

Juniors Back In League One

Moore Named KM Legion Coach



Photo By Gary Stewart

**HURLS PERFECT GAME** — Kings Mountain Junior High's Tim Leach hurled a perfect game Monday against West Lincoln at Lancaster Field as the Patriots won their seventh straight Foothills Conference game. Leach fanned seven and allowed only three balls to be hit out of the infield.

Robbie Moore, former Kings Mountain High and American Legion baseball standout, and now the starting second baseman for Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs, has been named head coach of the Post 155 Juniors for the 1977 season. The Juniors will open Area Four, League One play on June 4 against Hickory at Lancaster Field.

The Kings Mountain entry moves back into the League One after playing in League Two last summer. League One teams include Post 155, Hickory, Shelby, Cherryville and Burke County.

This is Moore's first attempt at coaching and he is accepting a tough challenge. Post 155 draws from one of the smallest areas of any team in Area Four, plus, the Juniors will be competing against the KM Babe Ruth League for talent.

But Moore, who welcomes the challenge, promises an exciting ballclub and is issuing a special call to 16-year-old prospects in hopes that the legion can rebuild a solid program.

Cut in the same mold as G-W head coach Jerry Bryson, Moore says Post 155 will be the type of ballclub that will initiate the action, instead of waiting for it to happen.

"I don't like to be conservative," he said. "I like to make the action and make the other team throw the ball."

Moore, a senior ministerial student at Gardner-Webb, was a third-year starter at second base and shortstop for both KMHS and Post 155, and holds the KMHS school record for hitting safely in his first 10 trips to the plate in his senior season of 1972. He finished that year with

a .485 batting average, which was also a school record until two years later when slugging David Lancaster hit .586.

Moore also hit over .400 in legion ball his final season, and picked up most valuable player trophies for his performance on both the high school and legion teams.

Post 155 will draw from Kings Mountain, North Gaston, Bessemer City, York and Clover. The Juniors will return their top two players from a year ago, pitcher-

outfielder Ron Munday, who was the team's MVP, and third baseman Leroy Blake, who was the team's most improved player.

Moore said registration and tryouts will be held as

soon as the current high school season is over. The Juniors cannot begin practice before May 15. An assistant coach will be named in the near future.

THE SCHEDULE

- JUNE**
- 2, Bye
  - 4, Hickory
  - 7, Cherryville
  - 11, at Shelby
  - 14, Bye
  - 18, at Hickory
  - 18, at Cherryville
  - 21, at Burke Co.
  - 23, Shelby
  - 25, Bye
  - 27, Hickory
  - 30, Cherryville
- JULY**
- 1, Burke Co.
  - 2, at Shelby

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Perfect Game For Pats

Kings Mountain Junior High's Tim Leach hurled a perfect game Monday as the Patriots blanked West Lincoln 9-0 for their seventh straight victory this year and 24th in a row over the past three seasons.

The freshman lefthander struck out seven batters and allowed only three balls to be hit out of the infield in recording his sixth win of the year.

The perfect game followed a no-hitter tossed by righthander Jeff Cloninger Friday at R-S Central.

Leach ran a 3-0 count to a batter in the top of the seventh inning but came back to get him on an infield out. That was the closest West Lincoln came to getting a man on base.

Leach struck out two batters in the fifth inning and fanned the side in the sixth.

While the southpaw was mowing down the visitors, his teammates were backing him with an eight-hit attack.

The Patriots got the only run they needed in the second inning on a walk to Mike Spears and singles by Ricky Chapman and Mark Schuman.

Coach Porter Griggs' charges added three in the fourth on walks to Eric Moore and Schuman and singles by Jeff Cloninger and Lynn Hayes.

KM picked up another singleton in the fifth on Schuman's single, two stolen bases and an error.

The Patriots closed out the scoring with four in the sixth on triples by Hayes and Cloninger. Chapman's single, a walk to Moore and another West Lincoln error.

Schuman, Hayes, Chapman and Cloninger all had two hits to lead the KM plate attack and Schuman was on base five times.

The Patriots host East Rutherford today at 4 p. m. and remain at home Monday to play R-S Central.

THE LINESCORE

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 Leach and Hayes.

Lady Pats Split Two FC Games

Kings Mountain Junior High's girls softball team split a pair of Foothills Conference games last week, beating Crest 12-11 and losing to West Lincoln 10-8.

The victory gave the Lady Patriots a 2-1 record heading into a game yesterday at Shelby.

Lisa Hampton hurled the Thursday victory over Crest, giving up nine hits while her teammates backed her with a 15 hit attack. KM committed eight errors and left 10 runners on base but still managed to win.

Mary Ann White and Diane Williams led the KM plate attack with 3-for-5.

The Lady Pats jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first inning, and that was the big difference in the game. Crest came back with five runs in the seventh to cut the difference to 12-11 and had the tying run on base before KM settled down to win.

"We tried to sit out our lead instead of giving it all we had for seven innings," noted Coach Candy Abergine. "We were lucky to hang in for the win."

Errors again proved costly Monday against West Lincoln as the Lady Pats committed 10 errors. West Lincoln also had a field day at the plate, cracking out 18 hits.

Cathy Goodson picked up the win for West and Hampton took the loss. Hampton was 4-for-4 and Donna Myers 3-for-4 to lead the KM hitting attack.

Kings Mountain jumped to a 6-0 lead after four times at bat but West Lincoln scored seven runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead. The Pats committed four errors and Hampton walked three batters during that inning.

Rotary Golf Tourney Set

Area golfers who haven't signed up to play in the Rotary Club's Scholarship Fund golf tournament this weekend at Kings Mountain Country Club still have time.

Registration deadline is Friday at 12 noon. The journey is to begin Saturday and end Sunday on the 18-hole KMCC layout.

Those wishing to play may enter by calling Tommy Grayson at Grayson Jewelry, Tom Tate at Home Savings and Loan, or Dan Honeycutt at First Union National Bank.

All area golfers, regardless of their ability, are urged to enter the event. All proceeds will go toward a college scholarship for a deserving Kings Mountain High School student.

The entry fee is only \$20 (Please Turn To Page 8A)

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