

Shriners Classic Scheduled

The second annual White Plains Shrine Club Weekend will be held May 11-13 in Kings Mountain.

Highlighting the event will be a 16-team, three-day softball tournament at City Stadium and Deal Street Park, and an all-day barbecue sale on Sat., May 12 beside City Auto and Truck Parts on Highway 161.

The Shriners raised over \$8,000 in their first annual event last year, and hope to go far above that figure this year. All proceeds will benefit the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C., which treats burned and crippled children at no cost to the patient's family.

Barbecue will be sold on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Whole shoulders will sell for \$30, barbecue plates will be \$3 each and sandwiches will be \$1 each. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the White Plains Shrine Club, or at City Auto and Truck Parts, Champion's Construction, Home Federal Savings and Loan and Linwood Restaurant. For delivery of tickets, call Carl Champion's office at 739-9511.

A full line of concessions will also be available at City Stadium and Deal Street Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and drinks will be available. "Softball fans can come out and see some of the finest softball anywhere, and have lunch at the ballpark," said Carl Champion, who along with Artie Shoemaker is directing the softball tourney.

Souvenirs, including "White Plains Shrine Softball Classic" T-shirts, will also be sold at the ballparks.

Shoemaker has lined up some of the most talented slowpitch softball teams in the two Carolinas, including two national champions and three state champions.

"There will be no better softball played in North Carolina this year than what's coming to Kings Mountain for the Shriners Classic," said Shoemaker.



Photo by Gary Stewart

EYEING SOFTBALL WEEKEND - Local Shriners and softball players are looking forward to May 11-13 when the second annual White Plains Shrine Classic will be held at City Stadium and Deal Street Park. Some of the top slowpitch teams in the Carolinas will compete in the event, including defending cham-

pion Gastonia Heating. Pictured above left to right, are tournament director Artie Shoemaker, slugger David Johnson and Manager Gary Lowe of Gastonia Heating, and Carl Champion and Tom Tindall of the White Plains Shrine Club.

Heading the list of entries is defending champion Gastonia Heating, which won the National Open Championship last year. Shortstop Tim White, who was most valuable player in last year's Shrine Classic, was also voted most valuable player in the National Tournament. The Gastonia team also boasts such power hitters as David Johnson and Buck Buchanan, who promised to put several softballs to rest in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

"We're going to dedicate all of our home runs this year to all the little boys and girls who are not able to get out and play ball," says Johnson.

Fab Masters of Greensboro, which finished second to Gastonia Heating last year, will return. The Greensboro team was runner-up to Gastonia Heating for the N.C. State Open championship last year and has been a North Carolina power for many years.

Loftis Roofing of Greer, S.C., has entered this year's event and will give Gastonia Heating some stiff competition. Loftis won the South Carolina State Open Championship last year and

were U.S.S.A. National Champions.

LeeRoy's Frame of Hickory will be another favorite. They won the North Carolina Class B Championship last year after winning the Hickory City League championship.

Southern Wholesale of Charlotte, the defending Charlotte City League champs, will return, along with Skidmore Construction, a long-time powerhouse in Gaston County.

A darkhorse could be Blanton's Barbecue of Fayetteville, a newcomer to the KM field.

Blanton's recently defeated Howard's Furniture of Denver for the championship of the Wilmington Azalea Slowpitch Classic. One of the team's top players is homerun hitter Mickey Morrison, who once played for Champion's Landscaping of Kings Mountain.

Some of the other favorites will be Hudson Sports of Lincolnton, the defending Lincolnton City League Champions, Electro-Ade of Spartanburg, S.C., Carolina Merchants

Mounties Drop Final Two Games Of Season

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contest here. Kings Mountain collected only six hits, with Thomas Breakfield, Kevin Echols, Bridges, Jarvis Young, Maury Williams and John Yarbboro getting one apiece.

Kings Mountain scored one run in the first on Breakfield's single, a walk to Kelly Stewart, and an error. The Mounties added two more in the fourth on a single by Echols, double by Young and a two-run double by Williams, and they got their last run in the sixth on Yarbboro's single, two South Point errors, and Kelly Stewart's fielder's choice.

Bridges went the distance Tuesday against East Gaston, scattering five hits. Clint Wiles went the distance for the Warriors, pitching a four-hitter.

East Gaston scored the only

run of the game in the fourth inning on a fielder's choice.

Kings Mountain had several scoring opportunities but couldn't cash in against the veteran East Gaston nine.

Todd Cloninger led the KM hitting with a single and triple. Richie Gold and Batchler added singles.

FRIDAY GAME

By innings: R H E
SP 111 123 0 9 11 3
KM 100 201 0 4 6 3

Bumgardner and Cornwell; Batchler, Bridges (5) and Yarboro

TUESDAY GAME

By innings: R H E
KM 000 000 0 0 4 2
EG 000 100 x 1 5 0

Bridges and Yarboro; Wiles and Carrigan.

Three Teams Winners In Minor League Play

Optimist defeated the Cardinals 12-4, Plonk Oil defeated American Legion 26-4 and Vitamin Bees edged the Yankees 6-5 in opening night action of the Dixie Youth Minor League baseball season Tuesday night at Deal Street Park.

Woods and Collins combined for the pitching win for the Optimist Club. Collins also went 2-for-3, including a double and triple. Rogers hit an inside-the-park home run and Jackson had a double and Putnam a single for the winners.

Steve Parker and Matt Bell shared pitching duties as Plonk defeated American Legion. The winners scored five runs in the first inning to put the game on ice quickly.

Rusty Burgess had two triples

and two singles to lead the Plonk hitting attack. Parker added a double and triple. Smith's single was the only hit for the losers.

Jenkins singled in the winning run in the top of the sixth as Vitamin Bees edged the Yankees. He was also the winning pitcher. Lemmons also had a single for the winners. Goforth had a single for the losers.



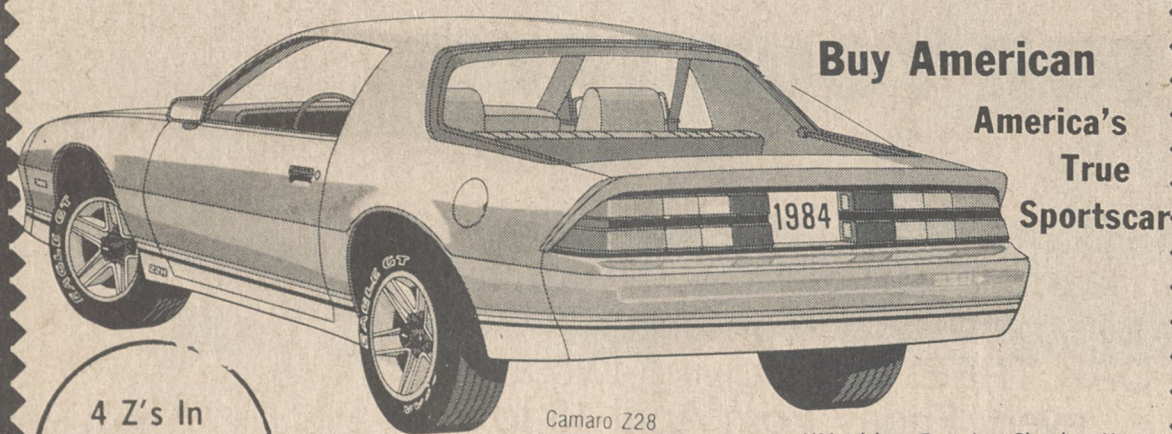
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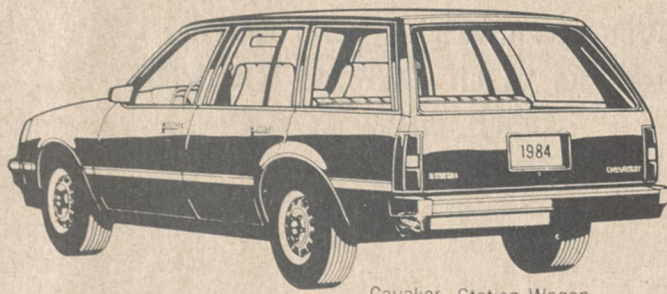
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