

Track Team Third In Thursday Meet

Kings Mountain High's boys track team finished third in a four-team Southwestern 3-A Conference meet Thursday at East Gaston.

The host Warriors won the event with 122 points, followed by South Point 62. Kings Mountain 60 and North Gaston 34.

The Mountaineers travel to North Gaston Thursday for a meet with the Wildcats and South Point.

Calvin Stephens and Thurman Thompson were the only first place winners for the Mountaineers last week. Stephens won the shot put with a throw of 47'11". Thompson took the pole vault with a leap of 10'6".

Second place winners for the Mountaineers included Keith Pettus, who threw the discus 127'4". Mike Grier, who won the 100-meter dash in 11.1 seconds, and John Foster, who won the 1600

meters in 3:53 minutes.

Junior Melton was third in the 400 with a run of 55.5 seconds. Monte Huffstetler was third in the 800 in 2:07 minutes, and Foster was third in the 3200 in 10:56 minutes.

Baseball

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in the bottom of the sixth tied it and forced an extra inning. Consecutive walks to Larry Yarborough, Fleming and Proctor set the stage for Ballew's double.

After R-S took the lead in the top of the eighth, Proctor led off the bottom of the eighth with a single and moved to third on a passed ball and fielder's choice. But Harris came up with a big strikeout to end the game.

THURSDAY GAME

By Innings:	R	H	E
HH	000	100	0
KM	121	100	x

Huffstetler, Fletcher (2) and Haney; Bumgardner and Stewart

TUESDAY GAME

By Innings:	R	H	E
RS	002	011	01
KM	001	003	00

Harris and Shehan; Bumgardner, Bridges (6) and Stewart.

CASTIN' ABOUT

by Ron Shearer,
the Red Man Fisherman
Three Time National Champion
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for The Largest Daily
Tournament Catch

Two techniques for fishing the plastic worm that we're using now on the pro circuits are "flippin'" and "skippin'."

"Flippin'" is the use of a long rod on which the bait is swung (not cast) with a pendulum motion on a short amount of line. Hold the rod in the right hand and swing the lure toward a likely spot. Meanwhile, you hold some slack line in the other hand and feed it through the first rod guide to control the amount of line that is out and control the worm as it swings toward the target.

"Flippin'" works well in heavy cover because you can use 25- or 30-pound line and horse out the big fish.

"Skippin'" is a technique I developed which allows the fisherman to back further away from the cover than is possible with flippin'. Naturally, I'll be doing it while fishing along the Red Man Tournament Trail.

Often, fish are too spooky or the water too clear for flippin', so we can turn to skippin'. This calls for a seven-foot, six-inch spinning rod, like the one I designed for sidearm casting.

I've won about 30 tournaments on Kentucky Lake, my home waters, by skippin' around buckbrush that lines the banks. What this amounts to is using a two-handed, golf-type swing that lets me throw a worm low over the water, actually skipping when it hits the surface. The worm literally will skip under and into bushes and other flooded cover, going into places you can't reach with a regular cast.

Once the bait is inside the cover, I work it out to the edge fairly quickly, then slow it down. I sometimes jig it up and down there if the line is over a limb. A lot of strikes come right at the edge of the cover. Fish will follow the worm from the inside.

I like to use 17- or 20-pound line and a strong, stainless steel Eagle Claw hook for this technique. This enables me to really lower the boom when a fish hits. Big fish can break you off easily in the heavy cover, so you've got to disorient him when the hook is set.

You'll usually get more strikes skippin' than the guy who is flippin' or just casting around the edge of the cover. You'll lose some of the fish you hook, but you'll still end up with more at the end of the day.

Spring Sports Schedule

Kings Mountain Junior High-Senior High sports schedule for the coming week:

BASEBALL

Thursday, 4 p.m., Junior High at West Lincoln
Friday, 4 p.m., KMHS at Burns
Tuesday, 4 p.m., Chase at KMHS

SOFTBALL

Thursday, 4 p.m., Burns at KMHS
Monday, 4 p.m., KMHS at Chase

GOLF

Thursday, KMHS at East Gaston

TRACK

Thursday, KMHS boys at South Point
Wednesday, KMHS girls at East Gaston

SIDEWALK SALE!

Saturday, March 23 At

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