



HERALD SPORTS

By GARY STEWART

Parkgrace Little League Team Making its Coach Mighty Happy

Rick Moore, coach of the Parkgrace little league team, is beaming over his team's record for the first round of this season's play.

Moore's team won the first round title with a perfect 6-0 record and Tuesday night was presented a trophy for its achievement. Rick hopes to add the second half for a clean sweep.

Moore has good reason to be happy. In the first six games, his little leaguers outscored their opponents 67 to 4. Four of the games were shutouts. Two of his pitchers, Steve Lancaster and Scott Ellis, turned in no-hit performances and Lancaster added a one-hitter. In one game, Moore reports, Lancaster faced 19 batters and struck out 16 of them.

Moore's team opened its season with an 8-3 victory over Kiwanis. Then came four straight shutouts, over Rotary 10-0, Optimist 11-0, Jaycees 12-0 and Police 15-0. The sixth straight win was 19-1 decision over the Kings Mountain Men's Club.

Lancaster has given up only three hits in posting a 3-0 record. Ellis has a 2-0 record and Darrell Forbes is 1-0.

Lancaster heads the hitting department, also. The Central Junior High product is hitting .800 and leading the league in home runs with six... an average of one per game.

Ellis is hitting .550 with three homers. Dennis Putnam is also hitting .550, Bryan White is hitting .475 and Marty Bagwell's at .350 with one homer.

Blalock Has Big Night

Short cuts from the world of sports: Todd Blalock, who plays for the Connor's Recapping tee league team, had quite a night at the plate Monday night.

Young Blalock slammed three home runs and drove in eight runs in his team's 9-4 decision over Tryon Optimist.

Blalock hit the ball out of the park every time he came to bat and one of his blasts was a grand-slammer. He has five homers for the year.

Ned Jarrett, manager of Hickory Speedway, has a proposition for someone desiring parttime work. And this work pays up to \$1500 per hour.

Need Parttime Work?

Ned figures it this way: A sportsman driver at the Hickory track picks up \$500 for a victory. The races there last less than 20 minutes. Thus, the pay figures out to \$10 a lap, \$30 a mile or \$1500 an hour if you're lucky enough to outlast some of the top drivers in North Carolina and make the checkered flag.

The job has some catches, though. First, you have to make an investment of about \$5,000, the cost of building a race car. And, you must be willing to drive 110 miles per hour on the straight-aways.

Jarrett, who knows what it takes to be a winner on the track, says any professional driver will tell you that the work is much safer than driving on the highways. Everyone is usually going in the same direction and you don't have to contend with drunk drivers.

Jarrett says he doesn't expect many people will take him up on his proposition. "Most people," he says, "are content to be a part of the world's fastest growing sport as spectators."

Three Tigers Sign

Bob Bradley, sports information director at Clemson University, sends along these notes:

Three members of last year's Clemson football team have already signed pro contracts. Defensive end Wayne Ecker signed with the Oakland Raiders while linebacker Larry Hefner of Charlotte signed with the Green Bay Packers. Tight end John McMackin signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Defensive back Don Kelley was drafted by the Steelers in the ninth round but he will most likely forego the chance to play in the pro ranks due to his interest and having already been accepted in dental school.

Before McMackin leaves for the Pittsburgh training camp, he will play in the Coaches' All-American game which is scheduled for June 24 in Lubbock, Texas. He has already played in the East-West Shrine game and the Lion's American Bowl.

Ex-Tiger John Curtis chalked up his second win in as many decisions Sunday as he hurled a seven-hit shutout in Boston's 4-0 win over Kansas City. Curtis posted a 15-3 mark at Clemson during his freshman and sophomore years. He signed with the Red Sox following his soph campaign. Curtis's other win this year was over Milwaukee.

Clemson trainer Fred Hoover has been selected to serve on the training staff for the United States Olympic team in Munich, Germany, for the summer olympic games. Hoover served for the United States at the Pan American games in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1963.

Adams To Colorado For Olympic Tryout

George Adams, Kings Mountain native and Gardner-Webb College basketball All-American, will be going to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Monday to try out for the United States Olympic team.

The tryouts will run from June 12-21 and sixty-six of the top basketball stars in the nation will be trying to nail down one of the 12 berths.

The 12 players selected will represent the United States in Olympic Games at Munich, Germany, August 26 through September 10.

Adams, who broke all the career and single season game scoring records at Gardner-Webb, was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA and the Indiana Pacers of the ABA. Adams has talked with pro officials but decided to tryout for the Olympic team now and sign a pro contract later.

G-W Coach Eddie Holbrook said that Adams decided even if he failed to make the Olympic team, it would help his chances with the pros because he will be competing against the top college stars in the nation at the Olympic trials.

Juniors Host Cherryville Tonight, Bessemer City Here Next Tuesday

Post 155 Boxscores

KM-Shelby

Shelby (3)	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Brown, cf	4	0	0	0
Ferree, lf	4	0	0	0
Horne, 3b	4	0	0	0
Ross, 2b	4	1	1	0
Kirkpatrick, 1b	4	1	2	1
McMurray, ss	4	1	1	0
J. Hamrick, rf	3	0	2	0
White, c	4	0	1	2
M. Hamrick, p	3	0	1	1
Totals	34	3	8	3

Kings Mtn. (0)	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Moore, ss	3	0	0	0
Withers, 1b	3	0	1	0
Bolin, c	4	0	1	0
Parker, p	4	0	0	0
Hartsoe, cf	4	0	1	0
Hord, lf	2	0	1	0
Van Dyke, 2b	3	0	0	0
Bridges, 3b	3	0	0	0
Hicks, rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	4	0

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E - Parker, Bridges, Ferree, LOB - Cherryville 5, KM 5. DP - Withers, Moore and Withers; Van Dyke and Withers; Parker and Withers. SAC - Withers. 2B - Kirkpatrick 2, Bolin.

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hamrick (W)	9	4	0	0	2	18
Parker (L)	9	8	3	2	1	5
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U - 1:50. U - Day and Clements.

KM-F. City

Kings Mtn.	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Moore, 2b	4	0	1	0
Withers, 1b	4	0	0	0
Hord, p	4	0	1	0
Parker, ss	4	0	2	0
Bolin, c	4	1	1	0
Hartsoe, cf	4	1	0	0
Hicks, rf	4	0	1	0
Bridges, 3b	4	0	1	2
Van Dyke, lf	2	0	0	0
Fitts, if	2	0	0	0
Totals	36	2	7	2

Forest City	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Geer, 2b	4	0	1	0
Bailey, ss	2	0	1	1
Smith, c	3	0	2	2
Hines, lf	4	0	1	0
Lewis, rf	2	0	0	0
Jenkins, 3b	4	0	0	0
Baxter, cf	4	0	0	0
Simmons, 1b	2	0	0	0
Lynn, lf	1	1	0	0
Jones, p	2	0	0	0
Lynch, ph	0	1	0	0
Hawkins, p	1	1	0	0
Totals	27	3	5	3

Score by innings:	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
K. Mtn.	000	200	000	2	-	-
F. City	000	000	102	3	-	-
E - Geer, Moore 2, Withers, Hartsoe, LOB - KM 7, FC 11. 2B - Hord. DP - Withers, Parker and Withers.						
Pitchers:						
Hord (L)	8	5	3	1	8	9
Jones	7	6	2	0	1	9
Hawkins (W)	2	1	0	0	1	1

KM-Burke

Burke Co.	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Robinson, cf	4	0	0	0
Hunt, 3b	3	0	2	0
Grindstaff, c	3	1	0	0
Ramsey, lf-p	4	0	0	0
Wade, p-if	4	0	1	1
Carswell, 1b	2	0	0	0
Blake, 2b	4	1	1	0
Hamrick, ss	1	0	0	0
Russ, rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	28	2	5	1

Kings Mountain	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Moore, 2b	4	0	2	0
Hord, cf	3	1	1	1
Withers, 1b	4	0	0	0
Parker, ss	3	1	2	1
Bolin, c	3	0	1	0
Hartsoe, p	4	0	1	2
Hicks, lf	3	0	0	0
McGill, rf	1	0	0	0
Bridges, 3b	2	1	0	0
Van Dyke, lf	1	0	0	0
Thornburg, lf	1	0	0	0
Valentine, if	1	1	0	0
Totals	30	4	8	4

Score by innings: Burke Co. 000 110-000-2
K. Mtn. 000 000 04x-4
E - Bolin. LOB KM 6, Burke 4. 2B - Wade, Hartsoe. DP - Hamrick, Blake and Carswell; Hartsoe and Withers.

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hartsoe (W)	9	5	2	1	1	12

three player, not otherwise chosen to try out for the team.

Karl, a rising senior at UNC, was a driving force on the Carolina team which swept the ACC and Eastern Regional titles last season and finished third in the NCAA national tournament.

Carolina has had representatives on the last two Olympic teams. Larry Brown was a star guard on the 1964 team which won the Olympic championship at Tokyo and Charlie Scott helped the U.S. team sweep the title in the 1968 games at Mexico City.



HITTING EYE'S BACK - Keith Parker, who hit .445 in high school play this spring, got off to a slow batting start in legion play but is on the tear again. He's had four hits in the last two games and has raised his batting average to the .270 mark. He had two hits in Post 155's 4-2 win over Burke County Tuesday night.

FOUR RUNS IN EIGHTH GIVE POST 155 VICTORY

Kings Mountain's Juniors came up with four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning here Tuesday night to whip Burke County 4-2 and snap a three-game losing streak.

The victory, Post 155's first on its home grounds, gives the Juniors a 3-4 Area Four record heading into tonight's game here with Cherryville.

Danny Hartsoe, who posted a perfect 6-0 record for Kings Mountain High this spring, hurled a five-hitter to pick up his first legion victory. Hartsoe now has a 1-1 record.

Hartsoe also was the batting hero, driving home the two winning runs with a double.

In that big eighth inning, Wayne Bridges drew a walk to lead things off and Jerry Valentine, a reserve outfielder, singled to right-center. Robbie Moore singled to lead the bases.

Kick Hood, batting in the number two spot, sacrificed to bring Bridges home but Moore was nabbed at second. After Grafton Withers struck out, Keith Parker singled home Valentine to tie the score at 2-2. David Bolin singled to lead the sacks again and Hartsoe doubled to drive home Hord and Parker.

Burke County had picked up single runs in the fourth and fifth innings for a 2-0 lead. Wade's double drove in the fourth inning tally and the fifth inning run scored on an error.

Parker, who has been on a hitting tear the past few games, and Moore had two hits each to lead the Post 155 attack. Hunt was the only Burke County player to get two hits.

It was the third time this season the Juniors have been beaten in the ninth inning, the other two inances against Hickory and Henrietta.

Kings Mountain carried a 2-0 lead into the seventh inning before Forest City scored once to cut the deficit to 2-1. Run-scoring hits by Bailey and Don Smith, after a walk by Ick Hord and an error by Grafton Withers, accounted for the two FC unearned runs in the ninth.

Randy Hawkins, a southpaw from R-S Central, picked up the win in relief of Tim Jones. Hawkins worked the last two innings. Hord went the distance for Post 155 and suffered his second loss of the year.

Wayne Bridges singled home both KM runs with two out in the fourth. The KM tallies were unearned. Singles by Keith Parker and David Bolin started the rally.

Hord gave up only five hits but issued eight bases on balls and his teammates committed four errors.

Parker led the KM hitting attack with 2-for-4. Five other players had a hit apiece.

In the next 5-10 years, medical leaders estimate, the nation will need 70,000 more doctors, 130,000 more professional nurses, 125,000 more practical nurses, 38,000 more medical technologists, 30,000 more dietitians and 18,000 more medical social workers - to cite just a few of the 700-odd career possibilities in the health field. Ask the North Carolina Heart Association for information about job and training opportunities for health careers.

Second Half Of First Round Play Begins

Kings Mountain's Juniors begin the second half of first round play tonight when they host Cherryville at City Stadium.

Post 155 will play at Hickory Saturday night and return home next Tuesday night for a game with Bessemer City.

The Juniors of coaches Bobby Jones and Gus Hartsoe Jr. will carry a 3-4 Area Four record into tonight's contest with Cherryville. Cherryville has won only one game, over Bessemer City.

Keith Parker, who has a 1-1 record, will probably pitch for Post 155 tonight. Rick Hord (1-2) is the likely pitcher Saturday at Hickory and Eddy Hartsoe (1-1) will probably go against Bessemer City next Tuesday.

Post 155 broke a three-game losing streak here Tuesday night, beating the Burke County (Mountain) 4-2.

In their first outing against Cherryville, the Juniors won a 5-2 decision behind Hord's four-hitter. Against Hickory, the first game at home, Post 155 held a 5-0 lead going into the ninth inning out wound up losing 9-8 in 12 innings. Against Bessemer, earlier, KM won a 9-5 decision but lost outfielder Tim Echols, the team's leading hitter, on an injury.

Pitching and defense have been the strong point of the high school team, isn't it to par. All KM regulars are under the 300 mark.

Hartsoe currently leads the plate attack with a .296 average, followed by Hord at .286, Keith Parker at .270, Robbie Moore at .267 and Grafton Withers at .259.

Merit Awards To Scouts

The Board of Review for American Legion Boy Scout troop 415 met Tuesday May 30th and awarded the following advanced ranks and merit badges:

Life Scout: Scott Ledford, Star Scout: Robert Cox, Jr. First Class Scout: Rick McDaniel, Terry Lefevers, Second Class Scout: Sam Melton, Mike Griggs Tenderfoot Scout: Tony Smith and Barry Ledford Coin Collecting: Robert Cox, Jr. Cooking: Scott Ledford, Home Repairs: Terry Lefevers and Terry Cain, Music: Terry Lefevers.

The board of review consists of Scout Master Wally Stawls, and Assistant Scout Master Johnny Cain, Gene Lefevers and Ken Smith.

Presenting the awards was Joe McDaniel, adjutant of Post 155.

Recreation Department News

The recreation department for the first time this summer is sponsoring a basketball clinic, which will be open for boys age six through 18.

John Blalock, a member of the Kings Mountain High coaching staff, will serve as instructor for the clinic and many of the area's top high school and college coaches will be guest lecturers.

All boys interested in the program are asked to register at the community center, today at 3 p.m. There will be a registration fee of one dollar.

The daily program will consist of fundamental skill sessions, lecture sessions, team practice, films and league games.

At the end of the year, all-star awards, most valuable player trophies and one-on-one championship trophies will be presented.

There will be league games through the week and on Saturday morning. The weekly schedule follows:

Age six through eight, 3-4:30 p.m. each weekday; age nine through 12, 4:30-5 p.m. each weekday; age 13-15, 6:30-8 p.m. each weekday; age 16-18, 7:30-10 p.m. each weekday. All groups will meet at the community center on Saturday mornings from 9 until noon.

The Davidson playground will be open every morning from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. William Hager will be director of the playground and urges all parents to send their children there for free activity.

Other activities sponsored by the recreation department include: Putt-putt golf, 50 cents per hour and \$1.25 for three games. Monday night will be each Tues-



MOST VALUABLE - Danny Hartsoe, center, was named most valuable player at the annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon Thursday. Hartsoe is shown here with Bill Wilhelm, left, head baseball coach at Clemson and guest speaker for the event, and John Moss, Kings Mountain Mayor who annually donates the MVP trophy! (Photo by I. G. Alexander).

Hartsoe Most Valuable For KMHS Mountaineers

Versatile Danny Hartsoe walked off with the John H. Moss Award of the 16th annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon last Thursday at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

The trophy is presented each year by the Kings Mountain Mayor to the Kings Mountain High School player judged as the most valuable player.

"It was a hard decision to make," commented Coach Barry Gibson. "We had several players deserving of the award but we felt Danny made the difference in our team this year."

Hartsoe, an outfielder by trade, was called upon to shoulder the bulk of the pitching load for the Mountaineers, and the senior right-hander responded by posting a perfect 6-0 record and a 1.41 earned run average.

Hartsoe's performance on the mound was the key reason the Mountaineers posted a 12-6 record and tied Cherryville for second place in the Southwestern Conference.

When he wasn't on the mound, Hartsoe was playing centerfield and he was one of the team's top hitters in the clutch. He finished with a .246 batting average and made the All-Conference team.

Gibson noted that several players topped Hartsoe's batting mark but Hartsoe's ability to play several positions was a big plus for the Mountaineers.

Hartsoe was one of four All-Conference players for the Mountaineers. Other included first baseman Grafton Withers, who hit .397; outfielder Tim Echols, who hit .275; and catcher David Bolin, who hit .300. Kings Mountain's leading hitter, shortstop Keith Parker, who hit .445, failed to make the all-conference team.

Bill Wilhelm, head baseball coach at Clemson University, was guest speaker for the event. Mayor Moss, who was in charge of the program, presented the MVP award to Hartsoe.

Southpaw Mark Hamrick hurried a two-hitter and struck out 18 men last night to give Shelbyville a 3-0 victory over county rival Kings Mountain.

The victory gave Post 82 a 3-2 Area Four record. Kings Mountain saw its mark drop to 2-3. It was the second straight time KM has been shutout by a lefthander.

Shelby gave Hamrick all the runs he needed in the second, scoring two runs on four hits. Shelby picked up its final tally in the ninth inning.

Righthander Keith Parker went the distance for Kings Mountain, giving up eight hits while striking out five. The lo's leaves Parker with a 1-1 record.

Catcher Scott White singled to drive in Shelby's two second inning runs. Gene Kirkpatrick reached base on a fielder's choice and Gene M. Murray and Jack Hamrick singled to lead the bases and set the pace for White's game-winning hit.

Shelby's ninth inning tally was a result of an error and Kirkpatrick's second double.

Hamrick had little trouble. He struck out at least one batter in every inning and he struck out every man in the KM lineup at least once. He tamed the side in the second, fourth and sixth innings and over a stretch he fanned eight of 10 batters.