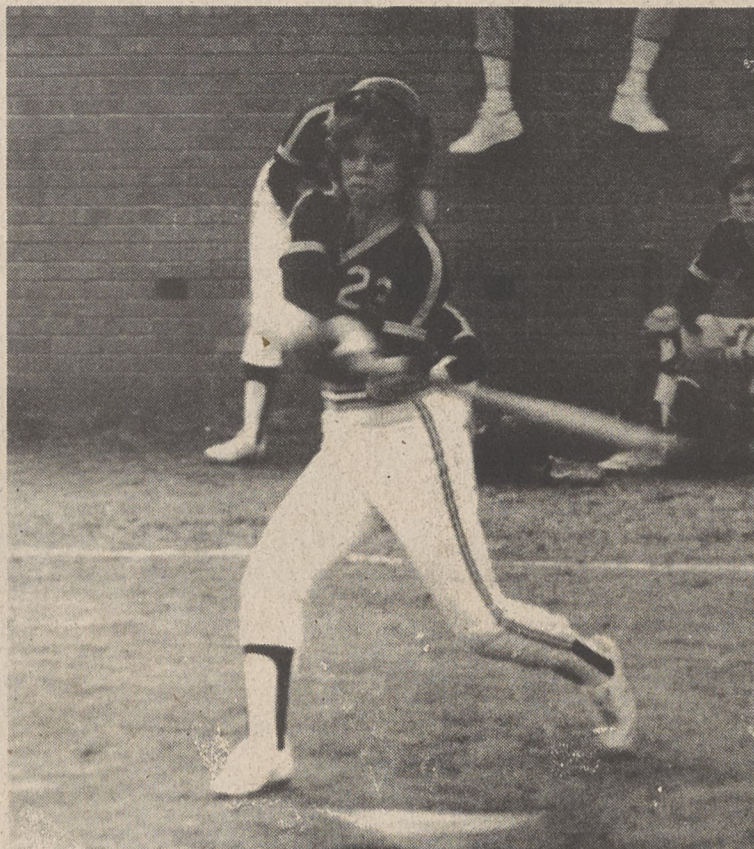


**SOFTBALL STANDOUTS** - Veterans Susie Moore, left, and Leigh Anne Odell will be trying to give Kings Mountain High's softball team a lift in games this week against Burns Thurs-



day and Chase Monday. The Mountainettes dropped both games last week to fall to 0-1 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 4-3 overall.

# Sports Briefs

## Junior High Baseball Opener Slated Thursday

Kings Mountain Junior High's scheduled baseball opener Monday with West Lincoln was postponed. The game will be played Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the KM field.

## Major League Tryouts Friday, Draft Saturday

Dixie Youth Major League baseball tryouts will be held Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the Deal Street field. The draft will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Players may continue to register until the time of the draft.

## Minor League Tryouts Monday, Draft Tuesday

Dixie Youth Minor League baseball tryouts will be held Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Deal Street field. The draft will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Deal Street. Players may continue to register until the time of the draft.

## T-Ball Tryouts Set For Saturday, March 30

T-Ball tryouts for youngsters ages six through eight will be held Saturday, March 30 from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at Deal Street Park.

# Softballers Lose Pair

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team will be trying to rebound from back-to-back losses to Hunter Huss and R-S Central when they entertain Burns Thursday afternoon.

The Mountainettes fell to Huss 5-3 in a non-conference game Saturday and then dropped a 8-3 decision to R-S Central in their opening Southwestern 3-A Conference contest Monday.

Coach Bruce Clark, whose

club was 4-1 after their first five non-conference games, says his girls need to get back on the winning track in order to make a run for the SWC playoffs.

"We're just not hitting the ball and aren't playing loose on defense," he says. "This is the first time in two years that we've lost two in a row. I really can't understand how we played so well in our first five games and then made a complete turnaround."

Although the loss to R-S will count against KM's conference record, it's the division record that determines the teams that make the SWC playoffs.

"I'll just attribute those two losses to poor coaching," says Clark. "We'll be back. We still haven't played any division games and that's what gets you in the tournament. You have to hit and play good defense to win in this league. We have good hit-

ters but we're just not hitting the ball."

Clark cited Stephanie Owens for her hitting in the two losses.

# Cage Finals Thursday

Optimist will battle Ole Country Store at 5:30 p.m. Thursday for the championship of the City Recreation Department's 11-12 year old basketball league.

The game will be played at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Optimist defeated First Federal and Ole Country Store defeated the Med

Shoppe in semi-finals action Monday. FUN Bank and Med Shoppe were scheduled to play yesterday for third place.

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An eight-team, double-elimination tournament for the Men's Industrial League championship will be held this week and next at the Community Center.

Action was scheduled to get underway Wednesday at 5:30 with Eaton taking on Foote Mineral. Other games included Kinmont against KM Hospital, Clevefont against Dicey Fabrics and Commercial Shearing against Spectrum.

Second round action will be held Friday, beginning at 5:30. Four more games will be played Saturday, beginning at 4:30, and the semi-finals and finals are scheduled for Monday, beginning at 6 p.m. The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. If the team from the loser's bracket wins, another game would be played at 8 p.m.

Kiwanis defeated Optimist to win the 8-10 year old tournament last week.

Kiwanis defeated Optimist in the winner's bracket semi-finals and Optimist earned another shot at the eventual winners by defeating Thombs Tigers in the loser's bracket finals.

Other teams entered were Plonk Oil, C&C Metal, Deacons, Jaycees and Custom Metal.

## Penner Wins CC Tourney

Pete Penner of Kings Mountain caught 13 pounds, 11 ounces of bass to win the Cleveland County Bass Club Tournament Saturday at Lake Murray, S.C.

Penner also caught the biggest fish, a four-pound, nine-ounce bass.

Richard Blanton of Kings Mountain took second place with a total catch of 11 pounds, eight ounces. Third was James Osborne of Shelby with six pounds, three ounces.

The club's next tournament will be at Santee Cooper on April 20.

## Tennis

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(Practice Matches)  
Eddie Scruggs (KM) def. Chad Ballad 6-0, 6-3; Daryl Chen (KM) def. Brian Ford 6-0, 6-3; Wayne Hamilton (KM) def. Jerry Woodsby 7-6, 6-3; Davey Lovelace (KM) def. Randy Thomas 8-3; Brienes-Tanner (EL) def. Henderson-Lovelace 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Hamrick-Webster (KM) def. Gais-Thomas 4-6, 7-5, 7-6.

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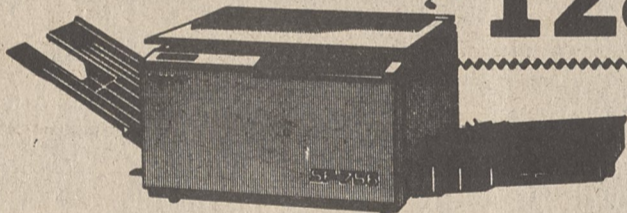
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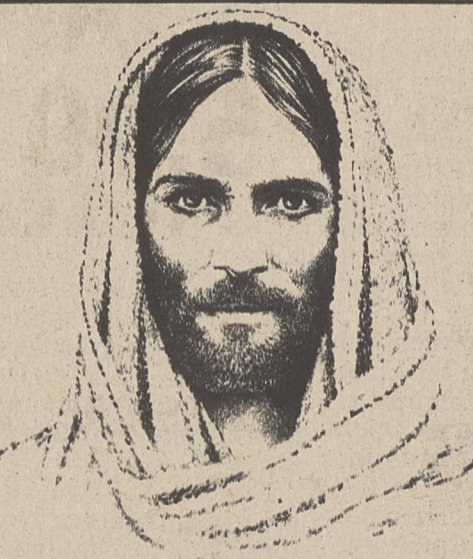
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