

HERALD **SPORTS**

By GARY STEWART

Short Cuts

Short cuts from the world of sports:

Appalachian baseball coach, Frank Lovrich, feels his Mountaineers can win the District Three double-elimination tournament beginning today in Starville, Miss., even though ASU is the only unranked team in the event. "This team has been able to win the big game all year," claims Lovrich, whose Mounties face N. C. State's Wolfpack in the opening game. The Southern Conference champion has never won the District Three event and the Mountaineers won't be an exception. They'll be back in Boone of the two games. after two games.

led Florida State Seminoles and went on to the NCAA national tourney in Omaha. Coach Sam Esposito hopes his club will be as fortunate this year in Starkville. The Wolfpack, 22-8-1 overall and 14-4 in ACC play, will be without the services of its only All-ACC selection, first baseman Don Zagorski, who suffered a broken wrist in the ACC playoffs. His replacement will be Bill Russell.

"I'm glad the game has been arranged because the fans want it," says N. C. State cage coach Norm Sloan on his team's Dec. 15 meeting with national champ UCLA in St. Louis. "Our players are looking forward to it and so am I," he continues, "but the game won't be our primary goal for the season. Our main objective is—and always will be-the Atlantic Coast Conference champ-

State's football coach, Lou Holtz, watched the recent USA - Russia basketball series on the big tube with a great deal of interest. "Boy, those Russians would make one heckuva football team," he said. "They have size and quickness, and one thing for sure, they don't mind mixing it up. We certainly could use some of those fellows against Nebraska." The Wolfpack meets the Cornhuskers at Lincoln on Sept. 22.

-Duke, Wake On ASU Schedule

Games with Duke and Wake Forest of the ACC highlight Appalachian's 1973-74 basketball schedule. The Mounties will be on the road for both contests, at Duke on Dec. 10 and at Wake on Feb. 23. The Wake game is ASU's final game before the Southern Conference tour-nament Feb. 27 - March 2. Former Kings Mountain High star Charlie Barnes will be a senior member of the ASU

The two top sportsman drivers in the country, national champion Jack Ingram, and 1973 point leader Sam Ard, have signed to race in the Wade Stephens Memorial Race Saturday night at Hickory Speedway. Ard rates as the favorite to put an end to Harry Gant's seven-race win streak at Hickory. Ard whipped Gant in Hickory's first race in March.

Davidson's Wildcats will play a 25-game regular season basketball schedule in '73-'74, beginning Dec. 3 at home against Wofford. The Wildcats will play six games season basketball schedule in '73-74, beginning Dec. 3 at ished the season with an 18-7 home against Wofford. The Wildcats will play six games in Charlotte Collegem in addition to the annual Charlotte to attend Gardner-Webb Collegement (Charlotte Collegement). The control of Invitational Dec. 28-29. Syracuse, Miami (O), and Loyola next Fall. of Chicago will join the Wildcats in that affair.

Mike Hober, a Norristown, Pa., grid star, has inked a grant-in-aid with Gardner-Webb. A wide receiver, Hober was selected to the first team all-league and all-city teams. His senior year he caught 27 passes for 651 yards and an average of 24 yards per catch. His team won the

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—KM Tied For 17th In WNCHSAA

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Fans watching the Houston - San Francisco game on television Monday night can't honestly say that baseball He won six and lost two on the is a dull sport. Where else can you see so much offensive fireworks, good defensive plays and hear Dizzy Dean sing the Wabash Cannonball?

Chuck Piazza, Mike Humphries and Stick Elliott are all bidding for victory number two Thursday night at Shelby Motor Speedway. The green flag falls at 8 p.m. Kings Mountain's Freddy Smith, Union's Billy Scott, Gaffney's Charlie Blanton, and other area stars, are expected Brown, Sr., were both present for to give the winning threesome a good run for the money.

Virginia Drivers Seek Winning Money In Saturday Hickory Race

HICKORY — Two hotshot Virginia drivers with strong credentials have filed entries for the days on the .363 mileoval. Henthird annual Wade Stephens drick won the Sportsman half of way Saturday night. Bill Dennis at Martinsville. of Glen Allen, and Ray Hendrick cf Richmond, will bring a pair of Chevelles in to challenge the best of the South in NASCAR's Hendrick in a bid to end Gant's

posted back to back wins in the trick. the Permatex 300 at Daytona the Gant will be going into the past two years. Last February he race with a sizzlinb victory perwon the battle in a down to the centage of better than 650 perwire photo finish over three oth- cent. Through May 19 the coner drivers which included Sam tractor from Taylorsville had won Ard of Asheboro. Dennis was the 13 ff the 19 races ne had entered 1970 "Rookie of the Year" in this season.

NASCAR's Grand National division. He will drive a Monte Carlo at Hickory was Sam Ard on in Sunday's World 600 at Char-March 4. Gant ran second to Ard lette, and will wheel a Chevelle in a Sportsman contest immediin the 200 lap National Championship race at Hickory Saturday. 100-mile stint in a Grand Nation-man and Hobby performers. Driv-

Memorial race at Hickory Speed- the Dogwood 500 two weeks ago

tough Late Model Sportsman di- win streak and pick up a \$100 bonus posted by track manager Dennis, a Grand National driv- Ned Jarrett for anyone who turns

Hendrick hs probably won more al event. The rematch this week er registration will begin at 4:30.

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The local squad will be seeking its first victory following a 10-7 opening-season loss at Bessemer City Tuesday night.

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Wilhelm To Speak Parker Only Mountaineer The last time N. C. State participated in the District Three playoffs, the Wolfpack stopped the Richard Goldled Florida State Seminoles and went on to the NCAA



ROTARY SPEAKER - Hoyt Wilhelm, former major league pitching great, will be guest speaker at the 11th annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon today at noon at Kings Mountain Country Club. The luncheon is held in honor of the 1973 Kings Mountain High School Moun-

Bulldogs Sign Wingate College **Baseball Stars**

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C .- Two members of the powerful Wingate
College baseball team which finished the season with an 18.7

Brown, a 6-0, 185 pounder, is a native of Drexel, North Carolina and attended Drexel High School.

Both men were coached at Wingate by Steve Poston, a graduate of Gardner-Webb. The boys' fathers, Charlie Cromer and Robert

need the lefth anded pitching of cord for consistency in low earn-Mike and Boboy is a long ball ed-run average.

Gardner-Webb just closed the Ard, the National Point Leader, NAIA 26 finals before being eliminated. This was the third straight year the Bulldogs had made the district tournament.

DRIVING CLASS

A Drivers Education course will begin Tuesday, June 5 at Kings Mountain high school from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. To qualify for the class you must be at least 151/2 to 18 years of age.

races than any other driver since is a long awaited one by the followed by warmups and qualifying. The first event is schedul-

Most Valuable Mountie Player To Be Honored

more major league than any other pitcher in history of baseball, will be guest speaker at the 11th annual Rotary Club baseball luncheon today at noon at Kings Mountain Country Club.
The fete annually honors the

Kings Mountain High School baseball team and over the years Kings Mountain Mayor and Western Carolinas League President John Moss has lured some of baseball's top players, coaches and other officials here to speak to the Mountaineers.

Highlight of the event is the presentation of the John H. Moss

Most Valuable Player Award.

Wilhelm, now 50 and field manager of the Atlanta Braves Class A farm club in Greenwood S. C., spent 21 years in the major leagues after breaking into pro baseball in Mooresville, N. C. A Eraves public relations man re-cently figured that Wilhelm logged over 40 miles walking from the bullpen to the pitcher's

The famed knuckleball artist worked for seven major league clubs and compiled a lifetime record of 143 victories and 122 de feats. He had a lifetime 2.50 earned run average and is the only pitcher in history to lead both the American and National leagues in earned run average.

Atlanta, Wilhelm appeared in his 1,000th game against the St.

ville and several other minor

because of his lack of speed. Finally, at the age of 28, Leo fourth. He won six and lost two on the mound for Wingate, and while not pitching he played first base. He hit .361 for Wingate, leading the team at the plate.

Durocher, then manager of the New York Giants, gave him a chance and Wilhelm responded by posting a 15-3 record and setting numerous major league recting numerous num ords for a rookie hurler. Two years later, he helped the Giants gin to 9.4.

win the World Series. In 1959, when he was pitching for the Baltimore Orioles, he hurled a no-hitter against the 155 rallied in the ninth, scoring populations are declining so ra-New York Yankees, then the hit-"We are very pleased to get tingest team in baseball. Later, these two young men for next when he was with the Chicago year," said Coach Bryson. "We White Sox, he set a six-year re-

hitter as well as a fine pitcher.

Both of these men will fit well er, Wilhelm said his prescription into our plans for the next two for staying young and healthy Moore, ss is to get "plenty of exercise and avoid overeating, smoking and Parker, p worrying.

Asked if he'll teach Greenwood pitchers to throw the knuckler, Hartsoe, c Wilhelm responded, "I really believe you have to have a knack to throw the pitch, but if the Braves want to try to teach the Gillespie, If pitch to someone, I'll do my

ers included former major leaguers Smokey Burgess and Bill White, Pittsburgh Pirate coach Frank Oceak, former major Boggs, lf league umpire Al Summers, Holland, cf league umpire at Clemson University baseball Eury, p coach Bill Wilhelm, and others. Shaw, p Totals Past MVP winners included Total's
Barry Gibson, 1963; Mickey Bell, Score by innings: 1964; Seerley Lowery, 1965; Steve K. Mtn. Goforth, 1966; Nelson Connor, B. City 100 422 Clx—1 1967; Paul Gaffney, 1968; Rocky E—Fitts, Paysour, Boggs. LOBfollowed by warmups and quali-fying. The first event is schedul-differ S. p.m. defends and quali-fying. The first event is schedul-layor. David Bolin, 1971; and Hord, Eury. SB—Bridges, Moore. Danny Hartsoe, 1972.



RETURNEE - Rick Hord, righthanded pitcher, returns after α year in college for his final season of legion basecall eligibility. Hord w'll probably be on the mound tonight at 7:45 when the Post 155 Juniors play their first home game against Morganton. The Juniors dropped a 10-7 decision to Besse-mer City in their season opener

Opening Game To BC, 10-7

Bessemer City struck for four runs in the fourth inning to erase a 3-1 Kings Mountain lead and went on to defeat Post 155 by a score of 10-7 in the Area Four baseball opener for both clubs Tuesday night in Bessemer

City.
The hosts jumped KM righthander Keith Parker for four straight hits and a pair of bases on balls also aided the cause. Bessemer City's bats were boom ing against Parker and relief pitcher Richard Gillespie. The hosts secured 15 hits, including five straight by Larry Ramsey while Post 155 was able to gar

Perry Eury, who hurled for Bessemer City High School this

its four-spot off Parker in the

Bessemer City got that run 155 rallied in the ninth, scoring three runs on Rick Hord's basesruns. BOXSCORE

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On All-Conference Squad Moore Left Off, Raiders' Harris Player Of Year

the Southwestern Conference's leading hitter has been left off

Robbie Moore, Kings Mountain's senior shortstop who finished the season with a .483 batting average, was outpolled at shortstop on the All-SWC team by Kyle etcher of champion South Point

and Jim Jordan of Crest.
Kings Mountain, which finished 9-9 and tied for fourth in the
10-team loop with Crest and Cherryville, had only one All-SWC selection, outfielder Keith Parker, Ironically, Parker was the SWC's leading hitter last year but was not voted to the

Parker was among the loop's top hitters again this year, fin-ishing with a .339 average. He led the Mountaineers in batted in with 18, triples with three, homers with four, total bases with 42 and stolen bases with nine. On the mound, he had a 2-2 pitching mark and a team-leading 1.17 earned run

Butch Harris of South Point was named the conference's player of the year and South Point's coach, Phil Tate, won the

ence players with four. South Point, Crest and Cherryville each had three players while Rutherford and Lincolnton has two and Kings Mountain, Shelby R-S Central and Burns one apiec Below is the entire All-SWC

PITCHERS: Butch Harris, South Point; Craig Kiser, Lincolnton. CATCHERS: Danny Lockman, South Point; Tommy Summer,

Wildlife Afield

North Carolina right now than at any time in recorded history?"

gray squirrel is at least holding

Hunters And Fishermen Are Doing

wildlife populations. Naturally, there may be more deer here the reporter came to the North now than when Sir Walter Ra-

Carolina Wildlife Resources Com- leigh stepped off the boat on Roa-

"I understand," he began solemnly, "that the bebwhite quail is rare and endangered in North Carolina. What can you tell me about 'it?"

"I understand," he began solemnly, "the mid-1800's until the late 1920's, deer were practically extinct in the Piedmont and western parts of the stalle, and decidedly rare even in the east.

"but what if we told you that there are more bolowhite quail in considered pests by farmers."

More To Preserve N. C. Wildlife



ALL-CONFERENCE - Keith Parker, Kings Mountain High senicr cutfielder, was the only Mountaineer named to the All-Southwestern Conference baseballteam thisyear. Parker hit .339 with 18 runs batted in and four home runs. Parker led the SWC in hitting last year with a .445 mark.

coach of the year award for the third straight season. Chase, which tied Shelby for second place, led in All-Conference players with formula the conference players with the conference playe Lead Cut To Half Game

Tony Ruppe's 4-for-4 plate per- games during the week, whipping

tory over Bethlehem Tuesday victory over Allen. Mark Thornnight has thrown the local church burg of the losers was the game's Il league race into a dog-top hitter with 3-for-3. Ken Cloninger was the winning pitcher and Plato Hinson took the

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noke Island. One thing is certain,

Of course, such information

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First Wesleyan won both of its

Central; Larry Lane, Shelby; Kermit Carpenter, Cheryville; Bobby victory and Gary Stout slammed ting Bethlehem Tuesday night. Trexler, Crest; Jody Waters, a home run. Emmett Green was Chase; Anthony Harrill, Chase; the winning hurler and Rayford hits to lead Friday's victory and league clubs, major league teams on base in the second and third on base in the second and third didn't show any interest in him didn't show any interest in him him innings, then took command with ker, Kings Mountain; Kenny Jimmy White and Bobby Green Barreit was 2-for-4 in Tuesday's victory and Flowers was again the winning pitcher. Joel Whisnant took the loss and Tim Ech

> with 2-for-3. Bethlehem won its Friday game, storming past Buffalo 18-4 behind a 4-for-4 performance by Gerald McDaniel. Dale Ledbetter

ols led Bethlehem's plate attack

populations are declining so ranially that there will soon be no "What about deer?" the reportnight to defeat Allen Memorial
13.8 helping home runs by Carl loaded triple, but the locals squirrels, deer, quail, rabbits or er asked. "They're about gone, 16-8 behind home runs by Carl couldn't come up with any more any other form of free-running aren't they?" ritter.

"No, qwite frankly, most of the Bingham was the winning pitch-state is lousy with deer," we er. Don Ellis and Charles Jones spread. Recently, a newspaper-said, "and the herds are growing with homers for Allen and Plato man was assigned the job of find-and spreading all the time. Hinson was the losing hurler.

In Tuesday's other game, Second Baptist outslugged El Bethel 13-11 as Dewitt Guyton and Tommy Barrett secured three hits apiece. Pete Oliver was the winning pitcher and Barry Rikard

"Where did you get your information?" he was asked. Since the creation of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Com-"Oh, it's common knowledge mission in the late 1940's, the Second Bar that it's just a matter of a few deer population has been built El Bethel short years before there won't be any wildlife left in the state," he said.

up until now they are found in Macedon every county in the state. In all but a few counties, they are Allen "You-re probably going to find this hard to believe," we said, hunting, and in some areas, they first Wo

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ANNAUAL VISITOR

was welcome news to the report-er, and it should be to anyone

Blue mold is an annual visitor
to North Carolina's big tobacco "You're kidding?" he said. er, and it should be to anyone to North Carolina's Lig tebacco "Nope, it's a fact," we said. concerned with the future of country. The fungus disease was There are also more mourning wildlife in North Carolina. The first identified in the state doves in the nation than at any time in recent history, and there are probably more rabbits in the state now than in the past. The undergoing natural low popular tified this year around the last of

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