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Mountaineers At R-S Central

Baseball Opener Is Set For Today

Kings Mountain High's baseball team opens 1977 play this afternoon at R-S Central.

Game time is 4 p. m. It's the first of seven non-conference games for the Mountaineers, who are trying to improve on a 9-9 overall record and second place finish in Division One of the split Southwestern 3-A Conference.

Coach Barry Gibson of the Mountaineers says he'll be experimenting a lot during the non-conference games but hopes to come up with a

solid lineup before their first Division One game on March 29 at Bessemer City.

Righthander Ronnie Wilson will draw the starting pitching assignment for the Mountaineers, but Gibson says he also plans to pitch David Ray Robinson and Steve Lancaster some.

The remainder of the KMHS lineup will have veteran Scott Ellis behind the plate, Bruce Valentine at first base, Tim Chapman at second, Robinson or Steve Boggan at

shortstop, Danny Bolin at third, Bryan White in left, Jimmy Hall in center and either Andy Loftin or Richard VanDyke in right.

Only Ellis and Valentine started last season, but Gibson expects a lot out of his newcomers even though they don't have any varsity playing experience. Most of them played on the undefeated junior high team a year ago and represent some of the best young talent the Mountaineers have had in years.

Gibson sent his charges through a controlled

scrimmage with Rock Hill last Thursday and came away with mixed feelings. He said he was impressed with some areas of play but feels like the team has a lot of work to do before it can be considered a conference contender.

He said he was pleased with his pitching staff, except in the control department. Lancaster, Ricky Carroll, Loftin and Wilson worked two innings apiece.

"They looked good," said Gibson, "but they walked six men. That's

something we'll have to work on. We got behind on too many hitters.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes," he added, "but that's to be expected this early in the season."

Gibson said the team needs improvement in hitting (the Mounties managed only four hits in eight innings) and defense (they committed four errors).

"I think the game really helped us," he noted. "Since it wasn't a real game, there was probably

less pressure on the boys. We got a lot out of them.

"There's still a lot of competition for positions," he noted. "This lineup that's going to start today can change. In fact, it could change every game during the non-conference games. But I hope we can have a set lineup by the time the conference games roll around."

The Mountaineers host R-S Central Friday at 4 p. m. Other non-conference games are with Burns (two), Shelby (one) and Crest (two).

Netters Blank Huss, Play At Freedom Today

Kings Mountain High's boys tennis team goes after its third straight victory this afternoon at Morganton when it takes on Freedom High's Patriots.

The Mountaineers ran their record to 3-0 Thursday with a 9-0 victory over Hunter Huss at Ferguson Park in Gastonia.

Freedom, a member of the Western 4-A Conference handed KMHS two 5-4 defeats last spring, so the Mountaineers are out for revenge.

Today's match, however, will be much tougher than the first two as the Patriots have everyone back from last year's squad.

Hunter Huss was no match for the Mountaineers Friday as KMHS swept all nine matches. Only two matches went three sets.

Rick Deaton, making his first singles start after sitting out last Tuesday with an injury, dropped his first set to Scott Davis, 4-6, but came back for convincing 6-2 and 6-1 victories to take the match.

Chuck Walker and Chris Keeter, playing the number three doubles for the Mountaineers, struggled a bit but won 6-3, 4-6 and 7-6 over Joey Womble and Roger Carithers.

KINGS MOUNTAIN MIRROR-HERALD SPORTS

Other KM singles victories were by Scott Summitt, John David Reed, Kenny Boheler, Kevin Morehead and Tim Riddle. Other doubles wins were by Morehead-Reed and Summitt-Bobby Horne.

In practice matches, KM's David Lynn defeated Charles Davis 6-4, 3-6 and 7-8, and KM's Terry Yarbro lost to Nolan Davis 6-3, 2-4 and 4-6.

Coach Ed Guy said he noted some improvement over the Mounties' opening season 8-1 win over the Huskies on last Tuesday.

"Riddle won his match so fast we hardly saw it," he noted, "and Deaton looked real good. He had a little trouble in his first set but after he got in the groove it was no match.

"Kenny Boheler challenged John David Reed in practice last

Wednesday," added Guy, "and beat him to earn the number four position. So that shows we're pretty well balanced all the way down the line."

THE RESULTS

(Singles)

Tim Riddle (KM) def. Kevin Burke 6-0, 6-0.
Rick Deaton (KM) def. Scott Davis 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Kevin Morehead (KM) def. Danny Thiets 6-2, 6-1.
Kenny Boheler (KM) def. Blair Maddox 6-4, 6-1.
John David Reed (KM) def. Billy Whitesides 6-0, 6-1.
Scott Summitt (KM) def. Eric Robinson 6-1, 6-0.

(Doubles)

Morehead-Reed (KM) def. Burke-Davis 8-4.
Summitt-Bobby Horne (KM) def. Hooper-Stroupe 6-3, 6-4.
Chuck Walker-Chris Keeter (KM) def. Womble-Carithers 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.



Photo By Gary Stewart

HOME RUN BAT — Kings Mountain High baseball coach Barry Gibson, left, shows veteran catcher Scott Ellis his home run grip. Ellis, a junior, will be counted on to supply much of the Moun-

taineers' power this spring as they battle for the Southwestern Conference title. The Mountaineers open non-conference play this afternoon at R-S Central.

Mitchem, NG Stars Head West All-Stars

Kings Mountain High's Susan Mitchem and Nancy Scoggins and Donna Elrod of WNCSSAA champion North Gaston head a list of 10 Northwestern and Southwestern Conference seniors named to battle the Piedmont All-Stars in the annual Western N. C. High Schools Activities Association Classic Friday night at Catawba College.

Game time is set for 8:30 p. m. Joining Mitchem, Scoggins and Elrod on the Western team are Pam Shoemaker and Jill Keeler of Hudson, Judith Shumate of Wilkes Central, Laura Thomas and Sandy Tarlton of Alexander Central, Susan Bolt of Burns and Wanda Montgomery of Crest.

Tommy Pruett, who coached Burns to the Southwestern Conference tournament title, and Byron Tolbert, who coached Hudson to the Northwestern Conference crown, will be coaches of the team.

The Piedmont team, comprised of players from the North and South Piedmont conferences, include Kathy Hutchens and Elizabeth Crowell of Davie County, Lu Holsouser of East Rowan, Teresa Gaither of North Iredell, Robin Pence of South Iredell, Melanie Wall of Trinity, Marlon Youngblood of Albemarle, Betty Kirkland of Thomasville, Elwanda Blue of Concord and Patricia Tennent of Salisbury.

Bill Peeler of Davie County and Bobby Suggs of Thomasville will coach the team.

All-Stars for the Western boys team include Roger Burgess and Nolan Jones of Lenoir, Ed Mayes of Alexander Central, Larry Shell of Hudson, Todd Warren of Wilkes Central, Jimmy Huskey and William Ford of Crest, Oscar Mooney of R-S Central, Craymond Pryor of Burns and Mark Cummings of

Shelby. Coaches are Ed Peeler of Crest and David Webster of Wilkes Central.

Piedmont all-stars include Dwayne Grant of Davie County, Jed Brooks and Jack Blankenship of North Stanley, Randy Black of North Davidson, Henry Lee of North Rowan, Keith Almond of

Albemarle, Keith Walker of Statesville, Johnny McQueen of Asheboro, Melvin Reid of Salisbury and William Smith of Thomasville.

Coaches are Pete Jones of North Davidson and David Holcomb of Albemarle. Game time for the boys is 8 p. m.

Babe Ruthers Making Plans

The Kings Mountain Babe Ruth League is making plans for its 1977 season and is looking for another outstanding year.

KM will sponsor three leagues again this summer, a 13-year-old prep league, a 14-15 year-old league and a 16-18 senior BR league.

Registration and tryouts will be held on April 23 and 30 and May 7. The final

tryout and team drafts will be held on May 7.

The tentative date for season openers will be Sat., May 21 for both the 13 year old and 14-15 year old leagues. The 16-18 year old league openers will depend on the length of the high school season.

Kings Mountain is hoping to have at least one and possibly two area tournaments this summer.

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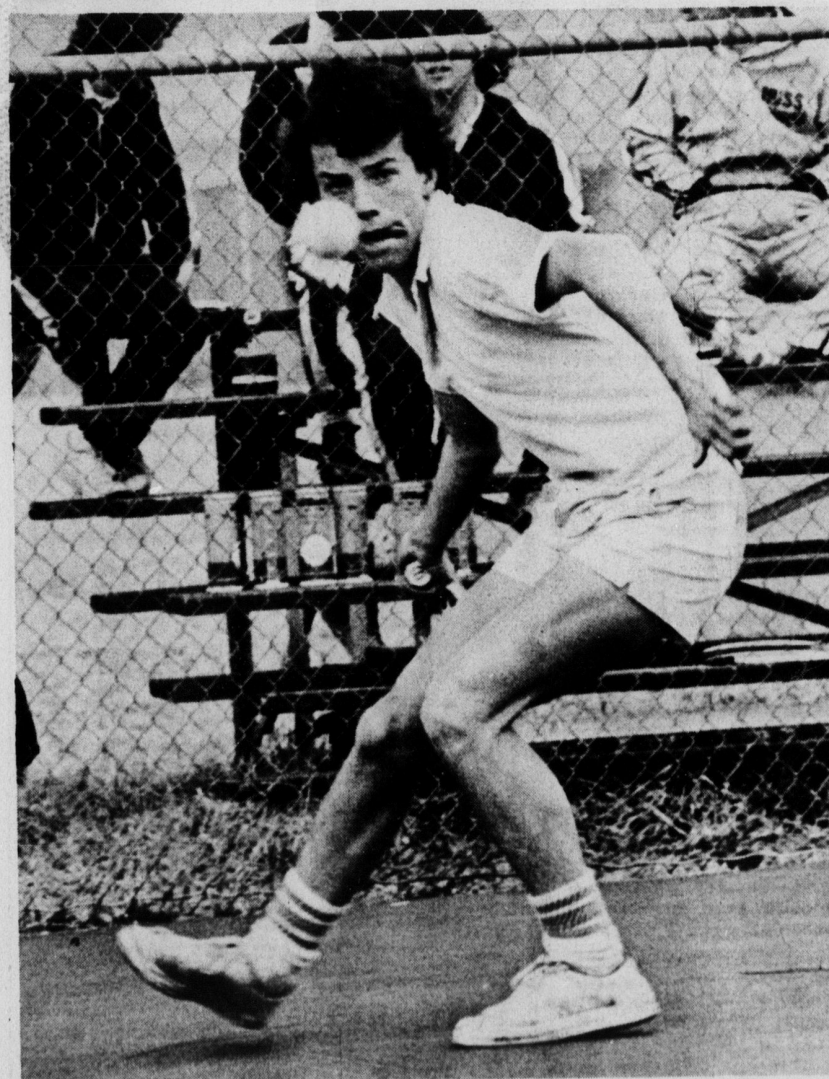


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EYE ON THE BALL — Keeping your eye on the ball is important in just about every sport, and tennis is no exception. Kings Mountain High's John David Reed's concentration is good as he prepares to return a shot during a match here last Tuesday against Danny Thiets

of Hunter Huss. Reed won an impressive victory and helped lead his team to an 8-1 season-opening win over the Huskies. The Mountaineers, who are expecting to have their best season ever this spring, go to Freedom High today and host the Patriots Friday.