

# Mounties Meet East Gaston For Southwestern 3-A Crown

Kings Mountain and East Gaston, which split a pair of eight-inning one-run games during the regular season, opens best-of-three series for the Southwestern 3-A Conference championship at 4 p.m. today at the East Gaston field.

The two Eastern Division teams won the right to battle for the conference crown last week by sweeping the top two teams in the Western Division in two straight games. East Gaston outscored Crest in a pair and Kings Mountain edged first place Burns twice by a run.

The Mountaineers completed their two-game sweep Thursday night at home with a 5-4 victory. They trailed 4-2 going into the bottom of the sixth, then struck for three runs to win for righthander David Ray Robinson, who pitched five strong innings in relief of starter Ricky Proctor.

Kings Mountain collected five of its nine hits in the sixth inning with an infield hit by Bryon White bringing home the winning run.

Burns grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third off Proctor and after KM came back for a 2-1 edge, the visiting Bulldogs put two on the board in the fourth and one in the sixth for a 4-2 lead.

But the Mountaineers' bats came out booming in the bottom of the sixth and they scored their fourth straight one-run victory and their seventh straight win overall.

Mark Schuman led off the winning rally with a single down the leftfield line and was sacrificed to second by Robinson. Schuman scored on a single by designated hitter Lyn Hayes to cut the difference 4-3 and on a 3-1

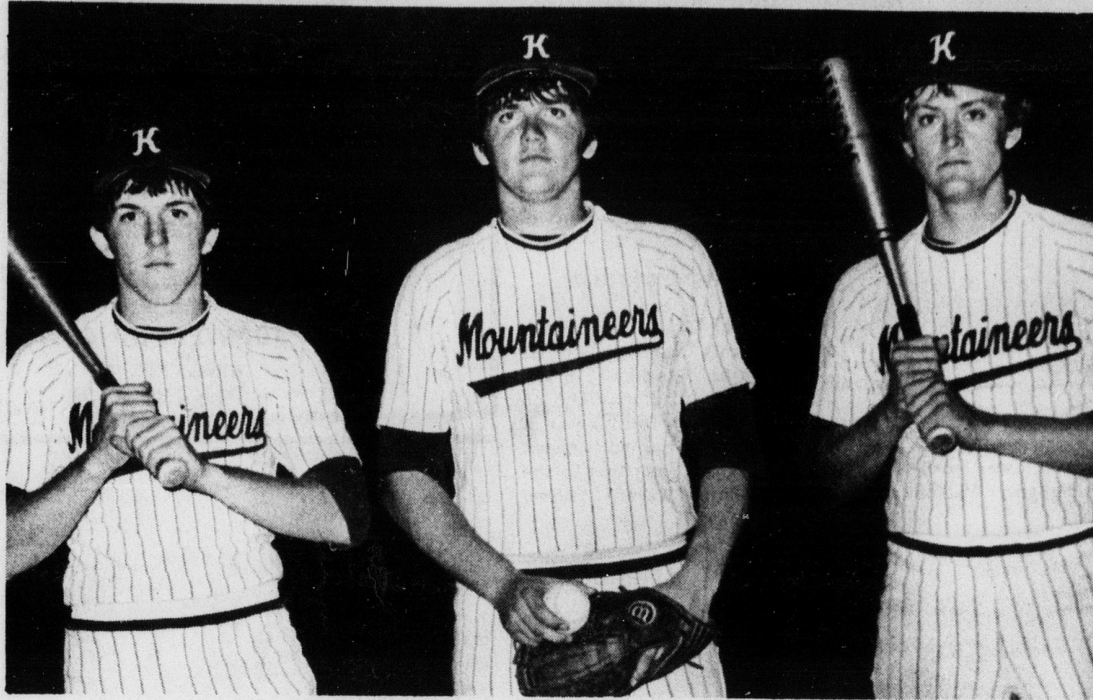


Photo by Gary Stewart

**AID KM WIN**—These three Mountaineers were big keys in Kings Mountain's 5-4 playoff win over Burns Thursday night at Lancaster Field. Bryon White, left, drove in the winning run in the bottom of the sixth. Ray

Robinson, center, came on to pitch in the second inning and went on to pick up the win, and Danny Bolin, right, doubled in the tying run in the sixth and scored the winning run on White's single.

pitch, Danny Bolin hit a line-shot to the right-centerfield fence to plate Hayes' pinch-runner, Tony Boyce, with the tying run.

Burns Coach Tommy Pruett called on his ace, Louie Grigg, to relieve starter Al Floyd and Grigg fanned Tim Whitaker for the second out. Bolin, who had moved to third on an attempt to get Boyce at the plate on the double, then scored the winning run when White beat out a bouncer to the hole between shortstop and third.

Robinson, who finally had things go his way after experiencing a lot of hard-luck pitching during the regular season, came out in the bottom of the seventh and after walking a batter with one away, fanned Grigg and Chris

Cody back-to-back to end the game.

Kings Mountain had its best night at the plate in several games, getting nine hits. Schuman, Hayes and Jim Chapman all had two hits each to lead the attack.

Burns managed only five hits, two off Proctor and three off Robinson. Robinson's seventh inning walk was the only one he issued and the senior righthander struck out five Bulldogs.

Robinson came on with nobody out and runners on

fourth with two and the Bulldogs added another in the sixth for their 4-2 edge going into the bottom of the decisive sixth.

Robinson's victory in relief gave him some revenge for a regular season loss at Burns when the Mounties were no-hit by Grigg. Robinson now has a 2-2 record.

Today's SWC championship opener between the Mountaineers and East Gaston will be another matchup of the league's top two pitchers, left-hander Tim Leach (9-1) of the Mountaineers and righthander Freddie Petty (7-2) of the Warriors. In regular season play, Petty and the Warriors edged Leach and the Mounties 1-0 in an eight-inning game at East Gaston and the Mounties defeated Petty, who was pitching in a relief role, 5-4 in eight innings in a game played here.

If a third game is needed in the KM-East playoff, it will be played next Tuesday and probably on a neutral field. The conference champion must be decided by May 19. The winner will advance to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association playoffs.

## SPORTS

### Open Sectional Tomorrow Netters Divide Pair

Kings Mountain High's netters divided a pair of 5-4 Southwestern Conference matches last week to end their season with a 6-2 conference record and 12-5 overall mark.

The Mountaineers edged 4-A Hunter Huss 5-4 Wednesday before bowing to South Point by the same score Thursday in a match that determined second place in the final SWC standings.

Coach Ed Guy's charges split the six singles matches against Huss, then claimed the win with two victories in the three doubles matches.

Against South Point, the Mountaineers lost five of the six singles matches but

came back to sweep all three doubles matches.

"I'm real proud of the team," noted Guy. "The boys did a good job this year. I'm really proud of the way they came back against South Point after losing five of the six singles matches. South Point played its usual lineup in doubles so it took a lot of character for our guys to bounce back like they did." The Mountaineers' top

six will be going to Shelby Wednesday and Thursday to compete in the Sectional Tournament. Chuck Walker and Scott Hardin will represent the Mounties in singles and the teams of Chris Keeter-Tom Cox and Barron Wilson-Kenny Horne will compete in doubles.

The top four finishers in both singles and doubles will advance to the Western Regional tour-

nament next week at Hickory.

#### SOUTH POINT

(Singles)  
 Fran Slavich (SP) def. Chris Keeter 6-3, 6-2.  
 Scott Barker (SP) def. Barron Wilson 6-1, 6-2.  
 Rodney Huffstetler (SP) def. Tom Cox 6-3, 6-4.  
 Kenny Horne (KM) def. Deepak Sawhney 7-6, 6-2.  
 Jim Ashworth (SP) def. Chuck Walker 6-3, 6-1.

#### (Doubles)

Keeter-Cox (KM) def. Slavich-Baker 7-6, 6-1.  
 Wilson-Horne (KM) def. R. Huffstetler-Sawhney 6-2, 6-2.  
 Walker-Hardin (KM) def. Ashworth-J. Huffstetler 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

#### HUSS MATCH

(Singles)  
 Chris Keeter (KM) def. Roger Carrithers 6-3, 6-1.  
 Barron Wilson (KM) def. Charles Davis 6-1, 6-4.  
 Vince Quinn (HH) def. Tom Cox 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.  
 Kenny Horne (KM) def. Chris Cody 6-3, 6-3.  
 Tim Lyles (HH) def. Chuck Walker 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.  
 Mike Ferguson (HH) def. Scott Hardin 6-2, 7-5.

#### (Doubles)

Keeter-Cox (KM) def. Carrithers-Quinn 6-2, 7-5.  
 Wilson-Horne (KM) def. Lyles-Ferguson 6-2, 6-2.  
 Davis-Tyno (HH) def. Walker-Hardin 6-2, 7-6.

#### THE BOXSCORE

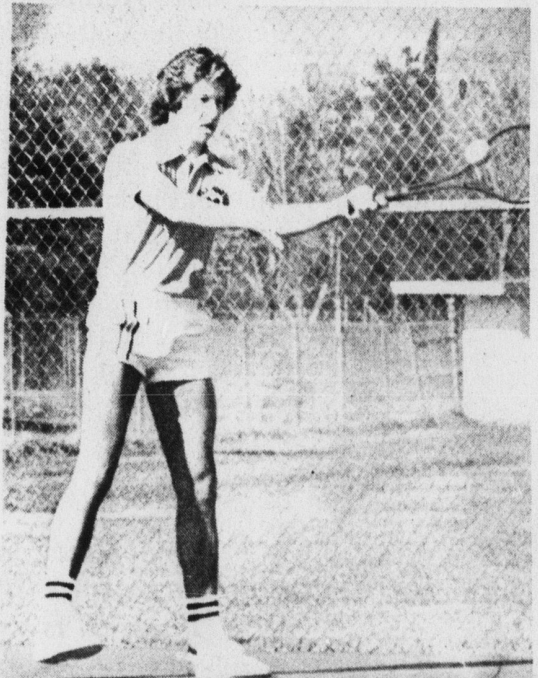
	BURNS	AB	R	H	BI
Crow, ss	3	0	1	1	
Towery, cf	3	0	0	0	
Heafner, c	4	1	1	0	
Cook, lf	3	0	0	0	
Shuford, if	3	0	0	0	
Floyd, p	2	0	0	0	
Grigg, p	1	0	0	0	
Wright, 3b	0	0	0	0	
Cody, dh	3	1	0	0	
Byrd, rf	3	2	3	0	
Dixon, 2b	3	0	0	0	
Totals	28	4	5	1	

	K. MTN.	AB	R	H	BI
R. Cpman, 2b	3	1	1	1	
Schuman, if	3	1	2	1	
Rbnsn, lb-p	2	0	0	0	
Proctor, p	0	0	0	0	
Hayes, dh	3	1	2	1	
Dixon, lb	0	0	0	0	
Bolin, 3b	3	1	1	1	
Whitaker, c	2	0	0	0	
White, rf	3	0	1	1	
J. Cpman, ss	3	1	2	0	
Moore, cf	3	0	0	0	
Totals	25	5	9	5	

By innings:  
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 KM 002 008

E - Whitaker, White, J. Chapman, LOB - Burns 9, KM 4. 2B - R. Chapman, Hayes, Bolin. SAC - Robinson.

Pitcher:	IP	H	R	BB	SO
Floyd	5-1-3	7	5	1	4
Grigg	2-3	2	0	0	2
Proctor	2	1	3	2	2
Robinson	5	3	3	1	6



TOM COX

Aids KM Net Win

### Miller Tourney Slated

The Miller Lite Invitational Golf Classic will be held this year at Woodbridge Country Club near Kings Mountain.

The 54-hole event will be held May 18-20. The Miller Lite Invitational is sponsored by Southern Wholesale of Charlotte, which provides Miller Brewing products for Gaston County.

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