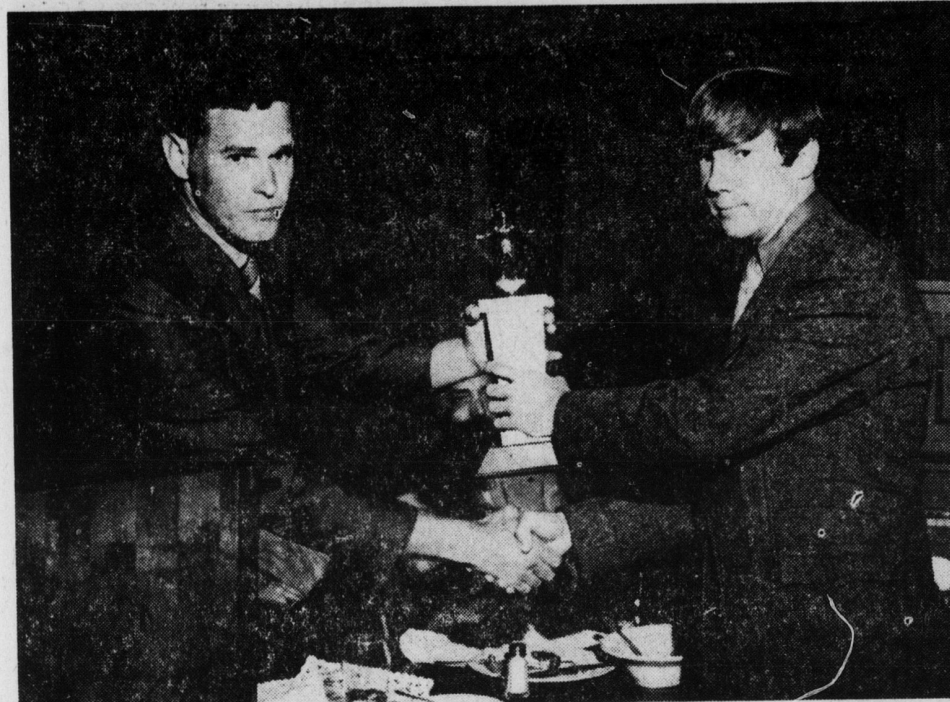




MOST VALUABLE CAGERS — The three Kings Mountain High basketball players shown above won most valuable player trophies...



MOST VALUABLE WRESTLER — Senior Carl Fulton accepts the most valuable wrestler award from Coach Warren (Bo) Goforth...

Mounties In Home Finale Tuesday

Mounties Play Crest Friday, East Tuesday

Kings Mountain High's baseball team will travel to Crest Friday before returning home Tuesday...

The Mountaineers will carry a 6-6 Southwestern Conference record and 7-61 overall mark to Crest...

Kings Mountain's game with R-S Central in Rutherfordton Tuesday was postponed at the Hilltoppers' request...

Friday, the Mountaineers will be trying to snap back from a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to undefeated Shelby...

Tuesday, Coach Barry Gibson's charges can all but wrap up the conference title for the Golden Lions...

R-S Central, which has lost three games, Cherryville, which is 6-5, and KM, which is 6-6, round out the first division of the conference standings.

South Point heads the second five with a 5-7 mark, followed by Chase, Burns, Lincolnton and Crest.

Senior Chuck Carpenter will probably hurt for the Mounties Friday at Crest and Rick Hord, who was victim of the Shelby loss Monday...



HITS HOME RUN — Senior pitcher-shortstop-outfielder Chuck Carpenter, above, cracked a leadoff home run in the fourth inning...

Mounties Beaten By Shelby, 1-0

Rick Hord pitched perhaps the best game of his high school career here Monday but lost to unbeaten Southwestern Conference leader Shelby, 1-0.

Hord fired a one-hitter at the defending league champions but his own throwing error and another by teammate Geep Howard allowed the only run of the game in the third inning.

Chris Horne, Shelby's eighth place hitter, singled to center to lead off the Shelby third. Duane Feyer laid down a sacrifice attempt which was fielded by Hord.

That was the only inning the Lions had a runner in scoring position off Hord.

On the other hand, KM had runners in scoring position in five of the seven innings but couldn't score. Twice the Mountaineers had men on second and third with one away but couldn't score.

KM's only hits were singles by Grafton Withers and Chuck Carpenter.

Patriots Win Pair Contests, Play Two Here

Central Junior High's Patriots, undefeated after five games, play home games Thursday and Friday at City Stadium.

This afternoon, Coach Tommy Pruitt's youngsters host North Cleveland and on Friday night at 7:30, the Patriots host West Cleveland.

Admission for both contests is free.

The Patriots are now 5-0 after victories over Ashley (10-2) and North Cleveland (12-2).

Wednesday afternoon at City Stadium, the Patriots used the one-hit pitching of Chuck Austin to defeat Ashley. Ashley scored both its runs in the top of the first inning but the Patriots struck quickly, also, scoring four runs in the first.

Hartsoe also had a big day at the plate, going 2 for 4 and knocking in four runs. Falls had three hits in four trips to the plate.

Carpenter's Home Run Keys Win Over Burns

Chuck Carpenter's home run highlighted a four-run Kings Mountain uprising in the fifth inning Wednesday at Burns and sparked the Mountaineers to a 10-7 win over the Bulldogs in a Southwestern Conference baseball game.

The Mountaineer uprising erased a 7-6 Burns lead and sent sophomore relief pitcher Keith Parker toward his first victory of the season.

Carpenter's clout led off the Mountaineer fourth and singles by Robbie Moore and Grafton Withers, two walks and an error led to three more Mountaineer tallies.

Parker, who pitched three and two-third innings, came on in the second inning after the Bulldogs took a 7-5 lead off starter Danny Hartsoe. Rick Hord relieved Parker in the sixth and received credit for a save.

Burns outthit the Mountaineers, 11 to 10, but six of the Bulldog hits came in the first two innings off Hartsoe. Burns secured only four hits off Parker and one off Hord.

Moore, Withers, David Bolin and Geep Howard paced the Mountaineers at bat with two hits apiece. Carpenter's homer and a first inning double by Parker were the other two blows off three Burns hurlers.

Kings Mountain struck for a 5-0 lead in the top of the first on Parker's double, Bolin's single, three walks and an error. But Mike Branche's home run highlighted a four-run Burns rally in the first and Scott Hamrick's round-tripper keyed a three-run

second inning rally which moved the Bulldogs ahead 7-5. Consecutive singles by Withers, Bolin and Howard cut the margin to 7-6 in the fourth and set the stage for KM's winning rally in the fifth.

Boxscore table for Kings Mountain vs Burns. Columns: Kings Mountain (Ab, r, h), Burns (Ab, r, h), Totals. Rows list individual players and their stats.

Boxscore table for Shelby vs Kings Mountain. Columns: Shelby, Kings Mountain, Totals. Rows list individual players and their stats.

Boxscore table for Culbertson vs Burns. Columns: Culbertson, Burns, Totals. Rows list individual players and their stats.

Culbertson High Scorer In Bowling

Ronnie Culbertson won high scoring honors in men's bowling action Monday night, scoring a 151 line and 371 set.

Wimp Bowen also had a big night, scoring a 127 line and 346 set to lead Plunk Oil to three wins over Vincent's Sinclair. Rod Houser had a 125 line and 332 set for the losers.

Bob Herndon tallied a 134 line and 348 set to lead Albert Brackett's team to three wins over Richard Culbertson. Culbertson led his team with a 117 line and 331 set.

In ladies league action Tuesday, Winnie Fulton scored a 131 line and 326 set to lead Drevs Tax Service to three wins over American Legion. Barbara Miller's 121 line and Willi Sprouse's 309 set topped the losers.

Doris Ware's 120 line and 300 set led Plunk Brothers to three wins over Oates Shell. Jenny Oates had a 109 line and 323 set for the losers.

Griffin Drug swept four games from Dellinger's as Edna Bowen scored a 107 line and 306 series. Sara Cash had a 107 line and Ethel Tignor added a 287 set for the losers.

A school to train compliance officers, who will be responsible for inspecting workplaces covered by the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act, is being conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor. The law goes into effect on April 28.

South Iredell's Ellis Signs With Bulldogs

BOILING SPRINGS—One of the top high school guard prospects in North Carolina, Billy Ellis, of South Iredell High School, has signed a basketball grant-in-aid with Gardner-Webb College.

Coach Eddie Holbrook, basketball coach, was well pleased with the decision of Ellis to sign with the Bulldogs.

"Billy can score, but we were equally impressed with his ball-handling, speed, unselfishness and burning desire to win," said Holbrook. "He will fit well into our preferred style of play, both offensively and defensively. He has a real winning attitude which is a must with our team."

Holbrook said the young athlete had been contacted by more than 20 colleges. He is 6-0 and weighs 165 pounds. His high school coach was Gary Sherrill.

Ellis has been chosen to play in the annual East-West High School game in August of this summer in Greensboro.

His high school cage accomplishments include: Player of the Year in North Piedmont Conference averaged 30.3 points per game; set conference single game

Hottest Point Battles Going At Two Tracks

SHELBY, N. C. — One of the hottest point battles in the history of the Hobby Racing Association appears to be taking shape early during the 1971 season at the Rutherford County and Shelby Fairgrounds Speedways, both half mile dirt ovals.

Atlanta's veteran Raymond Payne, who has driven the Late Model Sportsman, Limited Sportsman and the winged "Skeeter" cars, which have proven popular in the Carolinas and Georgia, broke the three-win streak of Harold Painter last weekend in Shelby.

Payne, driving a 1969 Chevelle, had to fight off the hot challenge of Shelby's Stick Elliott in a Camero. Painter, formerly of Gaffney, started in the rear and was running up in third place when he tore away portions of the third-turn bank before coming to halt atop the high bank. But, Painter vows to be back bidding for first money this week end.

Gaffney's Charlie Blanton, who has been hot on the asphalt ovals, has had his problems on dirt. However, Blanton says he'll be hard to handle in his Chevy II Friday night at the Rutherford County Speedway and the Shelby Speedway Saturday night. Both programs begin at 7:30 o'clock.

W. C. Earle, Gaffney, who had problems with his No. 11, Fairlane Ford, expects to be ready this weekend. Wilson Peace, Bennett Clontz, Billy Elishop, Bill Monteath, Don Beam and Carl Smart are expected Friday and Saturday nights.

More than 1,400 servicemen will receive training as cement masons and plasterers at 12 Army bases in the U. S. under a 16-month, \$456,000 Labor Department contract with the Portland Cement Association. The training will lead to 2- and 3-year apprenticeships when the men leave the Army.

time he handles the ball and is equally effective as a runner or passer, Litton explained. When discussing Way, Litton said, "Tommy is a hard worker and his hustle has been an inspiration to our entire team, especially the defensive unit." "He's our 'Monster Man' and, as any coach will agree, this takes a very versatile individual who doesn't mind contact," Litton said.

Coach George Litton said when announcing the selection of the captains. Two of these boys, Thompson and Way, transferred from Lees-McRae Junior College where Litton was head coach before accepting the Gardner-Webb post.

"We think that Lee Thompson is as good a linebacker as there is in this area," Litton said. "He led our team in tackles last year and we're expecting him to have another great year as a senior," Litton continued. "His quickness and agility make him very effective as a linebacker and we feel that he will make us an outstanding leader," Litton concluded.

"Although Ray Hannon is only a junior, his teammates certainly recognize his outstanding leadership ability," Litton said. "Ray sparked our offense last year and we feel that as a tri-captain he will do the same this year," he said. "He is a threat to score any-

Defensive Stars And Hannon Lead Bulldogs

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.—Two defensive stalwarts and an offensive quarterback will lead the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs into action during their second year of senior college competition on the gridiron.

Leading the pack will be Lee Thompson, a 6-2, 220 pound linebacker from Mableton, Ga.; Ray Hannon, a 5-11, 175 pound quarterback from Greer, S. C.; and Tommy Way a 5-8, 193 pound defensive halfback from Augusta, Ga.

The Bulldogs, who are undergoing a rebuilding program, will be depending heavily on these young men to give them the leadership that is necessary for a young, inexperienced squad.

"It usually takes a couple of years to get your program underway when you move from junior college into senior college competition and we feel fortunate to have outstanding players such as these to lead our team," Head



IMPROVES AVERAGE — Junior first baseman Grafton Withers of the Mountaineers has been on a hitting tear of late, having collected seven hits in the last four games.