mullinax stayed with the team, they could have been Whetstine, p placed in other positions. Robinson, p

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president of the Kings Mountain Lions club and one of the game's of Hiddenite graduated to the

of Hiddenite graduated to the Hobby ranks by winning his fifth Roskie feature.

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