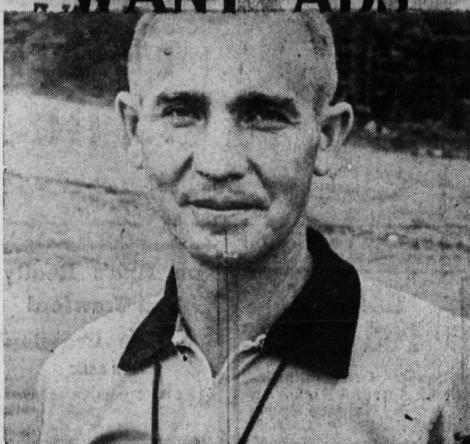


# Belmont Abbey Selects Hussey As New Coach



**NEW ABBEY MENTOR** — Bob Hussey, former basketball and baseball coach at Kings Mountain High School, has been selected as the new head basketball coach at Belmont Abbey College. Hussey goes to the Abbey after a year at Appalachian, where he earned a master's degree in physical education while assisting the basketball and baseball teams there.

Former Kings Mountain High School basketball coach, Bob Hussey, has been named head basketball coach at Belmont Abbey College.

Hussey, who served as an assistant at Appalachian while working on a master's degree in health and physical education, was named at a press conference in the Abbey Administration Building Friday afternoon.

The 31-year-old Hussey, who coached Kings Mountain to a 65-7 record in three years, takes over for Louie O'Gorman, who resigned several weeks ago to take an assistant's post at Western Carolina while working on a master's degree.

Hussey won two conference championships and finished second once in his three years at Kings Mountain. His 1967-68 team, which featured All-American George Adams, now at Gardner-Webb, finished 25-1 and his final KM team in 1969-70, which featured All-American Otis Cole, now at Florida State, finished 23-1.

In addition to running up the enviable basketball record, Hussey also coached two conference championship baseball teams and

led the 1969 KM diamond crew to the state 3-A championship.

"Coach Hussey had a tremendous coaching record at Kings Mountain and we feel very fortunate in having him with us at Belmont Abbey," said Athletic Director Dr. Bill Williams, in introducing Hussey to the crowd.

Father Bradley, president of the Abbey, pointed out that the board of trustees, in screening for a coach out of over 100 applicants, sought a person who was an outstanding coach and who also had a master's degree in physical education.

In addition to coaching basketball, Hussey will also serve as an instructor in the physical education department.

Hussey, who is married to the former Sandra Wiggins of Kannapolis and the father of two boys, will inherit a team which won only four of 26 games last season.

"My immediate plans are to start work on recruiting," said Hussey. "The style of play we use will mainly be dictated by the available personnel we can find between now and the beginning of school."

Six players will return off last year's squad and Hussey will have four open scholarships.

"I consider this a tremendous challenge," Hussey added. "Not many good players are available at this stage. But there are players available somewhere. Probably the first thing we'll attempt to do is to see if there are any junior college players left."

The Abbey schedule, which was also announced Friday, will be much tougher than last year. The Crusaders open their 20-game card against Richmond of the Southern Conference and the state includes all Carolina Conference teams except Guilford.

"To be frank," said Hussey, "I fear all 26 of our opponents. But at the same time, we're not going to sit back and say 'this year is already finished. We can't recruit, our program is not where we want it to be so we'll just sit back and allow the people to come in and we'll just be the doormat.' We're not going to do this. We're going to do every thing possible to have the best program we can and to be a strong representative of Belmont Abbey College."

Hussey was well-known in prep circles as a tough disciplinarian who favors a running attack and a pressing man-to-man defense.

"If at all possible, we'll use that style," he said. "I certainly favor a great deal of pressure, speed and running. But I'm smart enough to know that you don't go with what you have. I don't like slowdown basketball but I've seen people win with it. If I thought I could win with it, I'd use it," he said.

"And the same thing's true with a zone defense," he added. "I'm not especially fond of it, but if I feel like a zone defense will win for me, I'm certainly not above using it."

Hussey said college coaching has been his ambition for several years.

"I coached high school ball for several years and enjoyed it," he said. "But coaching is just like anything else. Your ambitions are always a step above you. At least I think they should be in life and college coaching has been my pursuit for the last few years. Now I have the opportunity. All I have to do is prove myself."

Hussey said he hopes to begin a program at the Abbey which will allow members of the student body to try out for the basketball team.

"Any student in this school will be given an opportunity to play," he said. "They won't be limited just because they're not on scholarship. I don't know if this has been done in the past or not but I intend to do this fully at the beginning of the school year."

Hussey said he also wants to recruit as many local players as possible.

"Any time you have local people on your squad you're going to create a great deal of enthusiasm in your community and the surrounding area," he said. "And we'll definitely pursue every available prospect in the area to MORE & MORE & MORE & MORE."

Just as with his practice in high school, Hussey said he will dedicate himself to turning out fine young men as well as good basketball players.

"We want to win all the games that we possibly can," he said, "but at the same time we want to give the college something it can be proud of. We don't want a bunch of athletes who never graduate. We want to give Belmont Abbey some people that I can be proud of and also have a basketball program that it can be proud of."

Besides trying to catch up on recruiting, Hussey's next work order will be to move his family from Boone.

"We're already looking for a house," he said, "and the sooner we get down here the better. I feel like I'm at home in this area. My family and I have lived in Kings Mountain for several years and we've played all the teams in this area. I hope I can make my home here very soon."

"I'd also like to add," he continued, "that there are many, many fine people in this area that have helped me during my coaching and teaching career. I wouldn't attempt to single out anybody because there have been so many. But I have the highest respect of many, many people in this area."

## World's Finest Trackmen At Duke

DURHAM, N. C. — The "World Class" athlete rests atop a plateau that is reserved for a select few. They dance, so to speak, to a different tune.

This elite corps of athletes challenges world records.

The Pan Africa-USA International Track Meet scheduled here July 16-17 at Duke University will bring together in sports combat many of the world's top track and field performers.

This premier event will be an important preliminary to the Munich Olympic Games of 1972. It will rank as one of the all-time sports experiences in North Carolina.

Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium, where the meet is scheduled, has an all-weather rubberized track surface which is conducive to outstanding performances.

Participating in the two-day event will be many Olympic medalists and world record holders. All events each day will be finals.

The African team will be composed of 38 athletes from 14 of the African nations. This will be the first time that African athletes have participated in international competition under the banner of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa. The meet also is sanctioned by the International Section of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Included on the African team will be several 1968 Olympic Gold Medalists. They are Kip Keino from Kenya who holds the Olympic record in the 1500 meters (metric mile), Amos Biwot from Kenya in the 3000 meter steeple chase and Mohamed Gamoudi from Tunisia in the 5000 meter.

The United States team will be composed primarily of members of the U. S. Pan American team which will compete in the Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia later in the summer.

1968 Olympic Gold Medalists who are potential members of the U. S. team include Randy Matson, shot; Willie Davenport, 110-meter hurdles; Jim Ryan and Marty Liquori, the man who defeated Ryan in the recent "Dream Mile" at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Games.

If Ryan and Liquori are on the U. S. team they could have an "International Dream Mile" showdown with Keino, the 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist in the 1500 meters.

Wade Stadium, which seats 47,000 will be a world record challenging ground. The athletes will be shooting at such marks

## Blalock Joins High School Coaching Staff

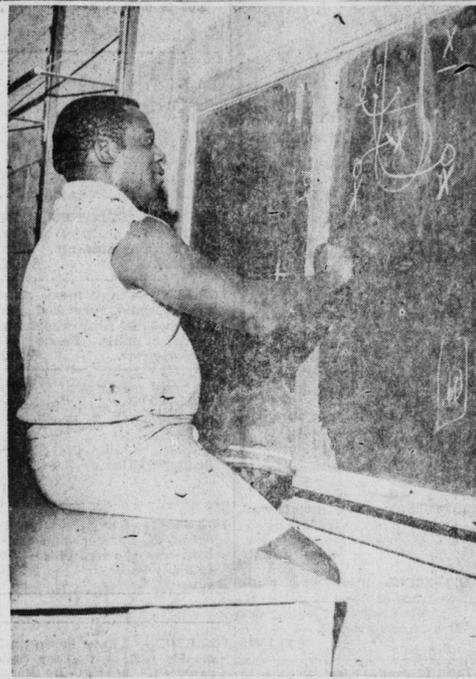
John Blalock, who coached Kings Mountain Central's basketball team to a 14-1 record and the Bi-County Conference championship last winter, will move to Kings Mountain High School this fall to coach jayvee football and basketball.

Blalock and Steve Baker will coach the football squad and Blalock will coach the jayvees by himself. In addition to coaching the jayvees, Blalock will also assist Allen Dixon with the varsity.

Blalock coached varsity basketball and football at Compact before moving to Central. He coached two state championship clubs at Compact.

Blalock was at Central for three years, assisting Porter Griggs with the football team in addition to his basketball duties.

Blalock's son, Butch, was the leading scorer on the KMHS freshman team last year and will be seeking a starting post on the varsity team this coming season.



**JOINS KMHS STAFF** — John Blalock, former Compact High and Central Junior High basketball coach, has joined the coaching staff at Kings Mountain High School. Blalock will coach the jayvee basketball team and assist Steve Baker with the jayvee football squad. He will also assist Allen Dixon with the varsity basketball team.

## Junior Golf Tourney Begins On Wednesday

The second annual Kings Mountain Junior Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 7-9 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Competition will be held in three divisions with golfers being placed by their ages.

Defending champions are Jimmy Jolly, Parks Neisler and Robert Herndon.

They will be in this year's event, along with Bob Maner, Dennis Trout, Mike McDaniel, Scott Neisler, Trip Herndon, Rick Morrison, Mitch Howze, Gary Howze, Tommy Tate, Kevin McGinnis, Scott Ledford, Steve Southwell, David Neisler, Hayne Neisler and Mike Howze.

The first starting time is 9:45 Wednesday morning.

## Shelby Raps 18 Hits In 6-2 Win On Monday

Shelby lashed out 18 hits against Chuck Carpenter Monday night at City Stadium, defeating Post 155's Juniors 6-2 to take a 2-0 lead in the two teams' best-of-five Area Four legion playoff series.

The Shelby club built up a 6-0 lead for righthander Carroll Hamrick of Crest High. KM scored its only two runs in the last two innings.

Hamrick walked six and struck out six while Carpenter walked two and fanned four. Both pitchers went the distance.

Robby Reynolds lashed out four singles and Bobby Brown added three hits to spark the Shelby plate attack. Hamrick was one of four other Shelby players with two hits apiece.

Kings Mountain managed only seven hits for the game. Catcher David Bolin went 2-for-2 and was the only Post 155 player with more than one hit.

Post 155 was bothered by men left on base for the second game in a row. KM left 12 men stranded, the same number that was left on in Saturday's 6-5 loss.

## Bumgardner To Switch To Camaro For Races

CHARLOTTE—Charlottean Gary Galloway will be seeking his 13th race win of the season at Charlotte's Speedworld, Friday night.

Galloway, currently the hottest Charger Driver (formerly rookie division) on the circuit, won his 11th and 12th victories this past weekend.

Ralph Earnhardt and Chuck Piazza, a couple Camaro lead-foots, will be battling for supremacy in the Superstars Division when the curtain rings down at Speedworld on Friday night and Concord on Saturday night.

Both have recorded seven victories thus far and a whopping \$825 jackpot will be awaiting the winner at Speedworld on Friday night.

Promoter John Gaskey has booked a special 75-lap Superstars program for Speedworld, but a regular 40-lap Superstars main will be featured at the Concord 1/2-mile dirt speed plant.

Galloway and Piazza checked in with wins at Speedworld, with Galloway duplicating his feat at Concord on Saturday. Earnhardt outbattled fellow Camaro driver, Stick Elliott, to win the Concord Superstars feature.

Salisbury's Tony Therrell, Ford; Thomasville's Joe Childers and Ralph Eury, Chevrolet; and Jim Poston, Mustang, Concord.

Both Speedworld and Concord programs get underway at 8 p.m.

## Juniors Lose To Shelby, Bow Out Of Area Playoffs

Kings Mountain's Juniors bowed out of the Area Four playoffs Tuesday night at Shelby, losing by a 10-7 count. It was the third straight defeat for Post 155 in the scheduled best-of-five series.

Gene Kirkpatrick, a member of Shelby High's 1971 western state 3-A championship club, was the big thorn in KM's back, rapping four hits and driving home five runs.

Robby Reynolds, a former Shelby high star athlete and now a footballer at the University of South Carolina, also had four hits and scored three runs.

Chris Horne, who defeated Post 155 in relief in the first game of the series, did it again Tuesday, coming in to bail out starter Richard Ivy, who was knocked out in the fourth when Chuck Carpenter smashed a grand-slam homer over Shelby's left field wall.

Carpenter's blow tied the score at 4-4 and KM tied it again in the fifth. But Shelby picked up one in the fifth to go ahead 6-5 and then broke the game open with three in the sixth.

Kings Mountain managed only seven hits. Danny Martsoe was the only Post 155 player with two.

Shelby rapped 15 hits off KM pitchers Keith Parker, Rick Hord and Hartsoe. Hartsoe worked the final five innings and was charged with the loss, despite striking out nine batters.

The loss ended KM's season at 7-12 overall.

## KM Juniors Blow 4-0 Lead In Game At Shelby

Kings Mountain's Juniors blew a 4-0 lead and lost to Shelby 5-4 Saturday night in Shelby in the opening game of the two teams' best-of-five Area Four playoff series.

Post 155 jumped ahead 1-0 in the first inning when Chuck Carpenter cracked a home run over the left field fence and then added three more runs in the third.

Shelby, however, came back to cut the lead to 4-3 going into the bottom of the eighth and won the game on a two-run inside the park homer by Ronnie Ross.

Three singles, a walk and an error led to KM's three tallies in the third.

Shelby scored in the fourth to cut it to 4-1. Robbie Reynolds doubled and scored on John Black's triple.

In the sixth, Reynolds led off with a walk and scored on Black's double. Black later stole home to the winning blow by Ross in the make it 4-3 and set the stage for eighth.

Rick Hord worked the first six innings for Post 155. Keith Parker came on in the seventh and served up the winning home run pitch to Ross.

Phil Cooke worked the first three innings for Shelby, then Chris Horne came on to hurl shut-out ball the rest of the way.

Post 155 matched Shelby's total of eight hits but three errors hurt the local team's chances.

Carpenter and Parker had two hits each to pace KM and Black had a pair for Shelby.

## CT, K Mills, Firestone Lead Softball Loops

K Mills, Craftsman and Firestone continue to lead the way in local softball action.

K Mills is the leader in the American League with a 12-3 record and Carolina Throwing is atop the National League with a 16-2 mark. Firestone is the leader in the ladies loop with a 5-0 chart.

Both Carolina Throwing and Mills hold two-game leads at their nearest foe as the regular season chase rapidly comes to a close. Firestone is a game and one-half ahead of Wilson Perkins in the ladies league.

Results of last week's games included:

Carolina Throwing 15, Duplex 6; Carolina 19, Oxford 6; W. D. Lee 7, Dicey 2; KM Knit 9, Oxford 4; Duplex 12, W. D. Lee 11; Carolina 7, KM Knit 4; Oxford 15, Dicey 6; and Duplex 20, Dicey 6.

Gene Putnam, former high school and legion standout here, continues to carry the big bat for Carolina Throwing. Putnam was 4-for-5 in CT's victory over Duplex and he was a perfect 5-for-5 in the win over Oxford.

Against Oxford, two other former KMHS and Post 155 joined Putnam in the hitting department. Tommy Barrett was 4 for 5 and Darrell Whetstone cracked a home run. Barrett and Putnam also homered.

Against Duplex, Barrett and Gary Oliver had three hits each to aid Putnam's four. Jim Rickard, Putnam and Billy Rainey smashed home runs.

Against KM Knit, Barrett went 3 for 4 and Bruce Jones and Robert Payne added two hits each. Oliver hit a homer.

## Parkgrace Snap Back With Pair Of LL Wins

Defending champion Park Grace got back on the winning track in little league baseball this week, capping a pair of games.

The two-time champion dropped into second place in the league standings last week by losing to Rotary and dropping another game on forfeit.

But this week, Coach Ken Cash's team whipped Police 13-1 and Childers 7-2.

Johnny Anderson hurled a one-hitter against Police and struck out 12 batters. Steve Lancaster had three hits and Byron White and Marty Bagwell added two to spark Parkgrace's 11-hit attack.

Scott Norris was the losing pitcher for Police, which scored its only run in the last inning.

Scott Ellis hurled a four-hitter against Childers. He struck out 10.

Ellis joined Anderson with two hits to spark Parkgrace's seventh hit attack against Butch Keith. Keith led Childers at bat with 2-for-3.

Parkgrace took a 7-0 lead with two runs in the fourth and five in the fifth. Childers gets only two runs in the sixth inning.

## KM Drug Wins In Tee League

Kings Mountain Drug won both its games in tee league action this week.

KM Drug won 3-0 over Optimist on a two-hitter by Ricky Proctor and won a 14-2 decision over Western Auto behind the five-hit pitching of Briant Morrow.

Scott Cline, Mike Spears, Todd Blalock and Don Sellers led the hitting against Optimist and Ricky Proctor, Scott Cline, Dwane Brown, Mike Spears and Dick Styers were the top hitters against Western Auto.

| TEE LEAGUE STANDINGS |     |      |
|----------------------|-----|------|
| Teams                | Won | Lost |
| KM Drug              | 6   | 1    |
| Optimist             | 4   | 3    |
| Lions                | 3   | 4    |
| Western Auto         | 1   | 8    |

## Jaycees Set Tennis Tourney

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will sponsor a Junior Tennis Tournament on July 7, 8, and 9th at the City Tennis Courts next to the swimming pool. There will be eight divisions of competition as follows:

1. Male 15 years old and under—Singles.
2. Male 18 years old and under—doubles.
4. Male 16 years old and under—doubles.
5. Girls 18 years old and under—singles.
6. Girls 18 years old and under—doubles.
7. Girls 16 years old and under—Singles.
8. Girls 16 years old and under—doubles.

Winners will be eligible to enter the State Junior Tennis Tournament sponsored by the North Carolina Jaycees the last week in July in Hickory.

You may register by calling Bob Loftwith at Kings Mountain high, Phone 739-4318 or by contacting Warren "Bo" Goforth, tournament chairman.

Trophies will be awarded to all winners.

| BOXSORE          |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Ab               | r h rbi   |
| Shelby           | 18 10 11  |
| Brown, cf        | 5 2 3 2   |
| K. White, rf     | 4 0 1 1   |
| Esckridge, cf    | 1 0 0 0   |
| J. Hamrick, lf   | 5 0 2 0   |
| Reynolds, ss     | 5 1 4 1   |
| Black, 2b        | 5 0 2 0   |
| QKirkpatrick, lb | 5 2 1 0   |
| S. White, c      | 5 2 1 0   |
| Ross, 3b         | 5 0 2 1   |
| C. Hamrick, p    | 5 1 2 0   |
| TOTALS           | 45 6 18 5 |
| Kings Mountain   | 7 2 2 2   |
| Carpenter, p     | 2 0 0 0   |
| Moore, 2b        | 4 0 0 0   |
| Hartsoe, cf      | 5 1 1 0   |
| Parker, ss       | 5 0 1 1   |
| Hord, lb         | 5 0 1 0   |
| Bolin, c         | 2 1 2 0   |
| Echols, lf       | 3 0 1 0   |
| Kiser, rf        | 4 0 0 0   |
| Sessoms, 3b      | 2 0 0 0   |
| King, 3b         | 1 0 1 1   |

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| Ab   | r h rbi         |
| Kings Mountain   | 18 10 11        |
| Carpenter, lb  | 5 1 2 1         |
| Moore, 2b  | 4 0 0 0         |
| Hartsoe, cf  | 5 0 1 0         |
| Parker, ss-p   | 5 1 2 0         |
| Hord, p-ss   | 2 1 0 0         |
| King, ph   | 1 0 0 0         |
| Bolin, c   | 4 1 1 1         |
| Echols, lf   | 3 0 1 0         |
| Sessoms, 3b  | 4 0 0 0         |
| TOTALS   | 36 4 8 3        |
| Shelby   | 5 0 0 0         |
| Esckridge, cf  | 4 0 1 0         |
| K. White, rf   | 4 0 0 0         |
| Brown, lf  | 4 0 0 0         |
| Reynolds, ss   | 4 2 1 0         |
| Black, 2b  | 4 1 2 1         |
| Kirkpatrick, lb  | 4 1 1 0         |
| S. White, c  | 4 0 0 0         |
| Ross, 3b   | 4 1 2 2         |
| Cooke, p   | 0 0 0 0         |
| Horne, p   | 1 0 1 0         |
| TOTALS   | 34 5 8 3        |
| E-Reynolds, Esckridge, Ross, Parker, Echols, Bolin, LOB—KM 12, Shelby 8, 2B—Black, 3B—Black, HR—Carpenter, Ross. |                 |
| Pitcher  | IP H R ER BB SO |
| Hord   | 6 6 3 1 1 9     |
| Parker, L  | 2 2 2 1 1 1     |
| Cooke  | 3 5 4 3 3 4     |
| Horne, W   | 6 5 0 0 3 7     |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Team            | W L Pct. GB  |
| Carolina        | 16 2 .889 —  |
| Duplex          | 14 4 .778 2  |
| W. D. Lee       | 11 7 .611 5  |
| KM Knit         | 7 11 .389 9  |
| Dicey           | 3 15 .167 13 |
| Oxford          | 3 15 .167 13 |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Team            | W L Pct. GB      |
| K Mills         | 12 3 .800 —      |
| Champion's      | 10 5 .667 2      |
| Craftsman       | 8 6 .571 3 1/2   |
| Bessemer City   | 5 9 .357 6 1/2   |
| Dallas          | 1 13 .071 10 1/2 |

| LADIES LEAGUE  |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Team           | W L Pct. GB    |
| Firestone      | 5 0 1.000 —    |
| Wilson Perkins | 3 1 .750 1 1/2 |
| Tri-Angels     | 2 2 .500 2 1/2 |
| Kinder         | 1 3 .250 3 1/2 |
| Carolina       | 0 5 .000 5     |