

# Charlie Burns To Coach KMHS Jayvees



**JAYVEE COACH** — Charlie Burns, long-time successful midget coach here, has been named jayvee football coach at Kings Mountain High School. Burns coached the KM midgets to a 34th place ranking in the nation in 1975.

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Charles Burns, All-Conference guard at Kings Mountain High in 1960 and '61 and more recently a successful midget coach in the Optimist Club program here, has been named jayvee football coach at KMHS.

New athletic director Dan Brooks made the announcement today, noting that Burns will also help out with the varsity.

"With a limited number of teaching vacancies, we're finding it hard to find coaches," noted Brooks. "Charlie really wants to coach and that's a big part of the battle."

Burns, who has coached midget ball here since 1970 and in '75 coached the local team to a 34th ranking out of over 20,000 midget teams in the nation, says he's "tickled to death" about being named to the KMHS staff and views his upcoming job as "an opportunity and a challenge."

Many of the players that starred on Burns' nationally-ranked team of '75, which finished 8-2-1 overall, will be sophomores and juniors for KMHS next fall.

Burns' jayvees, like the varsity, will run several variations of the I-formation.

Burns says he first began thinking of becoming a football coach his senior year in high school, when he helped lead the Mountaineers to a 9-1 record under the late

John Gamble. "My senior year," he recalled, "I had two study halls and I spent them in Coach Gamble's office. We'd go over game films and just talk about football all the time. That's what got me interested."

Coaching jayvees won't be an entirely new experience for Burns. In 1962, he was a volunteer assistant to coaches Bill Cashion and Fred Withers,

helping coach the Little Mountaineers to the Southwestern Conference title. The same players he coached then moved on and helped the varsity win back-to-back titles in '63 and '64.

Burns won the coveted Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy and the Area 3-A Lineman of the Year Awards his senior year and also was a starter on the Southwestern Conference

team in the Lions Bowl game in Forest City. The SWC edged the Northwestern Conference 14-13 aided by a Burns pass interception.

Burns was little (155 pounds) but was loud. He ranked among KM's best linemen in an era when Kings Mountain was the king of Southwestern Conference football.

Burns, like most successful coaches, feels

success comes through a lot of hard work.

"I think a coach has to realize that the boys weren't born knowing how to play football," he says. "He has to be shown. It takes a lot of patience and hard work."

Burns will give up his midget duties, but says he will remain a member of the Optimist Club and help out in any way he can.

"I feel like the ml program is very impor to the high sci program," he says. "Little boys learn how take the bumps bruises. The Pop Wa program is thorough as as safety is concern Burns has spent his money attending foot coaching clinics Brooks pointed out 1 that kind of dedication assured him Burns qualified to head jayvee program

"I've gotten sort addicted to clinics," ne Burns. "You can pick u much from them. Sin didn't go to college th how I've gotten my foot education."

Burns says t anxiously awaiting July when the Mountaine begin pre-season dri The Little Mountaine will open their sea exactly a month la against Burns.

"It'll be like a 1 ballgame to me," he s "I don't know wh coming out and I d know anything about teams we'll be playing. I'm going to be optimis We'll give it our best shc

## Cloninger Hurls No-Hitter

Jeff Cloninger of the Kings Mountain Redlegs hurled a no-hitter Friday night at Sims Legion Park in Gastonia as the Reds blanked the Gastonia Cardinals 9-0 in a Senior Babe Ruth League game.

The Redlegs scored four runs in the first inning, and that was all Cloninger needed to post his first pitching win. The victory gave the Reds a 3-0 record for the year.

Cloninger's performance was aided by a defense which turned in three double plays, one by Mark Schuman and Rick Chapman, the other by Cloninger and David Ray Robinson and the third an unassisted DP by Bruce

Valentine. The Redlegs collected eight hits, including two each by Steve Lancaster and Schuman and one each by Cloninger, Jimmy Hall, Bryon White and Tim Whitaker. Lancaster and Schuman had triples, and Lancaster, Schuman, Cloninger and Whitaker had doubles.

The Redlegs won their second game of the year Wednesday night at Lancaster Field, defeating the Kings Mountain Dodgers 3-0 behind the one-hit pitching of Robinson.

Robinson had a no-hitter going until the fifth, when Sellers beat out an infield hit.

The Reds collected seven hits, including two each by Robinson and Hall and one each by Whitaker, Lancaster and Jody Deaton.

**THE SCHEDULE**

AUGUST	
31	— Burns
SEPTEMBER	
7	— Ashbrook
14	— at R-S Central
21	— at Shelby
28	— Crest
OCTOBER	
5	— Open
12	— E. Gaston
19	— Maiden
26	— AT N. Gaston

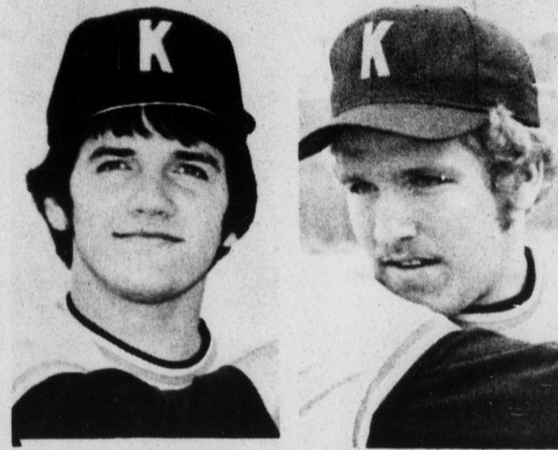
## Kemper Open To Be Shown

CHARLOTTE — With the \$300,000 PGA Tour Event, the Kemper Open, being held in Charlotte, WBTV, will prominently feature coverage of this exciting tourney with special reports, a film on last year's action, and live telecasts of the final two rounds.

WBTV Sports Director Jim Thacker will be on the scene to report highlights of the day's action each night beginning Monday, May 29th. These "Kemper Open Reports" will be scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at 11:35 p. m. Tuesday night at 11:50 p. m., and Saturday and Sunday nights at 11:30 p. m.

On Saturday, June 3rd at 3:30 p. m. WBTV will present a film entitled "The Kemper Open 1977: 10 Great Years." Flashbacks to great shots and great winners from past Kemper Opens are the background for the exciting highlights of last year's 10th anniversary Kemper Open, in which Tom Weiskopf fought off a strong challenge from George Burns and Bill Rogers to win the \$50,000 first prize.

Immediately following the film, from 4:00 til 5:00 p. m., CBS and WBTV will cover the third round of the tourney, and, on Sunday from 4:00 until 6:00 p. m., will bring you the final round.



RAY ROBINSON

JEFF CLONINGER

## Juniors Host Shelby In Area 4 Opener

Kings Mountain's American Legion Juniors open regular season Area Four play tonight at 7:30 at Lancaster Field against Shelby.

The Juniors play three games at home this week, meeting Morganton Friday and Hickory Saturday.

Coach Robbie Moore is expecting a much-improved team over a year ago.

Post 155 geared up for tonight's game last Thursday with an

exhibition game in Belmont against a powerful Post 144 outfit. Belmont scored six unearned runs in an 8-6 victory.

"We didn't hit the ball as well as I thought we would," noted Coach Moore, "but I was really impressed with our pitching. Dwayne Lawson worked four innings, Jimmy Lutz three and Jerry Swink one and they didn't give up a walk."

Kings Mountain

collected only seven hits, including two each by Steve Deal of Clover and Chris Atkins of North Gaston. Post 155 played without the services of last year's MVP, Mike Jackson, but he should be in the lineup tonight.

Kings Mountain scored three runs in the first inning on four walks and a single by Deal and added single runs in the sixth, seventh and ninth. Post 155 collected four of its seven hits in the ninth and left the bases loaded.

## Neisco Wins 14-10

Neisco slammed seven extra base hits Friday and defeated Champion's Landscaping 14-10 to run its little league record to 7-1.

Todd Cloninger blasted two home runs, Walter Cooper had three doubles and Tommy Batchler two doubles to lead the plate attack. Johnny Yarbro had two singles and Cloninger, Randy Whitaker and Mike Homesley had a single apiece.

Randy Whitaker was the winning pitcher, working four innings and fanning six. Batchler pitched two innings and fanned two.

## Grid Clinic Slated

Area boys and girls are reminded of the free football clinic scheduled for July 10-11 at Kings Mountain High School.

The clinic is open to all persons ages 10-14 and will begin at 9 a. m. each day. You are to bring a light lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Dan Brooks, head coach at KMHS, will head up the coaching staff. Also helping out will be his assistants, local youth coaches and area college players.

Any persons interested may contact Dan Bagwell or Charlie Burns.

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