

Mounties Lose Three



Photo by Gary Stewart

SAFE AT THIRD - North Gaston's Doug Ross slides safely into third base following a passed ball in first inning of Tuesday's Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball game against Kings Mountain at Lancaster Field. Kings Mountain's third baseman is Jarvis Young. North Gaston won 4-3.

Softball Marathon Set At Gastonia Park

The WAAK/Bud Light softball marathon for Easter seals will be held May 19-20 at Ferguson Park in Gastonia.

Local teams are encouraged to enter the event. To secure entry forms, call toll free 1-800-662-9712 or call Lee Young at WAAK in Dallas at 922-3411.

Entry fee, which is tax deductible, is \$100. All participating teams will receive two cases of Bud Light or soft drinks.

Teams raising \$250 or more will receive limited edition marathon T-shirts and teams raising \$350 or more will also receive marathon duffle bags.

The team raising the most money will receive a pizza party at the Pizza Inn in Gastonia, can huggers and a team trophy.

The second highest fund-

raising team will receive can huggers and a team trophy, and the team with the third highest amount of funds raised will receive a team trophy.

The top individual fund raiser will receive dinner for two at the Western Steer Family Steakhouse at I-85 and New Hope Road in Gastonia, one pair of "pick-a-tickets" to the Litchfield Cinemas, four tickets to a Charlotte O's game, and a trophy.

The second place individual fund-raiser will receive dinner for two at the Western Steer, two tickets to a Charlotte O's game and a trophy.

The number three individual fund-raiser will receive two tickets to a Charlotte O's game and a trophy.

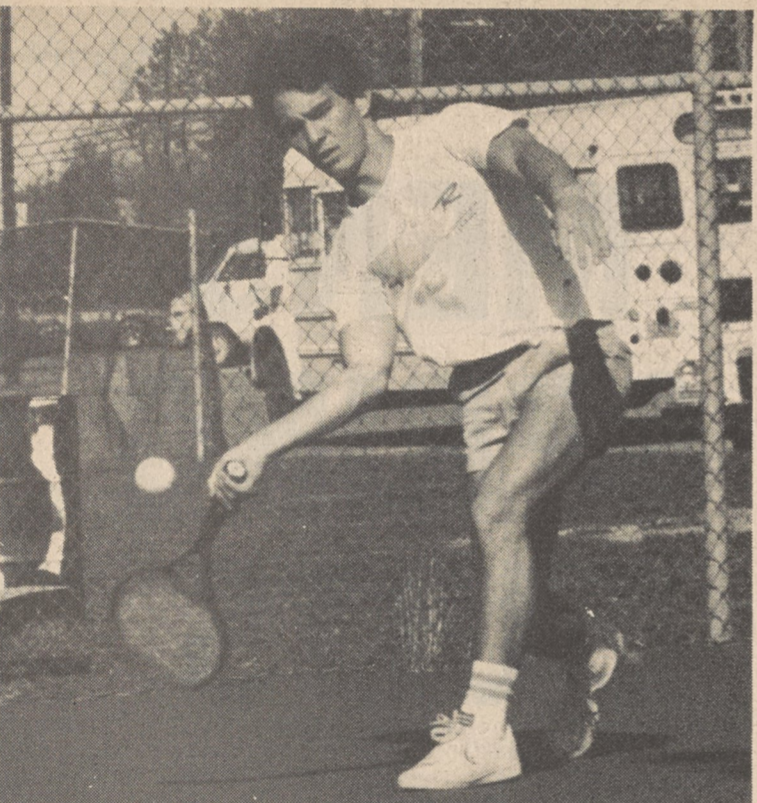


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AIDS KM WIN - Thomas Putnam, who plays the number three singles position, helped Kings Mountain High's netters defeat East Rutherford and Charlotte Latin last week. The Mountaineers travel to R-S Central today.

KMHS Netters Post Two Wins Last Week

Kings Mountain High's tennis team won a pair of matches last week to run their record to 2-0 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 7-3 overall.

The Mountaineers blanked conference foe East Rutherford 9-0 Wednesday and defeated Charlotte Latin 7-2 in a non-conference match Thursday.

The Mountaineers will travel to R-S Central Thursday and host Chase Friday.

KM 9, EAST 0 (Singles)

Brad Jones def. Jimmy Cilone 6-0, 6-0; Jeff Barnette def. Joel Cate 6-0, 6-1; Thomas Putnam def. Darren Sherwin 6-2, 6-0; Mike Bowles def. Paul Brown 6-4, 6-0; David Pervine def. Matt Stamey 6-2, 6-1; Wes Thompson def. Curt Pearson 6-4, 6-4.

(Doubles)

Putnam-Bowles def. Cilone-Stamey 8-0; Todd Wilson-Mike Reynolds def. Cate-Pearson 8-2; Paul Ware-Rich Scruggs def. Serwin-Brown 8-0.

KM 7, LATIN 2 (Singles)

Brad Jones def. Charles Dubose 6-1, 6-1; Jeff Barnette lost to Steven Culp 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Thomas Putnam def. Darren Young 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Mike Bowles def. Andy Howell 7-6, 6-1; David Pervine def. Rufus Timberlake 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; Wes Thompson def. Tony Messinger 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

(Doubles)

Jones-Barnette def. Dubose-Culp 8-1; Bowles-Putnam def. Young-Howell 8-3; Pervine-Todd Wilson def. Timberlake-Scott Marshall 8-1.

Kings Mountain High's baseballers had trouble hitting the ball and fielding it last week.

The Mountaineers collected only 10 hits and made 24 errors in losses to Shelby, South Point and East Gaston.

The Mountaineers went into the week with a 3-2 Southwestern 3-A Conference record and in the running for the Eastern Division title, and finished the week with a 3-5 conference mark and in last place in the division standings.

Kings Mountain fell to Shelby 10-6 in a makeup game Wednesday, lost to South Point 10-2 in a makeup game Thursday and fell to first place East Gaston 8-1 Friday.

The Mountaineers collected six of their 10 hits for the week against Shelby, but 10 Mountaineer errors led to their downfall. Shelby, trailing 1-0, scored eight runs in the second inning to put the game away.

Todd Cloninger started for the Mounties and took the loss. Marty Bridges and Jerry McDaniel also saw action on the mound. Billy Gamble went the distance for Shelby.

Rodney Baliew walked, stole second and scored on an error to give the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead in the first. But in the top of the second, Shelby took advantage of four walks, several KM errors and two-run singles by Jay Thompson and Mike Spangler to score eight runs.

Kings Mountain scored two more runs in the third on a walk to Thomas Breakfield, Baliew's single, a single by Paul Neisler, a Shelby error and a fielder's choice. The Mounties added another run in the fifth on singles by Richie Gold and Cloninger and scored their final two runs in the seventh on walks to Gold and Brad Reynolds, Kent Boheier's double and an infield grounder by Kelly Stewart which was turned into a fielder's choice.

The Mounties committed 10 more errors Thursday night at South Point as the Raiders kept hot on the heels of East Gaston in the race for two playoff positions from the Eastern Division. South Point held a 3-0 lead after three innings and then broke the game open with six runs in the fourth.

Kings Mountain picked up sigletons in the fifth and sixth frames. Doug Ramsey's double and a single by Cloninger were the only two KM hits.

Reynolds walked, moved to second on Cloninger's single and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Tommy Batchler to get KM on the scoreboard in the fifth. In the sixth, Maury Williams walked and scored on a double by Ramsey.

Batchler started for KM and took the loss. Bridges and Neisler came on in relief. Bobby Hargett worked the first five innings for South Point and got the win.

East Gaston took advantage of four KM errors to post two big innings Friday. Clint Wiles went the route for the Warriors. Cloninger worked the first two innings for KM and took the loss. He was relieved by Bridges

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

By innings: R H E
S 082 000 0 10 6 1
KM 102 010 2 6 6 10

Gamble and Hester; Cloninger, Bridges (3), McDaniel (5) and Yarboro, Stewart (6).

THURSDAY GAME

By innings: R H E
KM 000 011 0 2 2 10
SP 201 610 x 10 12 0

Batchler, Bridges (4), Neisler (6) and Yarboro, Stewart (6), Hargett, Mellen (6) and Cornell.

FRIDAY GAME

By innings: R H E
EG 104 000 3 8 7 0
KM 010 000 0 1 2 4

Wiles and Carrigan. Cloninger, Bridges (3), McDaniel (5) and Yarboro, Stewart (4).

CORRECTION

Kings Mountain High tennis player Mike Bowles won his match against his East Gaston opponent last week, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1. It was incorrectly reported in last week's paper that Bowles lost.

in the third and McDaniel in the fifth.

After spotting East Gaston a 1-0 lead in the first, the Mounties tied the score at 1-all in the bottom of the second. But the Warriors struck for four runs in

the third to break the game open.

KM's second inning tally came on walks to Cloninger and Neal Morris, a passed ball, and Johnny Yarboro's fielder's choice.

Yarboro's single and Reynolds' double were the only hits for Kings Mountain.

The Mountaineers are scheduled to play at Shelby Friday night. They host Crest Tuesday.

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