



Photos By Gary Stewart

**SOPH PROSPECTS** — Eric Moore, left, and Eric Dixon come into the game for Kings Mountain High a lot when the Mounties are in 'pinch.' Both Eric's are used by Coach Barry Gibson as pinch-hitters and pinch-runners. The Mountaineers find themselves in a pinch

as they look toward their remaining Southwest Conference games. They're likely going to have to win the rest of their games to qualify for the playoffs, beginning tonight when they host East Gaston.

## Netters Whip East 9-0

Kings Mountain High's tennis team opened Southwestern 3-A Conference action Friday with an impressive 9-0 victory over East Rutherford.

It was the eighth straight victory overall for the Mountaineers, who are hoping to hit their peak by next Friday when they battle Shelby in a match that will decide the regular

season SWC championship. The Mountaineers were scheduled to go to R-S Central yesterday. They host Providence Day Wednesday and go to Watauga Friday.

**THE RESULTS (Singles)**  
Tim Riddle (KM) def. Jeff Bailey 6-2, 6-0.

Scott Summitt (KM) def. Ron Martin 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.  
Kenny Boheler (KM) def. Dale McLean 6-1, 6-1.  
Al Cloninger (KM) def. Dan Mynatt 6-2, 6-1.  
John Reed (KM) def. Mark Cole 6-4, 6-0.  
Chris Keeter (KM) def. Ken Hardin 6-0, 6-0.

(Doubles)  
Riddle-Keeter (KM) def. Bailey-Martin 6-4, 6-1.  
Cloninger-Boheler (KM) def. McLean-Mynatt 6-1, 6-1.  
Lynn-Wilson (KM) def. Cole-Hardin 6-3, 6-1.  
(Practice)  
Walker-Horne (KM) def. Floyd-Harris 6-0, 6-1.

## Golfers Second At East

Kings Mountain High's girls softball played their best round of the year Thursday at Forest City Municipal, but finished second to host East Rutherford in a three-team Southwestern 3-A Conference match.

East turned the 18-hole course in 308 strokes, four better than the Mountaineers, who shot 312. Burns finished third at 335.

Greg Sappenfield of the Cavaliers won medalist

honors with a three-over-par 75. The Mountaineers placed four men in the 70's, by far their best showing of the year. Darrell Austin led the way with a 76, Mark Sanders shot a 78 and Mike

Howze and Darrell Forbes both shot 79. Herbie Beam hqd an 80 and Delk Halgier 84. The Mountaineers go back to Forest City today to face the Cavaliers, R-S Central and North Gaston.

## KM Comeback Falls Short

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team rallied for eight runs in the sixth

inning but the comeback attempt fell short as the Mountaineers dropped a 14-9 decision to East Rutherford Thursday in Forest City.

The Mountaineers scored eight runs in the sixth after trailing by 9-0. Susan Howze led the KM plate attack with 4-for-4 and two runs batted in and she also had five putouts. Angie Hickman was 3-for-3 with three RBI, and added four putouts and two as-

ists. Barbara McClain and Priscilla Rickenbacker hit home runs. The Mountaineers, now 2-3 in Southwestern 3-A Conference play travel to East Gaston Thursday. The KM lineup will include Tricia Blalock on the mound, McClain in center, Rickenbacker at second base, Judy Whisnant at third, Donna Myers in shortfield, Howze in left, Sallee Durham in right, Trudy Whisnant behind the plate, Hickman at short-

stop and Roxanne Tate at first.

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## STATISTICS

BATTING				
PLAYER	AB	H	RBI	AVG.
Ellis	17	8	3	.471
Hayes	7	3	1	.429
Schuman	4	2	1	.500
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Boggan	12	4	2	.333
Goins	3	1	1	.333
Whitaker	28	8	4	.286
Leach	4	1	0	.250
Wilson	17	4	4	.235
Putnam	11	3	1	.273
Valentine	23	5	6	.217
White	29	6	5	.207
Bolin	15	3	1	.200
Cloninger	5	1	1	.200
Hall	17	3	2	.176
Robinson	29	4	2	.138
Loftin	12	1	1	.083
T. Chapman	4	0	1	.000
Spears	3	0	0	.000
Dixon	3	0	0	.000
Burton	1	0	0	.000
Clark	1	0	0	.000
R. Chapman	1	0	0	.000
Moore	1	0	0	.000

PITCHING									
Pitcher	W-L	IP	HR	ER	BB	SO	ERA		
Robinson	3-1	23	2-3	16	6	5	3	19	1.50
Leach	2-0	18	2-3	13	4	3	4	20	1.50
Wilson	1-2	15	1-3	14	11	7	7	20	3.27
Loftin	0-0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0.00	
Cloninger	0-0	1	2	1	1	2	2	7.00	

## Hot Warriors Here Tonight

Kings Mountain High's baseballers face the tough task of having to win the rest of their games one at a time if they expect to qualify again for the Southwestern 3-A Conference playoffs.

KMHS, the only SWC member to qualify for every playoff since the league started the system, saw its conference record dip to 4-3 Friday night when South Point pushed across a run on a passed ball in the sixth inning for a 3-2 victory.

The results left South Point alone in second place in the Western Division with a 5-2 mark and trailing leader East Gaston (5-1) by a half-game. KM slipped into a tie for third place with Shelby, which lost to East Gaston 6-5.

The Warriors, coached by former KMHS athlete Jerry Adams, come to Lancaster Field tonight for a 7:30 game. KMHS could get back into the thick of the battle with a victory, but a loss would almost certainly kill any playoff hopes the Mountaineers have.

Adams, in his first year as East Gaston baseball coach, is expected to throw his ace, Freddy Petty. Petty has beaten both

South Point (14-0) and Shelby (6-5) and recently hurled a no-hitter against North Gaston.

KMHS Coach Barry Gibson is expected to throw sophomore lefthander Tim Leach (2-0).

Coach Gibson is hoping his hitting will come around. The Mountaineers were one of the best hitting teams in the SWC last year but so far this season only Scott Ellis has hit the ball

with any consistency. The senior outfielder currently is the only player hitting over .300. He's 8-for-17 for a .471 average. The only other player anywhere close to the .300 mark is Ellis's replacement at catcher, Tim Whitaker. He's hitting .286.

The Mountaineers managed only four hits Friday against South Point's ace righthander, Diz Richmond. They never could manage more than one hit in any one inning. KMHS scored both of its runs in the fourth inning, one scoring on a fielder's choice and the other on a double by Danny Bolin.

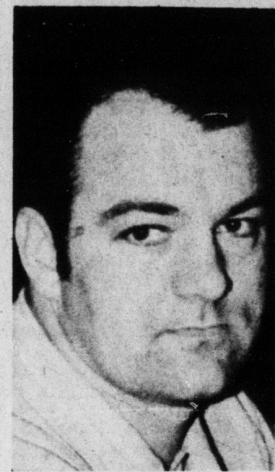
South Point had grabbed a 2-0 lead off Ronnie Wilson in the third on a walk and two errors by centerfielder Jimmy Hall.

The Raiders got back-to-back singles by Richmond and Mitch Painter to open the decisive sixth and Coach Gibson called Leach out of the bullpen.

An out later, Richmond was caught in a rundown on a suicide squeeze attempt, and Painter ended up on third. He then scored the winning run on a

passed ball. The Mountaineers blew several scoring chances. After being retired in order in the first inning, they put runners in scoring position in each of the last six frames, but couldn't come up with any hits to drive them home.

South Point had runners in scoring position in every inning except the fourth and fifth, when Wilson retired the Raiders in order.



JERRY ADAMS

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County  
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## KMHS BOXSCORE

THE BOXSCORE				
K. MTN.	AB	R	H	RBI
Hall, cf	3	0	1	0
White, 2b	4	0	1	0
Robinson, ss	4	0	0	0
Ellis, lf	2	0	1	0
Dixon, pr	0	0	0	0
Wilson, p	3	1	0	0
Leach, p	0	0	0	0
Whitaker, c	3	1	0	0
Valentine, 1b	2	0	0	0
Bolin, 3b	3	0	1	1
Loftin, rf	2	0	0	0
Hayes, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	4	1
S. POINT				
Barker, ss	3	0	1	0
Armstrong, 3b	2	1	0	0
Shepherd, 2b	3	1	0	0
Richmond, p	2	0	1	0
Painter, c	3	1	1	0

Gibson, cf	3	0	1	0		
Stowe, 1b	3	0	0	0		
Sausedo, rf	2	0	0	0		
Hastings, ph	1	0	1	0		
Suggs, lf	2	0	0	0		
Totals	24	3	5	0		
By Innings:						
KM	000	200	0	2		
SP	002	001	x	3		
E — Hall 2, Loftin 2, Barker, Armstrong, Shepherd, Painter. LOB — KM 7, SP 4. 2B — Bolin.						
Pitcher IP HR ER BB SO						
Wilson (L, 1-2)	5	4	3	1	2	5
Leach	1	1	0	0	0	0
Richmond (W)	7	4	2	0	3	7

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