

HERALD SPORTS

After Losing Three, Juniors Host Hickory

Dana Sarvis In Third Year As Golfer, Already In Low Seventies

For a young man who has been playing the sport only three years, Dana Sarvis is taking great strides in the game of golf.

The Kings Mountain High junior recently finished fifth in the 89-man Western North Carolina High Schools Activities Association championships at Cowan's Ford Country Club and he's already averaging in the low seventies.

Dana shot an 85-76-161 in the association finals and that represented his highest score of the 1970 season. His low was an even par 36 in a nine-hole match against Lincolnton at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Ironically, in the same match that Sarvis fired his par round, Lincolnton's Steve Suttle scored a hole-in-one.

Sarvis was medalist in every match but one for the Mountaineers and it was no surprise when he was named the most valuable golfer at the annual KMHS spring sports banquet last Friday.

Sarvis plays only golf at KMHS, but he's also an outstanding baseball player. He pitched the Kings Mountain Babe Ruth All-Stars to the state championship last year.

Dana came up through the little league ranks, playing for Max Bolin's Optimist Club team. He was a member of the all-star team and was an all-star two straight years in pony league play.

Former KM Cage Star Mitchem Now Starring With Pharr Yarns

Ken Mitchem, who helped Kings Mountain High School turn out several outstanding basketball squads, is now doing his thing with the Pharr Yarns Reds softball team.

Ken, a rising sophomore at Pan American University where he averaged 16 points per game in basketball, is a rising young star in the softball field as evidenced by his showing in the Azalea Tournament in Virginia Beach, Va., last weekend.

Ken lashed out 17 hits in 24 times at bat, a .707 average, and copped the tournament's home run trophy as the Reds won the tournament over Canton, Ohio.

Mitchem cracked seven home runs and hit one over 350 feet.

Mitchem, who played high school and legion baseball here, had never played against slowpitch softball until three weeks ago when he joined the Reds in their own Dixie Classic Tournament.

Ken, said Reds Coach Doug McDonald, is now getting the hang of the sport and McDonald predicts big things for the 6-2, 200-pounder in years to come.

At Virginia Beach, the Reds came back from the loser's bracket to win the double-elimination tournament. After losing to Canton, Ohio, 21-10, in the quarter-finals, the Reds whipped Empire County Sports of New York in the semi-finals, then whipped Canton twice in the finals.

Butch Adams of Pharr Yarns was named the tournament's most valuable player. He hit .777 for the tournament with five home runs. Seven Reds players, including Mitchem, Adams and Hunter Huss High basketball coach Mac Richardson, were named to the 15-man all-tournament team.

Florida State, Minus Gold, Wins District Three Title In Gastonia

Florida State's Seminoles, long a power in college baseball, captured three straight victories to win the NCAA District Three baseball tournament last weekend in Gastonia.

The Seminoles, coached by former Wake Forest mentor Jack Stallings, defeated East Carolina 2-0, Maryland 10-1 and Mississippi State 5-4 to cop their fifth District Three event and advance to the College World Series, which begins on June 12 in Omaha, Neb.

Florida State was left out of the District Three field last year when Kings Mountain's Richard Gold led the Seminoles in most hitting and fielding departments. Gold, a first-team All-American, set nine all-time records at FSU. He graduated last year.

The Seminoles had appeared in Gastonia the previous Seminoles in hitting in the 1968 event, hitting .475.

Coach Stallings and his charges might have been misled over the selection committee's choice of Virginia Tech last year, for they walked off with this year's event. This was one of a few times that a team has gone undefeated en route to the title.

Good pitching, hitting, defense and speed carried FSU to the title. Righthander Gene Ammann hurled a two-hitter on opening day to whip East Carolina and its ace righthander Ron Hastings and the Seminoles stole a record eight bases in their championship victory over Mississippi State.

Mississippi State battled through the loser's bracket after dropping a 3-2 opening day tilt to Maryland. The Bulldogs avenged that loss, however, by whipping the Atlantic Coast Conference champions 8-4 in the semi-finals.



CENTRAL TROPHY WINNERS — The five young men pictured above won trophies for athletic achievements at Central Junior High Awards Day. Left to right are Kim Bumgardner, David Carroll, Butch Blacklock, David Bell and Kenny Farris. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Champion's Team Is Second In Tournament

The Champion's Landscaping softball team finished second in the Iva, S. C., Memorial Day Tip-Off Tournament over the weekend.

Louigi's of Rock Hill won the event whipping Champion's 17-9 in the title game after the Kings Mountain team had earlier won a 14-8 decision.

Champion's opened the tournament with victories over Guthrie Motors (13-12) and Pelzer Bears (13-6) before losing to Louigi's by 13-1.

That loss threw Champion's into the loser's bracket and they had to play three straight games on Sunday afternoon. They whipped the host Iva Pop Tops 16-15 and Young's 14-8 before losing the title game.

Four members of the Champion's team made all-tournament. They were Bob McMahan, who

hit 600 with four home runs, George Pittman, who hit .500 with two homers, Ronnie Payne, who hit .636, and Ronnie Withers.

Other top hitters for Champion's included Dickie Burgess, who hit .692, and Rip Burgess and Kenny Quinn, who each hit .500.

In the six games, Champion's scored 63 runs, had 94 hits and had a team batting average of .459.

Monday night, Champion's defeated B. R. Smith Homes of Gastonia 16-3 as Withers collected 4-for-4 and Quinn and Pittman had 3-for-4 each.

Saturday night the Kings Mountain team travels to McAdenville to play the Pharr Yarns Reds.

Coaches of the Champion's team are Jim Guyton, Tony Tomkins, Gene Tignor and Glenn Mobley.

Hord Hurls No-Hitter, VFW Takes First Place

Ricky Hord of the VFW Babe Ruth baseball team opened his 1970 season Friday night by hurling a no-hit 1-0 victory over Tryon.

Hord, a sophomore member of this spring's Kings Mountain High team, struck out 14 batters and walked only one in hurling Don Smith's team to victory.

In other opening night action at City Stadium, David Carroll, who hurled for Central Junior High this spring, pitched Southwell Ford to a 7-5 victory over Mauney Mills.

In Monday night action, Mauney rebounded with a 2-1 victory over Tryon and VFW bombarded Southwell 14-4 to take over sole possession of first place.

Frankie Stokes, who played on the freshman team at KMHS this spring after a brief stint with the varsity, hurled Mauney's victory while Bill Parker went all the way in VFW's big win over Southwell.

Babe Ruthers will play double-headers each Monday and Thursday, unless the games conflict with the American Legion team.

Standings table showing VFW leading with 2 wins and 0 losses.

It is illegal to photograph in color U. S. paper money.

Twelve Indian reservations cover more than a million acres.

Some of the long-time race fans have rumored that someone will get Piazza Thursday night because the "odds are against" Piazza's winning another race this season. One thing's for sure, those dirt drivers are tired of seeing nothing but Piazza's heels and they're out to get him. Thursday just may be the day the "King" will be deposed.

Following the Thursday night affair at Spartanburg the HRA will move to Rutherford County for an 8 p.m. three-class Friday night show; then to Shelby Saturday night at 8 p.m. for another three-class dirt show, and back to Harris Sunday afternoon for a three-class race at the Harris Speedway.

Friday at Rutherford County, Piazza took the victory, with Dan Warlick of Belwood and Carl Smart of Hickory taking 2nd and 3rd. Shelby's Saturday program was rained out, but Sunday, Harris edged out its program under the threat of rain and it was asphalt driver Bob Pressley of Asheville in first, followed by a strong Preston Humphries of Shelby and Stick Elliott of Shelby in 2nd and 3rd places. Hobby winners were Leslie McKinney of Mayo and Junior Crouch of Valdese. Rookies were Bill Ruppe and Larry Petty of Gaffney respectively.

Thompson Flips As Earnhardt Wins At Concord

CONCORD, N. C. — Ralph Earnhardt eased home with the victory but veteran Speedy Thompson stole the headlines once again in the Supersports stock car racing feature at Concord Speedway Saturday night.

Earnhardt, Mr. Consistency of the American Racing Association, made another in a long line of visits to victory lane at the half-mile clay track. He captured the 40-lapper in a 1969 Camaro. Thompson, the old pro from Charlotte who has won quite a few times himself this season, made the race the most spectacular of the season, flipping his new Camaro end over end and on the front straightaway. He was taken to a Concord hospital for observation but was released on Sunday morning.

The status of Thompson's Camaro for this weekend's A.R.A. doubleheader remains uncertain. The Supersports and rookie Charger drivers will compete in two six-event programs, at Speedworld on the Metrolina Fairgrounds in Charlotte on Friday night and at Concord Speedway on Saturday night.

"That was the wildest ride I've ever seen anybody take on one of our tracks," said promoter John Gaskey of the Thompson crash. "I'm really thankful he wasn't hurt, for it sure looked bad at first."

Thompson was running third at the time of the accident, trying to gain ground on Earnhardt and Johnny Miller, who were battling for the lead. As he came out of the fourth turn, Speedy went high and suddenly found himself flipping into the air.

Earnhardt and Thompson had earlier taken check victories. Charlie McBride captured the Charger feature, with Jerry Walker second.

The programs on Friday and Saturday will begin at 6 p.m. with practice, and the first heat will follow at 8 o'clock.

A special race has been scheduled at Speedworld on June 17 with proceeds from a six-event card going to the Nevins Vocational Training Center in Charlotte.

Busy Month For Rescue Squad

Cleveland County Rescue Squad reported a busy month of activities during the month of May.

Volunteers reportedly made 56 trips and traveled approximately 1,873 miles with hours spent on duty and trips estimated at 656.

The group made two blood relays to Kings Mountain hospital, answered calls to 18 wrecks, a train-car accident and took 10 out-of-town trips including two to Gastonia Memorial hospital, two to Chapel Hill, and two to a Charlotte hospital.

The group also provided an ambulance to the Charlotte World 600 car race for three days.

Cyprus has only one doctor per 1,400 persons.

Turkey is about twice the size of California.



STARTER — Tim Echols, one of the leading hitters on the Kings Mountain High baseball team this spring, is a starter in the outfield for the Post 155 Juniors. Post 155 hosts Hickory tonight at 7:45 p.m.

Third Annual G-W Cage Camp Begins June 7

BOILING SPRINGS — The Third Annual Gardner-Webb College Basketball Camp for boys nine through seventeen years of age will open its first session June 7, according to Coach Eddie Holbrook, camp director.

Two of the country's outstanding college coaches, Dean Smith, University of North Carolina, and Bucky Walters, Duke University, will lead a long list of professional, college and high school coaches and athletes who will be on the camp staff.

Larry Brown, former UNC star and now with the Oakland Oaks of the American Basketball Association and Bob Verga, of the Carolina Cougars, will head the professional stars. Several nationally known college stars from universities in North and South Carolina will also work with the boys during the two camps.

The first session will begin June 7 and continue through June 12. The second session will begin June 14 and run through June 19. Cost for boarding campers will be \$70.00 per week and day campers will pay \$25.00 per week.

Those wishing further information should contact Eddie Holbrook, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., 28017.

Some flowers are unisexual.

At Cherryville Saturday, Back Home Tuesday

The Otis D. Green Post 155 Juniors, losers in their first three first round contests, stay at home or their second straight game tonight (Thursday), playing host to undefeated (4-0) Hickory.

Coach Warren Goforth takes his charges to Cherryville Saturday night and Post 155 returns to City Stadium next Tuesday to host Henrietta. Post 155 also still has a makeup game with Mill Springs.

The local Juniors dropped their first three to Morganton (3-1), Forest City (14-3) and Shelby (8-2), in that order. Shelby stopped Post 155 Tuesday night at City Stadium behind the four-hit pitching of righthander Barry Wright.

Poor hitting and fielding has hurt the Kings Mountain nine thus far. Righthander Bobby Ethridge hurled a fine here opening night against Hickory on only to come up with a short end of a 3-1 score.

Ethridge, one of only two veterans on the Kings Mountain team, hurled again Tuesday night against Shelby and errors and poor hitting support again led to his downfall. Ethridge, in fact, plated KM's only two runs with a bases-loaded single in the fifth inning.

Shelby jumped to a 5-0 lead, then scored three more unearned runs after Ethridge's two-run bingle.

Tonight's fore, Hickory, won the first round Area Four title last summer but was eliminated by Gaston Post 23 for the play-off championship. Gastonia later lost out to Rowan County, the eventual state champion.

Hickory fields a veteran team, sparked by David and Robbie Williams, and pitcher Chuck Sunday. Hickory, Shelby and Forest City are all unbeaten in Western Division play while Gaston Post 23 and Charlotte Post 9 are unbeaten in the Eastern Division.

Harold Hord New President Of BR League

Harold Hord has been named president of the Kings Mountain Babe Ruth League.

Hord, who is employed by Winn Dixie at Akers Center in Gastonia, succeeds Roy Pearson, who resigned from the post so that he could take the job as district commissioner.

As President of the league, Hord will work with the coaches in matters of scheduling, pick-ups and also hear any protests, should they arise.

Four teams are entered in this year's BR race. Tryon joins three Kings Mountain teams, VFW, Mauney Textiles and Southwell Ford.

Coaches of the teams are Don Smith, VFW; Bill Grissom-Southwell; and Mike Smith and Rocky Goforth, Mauney.

Kings Mountain's all-star team won the state Babe Ruth title last spring.

An auto is stolen every minute of the day.

Deacons And Wildcats To Play In 1971, '72

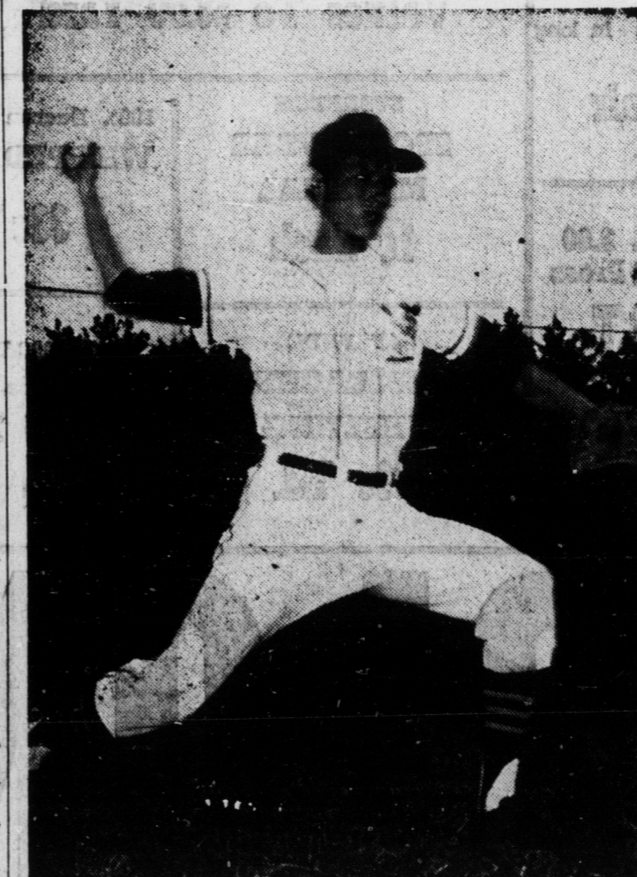
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — Wake Forest athletic director Gene Hooks announced today that the Deacons have signed a two-year football contract with the Davidson Wildcats to serve as the 11th game during the 1971 and 1972 seasons.

Both games against the Wildcats, 1969 Southern Conference champions, will be played in Winston-Salem and will open the season for the Deacons. The 1971 game is scheduled for Sept. 11 with the 1972 opener set Sept. 9.

Hooks also announced that the 11th game has been added for the Deacons through 1979. The Deacons will play Richmond in 1973 and 1974, Kansas State in 1975 and 1976, Purdue in 1977 and 1978 and the University of Georgia in 1979.

"We are delighted that we have been able to reach an agreement for a two-year series with Davidson," said Hooks. "We have enjoyed a fine relationship with Davidson in all sports and feel a football series between the two institutions will be very attractive."

In making the announcement, Hooks also stated that several of the details of the games against Richmond, Kansas State, Purdue and Georgia were to be worked out. This season's Deacons' 11th game will be at the University of Nebraska, Sept. 12.



LEADOFF BATTER — Donny Hartsoe, a 16-year-old outfielder-pitcher, bats in the leadoff position for the Kings Mountain Juniors. Hartsoe had one of KM's four hits off Shelby Tuesday night in an 8-2 loss.



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