

CAROLINA COUGARS

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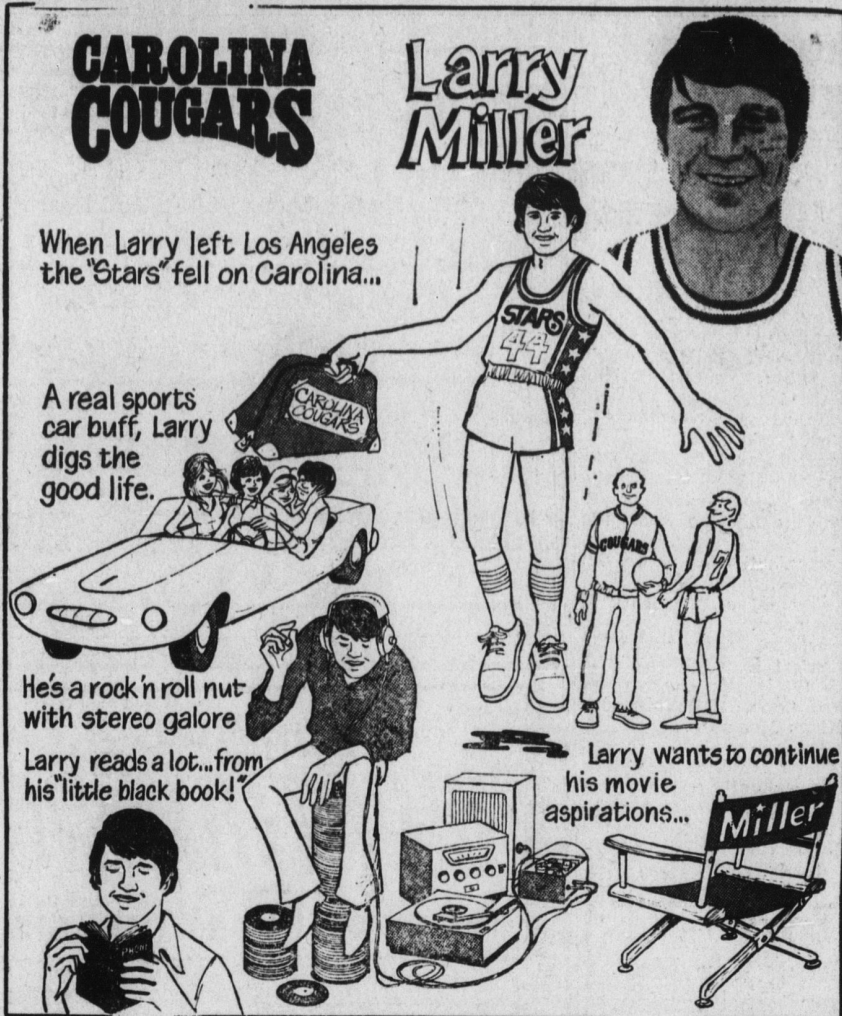
When Larry left Los Angeles the 'Stars' fell on Carolina...

A real sports car buff, Larry digs the good life.

He's a rock 'n roll nut with stereo galore

Larry reads a lot...from his little black book!

Larry wants to continue his movie aspirations...



KM's Cole Is Honored By Coach And Athlete

Kings Mountain's Otis Cole has gained honorable mention all-American from Coach & Athlete Magazine...

Cole is one of eight North Carolinians gaining honorable mention. Two other Tar Heel cagers were named to the All-American squad...

North Carolinians gaining a berth on the A-A team are 7-3 Tommy Burleson of Avery County and 6-8 Bobby Jones of South Mecklenburg...

Jones led South Mecklenburg's Sabres to the 4-A state championship and his signed a grant-in-aid with the University of North Carolina.

Burleson, the tallest basketball player in the nation (high school, college or pros) scored 39 points in leading Avery County to a comeback from behind 63-62 victory...

Dedmon Believes Hobby Racing Is Best At Harris

HARRIS, N. V. — It's obvious now, as well as in times past, that the Hobby Racing Association, headquartered here, will continue its traditional top quality racing programs...

Clyde Dedmon, HRA president and promoter of six tracks in the area, noted with some pride that this year's racing has already witnessed some of the most modern competitive machines to ever appear on his circuit...

Following last week's racing on the dirt tracks, Dedmon noted that he and his crews found several problems with the surfaces—a great deal of dust at the Rutherford County track where the surface had failed to settle just right...

As this week's program goes into the preparation stages, Dedmon said the same top drivers will be returning for competition. Leading dirt driver Chuck Mazza from Spartanburg, S. C. will be returning to make his bid for a fourth dirt win of the season...

Carroll Tosses Pair Three-Hit In Patriot Win

Young David Carroll hurled a pair of three-hitters last week as Central Junior High School ran its season baseball record to four victories in as many games.

Besides Cole, other North Carolinians gaining honorable mention were Tony Byers of Bessemer City, Robert Blue of Concord, Dave Miller of Hickory, Artis Lineberger of Claremont, Eddie Taylor of Cullowhee, James Sanders of Raleigh and Johnny Crump of Hillsborough.

Two of the cagers who received honorable mention have already signed collegiate scholarships. Byers is headed for Kansas of the Big Eight Conference and Blue, who played against KM's Cole and Charles Barnes in the Marlon Civitan Classic, has signed with UNC-Charlotte.

Cole, who has received several college offers, is reportedly leaning toward the University of North Carolina. A fine all-around player with quick hands and feet and a good shooting touch, Cole would fit right into the Tar Heels' style of play.

Dedmon said after this past weekend's race that he feels his six-track season is off to an excellent start, and is far ahead of his expectations at this point. He stated that for the convenience of the fans, the dust problem will be solved from this point on, and that tracks will be in better shape.

Always check labels on cleansers and be sure to follow them strictly, says Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Many of these beneficial products have ingredients which could be harmful if carelessly or improperly used.



THROWS OUT FIRST PITCH — Alex (Fireball) Owens throws out first pitch during dedication ceremonies for Kings Mountain High School's new baseball park. Owens threw a perfect strike, but the Mountaineers later took the field and were whipped by South Point, 2-0, as the Raiders' Rick Cherry hurled the first no-hitter of the Southwestern Conference season. (Photo by I. G. Alexander.)

Still Struggling, Mountaineers Play Host To Burns, Cherryville

Improved Burns Is Here Friday, Ironmen Tuesday

Kings Mountain High School's baseball team enters the second half of its season Friday at home when it plays host to a much-improved Burns team.

The Mountaineers remain at home Tuesday afternoon for a game with Cherryville.

Coach Bob Hussey's charges carried a 3-6 overall record into a makeup game at home Wednesday afternoon against Crest. The Mounties were 2-5 in Southwestern Conference action.

Chuck Carpenter, who was the losing pitcher in a 5-2 defeat Tuesday at Chase, will probably pitch for the Mountaineers against Burns Friday. Kings Mountain edged the Bulldogs 5-4 in their season opener but the Burns club has come on strong since then and is now 4-4 in conference play.

Kings Mountain has dropped its last four conference contests, falling to East Rutherford, South Point, Lincolnton and Chase in that order.

Burns has one of the better hitting teams in the conference, sparked by big outfielder Scott Hamrick. Hamrick pounded a home run and double in the Bulldogs' loss to the Mountaineers in the season opener.

The Mountaineers haven't been hitting well and have played poorly defensively. They committed four errors in Tuesday's loss to Chase and reached the Trojans' Mike Waters for only five hits.

Tuesday's opponent, Cherryville, is one of four teams tied for third place in the SWC with a 4-4 record. Also tied are South Point, Burns and R-S Central. Shelby leads the league with a perfect 9-0 record, followed by Chase at 5-4.

The Ironmen, like the Mountaineers, are young, but they've gotten good pitching from senior Steen Moss and sophomore fireballer Joe Heavner, whose father, Ovie, is the Cherryville coach. Young Heavner, labeled as better than Alan Lindsay was as a sophomore, will probably pitch against the Mountaineers Tuesday.

If In Trouble, Just Draft Pros Setzer, Waddell

HICKORY, N. C. Any driver who has trouble finding his way around Hickory Speedway need only draft one of the "old pros" — Ned Setzer or Bobby Waddell.

Neither sportsman driver is old in terms of age, but both have been spooking the competition since shortly after Hickory Speedway opened in the early 1950s.

Setzer, a well-driller from nearby Claremont, has wall-to-wall trophy cases in the den of his ranch-style home. In addition to track titles, the affable redhead won the North Carolina championship in 1967.

He missed the opening race of the 19th season at the speedway but is now set to operate from a newly engineered '57 Chevy. The 1969 season was frustrating before Setzer worked out the bugs and won the last three feature races of the year.

Waddell, a Wilkesboro farmer, won the track title in 1967, the last year races were run on dirt, has begun to find the right combination on after a long drought. He finished second in the opening race and would like nothing better than to end the Ford-Chevy domination.

Area Sportsman drivers will be voting Friday and Saturday nights at Hickory and New Asheville raceways whether to continue a dual track end-of-season point fund or increase the purses by some \$200.

The Saturday racing program includes seven events in three divisions — Sportsman, Limited Sportsman (formerly Hobby) and Rookies.

Time trials are set for 7:45 and the first heat at 8:30.

Smith On Roster For Kiwanians

Dean Smith, Head Basketball Coach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will make the address at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Basketball banquet honoring KMHS athletes Thursday night, April 23, at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are on sale at \$2 for open to the interested public. Tickets are available at the high school, at Kings Mountain Drug Company and from any Kiwanian.



SOPHOMORE STANDOUT — Grafton Withers, a sophomore, has been one of the leading hitters for Kings Mountain High's baseball team this spring. The first baseman is the son of former KMHS Coach, Fred Withers.

Mounties Blow Lead And Game Friday, 6-5

Host Lincolnton struck for four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning Friday night to erase a 4-2 deficit and defeat Kings Mountain, 6-5, in a Southwestern Conference baseball game.

The Mountaineers had scored two runs in the top of the fifth to snap a 2-2 tie but the Wolves unloaded seven hits in their half of the inning to chase KM starter Bobby Ethridge and hand the Mounties their third straight league loss.

For the game, Lincolnton had 12 hits, twice as many as the Mountaineers. And for one time, the Mountaineers made fewer errors than their opponent, committing two.

Kings Mountain Defeats Dallas By 3-1 Score

Kings Mountain High School's baseball team gained revenge for an opening-day loss by whipping Dallas of the Little Five Conference 3-1 Wednesday on the Yellow Jackets' field.

The score was the same count by which the Mountaineers fell to Dallas opening day.

The Mountaineers managed only three hits off four Yellow Jacket hurlers but proved a bit tougher on defense, committing only one error.

Coach Bob Hussey's charges picked up a run in the second inning off Dallas starter and loser Dale Bates, added a pair in the fifth for a 3-0 lead before giving the Yellow Jackets their lone tally in the seventh inning.

Righthander Bobby Ethridge was the winning pitcher in relief. Sophomore Ricky Hord started for the Mountaineers but couldn't last for five innings and Ethridge came on to finish up.

After scoring a run in the second, singles by David Bolin and Chuck Carpenter pushed across the two tallies and put the game out of the Yellow Jackets' reach.

In the fifth, Danny Hartsoe led off with a walk and Phillip Francis was hit by a pitch. Bolin's single plated Hartsoe and Carpenter followed suit and drove in Francis.

Dallas got its only run in the seventh when Steve Edison reached on a dropped fly ball and Kenneth Miller followed with a pinch-hit single.

Hord worked out of a jam in the third when Dallas loaded the bases with only one out but failed to score.

Score by innings: R H E K. Mtn. 010 020 0 3 3 1 Dallas 000 000 1 1 4 3 Ford, Ethridge (5) and Bolin; Bates, Burnamek (2), Caldwell (5), Thornburg (6) and Rhyne, Brewer (6). WP—Ethridge. LP—Bates.

Mounties Beaten By Trojans, 5-2

Three-Run Sixth Erases Mounties Early 2-1 Lead

Chase exploded for three runs in the sixth inning Tuesday afternoon to erase a 2-1 deficit and defeat Kings Mountain, 5-2, in a Southwestern Conference baseball contest.

As has been the case in most every game this year, poor defensive play cost KM pitchers Chuck Carpenter and Ricky Hord.

The Mountaineers committed no less than four fielding errors, and as Coach Bob Hussey put it "several more mental mistakes."

Kings Mountain spotted Chase a 1-0 lead in the first inning, then came back for a 2-1 edge after three frames before allowing the Trojans to score three in the sixth.

The loss was KM's sixth in nine games overall and the Mountaineers' conference record dipped to 2-5. The Mounties have lost their last four conference games.

Chase reached starter Carpenter and reliever Hord for 10 hits but most of those were dribblers just past the infield. Kings Mountain had six hits, sophomore outfielder Tim Echols getting two of them.

Echols scored KM's lead run in the third inning on a single, hit batsman, long fly and wild pitch. The Mountaineers had tied the score at 1-1 in the second inning on a double by David Bolin and triple by Phillip Francis.

Carpenter, who was relieved in the sixth when Chase rallied, was the losing pitcher. Mike Waters went the distance and picked up the win for Chase.

Score by innings: R H E K. Mtn. 011 000 0 2 5 4 Chase 100 003 x 5 10 1 Carpenter, Hord (6) and Bolin; Waters and Arrowood.

Witnesses To Convention

Herbert Elam, presiding minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, announced today that the Gastonia Congregation, West Unit, has been invited to attend a three-day convention to be held April 24-26, at the Sylva-Webster High School, Sylva, North Carolina. Elam will head the local delegation of about eighty ministers.

The semi-annual event will be attended by upwards of 1,000 ministers representing 16 congregations from western North Carolina and the north central sector of South Carolina. It will be sponsored by the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Brooklyn, N. Y., the governing agency of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Elam further noted that the entire assembly program will be prepared and given with the underlying theme of "Sacrifices That Please God".

Some of the local ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses are scheduled to speak during the three days. Highlighting the convention will be a widely advertised lecture, "Withstanding the Pressures of Our Day". It will be given by a special representative of the Watchtower Society, D. J. Thomas, at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26.

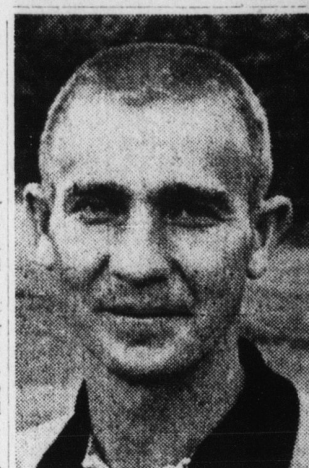
Culbertson Has 395 Set In Men's League

Knocking over the pins came easy for Richard Culbertson Monday in men's bowling league action at Mountain Lanes Bowling Center.

Tricky Dicky posted a 395 series in leading his team to three wins over Ronnie Culbertson's team. Richard's high game was a 148, sandwiched between a 128 and 115.

He had plenty of help, though, as Rod Houser posted a 360 series and Mickey Henderson added a 338. High man for the losers was Mack Ellis with a 142 line and 348 series.

Randy Blanton's club split a four-game set with Quality Sandwich. Randy Culbertson had a 130 line and 325 set for Blanton's team while Milt Ramsey had a 129 line and Albert Brackett added



ALL-STAR COACH — Kings Mountain High School basketball coach, Bob Hussey, coached the North team to a 116-96 victory in the annual North-South College All-Star game Saturday night in Boone, N. C. State's Vann Williford scored 33 points for Hussey's club and was named the game's outstanding player.

Hussey's North All-Star Squad 116-96 Winner

Bob Hussey tried his hand at college coaching last Saturday night at Boone and, of course, he was successful.

The young Kings Mountain High mentor, who has posted a 65-7 overall record in three years as KMHS basketball coach, led the North to a 116-96 victory over the South in the annual North-South All-Star Game.

Vann Williford of N. C. State paced the North victory with 33 points and was named the game's most valuable player.

Other members of Hussey's team included Jerry Kroff and Doug Cook of Davidson, Dan Ackley and Dickie Walker of Wake Forest, John Thomas of Appalachian State and 7-foot-1 Booker Brown of Middle Tennessee.

All-American Mike Pratt of Kentucky was high scorer for the South team with 30 markers.

Lithium Taps Moss Treasurer

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Peter C. Moss has been elected Treasurer of Lithium Corporation of America by the board of directors. The announcement was made in New York City by Elwin E. Smith, President of Lithium. Lithium Corporation of America, a major supplier of lithium metal and chemicals, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gulf Resources & Chemical Corporation, Houston, Texas.

In his new position, Mr. Moss will be responsible for the financial and planning activities of the company. He formerly was Director of Planning and Assistant to the President of Lithium.

Before joining the company in 1965, Mr. Moss held positions with Republic Aviation Corporation and NASA. He is a graduate of M.I.T. with a degree in chemical engineering, and holds an MBA degree from the Harvard School of Business Administration and an MA degree in Physics from Columbia University.

Local Bowlers Place High In National Event

Several bowlers from Kings Mountain participated in the national duckpin tournament over the weekend at Newington, Conn.

One Kings Mountain team came home with first place in the B-Booster division. Team members include Jenny Oates, Betty Hollender, Bill Gault, John Dilling and Clarence Plonk.

Placing second in the regular booster division were Jenny Oates, Lib Gault, Bill Gault, Richard Culbertson and John Dilling.

Jenny Oates holds down second place in the ladies singles while Bonnie and Richard Culbertson are in second place in the men's doubles.

Other KM bowlers making the trip to Connecticut were Randy Culbertson, Johnny Dye, Harvey Hollender, Ranny Blanton, and Albert Brackett.