

Bessemer City Here Friday

# South Point Hands KMHS 4-2 Loss

Kings Mountain High's baseballers suffered their first Southwestern Conference Division One defeat Tuesday night at Lancaster Field, losing a 4-2 decision to unbeaten South Point.

The victory gave South Point undisputed possession of first place in the division race. Phil Tate's Raiders are now 5-0 in the division and 9-0-1 overall. The Mountaineers, now 3-1, and 4-7, dropped into second place.

Karl Witzke, heretofore known mostly for his soccer-style kicking on the football field, slammed a two-run homer in the first inning to put KMHS left-hander Steve Lancaster behind for the first time this year, and that lead looked like it would hold up for southpaw Scott Shope of the Raiders, who mowed the KM batters down rather easily for the first four innings.

But the Mountaineers finally got something going their way in the fifth

and struck for two runs to tie the game at 2-all.

With one away, Tim Chapman gained life on a fielder's choice and later scored the first KM run on an infield single by Jimmy Hall. Hall tied the score on a bloop single to right by David Ray Robinson, the only hit the Mounties had all night that went out of the infield.

But South Point's Mitch Painter and Steve Moss clubbed back to back singles with one away in the sixth, and Painter scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly. The Raiders added an insurance tally in the seventh on an error.

Kings Mountain's batter, who carried a .297 team batting average into the game, had their worst night of the year, getting only four hits. And, as already noted, only one of those hits went out of the infield.

Shope worked on a no-hitter until two away in the fourth, when Scott Ellis

reached on an infield hit. The only other hits off Shope were in the fifth, when Hall and Robinson singled to produce the only two KM runs.

Shope tired in the seventh and after Tim Whitaker reached on an error to lead off the inning, Coach Tate called on righthander John Connor.

Connor fanned Chapman and pinch-hitter Alan Putnam, but walked Hall. Robinson beat out an infield hit to load the bases, but Connor fanned Danny Bolin to end the game.

In sharp contrast, South Point's batters, who had collected only three hits in their last two ballgames, came to life and reached Lancaster and Ronnie Wilson for seven hits. Witzke led the way

with 3-for-4, including the first inning homer and a seventh inning double.

Wilson, who had his longest stint of the year, pitched good baseball, especially with runners on base. The Raiders had runners on base in every inning.

The Mountaineers committed four errors, with two of them leading to the insurance tally in the seventh. But the other three South Point runs were earned. Both of KM's runs off Shope were unearned.

The Mountaineers try to get back on the winning track Friday night at Lancaster Field when they host Bessemer City. They travel to East Gaston Saturday afternoon for a 2:30 game.

THE BOXSCORE

S. POINT	AB	R	H	RBI
Barker, ss	3	1	0	0
Witzke, 1b	4	1	3	2
David, cf	4	1	0	0
Richmond, 3b	3	0	0	0
Shepherd, 2b	4	0	1	0
Shope, p	0	0	0	0
Connor, p	0	0	0	0
Stowe, dh	4	0	0	0
Painter, c	3	1	2	0
Moss, lf	2	0	1	0
Sausedo, rf	2	0	0	1
Totals	29	4	7	3

  

K. Mtn.	AB	R	H	RBI
Hall, cf	2	1	1	1
Robinson, ss	4	0	2	1
Bolin, 3b	3	0	0	0
Lancaster, p	0	0	0	0
Wilson, p	3	0	0	0
Ellis, c	3	0	1	0
White, lf	2	0	0	0
Loftin, rf	0	0	0	0
Whitaker, dh	2	0	0	0
Deaton, pr	0	0	0	0
Chapman, 2b	3	1	0	0
Valentine, 1b	2	0	0	0
Putnam, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	2	4	2

By Innings  
 SP 200 001 1  
 KM 000 020 0

E — Robinson, S, Ellis, Richmond, Shope. LOB SP 8, KM 7. 2B—Witzke. HR—Witzke. SB—Deaton, Barker, Davis, Painter, Hall, Robinson, White, Chapman. S—Moss. SF—Sausedo. DP—Barker and Witzke.

Pitcher:	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Shope (W)	6	3	2	0	4	9
Connor	1	1	0	0	1	3
Lancaster	2-3	2	2	2	1	0
Wilson (L)	6	1-3	5	2	1	1

Save — Connor, U—Hamrick and Shaw.



Photo By Gary Stewart

CHASING CURVE — Kings Mountain's David Ray Robinson chases a Scott Shope curve ball in Kings Mountain-South Point baseball game Tuesday night at Lancaster Field.

Lancaster Field. Robinson had two of four KMHS hits in 4-2 loss to the Red Raiders. Kings Mountain hosts Bessemer City Friday night.

## Softball Tourney Opens Tonight

A second big pre-season slowpitch softball tournament for Kings Mountain area teams will open tonight and run through Saturday at Deal Street Park.

The tourney will be sponsored by Second Baptist Church.

Action begins tonight and Friday at 6 p. m. and on Saturday at 1 p. m.

Second Baptist, Macedonia, El Bethel, Oak Grove and First Baptist of Cherryville are the local teams entered, and three more clubs will be coming from the Kannapolis area.

In last week's Macedonia tourney, which officially kicked off the slowpitch season in Kings Mountain, Oak Grove won the title with a 33-4 victory over a tired El Bethel team.

El Bethel battled its way through the loser's bracket to defeat Oak Grove 18-11

in the first final round game, but Oak Grove was too powerful in the championship.

Lanny Thornburg of Oak Grove won the most valuable player award and was also named to the all-tournament team.

Others on the all-tournament team included Mike Smith of Macedonia, Dan Brooks of Oak Grove, Buck Burton of Oak Grove, Pete Hawkins of El Bethel, Gary Shields of El Bethel, Roy Kale of El Bethel, Skeet Wright of Cherryville and Danny Denton of Oak Grove.

The Oak Grove team was sponsored in the tournament by Tria's Pizza. The area teams will use this week's tournament to polish up for regular season play, which opens next Monday at Deal Street, Ramsey Field and City Stadium.

The league this year has 17 teams and has been divided into three divisions. Division One teams include Macedonia, El Bethel, Second Baptist, Patterson Grove and Oak Grove.

Division Two includes First Wesleyan, Church of God, Temple, Love Valley, Bethlehem and First Baptist.

Division Three teams include Kings Mountain Baptist, East Gold Wesleyan, Central Methodist, Oak View, Long Creek Presbyterian, and Chestnut Ridge Baptist.

Games will be played each Monday and Friday at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p. m. at all three KM fields. The winner of Division One will be host team for the state tournament beginning here in August.

League officers for 1977 include Ken Cash, president; Jerome Grant, vice president Division One; Rayford White, vice president Division Two; Mike Patterson, vice president Division Three; and Jim Guyton, secretary.

During regular season play, teams will play only those teams in their own divisions.

### Bat Girls Are Needed By S-Reds

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Anyone interested in being a part of professional baseball in Cleveland County may call Mary Isocia at the First National Bank in Shelby, 482-3831, or Reds General Manager Dave Denny, 482-3621.

The Reds open their home season Saturday night at 7:30 at Veterans Field against the Asheville Tourists. Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss and several Reds officials will take part in opening games ceremonies.

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### Last Chance To Sign Up For Baseball

Youngsters ages six through 12 wanting to play little league, tee league or pee wee league baseball this summer have only one more chance to register.

Those who have not registered must register this Saturday in order to be eligible to play.

Registration will be held at the community center gym Saturday from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m.

All boys and girls who did not play last year, or who must move into another league, must register.

Tryouts will be held this Saturday and next Saturday for all the 10, 11 and 12 year olds at 1 p. m.

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