

Mountaineers Host Wolves Today, Chase Tuesday

GW Looking Forward To Tourney

Holbrook To Move Adams To Wing Next Cage Season

BOILING SPRINGS — George Adams, Gardner-Webb's All-American from Kings Mountain, has ambitions of playing professional basketball.

Coach Eddie Holbrook, after signing a 6-9 "super" prospect from Florida, Kirby Thurston, has decided to move Adams from the pivot to a wing position.

"George has already begun working outside," said Holbrook, "and he's playing a lot better than we thought he would this early. George is working real hard, especially on his shooting and ballhandling."



EYES TOURNEY — Gardner-Webb basketball coach Eddie Holbrook says he looks forward to playing in next December's basketball tournament at Kings Mountain. Elon, Barber Scotia and St. Augustine will join the Bulldogs in the two-night event at the KM Community Center.

Holbrook Calls KM Invitational Top-Notch Event

BOILING SPRINGS — "We feel that it will be an outstanding tournament," Gardner-Webb basketball coach Eddie Holbrook said when announcing that the Bulldogs would play in the Kings Mountain Invitational Tournament next December 3 and 4.

"One thing for sure, it will let us know right away how we stack up in District 26. There will be three teams which played in the district playoffs this year and all of these will have the same personnel returning," Holbrook said.

The four teams participating will be Gardner-Webb, Elon, Barber-Scotia and St. Augustine. Gardner-Webb and Elon were both ranked nationally in the NAAIA this past season and each team will feature an All-American.

George Adams of Gardner-Webb who was named to two All-American teams, is a native of Kings Mountain and is considered to be one of the top players in the NAAIA. He pumped in 28.2 points per game and hauled in 15.3 rebounds per outing to lead the Bulldogs to a season's record of 20-4 and a berth in the District 26 NAAIA playoffs.

The other All-American who will be playing is Tommy Cole of Elon. Cole is a 6-3 guard from Burlington and was named to the second team NAAIA All-American squad.

"We're really looking forward to the tournament. Of course Elon would have to be considered the team to beat, however, Barber-Scotia and St. Augustine are both very fine teams and are capable of stopping anyone on a given night," Holbrook said.

DeVenzio And Adams To Play Here Saturday

The world's most hilarious basketball team, the California Cuties, will be at Kings Mountain's Community Center Saturday night to play an all-star team made up of local businessmen.

The Cuties, a group of men dressed like women, will play against a local team which will feature two North Carolina college greats, Dick DeVenzio of Duke and George Adams of Gardner-Webb.

Game time is 8 p.m.

Other members of the all-star team will include Josh Hinnant, Grady Howard, Jonas Bridges, Bill Grissom, Marvin Teer, Fred Withers, Kyle Smith, Dr. Frank Sincox and Joe Smith.

Coaches of the team will be Don Jones, Carl Finger and Snooks McDaniel. Mayor John H. Moss will be PA announcer and Jimmy Dickey will serve as the official scorer.

DeVenzio and Adams will speak to the young people on the danger of narcotics and drugs.

As an added pre-game highlight, there will be an all-star little league basketball game, beginning at 6:45.

Softball League Meets Monday

men's industrial softball league Monday at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Recreation Director Roy Pearson urges all coaches and sponsors and any interested players to attend the meeting.

"It looks like we're going to have around 46 teams in the various summer programs," said Pearson, "and we need to get them organized as soon as possible."

Hobby Racing Season Begins This Weekend

SHELBY, N. C. — The 1971 stock racing season on the Hobby Racing Association's two dirt tracks, the Shelby Fairgrounds Speedway and the Rutherford County Speedway, lift the lid what should be the hottest year ever, according to Clyde Dedmon, president of HRA.

Dedmon says a host of new cars and drivers are expected to be on hand Friday night at the Rutherford County Speedway. Then, Saturday night they'll swing to the Shelby Speedway. Action begins at 7:30 o'clock at both tracks. Dedmon also said plans are to complete the racing programs no later than 11 p.m.

Charlie Blanton, Gaffney, S. C., who became a big threat late last season, may be going for the 1971 point title in the 1969 Camaro, which he drove at Daytona Beach in mid-February. Red Davis, owner of Blanton's car, said they'll be running at both of the dirt tracks.

Dedmon said he also had word from numerous new drivers and car owners in the Charlotte, Morganton and Lenoir areas, who expect to be ready for action this week.

Tommy Robbs, another Gaffney product, expects to have a '67 Chevelle ready to take the green flag. Robbs has been running up front in the asphalt races at the Harris Speedway.

Last season's co-champions, Preston Humphries, Shelby, and Chuck Piazza, Spartanburg, S. C., will again be driving for the Davis Brothers, out of Mayo, S. C. Both, Humphries and Piazza are expected to drive new Camaros.

U.S. SAVINGS BONDS advertisement with image of a woman holding a bond certificate.



SOPHOMORE STARTER — Robbie Moore, a sophomore, has played well at second base for the Mountaineers this spring. He'll be in the starting lineup today when Coach Barry Gibson's charges host Lincolnton.

Mounties Will Try To Break Losing Streak

Kings Mountain High's baseball team, on a losing streak which has dropped it to the 500 level in Southwestern Conference play, closes out first round play against Lincolnton and Chase.

The Mountaineers host Lincolnton Thursday and Chase comes to KMHS on Tuesday.

Both teams have copped only one game this season. Lincolnton defeated R-S Central, a team which blanked KM 9-0 last Thursday, while Chase won over Lincolnton, 9-3.

Kings Mountain has dropped its last two games. The Mountaineers are now 3-3 in the conference and 43-1 overall.

The Mountaineers were scheduled to play South Point in Belmont Tuesday but the game was postponed because of rain.

Chuck Carpenter who blanked Crest 5-0 last Tuesday for his only victory of the year, will probably hurl against Lincolnton today. Southpaw Jeff Weaver, the Wolves' extra point and field goal man in football, will probably pitch for the visitors.

Rick Hord, who was bombed out by R-S Central 9-0 in his last outing, will probably oppose Chase here Tuesday. Hord is 2-1 on the campaign, having defeated Burns and Cherryville.

Shelby continues to lead the Southwestern Conference, followed by East Rutherford in second place and South Point in third. The Lions are seeking their second straight SWC title.

Central Opens Season With Three Victories

Central Junior High School, which has lost only one athletic contest this school year, is off to a fast start in baseball, winning its first three games by wide margins.

The Patriots have defeated West Cleveland 2-0, South Cleveland 18-0 and North Cleveland 11-0.

Central's pitchers have limited the opposition to only four hits in the three contests. Chuck Austin hurled a one-hitter in the win over West Cleveland, Tony Falls hurled a two-hitter in the win over South Cleveland and Dale Hartsoe tossed a one-hitter in Monday's victory over North Cleveland.

The Patriots had a Tuesday game with North Cleveland rained out and they were scheduled to meet West Cleveland in Boiling Springs Wednesday.

Walks to Austin and Jackie Wray, a wild pitch and Kenny McCoy's single gave Kim his 2-0 win over West Cleveland. The runs came in the third inning.

Austin struck out 10 batters and walked only two in going the distance for Coach Tommy Pruet's charges.

In the second victory, Central scored three runs in the first inning on a home run by Falls, then added 11 in the second to put the game on ice. Falls struck out seven and led the Patriots at the plate with 2 for 2.

In the third game, Hartsoe gave up a leadoff single, then pitched no-hit ball the rest of the way. He walked three and fanned six. Central collected six hits, the big blows being doubles by Wray and McCoy in the six-run second inning.

LINESCORES table with columns for team, runs, hits, errors.

KM Is Second In Golf Meet, Sarvis Has 73

Kings Mountain High's golf team finished second to Crest in a four-team Southwestern Conference meet at the Country Club here last Thursday.

Crest had a team total of 311, four shots better than the Mountaineers at 315. Lincolnton finished third with a 321 score and Burns was fourth at 349.

Kings Mountain's Dana Sarvis was medalist for the match with a one-over par 73. Carl Clayton led Crest with a 75. Lincolnton's low man was Bob Anderson with a 78 and Danny Gold was low scorer for Burns with an 82.

Kings Mountain travels to Mt. Holly this afternoon for a four-team match involving the Mountaineers, Lincolnton, Burns and host South Point.

The Mountaineers will host a three-team meet here Tuesday with R-S Central and East Rutherford supplying the opposition.

Setzer Among Race Favorites At Hickory Oval

Hickory, N. C. — Ned Setzer, winner of back-to-back races this past weekend, looms as one of the favorites for Sunday's "Easter 250" — separate 125 lap events for Sportsman and Modified racers.

Setzer won the 40-lap feature at Hickory Speedway Sunday at the expense of Bosco Lowe, who led much of the way. A night earlier the redhead from nearby Claremont won the 50-lap feature at Greenville, South Carolina.

The defending Hickory Speedway champion is one of many entered for the Sportsman-Modified double-header and includes Morgan Shepherd, state Sportsman champion, and Don Miller, the state Modified champ.

Miller, adept at both divisions, has entered cars for each of the races. Twin \$350 purses have been posted, including \$200 bonuses each if the national Sportsman and Modified champs start in the 24-car fields.

Jack Ingram, Bob Bressley, Roy Trantham, and Bosco Lowe, all of Asheville, have filed entries.

Bobby Waddell was in second place and fighting for the lead in Sunday's race until he was spun from the track in an encounter with Ingram. Waddell was unable to continue, but Ingram restarted in the race and worked his way back to fourth place, in back of Roy Trantham, at the finish.

Young Butch Lindley of Greenville was fifth. Sixty through tenth were Melvin Jonas, Bob Fressley, Charles Crouse, Buddy Howard and Benny Kerley.

Ted Wells of Asheville piloted his Chevy II to the Limited Sportsman win. Ronald Fox of Taylorsville was a close second. A four-car pileup midway in the contest eliminated Ray Medford, Roy Chatham, Larry Starnes and Benny Davis.

Ken Church edged out Charles Huffman in the rookie race.

The gates open at noon for the Easter Sunday 250. The first of the 125-lap races goes under the green flag at 3:00 p.m.

Epps To Lead Revival Series

Evangelist Jerry Epps, formerly of Tampa, Fla., will be revivalist for special services beginning Easter Sunday at First Church of the Living God, 413 Poplar street, Gastonia.

Services will be held nightly through April 18th at 7:30 p.m.

A church spokesman said the community is invited to attend "this Holy Ghost Miracle Revival Crusade for people of all churches. Mr. Epps is one of America's most outstanding ministers."



SENIOR STANDOUT — Senior third baseman Geep Howard slammed a pair of doubles in Kings Mountain's loss to East Rutherford Friday in Forest City. Howard has been the season-long hitting leader for the Mounties.

Run In Fifth Gives East 4-3 Win Over KM

East Rutherford's Cavaliers came up with a run in the bottom of the fifth inning Friday in Forest City to snap a 3-3 tie and defeat Kings Mountain 4-3 in a Southwestern Conference baseball game.

It was the second straight defeat to a Rutherford County team by the Mountaineers. They dropped a 90 decision to R-S Central on Thursday.

Junior Danny Hartsoe made his first start of the year for the Mountaineers and pitched well but two costly errors hurt him. He gave up six hits in going the distance.

The Mountaineers outthrew the Cavaliers seven to six with Geep Howard and Tim Echols getting a hit each. Both of Howard's blows were doubles.

East jumped off to a 3-0 lead off Hartsoe in the first inning. Sparked by Howard and Echols, the Mountaineers battled back for three in the second to tie the score.

After that, however, the Mountaineers couldn't get a serious dip to 3-3 in the conference and threat going and saw their record 4-3-1 overall heading into Tuesday's game at Belmont.

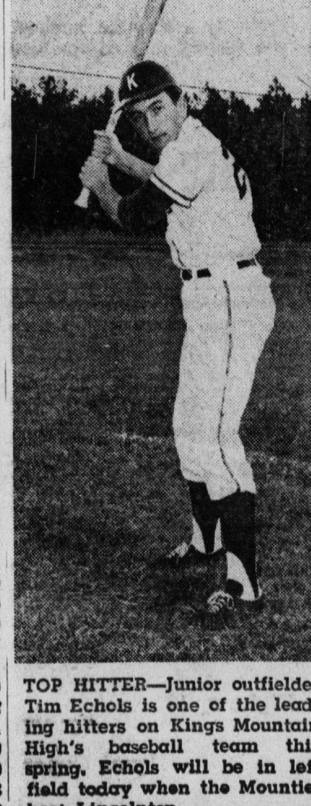
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Pitching table with columns for pitcher, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO.

WP—Bailey 2. PB—Bolin, Smith.



TOP HITTER—Junior outfielder Tim Echols is one of the leading hitters on Kings Mountain High's baseball team this spring. Echols will be in left field today when the Mounties host Lincolnton.

Big First Keys RSC Victory Over Mounties

Back-to-back home runs by Tony Mooney and Barry Hines sparked R-S Central to a 3-0 first inning lead and a 9-0 victory over Kings Mountain in a Southwestern Conference makeup game here Thursday.

Mooney's blow, with a man aboard, staked the Hilltoppers to a 2-0 lead, then Hines' blow padded the margin against KM right-hander Ricky Gold, who suffered his first loss of the year.

Those three runs were more than enough to assure victory for Hilltopper right-hander Bucky Cashion, who limited the Mountaineers to only one hit, a sixth inning single by catcher David Bolin.

The Hilltoppers added two runs in the sixth inning and four in the seventh as they racked Hord for 14 hits. Five Mountaineer errors also aided the R-S Central cause.

Hines had a perfect 4-for-4 plate performance for the winners while catcher Charles Green added three hits in four times at bat. The victory was the third in five outings for the Hilltoppers. KM—R-S CENTRAL

BOXSCORE table with columns for team, at bats, runs, hits, errors.

Pitcher table with columns for pitcher, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO.