

Clemson Coach Bill Wilhelm Speaks At Rotary Club Fete

Bill Wilhelm, head baseball coach at Clemson University, will be the featured speaker at the 10th annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon Thursday at noon at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

The luncheon is held each year in honor of the Kings Mountain High School team. Highlighting the fete is the presentation of the John H. Moss Award, which is given each year to the Mountaineers' most valuable player.

Wilhelm has been head of the Clemson baseball program for 15 years and the China Grove, N. C., native has never had a losing season. His first year as coach, he led the Tigers to the ACC championship, the District Three championship and a fifth place in the NCAA national tournament.

Wilhelm has won over 300 games as a college coach, placing him 26th in the nation for wins by an active coach. He's 66th on the all-time winningest list. He's 23rd in the nation in

winning percentage and 48th on the all-time list.

Wilhelm has seen 20 of his athletes sign professional contracts. Probably the most widely-known Wilhelm product was Ty Cline, who spent several seasons in the major leagues.

Wilhelm lettered five years in baseball and four years in football and basketball at Windsor (N. C.) High School. He graduated from Windsor in 1948 and signed a baseball scholarship with N. C. State.

He played for the Wolfpack for two years, then transferred to Catawba College, where he graduated in 1957 with an AB degree in physical education. He was an assistant baseball coach at the University of North Carolina in 1957 while working on a master's degree.

After his two years at State, Wilhelm signed a professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and played through the 1956 season. He attended Cataw-

ba during the off-season. Wilhelm has been a key figure in the success of the District Three baseball tournament, which is held each year in Gastonia. Wilhelm has served as the tournament chairman on several occasions and he has coached his team to several tournament crowns.

As noted earlier, the highlight of today's luncheon will be the presentation of the Moss Award, which originated in 1963 after the Mountaineers won their first Southwestern Conference baseball title. Ironically, the MVP winner in 1963 was Barry Gibson, the current KMHS coach.

Juniors have won the trophy the past two years. Chuck Carpenter, a pitcher-outfielder, won the award in 1970 and David Bolin, a catcher, copped the award last year.

Left-handers have won six of the nine Moss Awards. The only right-handers to be recognized were pitcher Steve Goforth in 1968. Complete list of past trophy winners follows:

- PAST WINNERS**
- 1963—Barry Gibson, pitcher.
 - 1964—Mickey Gell, outfielder.
 - 1965—Seerley Lowery, pitcher.
 - 1966—Steve Goforth, pitcher.
 - 1967—Nelson Connor, shortstop.
 - 1968—Paul Gaffney, catcher.
 - 1969—Rocky Goforth, pitcher.
 - 1970—Chuck Carpenter, pitcher.
 - 1971—David Bolin, catcher.

Mullinax's Run Gives Champion 11-10 Victory

Champion's Landscaping Number Two scored a run in the eighth inning to nip Carolina Throwing 11-10 in a battle of the unbeaten in men's softball league play Monday night.

Wayne Mullinax singled and later scored the winning run on a single by Ware. Carolina Throwing, which jumped off to a 5-0 first inning lead, had to come back with four runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to send the game into an extra inning.

Nelson Connor had three hits, including a home run, to lead the winners. Seven other players had two hits each. Bolin, Parker and Atwood had three hits each for the losers.

Carolina Throwing bounced back for a 10-0 victory over Oxford as Gary Oliver and Sonny Jackson secured three hits each. Stewart collected three hits for the losers.

Craftsman won a pair of games last week, beating Mica Mine 11-2 and Duplex 10-2. Carrigan had four hits to lead the win over Mica and Dickie Burgess had four while Perkins and Ramaty added three each against Duplex.

Dacey Fabrics copped two of three games last week, winning over Oxford 13-3 and Mica Mine 13-0 while losing to Gastonia Knit 5-3. Bridges led the win over Oxford with three hits. Tommy Pruitt, baseball coach at Central Junior High, was 3-for-3 in the win over Mica Mine.

Spectrum also won a pair of games, beating Skidmore 12-6 and Mico Mine 7-4. Barrett, Cash, Moss, Broome and Farmer had three hits each in the win over Skidmore and Cutchin, Erome, Jones, Ellis and Greene had two each in the win over Mica Mine.

Gastonia Knit claimed a 3-1 win over Duplex. The only run for Duplex came on a home run by Rhodes.

Post 155 Boxscores

KM-Henrietta

Player	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Henrietta	4	0	1	0
Byers, If	4	1	2	0
Hines, 3b	4	0	1	1
Arrowood, 1b	3	0	0	0
Hudson, p	3	0	0	0
Goode, c	3	0	0	0
Lovelace, cf	4	0	0	0
McBee, 2b	3	0	1	0
Jackson, ss	3	0	1	0
Harrill, rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	5	1

Kings Mountain

Player	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Moore, 2b	4	0	2	0
Withers, 1b	4	0	0	0
Parker, ss	4	0	0	0
Bolin, c	2	0	0	0
Hord, cf	4	0	1	0
Hartsoe, p	3	0	0	0
Van Dyke, lf	3	0	0	0
Bridges, 3b	3	0	0	0
Hicks, rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	3	0

KM-Bessemer City

Player	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Kings Mtn.	000	000	001	—1
Moore, 2b	000	000	000	—0
Withers, 1b	000	000	000	—0
Parker, ss	000	000	000	—0
Bolin, c	000	000	000	—0
Echols, If	000	000	000	—0
Van Dyke, 2b	000	000	000	—0
Hord, ss-lf	000	000	000	—0
Hartsoe, cf	000	000	000	—0
Bridges, 3b	000	000	000	—0
Hicks, rf	000	000	000	—0
Valentine, rf	000	000	000	—0
Totals	000	000	001	—1

KM-Cherryville

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Kings Mtn.	4	0	0	1
Moore, 2b	4	1	2	0
Withers, 1b	3	1	0	0
Parker, ss	3	1	0	0
Bolin, c	2	1	0	0
Hord, p	3	0	1	1
Hartsoe, cf	4	2	2	3
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Juniors Try To Go Over .500 Mark Here Tonight Against Shelby Club

Hartsoe Leading Batting Attack With .400 Mark

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors try to go back over the .500 mark here Thursday when county-rival Shelby comes to town for a 7:45 p.m. game.

Post 155 saw its record dip to 2-2 Tuesday night as Henrietta captured a 1-0 victory. Both KM losses have been by one run.

Keith Parker, who copped Bessemer City on a three-hitter Saturday night, will probably draw the starting pitching assignment for Post 155. Shelby is fresh from a 14-13 victory over previously unbeaten Hickory. Shelby, like Post 155, has a 2-2 Area Four record.

Danny Hartsoe is the early leader in the Post 155 hit parade. The pitcher-outfielder is hitting an even .400 with six hits in 15 trips to the plate. He had three hits in Saturday's win over Bessemer City and two in Monday's 5-2 win at Cherryville.

Grafton Withers is the only other regular hitting over .300. Withers has six hits in 17 times at bat for a .357 average.

Outfielder Tim Echols was hitting .500 (3-for-6) when he was injured in Saturday's victory at Bessemer City. All three of Echols' hits came in KM's 9-8 opening game loss to Hickory.

Post 155 will travel to Forest City Saturday night to take on one of the League Two favorites and next Tuesday night the Juniors will return to City Stadium for a game with Morganton. Hord will probably face Forest City with Hartsoe going against Morganton.

Henrietta Nips Post 155 1-0 In Last Inning

Henrietta's Juniors picked up a ninth inning run here Tuesday night to nip Kings Mountain Post 155 1-0 in an Area Four League Two game.

The loss left Post 155 with a 2-2 record heading into tonight's game here with Shelby.

Kings Mountain's Danny Hartsoe, the early Henrietta's southpaw Terry Hudson matched two-hitters after the first eight innings. But the visitors collected three straight hits off Hartsoe in the top of the ninth to push across the winning run.

Hudson, a Chesnee, S. C., prep product, finished with a three-hitter and eight strikeouts. Hartsoe finished with a five-hitter in losing his first game since last summer.

Two perfect throws from right-felder Steve Hicks prevented further scoring by Henrietta in the ninth.

F. J. Byers led off the inning with a single and stole second. Terry Hines singled to right but Echols' throw nabbed Byers at the plate. Hines went to second on the throw-in and scored the game's only run when Steve Arrowood of Chase doubled off the left field bank.

Hartsoe walked Hudson and hit Marty Goode to load the bases with only one away. Jim Lovelace then flied out to Hicks and Hicks robbed Arrowood when he tried to tag up and come home.

Post 155 got runners in scoring position only three times.

In the first inning, Robbie Moore singled and made it to second when David Bolin walked with two away.

In the fourth, Rick Hord tripled with two away but was left stranded as Hartsoe fanned.

In the ninth, Moore led off with a single and went to second on a throwing error. Bolin later walked with two away but Hord bounced out to the pitcher to end the game.

Hines, a Chase product, finished with two hits to lead Henrietta. Arrowood had the only extra base hit for the visitors.

The victory evened Henrietta's League Two record at 2-2.



LEADS JUNIORS — Second baseman Robbie Moore secured two of Kings Mountain's three hits in Tuesday's 1-0 loss to Henrietta. The Juniors host Shelby tonight and Morganton Tuesday.

Juniors Whip Heavener On Hord's Four Hitter

Most so-called baseball experts around the area regard Cherryville's Joe Heavener as the top young pitcher around. But, don't tell the young men who play baseball for Kings Mountain High School and Otis D. Green American Legion Post 155.

The Kings Mountain boys have faced Heavener three times this year in high school and legion play and three times KM has defeated the hard-throwing right-hander.

The third time came Monday night in Cherryville when Post 155 captured a 5-2 victory behind Rick Hord's first-hitter. Heavener worked the first five and two-thirds innings before hitting a wild streak and giving way to Cobin Ledford.

Heavener gave up but four hits and struck out nine in his five innings play, but he also walked seven batters and uncorked five wild pitches.

Hord, meanwhile, was having very little control problem. He walked only two Cherryville batters and struck out five in going the distance. The victory evened his season's record at one win and one loss.

Danny Hartsoe was the key reason Heavener lost his