

# HERALD SPORTS

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has approved the 1970-71 hunting and trapping regulations.

The statewide rabbit season was shortened by two weeks as a result of widespread suggestions at the public hearings held in May. At the hearings, many hunters requested that the rabbit season be cut short because pregnant rabbits were occasionally being taken late in the season.

The new season for rabbits will be November 14 to February 13.

"This is a good example of how hunters can help the Wildlife Commission and also get regulations passed that they feel are warranted," said Frank Barick, Chief of the Division of Game. "The widespread reports from the hunters that rabbits with young were occasionally being killed aids our biologists in recommending season dates. As a result of the hunters' concern, we have changed the season dates."

Comments from hunters at the public hearings favoring a shorter rabbit season ran roughly 7-1 in support of a shorter season.

Regulations concerning bear also generated much heat at the public hearings, with hunters expressing both opinions for longer and shorter seasons.

The bear is in danger in much of the state, and the Commission voted for the split shorter seasons of October 12 to November 21 and December 25 to January 2 with some counties being closed entirely. In the east, Dare County was added to six other counties closed to bear hunting because of reduced populations. They are Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell.

In other action, the Commission approved the proposal to allow hunting when snow covers the ground for all species except the wild turkey. The program for spring gobbler hunts—in effect for the second year—was also upheld, and even expanded slightly as three counties, Vance, Franklin, and Warren, were deleted from the winter season in the Piedmont counties (December 19 to February 13) and added to the spring season (April 12 to May 1) in the eastern counties. There is no wild turkey season in the west.

The Commission declined a proposal to shorten the quail season by a week in order to have several small game seasons opening on the same Saturday before Thanksgiving. Therefore, the quail season will be from November 14 to February 27.

Likewise, the squirrel season will remain the same as last season, opening October 12 and closing January 2, with local exceptions.

The raccoon and grouse seasons will open October 12 and last until February 27 with local exceptions. The delayed starting time (noon) on the first two days of the either sex deer seasons was dropped because the regulations entrapped hunters who did not intend to violate.

"Basically, the delayed starting time was designed to prevent killing too many does, and also to promote safety," said Barick, "but it was unpopular, so we dropped it."

On game lands and management areas, the proposals to drop irritating or ineffective regulations were upheld, except that the regulations regarding the handling and discharge of firearms were retained because hunters at the public hearings asked that these restrictions remain in effect.

The new regulations will be published in detail in the familiar booklet form on July 15th, and these regulations will be available where you buy your license.

In related action, the Commission voted to let the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service know that it would like an increase this season in the limit on geese from one to two per day.

Also, Turner Battle, Executive Director of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, appeared before the Commission and told of the spread of Eurasian-water milfoil from Currituck Sound into Albemarle Sound, East Lake, and the Alligator River.

The Commission will hear a report on milfoil from the Division of Inland Fisheries at the next monthly meeting. Harry Cornell, Chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries, indicated that treatment to rid the area of milfoil was difficult, very expensive, and also ineffective for more than two to three years.

Commissioner Orville Woodhouse questioned the wisdom of even attempting to fight milfoil, particularly in Currituck Sound. "We've had more ducks and better fishing since the weed took over," said Woodhouse.

## Juniors On Verge Of Win When Rains Came



**TWO HITS** — Catcher David Bolin secured two of Kings Mountain's three hits off Forest City Tuesday night. The second place Forest City Juniors handed Post 155 its eighth straight loss, 5-0.

## Donnie Allison Enters Saturday Hickory Race

Hickory, N. C. — Donnie Allison, winner of the World 600 and rookie of the year in the Indianapolis 500, has filed his entry for the Hickory "276" at Hickory Speedway Saturday night.

Allison's entry with the Banjo Matthews Ford figures to steal thunder from the formidable Chrysler team of Bobby Isaac, Richard Petty and Bobby Allison. Usually reserved for super speedway races, the Ford entry was attracted by the large purse for the 276-lap Grand National and the fact that Allison will be in the state for some personal appearances.

Allison will join fellow Ford drivers James Hylton and Bennie Parsons in an effort to spook the strong field of Dodges and Plymouths.

Three drivers in the field, brothers Donnie and Bobby Allison and Petty, have super speedway wins this season.

Donnie won the World 600, the endurance rave for stock cars at Charlotte in May, and then six days later finished fourth in the Indy 500. The first NASCAR driver to ever finish at the famed "rickyard," Allison was voted the coveted rookie of the year award. He banked nearly \$70,000 for the two speed classes.

Bobby Allison won the Atlanta 500 this spring. Petty won the 500-miler at Rockingham and the 100-miler Sunday on the road course at Riverside, California.

The Allison brothers have finished one-two on a number of occasions in their colorful careers in Sportsman, Modified and Grand National races.

## Top-Name Drivers In Hickory Race

Hickory, N. C. — The richest race for the distance on the Grand National schedule this year will be run at Hickory Speedway on Saturday, June 20.

Awards of more than \$13,000, including a \$2,200 first place purse, has been posted by track manager Ned Jarrett, who expects to attract drivers who usually pass up the 100-mile event.

The gates open at five for the "Hickory 276," followed by time trials at 7 and the green flag at 8:30 p.m. In the event of a rain-out, the 100-mile chase will be run at 3 the following afternoon, Sunday, June 21.

owned and driven by Bobby Allison. Although just six months out of the Hobby division of racing, the 28-year-old leads the Sportsman standings at both Hickory and Asheville raceways and is high among the state leaders.

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To be limited to a starting field of 22, the drivers will have to turn an additional 25 laps this year since a survey showed that the high-banked asphalt track is 363 around instead of 410ths. "The Hickory 276 will have the biggest purse for a race at the speedway in its 19 years of Grand National races," says Jarrett, "and the interest is at an all-time high."

Richard Petty will be making his first start in the South since his spectacular wreck in the Rebel 400 at Darlington, and he has mastered the race course by winning four times, having set the record of three straights.

Grand National point leader Bobby Isaac, a home county product, will be coming to town with a firm grip on the GN standings and the opportunity of making it three consecutive victories before the home folks. Isaac won both of the races in 1969 by convincing margins after a lifetime of frustration on the track where his career began.

While much of the fanfare will be reserved for such heralded drivers as Bobby Allison, James Hylton, Isaac, Petty and a host of other veterans on the circuit, one of the favorites with local racing fans will be a rookie.

Morgan Shepherd of Hickory, driving his first year in the Sportsman class, will start a 1969 Chevelle which was formerly

## Ladies Softball Games Friday At Davidson

Three ladies softball games are scheduled for Friday night at Davidson Park. Action gets underway at 6:30.

An all-star team from the Kings Mountain Ladies League will play King's Business College of Charlotte in the opener and in the second game the Jets of Kings Mountain will tangle with Minette Mills of Grover.

## Hord, Parker Hurl Unbeaten VFW Team To Two More Babe Ruth Wins

VFW has all but wrapped up the 1970 Kings Mountain Babe Ruth League championship, thanks to the stout pitching of Ricky Hord and Keith Parker.

VFW captured two more victories during the past week to run its undefeated record to 5-0. Heretofore second place Southwell Ford dropped a pair of games and is now 2-3 and tied with Mauney Textiles for second place, three full games behind the leaders.

Hord hurled his second no-hitter in three outings Monday night as VFW whipped Mauney 3-1. He struck out 16 batters and walked five. Hord has now allowed only two hits in 21 innings and has fanned 44 batters.

VFW managed only two hits off Mauney's Frankie Stokes, who walked five and struck out 14. Randy Blanton got both hits.

## Seven-Run Ninth Gives Hickory 10-2 Victory Over Local Juniors

For eight innings Wednesday night at City Stadium, Kings Mountain's Juniors played their best baseball of the season, but in the ninth Post 155's defense folded and Hickory scored seven runs for a 10-2 victory.

Going into the last frame, the Western Division leaders held only a slim 3-2 edge over the winless Post 155s, but the experienced Hickory nine turned several Post 155 miscues into a runaway victory.

Post 155 spotted Hickory a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning but battled back to tie the score with singletons in the fourth and seventh frames. Hickory broke the tie off relief pitcher Gerald Putnam with a singleton in the eighth, then rallied for seven runs in the ninth off Putnam and Bobby Ethridge.

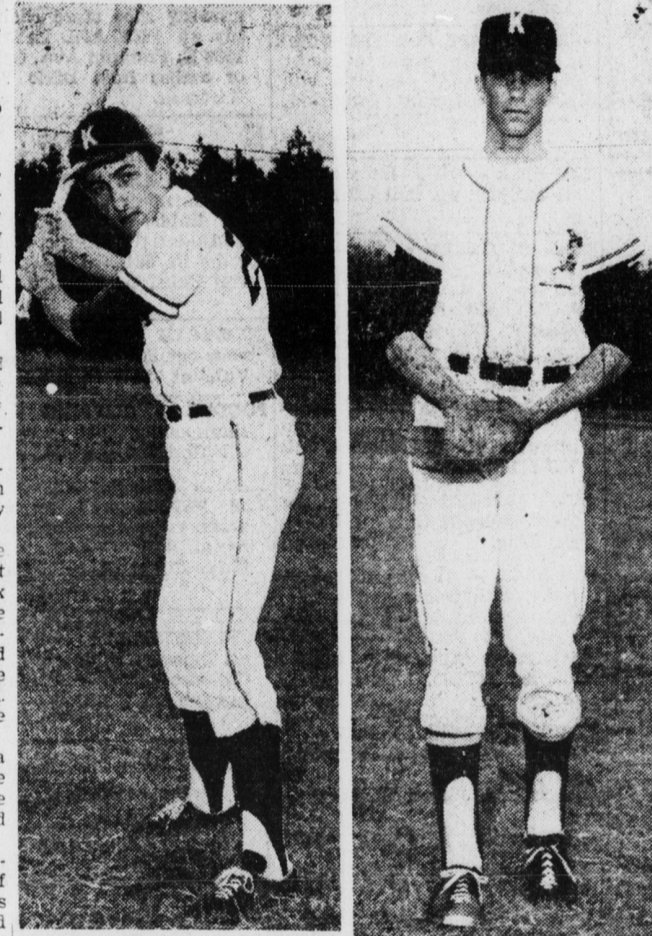
## BVD, Craftspun Share Lead In Softball Loop

BVD and Craftspun, both sporting 2-0 records, share the early lead in the Kings Mountain slow-pitch Softball League.

Results of last week's games were BVD 4, Fiber 3; K Mills 7, Oak Grove 0, forfeit; Craftspun 22, First Baptist 2; BVD 12, K Mills 10; Fiber Control 12, First Baptist 8; and Craftspun 9, Oak Grove 8.

## Card of Thanks

Mrs. Harvey Ramsey and family wish to thank the nurses and doctors at Kings Mountain Hospital for their kindness during the illness and death of Mr. Harvey Ramsey.



**OUTFIELDERS** — Tim Echols, left, and Bobby Ethridge make up two-thirds of the Post 155 outfield. Ethridge was moved to centerfield recently when Danny Hartsoe sprained his ankle. Echols plays left.

## Away Thursday And Saturday, Home Tuesday

Kings Mountain's Juniors were on the verge of capturing their first victory of the season last Thursday night at City Stadium when rains came in the fourth inning and washed out their area Four Western Division contest with Mill Springs.

Post 155, a 5-1 loser earlier to the Polk County club, was leading by a 3-1 margin in the top of the fourth when umpires halted the contest.

The two teams were scheduled to make the game up last night here. Tonight, Coach Bo Goforth takes his club to Shelby and Saturday night Post 155 travels to Hickory to take on the Western Division leaders.

Post 155 returns home next Tuesday night to host Cherryville in its final home game of the first round. Kings Mountain closes out first round action next Thursday at Henrietta. Playoffs begin the following Saturday.

Post 155 is currently 0-8, having dropped tilts to Hickory (10-), Morganton (10-1) and Forest City (5-0) during the past week.

Lack of hitting and poor fielding continue to hurt the locals. And unless they win a couple of their remaining games, Goforth's lads will be facing one of the loop's tougher teams in the first stage of the playoffs.

Hickory (9-1) is currently a game ahead of Forest City (8-2) in the West while Charlotte Post 9 (7-1) is a game ahead of Gastonia Post 23 (6-2) in the Eastern Division.

## AREA FOUR STANDINGS (Western Division)

Teams	W	L
Hickory	9	1
Forest City	8	2
Shelby	7	3
Morganton	6	4
Cherryville	4	5
Henrietta	2	8
Mill Springs	1	6
Kings Mountain	0	8

(Eastern Division)

Charlotte Post 9	7	1
Gastonia 23	6	2
Charlotte 380	6	3
Paw Creek	6	4
Newell	6	4
Belmont	3	5
Bessemer City	1	0
Gastonia 195	0	8

## Tryon Leads Little League With 6-0 Mark

Tryon Team Number Two holds down first place in the Kings Mountain Little League standings with a perfect 6-0 record.

The Tryon team won three games during the past week, getting strong pitching from Jimmy Parker and Harlen Haynes during the process.

Parker hurled a one-hitter as Tryon whipped Optimist 12-0 while Haynes was the leading hitter.

Park Grace won two games during the week to hold onto second place with a 5-1 record. Park Grace defeated Kiwanis 17-1 with a 16-run rally in the fourth inning and bombed Childers by a 15-2 score.

Johnny Anderson pitched a two-hitter in the victory over Kiwanis while Mark Thornburg hurled a three-hitter in the victory over Childers Heating.

Monte Falls and Jack Wray were the leading hitters for Park Grace in the two contests.

Tryon won on the strong pitching and hitting of Frank Hovis and Joel Burgess. Hovis fired a one-hitter and cracked a three-

## Mid-Season Race Set Saturday At Shelby Track

These who were planning for it but for some reason missed it, there's a second chance — the Mid-Season Championship race, sanctioned by the Hobby Racing Association, was rained out Saturday night at the Shelby Speedway. The race is re-set for this coming Saturday night at 8:15 and all rain checks will be honored. General admission for those not holding rain checks is \$4. Racing will pick up where it left off last Saturday — the Rookies completed their race and will be allowed to run again.

Rains came just after the Hobbes began their main event — they will start over on last Saturday's qualifying as will the Late Model Sportsmen. The latter will engage in a 100-lap main event that pays \$1,000 to the taker of the Checkered Flag.

A highly successful program was launched at the Rutherford County Speedway in which Spartanburg's Bill Ruppe took the Rookie main Leslie McKinney of Mayo (S. C.) claimed the Hobby feature, and Shelby's Preston Humphries was the Sportsman winner. Humphries was backed up by the other top four drivers, Dan Warlick of Belwood, Don

## Jim Jolly Wins Trophy At G-W Basketball Camp

Jimmy Jolly, a six-foot-five rising sophomore at Kings Mountain High School, won the outstanding player trophy at the Gardner-Webb College basketball camp last week.

Jolly was declared the winner after one-and-one competition among the 61 players who attended the camp, headed by G-W basketball coach Eddie Holbrook.

Jolly was the top rebounder and scorer on last year's KMHS freshman team and will step up to the varsity unit next season.

Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jolly.

## Kings Mountain's Freddie Smith Drives Ford To Win At Concord

CONCORD, N. C. — It's not often that Ralph Earnhardt goes an entire weekend without a stock car racing victory, but that is exactly what happened last Friday and Saturday to the Kannapolis veteran.

Earnhardt, who drives a 1969 Camaro in the American Racing Association events at Speedworld in Charlotte and at Concord Speedway here, didn't miss by much but he nevertheless drew a blank in the two programs. He ran second each night at the two half-mile tracks.

Ralph gets two more chances this weekend, with six-event cards on tap Friday night at Speedworld on the Metrolina Fairgrounds and Saturday night at Concord. Three events, two heat races and a 40-lap feature, are scheduled for Earnhardt and his fellow competitors in the Supersports division. Similar races are slated for the rookie Charger drivers.

## Numerous Activities Underway At City's Recreation Center

By ARCH KERN RECREATION DIRECTOR

TENNIS ANYONE? An inquiry has been made to the Recreation Department for tennis lessons. If response is forthcoming from enough interested persons, an instructor will be hired and lessons will be sponsored.

LITTLE LEAGUE COACHES were in attendance for a chicken dinner in the Community Center on June 10. Ideas were exchanged and discussed. It is planned to arrange for an umpire clinic during the off-season. As a result of the discussions the Ellison Practice Field will be conditioned for use.

SOFT BALL TOURNAMENT PLAY is slated for June 25, 26, 27, and 28. Ten teams have been invited and are expected to participate.

SWIMMING LESSONS for the kiddies are in full swing. It is planned to repeat this popular event at the completion of the current class. If you are interested to arrange for an umpire clinic

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