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# HERALD

By GARY STEWART

#### 1959 Bethware Girls Team One Of Area's All-Time Best

The subject of an all-time Kings Mountain sports team has Mrs. Ruth Gamble remembering her all-time greatest team in the Kings Mountain area.

The only difference in her team and the one we'll be naming in a couple of weeks is that hers is not an all-star team. It's the 1959 Bethware High School girls basketball team, which ran roughshod over all of its opponents en route to the Cleveland County Conference champion-

ship.

The leader of the pack was Mrs. Gamble's daughter,
Barbara, now Barbara Hawkins. She led the club in scorlected as the outstanding player in the conference tourney, which Bethware won in a waltz.

The club was well-balanced, to say the least, and coached by one of the county's all-time best girls coaches, Mrs. Ellen Powell, wife of current Burns High basketball coach Bill Powell. In four years of coaching at Bethware and Piedmont, Mrs. Powell posted a coaching record of 102 wins and only 12 losses.

Other outstanding players on the Bethware '59 outfit included Frances Smith, Pat Bolin, Rae Falls, Dot Panther, Maxine Hamrick, Linda Herndon, Janet Hamrick, Doris Cranford, Alice McSwain, Norma Jane Hamrick, 'aye Bolin, and Sarah Falls. Cranford, Faye Bolin and

Sarah Falls joined Gamble on the all-conference team. For the year, the Bethware lassies compiled a 27-2 record, their only losses coming to Tryon of Gaston Coun-

#### —'57 Grover Team Tough Also

Just two years before the successful Bethware club, Grover High School had a girls team that would also have

to rank among the county's all-time best.

The Grover lassies romped to 28 straight regular season victories but were upset by Waco High School in the finals of the Cleveland County tournament. Like the '59 Bethware club, the Grover lassies took a pair of victories from Kings Mountain High School.

Francis Carroll was the leader of the Grover gang. Industrial Loop A tall center, she averaged almost 45 points per contest for Coach Preston Holt's outfit.

Waco, the club which handed Grover its lone defeat, was paced by Joan Cline, now Joan Cline Lattimore, coach of the Crest High School girls cagers. of the Crest High School girls cagers.

#### —Gastonia Juniors Hot

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A long-time veteran of the teener and American Legion coaching ranks, McGinnis has his Gastonia Post 23 Juniors battling for the city's first state championship in

The Gastonia Juniors compiled a losing record (7-8) during the first round of Area Four play but caught fire in the playoffs to eliminate Belmont. Newell, Charlotte 380, Burke County and High Point en route to its champion's Landscaping Number Two.

Craftspun was scheduled to during the first round of Area Four play but caught fire in the playoffs to eliminate Belmont. Newell, Charlotte 380, Burke County and High Point en route to its championship series with Hamlet of Richmond County.

The Gastonia club has a 17-7 playoff record and will open the state finals best-of-seven series in Gastonia tonight.

The regular season standings. Dover Textiles of Cherryville in the double - elimination event, the double - elimi

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Oxford tonight at 7 and Craft.

Two has already completed its regular season play.

Recreation Director Roy Pearship the death playoff game the direction of the datalex with 4-for-6.

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club. It has very little pitching depth and is not a good would be played on Friday after hitting team but a good defense and the players' desire noon. to win has made it a winner.

The desire to win was shown in Gastonia's playoff series with Newell and Burke County. Against Newell in a best-of-five series, the Post 23 lads were down two ford, which finished ninth. The first place team will draw an games to none but came back to cop three straight and opening round bye and will not win the set. Against Burke County, Post 23 was two down play until Saturday at 6, when in a best-of-seven set but came back to win the series in it meets the winner of the Friday

Gastonia turned the tables on High Point, winning the first three and finally taking the series in six games.

McGinnis knows winning the state title will be tough, especially against a tough Richmond County team which defeated Durham in four straight for the Eastern grown.

Make Large Haul

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Friday, 6 p.m.—Oxford vs. No. 2 team.

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Cast your vote for the all-time Kings Mountain football. basketball and baseball teams. Ballots must be returned to the Kings Mountin Herald, P. O. Box 752, on or before August 28. The teams will be announced in the August 31 edition of the Herald.

#### ALL-TIME FOOTBALL TEAM Ends (2) \_\_ Tackles (2) Guards (2) Center (1) \_\_\_ Quarterback (1) Halfbacks (2) Fullback (1) \_ ALL-TIME BASKETPILL TEAM Forwards (2) \_ Center (1) \_ Guards (2) \_ ALL-TIME BASEBALL TEAM First Base (1) \_ Second Base (1) \_\_\_ Shortstop (1) --Third Base (1) \_\_\_ Utility Inf. (1) \_\_\_ Outfield (3) \_\_\_\_ Catcher (1) \_ Lefthand Pitcher (1) \_ Righthand Pitcher (1) \_\_\_

having had a physical.



Mounties Will Field One Of Smallest Teams

SWC Football

Schedule

Chase at East Rutherford

South Point at Cherryville

Lincointon at Rutherfordton

Chase at Kings Mountain

Oak Hill at Rutherfordton

East Rutherford at Lincolnton Cherryville at North Gaston

Kings Mountain at East Ruth.

Kings Mountain at South Point

Cherryville at Shelby Rutherfordton at East Ruth.

South Point at Lincolnton

East Rutherford at Crest Shelby at Rutherfordton

Chase at South Point

Cherryville a Kings Mountain

East Rutherford at Cherryville

Lincolnton at Kewton

East Gaston at South Point

Bessemer City at Kings Mtn.

SEPTEMBER 1

Crest at Chase

SEPTEMBER 8

Shelby at Burns

SEPTEMBER 15

SEPTEMBER 22.

SEPTEMBER 29

Burns at Chase

OCTOBER 6

Burns at Cherryville

Rutherfordton at Chase

South Point at Crest

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers ter are nine boys who earned a will field their smallest squad in several years when they open their 1972 football season here September 1 against Bessemer City.

Only 33 players showed up for opening day practice Monday afternoon and Coach Bobby Jones has three others will be from 9-11 side/ines due to sickness and not having had a physical.

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The Mountaineers will run from Javon Smith, who started at one of the defensive back positions and will probably see a lot of ferns as well; and chief Harlee Davis and Jerry Valentine. Davis has been running some at half-ack and may be moved to the backfield.

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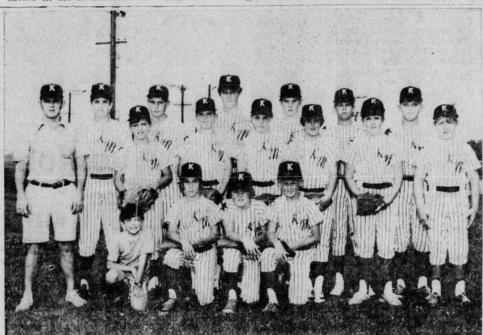
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The Mountaineers starters on the line back feel as type and Alfred



LITTLE LEAGUE STARS - The Kings Mountain little league all-star toam, pictured above, copped the Area Two Tournament title here last week but lost to Concord in regional play Monday night 5-0. First row, left to right, Robert Robinson. Andy Lofin, Johnny Gamble and Tim Chapman. Second row, coach Rick Moore, Jerry Jackson, David Ray Robinson, Richard Van Dyke, Tim Riddle, Bryan White, and Tim Whitaker. Back row, Bruce Valentine, David Coob, Steve Lancaster, Dennis Putnam, Ronnie Wilson and Tim Spicer. Scott Ellis was absent when photo was taken.

# **Tourney Begins**

The men's industria! league tournament will begin Friday

will not be known until Thurs-

The tournament is scheduled to 8 o'clock game between Gastonia

Friday, 7 p.m.—Mica Mine vs The "coat" is black nd weighs Fans sitting in the grandstands over the weekend.

Dicey vs. No. 1 team.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Duplex Spectrum winner vs. Oxford No.

2 winner. Saturday, 8 p.m. - Mica - No. 3 winner vs. 6 p.m. winner.

#### **Duke Faces Toughest First** Three In Land

### Goforth And Connor Make All-Tournament Outfielder Rocky Goforth and pitcher for Kings Mountain High, Rutherfordton at Kings Mtn.

Exact pairings for the tourney will not be known until Thurs.

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On Saturday, Champion's stop-ped Cherryville Pythians 14-8 to Kings Mountain at Shelby currently tied for first place in the regular season standings. Dover Textiles of Cherryville in the double - elimination event, for 3 and Eil Ware build the Cherryville at Kings Mountaing Cherryville in the double - elimination event, for 3 and Eil Ware build the Cherryville at Kings Mountaing East Rutherford at Chase

South Point at East Rutherford Kings Mountain at Burns Wayne Cherryville at Rutherfordton NOVEMBER 3

### Burns at South Point Chase at Cherryville Darlington Raceway Kings Mountain at Lincolnton East Rutherford at Shelby

DARLINGTON, S. C. - Darling- Florence and Darlington, approx-

"We've had a major water problem the past two years in the first and second turns. It's some-thing that couldn't be helped. We had more than our share of rain last year and water got under the trok cusing the asphalt to pening of football practice less than two weeks away and the work of the two weeks away and the properties of the trok cusing the asphalt to the trok cusing the trok cusing the asphalt to the trok cusing the trok cusing the trok cusing the asphalt to the trok cusing the trok cusing the asphalt to the trok cusing the trok cu first game only three weeks a- the water level dropped before

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Side and three eights frame. A more common name for the "coat" is asphalt or what Raceway President Barney Wallace out all vehicles over seven feet, loyd Chapman and sons Ricky out all vehicles over seven fe calls "black gold."

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## Local Fishermen

## KMHS Grid Roster

MEET THE MOUNTAINEERS

POS. NAME Jerry Valentine Lyn Valentine 165 Roy Putnam 125 Kevin Queen 185 Larry Hamrick Monty Wilson Dale Hartsoe Randy Wingo Chris Laughter 199 Tommy Shirley 195 John Bridges 210 Jake Bridges Larry Biddix Reggie Whitm ire Lanny Thornburg Dennis Hogue Glenn Moss John Pressley Ray Putnam Alfred Ash Mark George 160 Josn Morrison Wayne Dixon Chris Johnson Tony Falls 173 Darryl Van Dyke Chuck Austin Javon Smith Myron George Johnny Byers Edward Goode 145 Walter Snead Mike Whitaker 152 Harlee Davis Dennis Trout Marcus Floyd

## Softball Marathon On Labor Day Weekend

WANTED: Twenty softball play- probably be completed late Sat-

den Manufacturing Co. of Gaston County, has already agreed to ested in participating in the recparticipate in the marathon. Now, ord-breakin gattempt are urged to Pearson said, he needs an all-contact Pearson at the commun-

September 1. The game would the state record.

WANTED: Twenty softball players and several umpires to participate in a 30-plus hour marathen softball game at Deal Street Park on Labor Day weekend.

Roy Pearson, recreation director, said today that plans are being made to attempt to break the state record for a marahen softball contest. Pearson said two teams from Eden, N. C. set the record of 30 hours.

Pearson said one team, Harden Manufacturing Co. of Gasten

to compete against Harden.

Pearson said the game would probably be completed late Sat
Eden to learn the community center.

Meanwhile, Pearson says he'll be contacting softball people in probably be completed late Sat-

## Hickory Officials Hunt Bottle

led for 62 laps and Harry Gant | Crouch went on to win his third took command for 11 laps, but feature of the season. Bosco Lowe tht final outcome of the 100-lap was four seconds back in the Sportsman feature at Hickory runnerup slot. Speedway Saturday night was Officers cont tle on the track.

Gant pitted with a flat tire

HICKORY, N. C. - Ned Setzer wih 27 laps to go and Junion

Officers continue to probe the settled by a fan who threw a bot- identity of the person who threw the bottle on the race track. He will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, according to track manager

Ned Jarrett. In an action-filled night, Roger Starnes of Hickory emerged the winner of the Hobby feature after John Settlemyre was the victim of a spinout on the second lap last year and water got under Registration forms for all boys tournaments at City Stadium. | winners and Mullinax slammed a and had to restart in the rear.

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first game only three weeks away. Mike McGee and his Blue Devil assistants are hard at work preparing for the tough season ahead.

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The Crimson Tide finished the season last year ranked third in Continued on Page Four

The District 23 and area

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