

# SWC Baseball Title Is On The Line Wednesday

East Gaston and Kings Mountain will meet for the fifth and final time Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Sims Park in Gastonia to decide the Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball title.

Kings Mountain forced a third and deciding game in the best of three championship series Thursday night when the Mountaineers scored a 5-2 victory at Lancaster Field.

The two clubs will match 14-5 overall records and they're 2-3 against each other. Thursday's game

was the first one that was decided by more than one run.

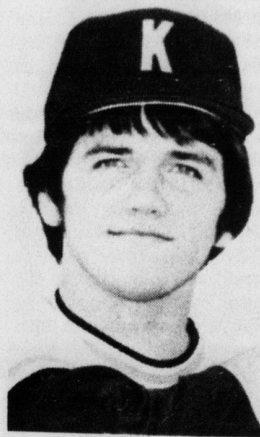
Coaches Barry Gibson of the Mountaineers and Jerry Adams of the Warriors will start their ace pitchers, Tim Leach (9-2) of the Mounties and Freddie Petty (7-3) of East Gaston. Both of Leach's defeats have been administered by Petty and the Warriors, 1-0 and 2-1.

The winner will not only win the SWC championship trophy but will represent the conference in the state 3-A playoffs which begin next week.

All state playoff games are one-game elimination, except for the state championship, which is a best of three series.

Kings Mountain is seeking its fifth SWC baseball crown while the Warriors are trying for their first. The Mountaineers won titles in 1963, 1967, 1969, and 1974. The '69 team won the Western North Carolina High Schools Activities Association title.

All of the scoring in last Thursday's game came in the first inning. After that it was a pitcher's duel between KM's David Ray



RAY ROBINSON

Robinson, who won his third game in five decisions, and East Gaston's Wayne Kinley. Robinson went the distance, hurling a four-hitter. Three of the Warrior hits came in the top of the first, when they jumped to a 2-0 lead on a two-run double by catcher Phil Jonas. Jonas has driven in all four of East Gaston's playoff runs.

Kings Mountain chased Warrior starter Vance Cleveland in the bottom of the first, scoring five runs on a walk, error, fielder's choice, singles by Bryon Bolin, Alan Putnam and Jim Chapman and a sacrifice fly by Bryon White.

Kinley, who lost a one-run game to Robinson and the Mountaineers in the final regular season game, held KM to two hits after the first inning.

Both clubs threatened after the first, but couldn't cross home plate.

Petty walked with two away and stole second in the third but Robinson fanned Jonas on a 2-2 pitch to end that opportunity. East had runners on first and second with one away in the fourth but Bolin forced the lead runner at third and Robinson struck out Kinley to end the inning. Shawn Devinney singled with one away in the sixth but was forced at second after Putnam dropped Doug Criswell's fly ball to right. Robinson then retired Tracy Black on a bouncer back to the mound, and put the Warriors down in order in the seventh to end the game.

Kinley retired the Mounties in order in the second and third but had to have a perfect strike from Black in centerfield to keep White from scoring in the fourth.

White reached on an error to lead off the inning and stole second and third. After Jim Chapman walked and stole second, Tim Whitaker filed out to center. White tagged up but was out at the plate when Black's throw hit catcher Jonas's mitt knee-high at home. Chapman moved to third on a single by Ricky Chapman but Kinley fanned Robinson to get out of the inning.

KM's only two baserunners after that were Lyn Hayes, who singled in the fifth, and Jim Chapman, who singled in the sixth, but neither man got past first base.



LEAGUE CHAMPS - Here's the Kings Mountain Junior High baseball team, which has clinched the Western Junior High Athletic Association title. The Patriots have a three-game lead over three other clubs with just two games remaining. Team members include, front row, left to right, Kenny Mitchem, Roy Mathis, Chris Champion, Terry Bullock, David Peeler, Edward

Austin, William Short and Kenny Mathis. Second row, Jay Schronce, Brent Bell, Kevin Jones, Tony Yarbrow, Jamie Greene, Phillip Selam, Mark Champion, Eric Spicer and Bobby Huffstetler. Back row, Randy Moss, Eric Ballew, Jeff Moss, David Turner, Leard Keeter, Scott Shaw and Lindsay Davis.

## Parks Neisler, Solly Foy Win KMCC Golf Crown

Kings Mountain's Parks Neisler and Solly Foy of Alexander City, Ala., fired a 67-71-188 Saturday and Sunday to win the third annual Kings Mountain Country Club Team Invitational golf tournament.

They edged a pair of Cleveland County teams which shot 198. Darrell Austin Jr. of Kings Mountain and Buck Dover of Shelby shot 67-72-188 and took second place. Austin parred the second hole of a playoff to win over defending champions Terry Abercrombie and Frank Helton, who shot 69-70-188.

Tommy Stines of Dallas and Gary Grimindl of Gastonia claimed fourth place with a 69-74-143.

A pair of KMCC members, Stoney Jackson and Mike Ballard, won the championship B flight with a 74-72-146. Bob Holdstein and Don Thompson of Gastonia were second at 147, Bob Bush of Caroleen and Gary Marshall of Henrietta third at 149 and James Cogdill and Freddie Smith of Gastonia fourth at 150.

Danny Harvell of Clover and Joe Deaton of Gastonia won the first flight with a 76-77-153. Jim

Reynolds of Caroleen and Glen Marshall of Henrietta were second at 155. Jim Cloninger and Scott Cloninger of Kings Mountain shot 158 and took third place in a playoff over Deric Crumbley and Ted Lunsford of Gastonia.

Ned Denton and Billy Joe Denton of Gastonia won the second flight with a 64-78-162. Walt Harmon and Charles Wilson of Kings Mountain were second at 164, Jerry Ross of KM and Russell Curtis of Denver, Col. third at 165 and Chuck Adams of KM and Allen Bates of Gastonia fourth at 166.



CHRIS JOHNSON

## Johnson Wins Best Back Award

Kings Mountain's Chris Johnson won the best defensive back award at the annual Gardner-Webb College All-Sports Banquet Thursday night.

Twenty-six awards were presented at the fete, which drew over 300 people. Former Wake Forest basketball coach Bones McKinney was guest speaker.

Johnson, a junior, was one of five football players honored. He's a three-time All-Conference and All-District player and last year was Honorable Mention All-American.

Johnson needs only one pass interception next year to tie the school record.

### Mary Adams

### Best Rookie

Mary Adams of Kings Mountain, a student at Peace College, Raleigh, was recognized as Rookie of The Year in volleyball during the annual Green Giants' Athletic Banquet May 1.

She is daughter of Dr. Charles H. Adams and the late Mrs. Adams.

THE BOXSCORE

	E. GAST.	AB	R	H	BI
McGee, dh	4	1	1	0	
Killian, ss	3	1	1	0	
Petty, lb	2	0	0	0	
Jonas, c	3	0	1	2	
Devinney, 3b	2	0	1	0	
Criswell, rf	2	0	0	0	
Black, cf	2	0	0	0	
Spears, 2b	3	0	0	0	
Cleveland, p	0	0	0	0	
Kinley, p	2	0	0	0	
Huffstetler, ph	1	0	0	0	
Totals	24	2	4	2	
K. MTN.					
R. Chpman, 2b	2	1	1	0	
Robinson, p	3	1	0	0	
Schuman, lf	3	0	0	0	
Hayes, dh	3	1	1	0	
Bolin, 3b	3	1	1	2	
Putnam, rf	3	1	1	1	
White, cf	2	0	0	1	
J. Chpman, ss	2	0	2	1	
Whitaker, c	3	0	0	0	
Totals	24	5	6	5	

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E - Devinney. LOB - KM 2, EG 5. 2B - Jonas. SB - Bolin. Putnam, White 2, J. Chapman, Killian, Petty. SAC - Criswell. SF - White.

Pitcher: IP H R BBSO  
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Kinley 5-1-3 4 0 1 3  
Robinson 7 4 2 3 5

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