

Mountaineer Track Team Second In SWC Event

Kings Mountain High School's track team, going strong in the running events, piled up 90 1/2 points Friday to finish second in the Southwestern Conference track finals at Shelby High School.

Host Shelby, the defending association champion, compiled 95 points in the field events and ran away with the meet, scoring 176 points. Lincolnton finished third with 69 points, followed by South Point with 63, Crest with 56, Burns 27 and East Rutherford

14 1/2. R-S Central and Cherryville participated in the meet but did not place.

Kings Mountain captured three first places and set a conference record in the 880-relay, finishing first with a time of 1:33 flat. Kings Mountain's 440-relay team captured a first with a 44.6 reading and Wilson Ledford was first in the pole vault, clearing 11 feet.

In all, 12 KMHS tracksters qualified for the bi-conference meet scheduled for this Friday at Shel-

by. The top six finishers in each event Friday will earn a spot in the association finals carded for Saturday, May 16 in Salisbury.

Probably the most exciting event of the day was the 100-yard dash, won by Shelby's Marcus Mauney in 10.3 seconds. Mauney won a close race over South Point's Scott Crawford and Randolph Ross of Kings Mountain. Ross led at the 70-yard mark but was nosed out at the finish.

Kings Mountain captured three of six places in the 100. Philbert

Smith came in fourth and Carl Fulton sixth.

High scores for the meet were Steve Hopper and Van Smith of Shelby and David Thompson of Crest, each scoring 20 points. KM's Gerald Putnam wasn't far behind with 18 1/2 markers. Putnam was second in both hurdles and was also a member of the winning 880-relay team.

Three records were broken. In addition to KM's 880-mark, Shelby set a mile relay mark of 3:37.2 and Shelby's Hopper established

a shot put record of 52 feet, six inches. For the meet, Shelby had seven first places to three each for KM and Lincolnton and two for South Point.

Complete results were as follows:

100 — Hollifield, Shelby; Eury, Lincolnton; Armstrong, South Point; Melton, South Point; Price, East; Adams, Crest, 4:43.6. 440 — Cansler, Lincolnton; Wilson, Shelby; Bell, Crest; Surratt, Crest; Toms, Lincolnton; Murphy, South Point, 52.2. 100 — Mauney, Shelby; Craw-

ford, South Point; Ross, KM; Ad-dis, East; Fulton, KM, 10.3.

High Hurdles — Smith, Shelby; Putnam, KM; Cross, Burns; Williams, Shelby; Jarrett, Lincolnton; Ward, Lincolnton, 15.9.

880 — Coachman, Lincolnton; Mathewson, Shelby; Rash, Crest; Debray, Shelby; Dunlap, KM; Baughn, Shelby, 2:03 (record). 220 — Crawford, South Point; Mauney, Shelby; Smith, KM; Ramsey, Lincolnton; Ross, KM; Cansler, Lincolnton, 22.9. High jump — Thompson, Crest; Moss, South Point; Pass, Shelby; Smith, Shelby; Hannon, South

KM; Stroud, Burns; Champion, Shelby; Cantrell, East; Jarrett, Lincolnton, 21.4.

440-relay — Kings Mountain, Shelby, Lincolnton, South Point, East, Burns, 44.6.

880-relay — Kings Mountain, Shelby, South Point, Lincolnton, Burns, East, 1:33 (record). Long jump — Mauney, Shelby; Moss, South Point; Smith, Shelby; White, KM; Williams, Shelby; Hannon, South Point, 22 feet. Mile relay — Thompson, Crest; Moss, South Point; Pass, Shelby; Smith, Shelby; Hannon, South

Point, 41.7". Pole vault — Ledford, KM; Lee, Shelby; Peterson, KM; Johnson, Crest; Smith, East; Borders, Burns, 11 feet.

Shot — Hopper, Shelby; Wilson, Crest; Yarboro, Shelby; Dawson, Crest; Divenny, Burns; Bell, KM; 52.6".

Discus — Hopper, Shelby; Branton, Shelby; Yarboro, Shelby; Kiser, East; Webber, South Point; Carroll, KM; 146.6" (record). Mile relay — Shelby, Lincolnton, South Point, Crest, Kings Mountain, Burns, 3:37.2 (record).

Mountaineers On Verge Of Losing Season

Central Drops Pair To Grier, At Home Friday

Central Junior High saw its five-game winning streak snapped last week, the Patriots dropping a pair of games to Grier of Gastonia 6-5 and 12-4.

In both games, Grier handed David Carroll the loss. The knights outthrew Central seven to six in the first game and 13 to six in the second. Eight errors led to Central's downfall in the second contest.

Central jumped to an early lead in both games, leading 3-1 after one inning of the opener and 2-1 after one frame of the second contest. Grier scored 10 runs in the third inning to break the second game open.

Danny Cobb had 2-for-3 and Carroll had a double and triple in two trips to lead Central in the first game and Eddie Smith had 3-for-6 in the second contest.

Now 5-2 on the season, the Patriots play host to South Cleveland Friday night at 7:30 at City Stadium.

Linescores:

Central	300	101	0	5	7	4	
Grier	103	002	x	6	6	2	
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Grier	11	10	000	0	12	13	1
Central	200	200	0	4	6	8	

Herndon's Homer Whips Crest, 10-8

Gerald Herndon's two-run seventh inning homer erased an 8-7 deficit and sparked Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 10-8 Southwestern Conference victory over Crest Friday afternoon on the Chargers' field.

The home run off Dale Winn of the Chargers was Herndon's third hit of the day and the Mountaineers proceeded to pick up an insurance tally on singles by Chuck Carpenter and Grafton Withers and a passed ball.

Sophomore Ricky Hord, who relieved starter Bobby Ethridge in the third inning when Crest exploded for five runs, was the winning pitcher. It was his first decision of the year.

Kings Mountain broke on top 1-0 in the third inning when Ethridge tripled and scored, but the Chargers knocked Ethridge from the box with a five-spot in the bottom of the inning.

The Mountaineers, however, struck for six in the fourth to

take a 7-5 lead. After David Bolin reached on an error, consecutive singles by Herndon, Withers, Carpenter, Hord and Danny Hart soe pushed the six tallies across.

Crest came back for two in the bottom of the fourth to tie the score, then the Chargers took an 8-7 lead with a single in the bottom of the sixth.

Herndon then came through in the seventh to break the game open and hand the Mountaineers their second straight triumph.

The Mountaineers enjoyed their biggest plate performance of the season, banging out 11 hits against three Crest pitchers. Withers and Carpenter had two hits each to go with Herndon's three. Bill Cameron and Mike Stancil led a 13-hit Crest attack with 2-for-2 each.

Score by innings:

KM	001	600	3	10	11	0
Crest	005	261	0	8	13	2

Ethridge, Hord (3) and Bolin; Hamrick, Winn (7), Stancil (7) and Goode. Winning pitcher: Hord. LP — Winn.



HOMER DECISIVE — Mountaineer third baseman Gerald Herndon cracked a seventh inning two-run homer Friday to give Kings Mountain High a 10-8 Southwestern Conference victory over Crest. Herndon was 3-for-4 for the game.

Must Win Last Four To Sport 10-10 Record

Kings Mountain's Mountaineer baseball team, after dropping a 3-2 decision to East Rutherford Tuesday, must now win its remaining games or will have its first losing season ever under Coach Bob Hussey.

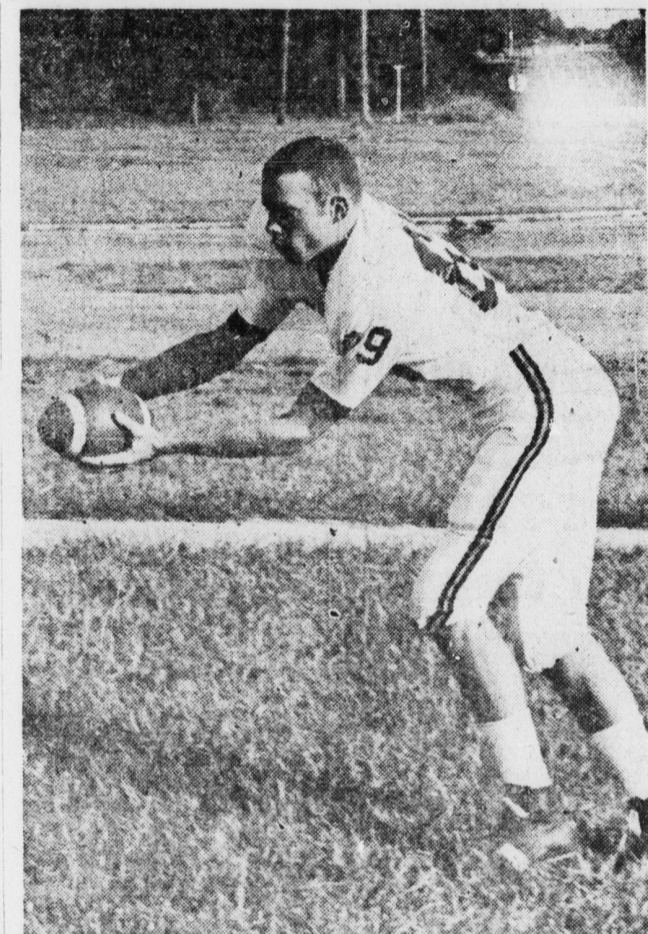
The Mountaineers, who have two games remaining, are now 6-10 in overall play and 5-9 in the Southwestern Conference. The Mountaineers play at South Point (Salem) Friday and host Lincolnton Tuesday afternoon.

Next Friday the Mountaineers are scheduled to close their regular season at home against Chase, but they still have a makeup game with second place Cherryville.

Righthander Chuck Carpenter will probably hurl for the Mountaineers Friday at South Point. In the last time out, against the Raiders, Carpenter pitched well but South Point's Rick Cherry hurled a no-hitter and the Mountaineers lost 2-0.

South Point is in third place in the SWC with an 8-8 record. Shelby has already clinched the title with a 14-0 mark.

Bobby Ethridge, who was a victim of shoddy fielding at East Rutherford Tuesday, will probably pitch for the Mountaineers against Lincolnton. The Mounties will be seeking revenge in that game as the Wolves came from behind to win an earlier game, 6-5.



HIGH SCORER — Gerald Putnam, above, was Kings Mountain's high scorer in the SWC track meet last Friday at Shelby. He had 18 1/2 points with a pair of second place finishes in the hurdles. Putnam and several other KM athletes will participate in the bi-conference meet Friday in Shelby.

Toms And Hogue Sign With Spartanburg JC

SPARTANBURG, S. C. — Forrest Toms and Cedric Hogue, outstanding prepsters from Shelby (N. C.) High School, have signed grants-in-aid with Spartanburg Junior College. Toms is a 6'4", 195 pound forward and Hogue is a 6'3", 190 pound pivot man.

In announcing the signings, Spartanburg Coach John Smoak said, "We're really happy to have Forrest and Cedric decide to come to Spartanburg. Both of them will really add to our program. There's no doubt that they are the type of material we need to make us strong for the 1970-1971 season."

"Toms is the kind of forward we've been needing for a long time — he is strong, a good shooter, has good moves, and plays good defense.

"And Hogue is so strong that we'll use him in the middle — he has exceptional strength. He's a good rebounder, quick, and very

Gardner-Webb Inks Standout JC Performer

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — An outstanding junior or college star, Danny DeSanctis, of Mercer County Junior College, Trenton, N. J., has signed a grant-in-aid to play for Gardner-Webb College.

DeSanctis is five foot, ten inches tall and weighs only 155 pounds, but Bulldog Coach Eddie Holbrook regards him as an aggressive type of player who will lend real leadership to the Bulldog offense.

"DeSanctis is the type of guard who controls the action with sound ball handling, passing and a nice scoring range as far as twenty feet out," said Holbrook. "He is tremendous on the fast break and has great speed."

DeSanctis averaged 15 points per game last season at Mercer along with eight assists. As a prep star in Trenton he was the city's leading high school scorer with a 24 point per game average. Holbrook said DeSanctis would be a big asset in the Bulldog offense.

"He should give us considerable strength at the pressurized point position where we initiate all our offensive and defensive responsibilities," said Holbrook. "DeSanctis goes after the loose ball and finds the open man offensively. He will help our team effort a great deal."

Harold Johnson Signs With G-W

BOILING SPRINGS — N. C. One of North Carolina's top high school football players signed a grant-in-aid to attend Gardner-Webb yesterday afternoon. Harold Johnson, of Glen Alpine High School, announced he would attend the Boiling Springs college.

Johnson is considered a prize catch for the Bulldogs of Coach George Litton. He is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds.

His list of all-star honors includes All-Burke County; All-Skyline Conference; All-Western North Carolina; All-Southern list and honorable mention All-American in Scholastic Magazine. He was also named to play in the annual Shrine Bowl and the East-West football games.

Young Johnson has been a star for his high school since he first went out for football according to his coach, Jug Wilson. He scored 94 points as a sophomore at tight end, followed this with 178 points as a junior at half-back and then 168 points this past season at quarterback.

He also set a North Carolina high school pass interception record when he pulled down 17 enemy passes during his sophomore year. He intercepted 40 passes during his three years in high school.

George Litton, Gardner-Webb football coach, said he felt that Johnson was a real "catch" for the Bulldogs. He said his plans right now are to use him at a running back position.

Another advantage of owning a battery-operated wrist watch is that you can tell the boss you are late because the battery ran down.

Los Angeles' growth since World War II has been phenomenal.

Famous Downing street, where British officials reside, is just a short street off Whitehall.

Ethridge Loses Three Hit Job To Cavs, 3-2

Despite a fine three-hitter by senior righthander Bobby Ethridge, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers dropped a 3-2 Southwestern Conference decision at East Rutherford Tuesday.

Ethridge walked only one batter and struck out nine, but the Mountaineer defense committed six errors and handed the host Cavaliers two unearned runs.

Kings Mountain collected six hits off two East hurlers with shortstop Philip Francis going 2 for 3. Francis and Jack Bell singled in the fifth, leading to KM's first run and the Mountaineers scored again in the seventh on a walk and a dropped fly ball.

In addition to committing six fielding errors, the Mountaineers had runners thrown out at home plate three times and also left 12 runners on base.

East Rutherford led 2-0 (on unearned runs) after four innings but the Mountaineers came back to tie it at 2-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Melton tripled to lead off the East seventh and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly.

Football star Billy Lattimore, who came on in the fifth inning, was the winning pitcher for the Cavaliers.

Score by innings:

KM	000	010	1	2	6	6
ER	010	100	1	3	3	1

Winning pitcher: Lattimore. Losing pitcher: Ethridge.

Alexander Hamilton negotiated the first loan to the U. S. government. The money was obtained from New York banks.

Special Group Being Sought For Hit-O-Rama

Another Hit-O-Rama has been scheduled by the American Legion to be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at City Stadium.

Charlie Carpenter, athletic officer for Post 155, said that any youngsters age 13 or over is welcome to attend and the Post is seeking boys to come out who are not on a high school team.

"These boys who are not on a high school team are especially welcome," Carpenter said as he urged them to be present Saturday.

Pletcher Don Drysdale raises thoroughbred horses on his California ranch.



SOPH STANDOUT — Danny Hartsoe is one of several sophomore starters on the KMHS baseball team this spring. Although he's shown here in a pitching act, he also plays in the outfield, starting at center.

Thompson To Return To Concord This Week

CONCORD — It didn't matter, somehow, that it wasn't riding at the head of the pack. The 1970 Camaro carried with it a look of distinction and its place in the Supersports field at Concord Speedway Saturday night did not alter that at all.

Its driver was somewhat distinctive, too. His name was Speedy Thompson, the same fellow who enjoyed so much success on NASCAR's tough Grand National circuit some years ago.

Thompson came out of retirement for his first shot at a comeback in the American Racing Association program here Saturday night. And while he didn't win or come close to it upon his return, he showed plenty of promise for the future.

Thompson's new Camaro, brightly painted in black and gold and carrying the number 22, stood out in the large field. Speedy arrived late, however, and had to start near the rear. He made a brief spurt in the 40-lap feature but had to pit early for mechanical adjustments and was never a threat.

Thompson returns to stock car racing with a colorful and successful history. He won 19 Grand National races during his major league career including the National 400 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1950 and the Southern 500 at Darlington in 1957.

Thompson will get two shots at victory this weekend, as the A. R. A. stages six-event programs Friday night at Speedworld on the Metrolina Fairgrounds in Charlotte and at the Concord Speedway on Saturday night.

The championship motorcycles that were scheduled to compete last Sunday at Speedworld will return this Sunday afternoon, after rain forced a postponement. The Southeastern Racing Association program will begin at 3 p. m.

Softball Team Entries Invited

Ladies interested in joining a Kings Mountain Ladies Softball League this summer are invited to meet at the Kings Mountain Community Center Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. Announcement was made by Coaches Elmer Ross and Roy Pearson.

Rookie Shepherd First Driver To Repeat With Win

HICKORY, N. C. — Rookie Morgan Shepherd Saturday night became the first Sportsman driver at Hickory Speedway this season to repeat as a feature race winner by holding off a determined Richard Brown.

The Hickory driver took over the lead after Grand National star Bobby Allison blew an engine. Brown of Claremont was on the winner's bumper at the finish.

Ned Setzer, Bob Pressley and Tommy Houston were third through fifth in the 50-lap main event.

Setzer won the pole position with a record qualifying time of 88.88 miles an hour. Brown and the Harry Gant car were in a tight battle in the heat event.

Double feature Limited Sportsman races, because of rain shortened programs last week, went to Roy Chatham and Paul Dockery, both of Asheville. Chatham won the first feature in a near photo finish with Jerry Fox of Taylorsville.

Wayne Poovey and Boyce Eckert were winners of the twin Rookie features.

This next week's racing card, a special Mother's Day program, will include Sportsman, Limited Sportsman and Rookie cars in 125 laps of racing.

Exports of peanuts by the U.S. have jumped from sixth place among all nations to fourth.



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