

Robinson Ends Record Career At Western

CULLOWHEE—David Ray Robinson, Western Carolina University's righthander baseball pitcher from Kings Mountain, completed his WCU baseball career recently in record-setting fashion.

The 6-1, 200-pound senior, will leave WCU's baseball program as the school's all-time best relief pitcher. In his four seasons, Robinson set Western Carolina records in most pitching appearances in a career (63 and saves (20). During the course of his career he established single season records in pitching appearances (19 in 1981) and saves (seven, in 1981 and 1982).

Robinson was also Western's top pitcher in 1983 in terms of total victories. He had a 7-3 won-

lost record for the Cats as WCU posted a 25-20 overall record and finished third in the Southern Conference (9-5) behind league champ The Citadel and runner-up East Tennessee State.

In his career Robinson pitched 118 1/3 innings and never started a game. He had a career earned run average of 3.65 and had ERA's of 1.70 and 1.77 in 1981 and 1982, respectively. He had a 15-7 career won-lost record.

After a slow start this season, Robinson had several outstanding games. In Western's last game of the season (May 1 in the second game of a doubleheader with The Citadel), Robinson was



DAVID RAY ROBINSON

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BIG CATCH - Mike Bowen, left, and Paul Reynolds show off a catch of 60 bream they caught Tuesday morning at a farm pond in Kings Mountain. The bream, some weighing in excess of a pound, were caught on the bed.

3 Mounties Advance

Three Kings Mountain High tennis players are competing in the Western Regional Tournament in Hickory this week, having qualified by placing in the top four in the Sectional Tournament at Shelby last week.

Senior Jay Schronce qualified

in singles play and junior Jeff Barnette and sophomore Brad Jones qualified in doubles competition.

The top eight finishers in both singles and doubles at Hickory will qualify for the state tournament next week at Chapel Hill.

Top players from five sectionals will compete at Hickory.

Schronce, seeded fifth, won four matches at Shelby before losing in the semi-finals to Rusty Woy of Shelby, 6-0, 6-3. Before losing to Woy, Schronce knocked off number three-seeded Tony White of South Caldwell 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. White was ranked 26th in the state last year.

In earlier matches, Schronce defeated John Eaton of Cherryville 6-3, 6-0; Robbie Wilson of Hibriten 6-0, 6-4; and Ricky Falls of Burns, 6-0, 6-1.

Jones and Barnette, seeded number three, received a first round bye and then defeated three opponents before bowing in the semi-finals to Keiger and Dowdy of Shelby, 6-1, 6-4.

They defeated Sigmon and Cooper of Bandys 6-1, 6-0; Cartner and Ross of East Lincoln 6-0, 6-2; and fifth-seeded Ken and Cogan of Hickory, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Kings Mountain's Howard Allen was eliminated in the first round by Brian Riley of Newton-Conover 6-1, 6-2; and the KM doubles team of Mike Bowles and Thomas Putnam lost in the third round to sixth-seeded Henshaw and Lutz of Shelby 6-1, 6-4. They received a first round bye and defeated Jennings and Hook of Bessemer City 6-0, 6-1 in the second round.

As a team, the Mounties finished fifth with 23 points.

"Overall, our players did about what I expected them to do," Coach Ed Guy noted. "In most cases, they were beaten by better players, so I was pleased with all of them."

"Schronce did a real fine job, and so did Barnette and Jones. They're going to be the nucleus for a real good team next year that could contend for the conference championship."

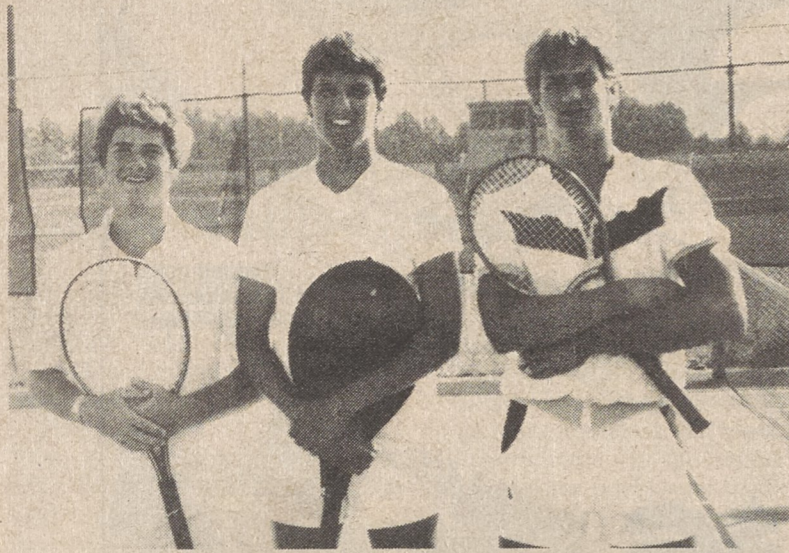


Photo by Edie Schronce

IN TOURNAY - The three Kings Mountain High tennis players pictured above are competing this week in the Western Regional Tournament at Hickory. If they win at least two rounds there, they will advance to the state tourney next week in Chapel Hill. Left to right are Brad Jones, Jeff Barnette and Jay Schronce.

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Bees Win Two Games

The Vitamin Bees won two games in Dixie Youth Minor League baseball action last week at Deal Street Park.

The Bees defeated the Yankees 15-5 Tuesday and the Optimist Club 13-6 Friday. In other action, the Cardinals defeated Plonk's Patriots 9-5 Thursday and the American Legion outscored the Yankees 15-8 Friday.

Jenkins hurled the win and went 1-for-1 at the plate to lead the Bees over the Yankees Tuesday. Moore and Broadwell were 2-for-3 each. Reynolds, Green and Young had a hit each for the Yankees.

Withers hurled the win and had a pair of singles as the Cardinals defeated Plonk Thursday. Sisk had a double for the Patriots.

Hopper hurled the win and clubbed a pair of triples to lead the Legion over the Yankees Friday. Young had a double for the Yankees.

Broadwell was the winning pitcher as the Bees outscored Optimist Friday. Roberts had the only hit for the Bees, but they took advantage of nine bases on balls and several errors. Rodgers had a double and Parker and Slycord added singles for Optimist.

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