

# Mounties Play 'Hot' Second Inning

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers scored all six of their runs in the second inning in a 6-2 opening season victory over Hunter Huss Monday afternoon at Lancaster Field.

The veteran KM ballclub went into the home half of the second trailing 1-0 but sent 11 men to the plate before the Gastonia boys could put a damper on the rally.

Only one of the runs was earned as two Huskie errors figured in the scoring. KM collected three of its five hits during the uprising and also took advantage of three bases on balls.

Pitcher Ronnie Wilson reached base on an error to leadoff the inning and one out later scored on a line drive double to left-center by his battery mate, Tim Whitaker. Bruce Valentine and Andy Loftin walked to load the bases and the Mounties scored their only earned run of the game on a bases-loaded walk to ninth place hitter Tim Chapman.

A strikeout later, Bryan White reached on an error which plated two more runs, and the final two came on back-to-back singles by David Ray Robinson and Wilson.

The Mountaineers offered only one other serious threat, in the sixth when they loaded the bases with two away. Steve Boggan's double, an error and a walk to Carl Burton filled the sacks but Chapman fanned to end the inning.

Huss picked up runs in the second and sixth innings. The Huskies threatened other times but big plays kept them away from home plate.

The visitors tagged Wilson for a run in the second on a single by Raynard Moore, a passed ball, sacrifice and sacrifice fly.

The only other baserunner against Wilson in his three innings was due to an error. The senior right-hander, last year's MVP, fanned six of the 11 men he faced, including all three in the first inning.

Robinson worked the next three innings for Coach Barry Gibson's team and was credited with the win since Wilson failed to work the five innings required of a starter.

Robinson was in trouble in the fourth as the Huskies put runners on second and third with two away, but he balled himself out with an inning-ending strikeout.

He had an easy fifth but worked into another jam in the sixth before right-fielder Kale Goins gunned the lead runner down at third base to end the inning.

Sophomore Jeff Cloninger came on to pitch the final inning and gave up one run. He fanned Henson with the bases loaded to end the game.

Coach Gibson played 16 of his 24 players and Huss mentor Don Saine put 17 men on the field.

The Mountaineers, who were scheduled to play at Gastonia Ashbrook yesterday, open Southwestern 8-A Conference action Friday at R-S Central. The Mountaineers host Burns in their first home conference game Tuesday afternoon.

HUSS	AB	R	H	RB
Fayson, 2B	2	0	0	0
Morris, 2B	0	0	0	0
Gardner, P	3	0	0	0
Franklin, P	1	0	0	0
Postell, 3B	3	0	1	0
Moore, 1F	3	1	1	0
Henson, 1F	1	0	0	0
Radford, 1B	2	0	1	0
Boyd, CF	2	0	2	1
Robinson, IF	2	0	0	0
Deal, IF	1	1	1	0
Ferris, C	1	0	0	0
Perkins, PH	1	0	0	0
Heister, C	1	0	1	0
Vause, 3B	2	0	0	0
Bradley, 2B	1	0	0	0
Totals	26	2	7	1

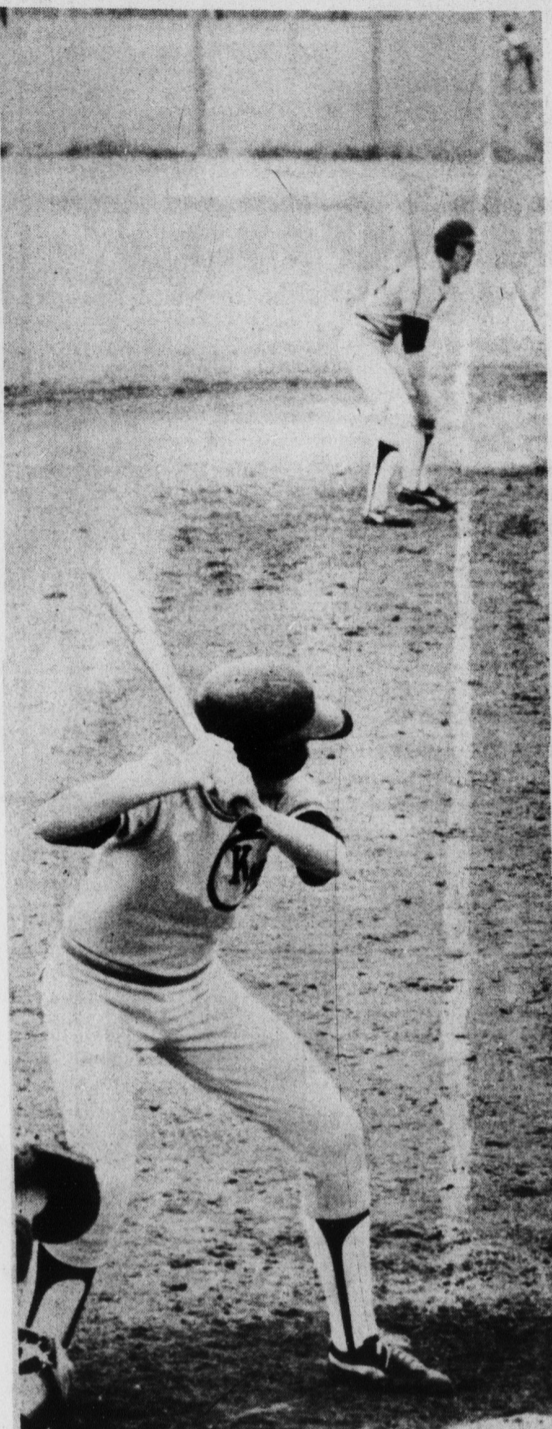
K. MTN.	AB	R	H	RB
Hall, CF	2	0	0	0
Goins, 1F	2	0	0	0
White, IF	3	1	0	0
Pulman, IF	1	0	0	0
Robinson, 2B	4	0	1	1
Cloninger, P	0	0	0	0
Wilson, P	2	1	1	1
Spears, 3B	2	0	0	0
Bolin, 2B	2	0	0	0
Boggan, 2B	1	0	1	0
Whitaker, C	3	1	1	1
Valentine, 1B	2	1	1	0
Loftin, 1F	1	1	0	0
Burton, PH	0	0	0	0
T. Chapman, 2B	2	1	0	1
Paterson, 2B	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	5	4

By Innings:  
 HH 010 000 1 2  
 KM 000 000 x 6  
 E — Bolin, Fayson, Postell 2, Vause.  
 LOB — HH 7, KM 7.  
 2B — Boggan, Whitaker, S. — Radford, SF — Boyd.

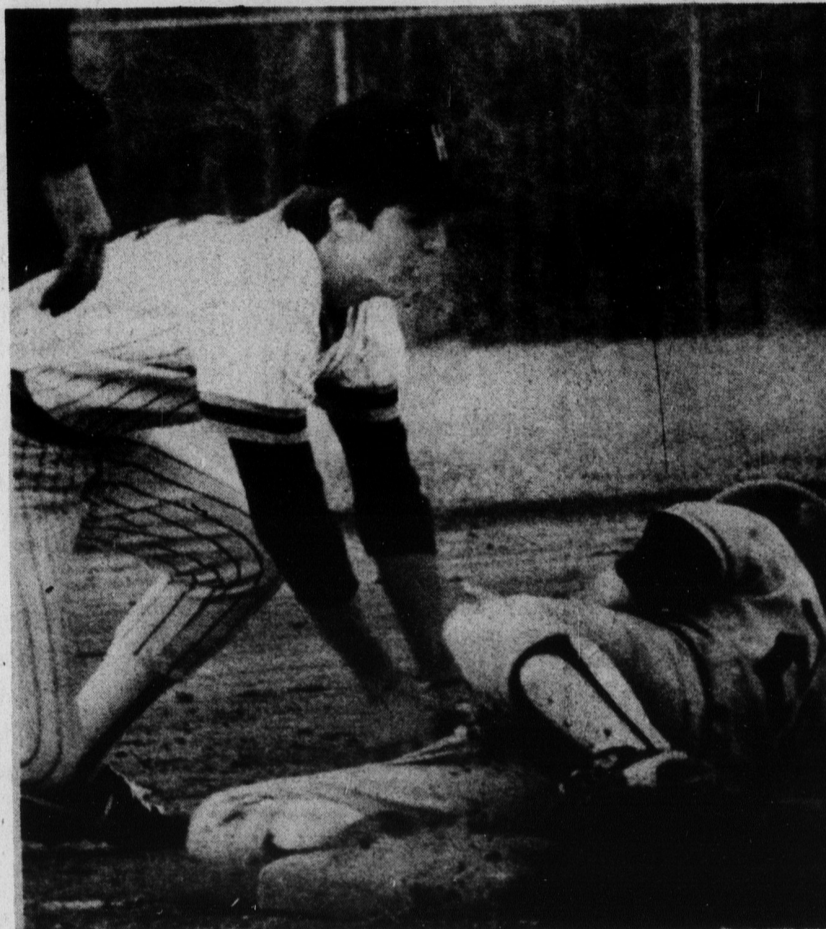
Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gardner (1)	4	4	1	3	5	5
Franklin	2	1	0	0	1	2
Wilson	3	1	1	0	6	6
Robinson (W)	3	4	0	1	3	3
Cloninger	1	2	1	2	2	2

WP — Cloninger, PB — Whitaker.

## SPORTS



**DUCKS ON POND** — Kings Mountain's Steve Boggan takes a big lead off third base in hopes Carl Burton will drive him home with a hit in Monday's baseball opener with Hunter Huss at Lancaster Field. Burton drew a walk but Boggan was left stranded as the Huskies worked out of the jam. KM won 6-2.



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Photos By Gary Stewart

## Track Season Opens Friday

Kings Mountain High's track team opens its Southwestern 8-A Conference season Friday at Shelby with a match against the Lions and Chase.

The Mountaineers, with 88 men participating, are a young team but expect to be much-improved over last year.

Shelby, which already has a meet under its belt, will be the heavy favorite to win. The Lions whipped defending SWC champ

Crest and a strong Canton Pisgah team last week.

In other SWC meets today, North Gaston and East Gaston will be at South Point and Burns and R-S Central will be at Crest. East Rutherford is the only SWC school not fielding a team.

Second-year coach Dan Brooks expects his team to be strongest in the hurdles, middle distance runs, discus and shot put and pole vault. Most of the men

in other events are inexperienced.

Kings Mountain High's golf team entertains R-S Central and East Rutherford in their first Southwestern 8-A Conference match today at 1 p. m. at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The Mountaineers' scheduled opener with Shelby and Crest here last Thursday was postponed because of the rain.

In their only action thus far, the Mountaineers lost a practice match to Lincolnton, 321 to 329. KMHS played that match without the services of last year's number two man, Darrell

Austin, who failed to qualify.

Coach Bobby Jones expects his men to show much improvement as the weather gets better.

Registration for little league and tee league baseball will begin Saturday at the community center.

All boys and girls who did not play last year, or who are moving to another classification, must register to be eligible to compete in league play this summer.

All persons ages eight through 12 are eligible to play. Playing age is the age recorded on July 31, 1978.

Registration hours are:  
 Sat., Mar. 18 and Mar. 25 1 p. m. until 5 p. m.  
 Mon., Mar. 20 through

Fri., Mar. 24, 3 p. m. until 9 p. m.

All persons are urged to register this Saturday if possible.

Fee wee registration dates will be announced later.

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