

Mounties Whip Huss, Lose To Hilltoppers

Kings Mountain High's baseball team split a pair of games during the past week, defeating 4-A Hunter Huss 5-1 Thursday in their final non-conference game and losing to R-S Central 5-4 in eight innings Tuesday in their opening Southwestern 3-A Conference contest.

Coach David Heffner takes his Mountaineers to Burns Thursday. The Mountaineers will host Chase Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Sophomore righthander Rusty Bumgardner went the distance Thursday to pick up his first high school win. He scattered five hits and struck out four.

His teammates backed him with a seven-hit attack and also played flawless defense for the first time this year. Hunter Huss booted the ball five times.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning and went on to build up a 4-0 advantage before Huss scored its only run in the top of the fourth.

Thomas Breakfield singled, moved to second on an error and scored on a single by Ritchie Gold in the first to score what turned out to be the winning run. The Mountaineers added two more in the second on a walk to Paul Neisler, Kelly Stewart's

sacrifice and singles by Roderick Boyce and Todd Fleming. Jarvis Young doubled and scored on a single by Bobby Pearson to make it 4-0 after three innings.

After the Huskies cut it to 4-1 in the top of the fourth, the Mountaineers closed out the scoring on a single by Keefer Ballew, a stolen base and a Huss error.

R-S Central punched out three singles in the top of the eighth off KM relief pitcher Marty Bridges to claim Tuesday's victory. The Mounties made five errors and left 11 men on base.

Righthander Rodney Harris went the distance for the Hilltoppers. He gave up six hits and struck out eight. KM Pitchers Bumgardner and Bridges gave up nine hits and fanned 11.

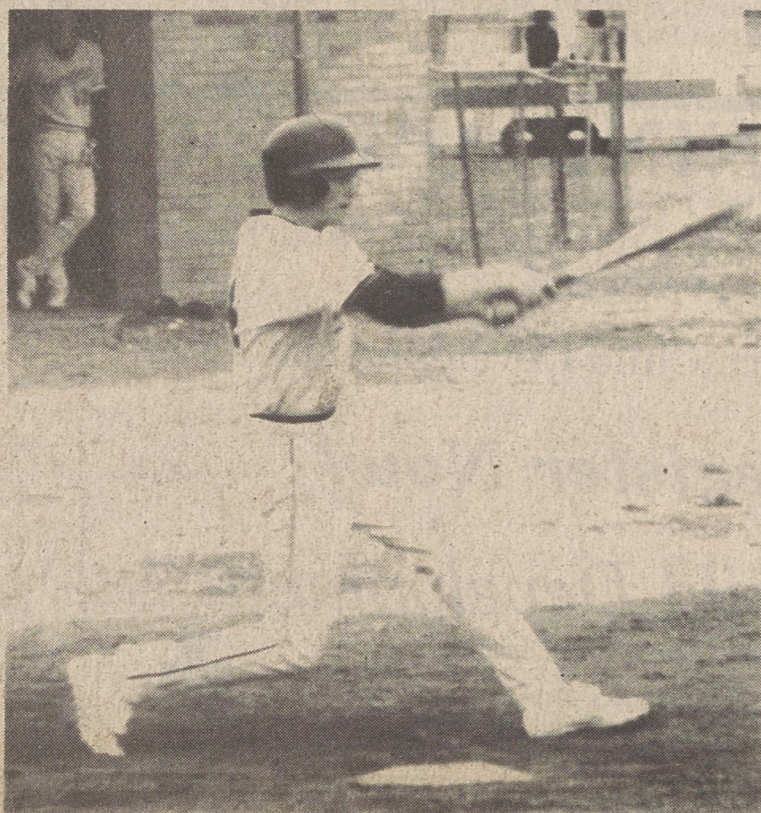
Charles Proctor led the KM hitting with three singles. Ballew added a three-run double and Fleming and Pearson each had a single.

Kings Mountain never led but was in good position to win the game on several occasions. The Mountaineers left the bases loaded without scoring a run in the first and second innings, left one man in scoring position in the third, two in the fourth, and one in the seventh and eighth innings.

R-S jumped to a 2-0 lead in the top of the third but the Mounties cut it to 2-1 in the bottom of the inning. Young walked, moved to second on a fielder's choice and scored on a fielder's choice.

The Hilltoppers picked up runs in the fifth and sixth to stretch their lead to 4-1, but Ballew's bases-loaded double

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SLAMS THREE-RUN DOUBLE - Keefer Ballew slammed a three-run double Tuesday to tie Kings Mountain's Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball game with R-S Central at 4-4 and force extra innings. The Hilltoppers pushed across a run in the eighth to win 5-4. The Mountaineers travel to Burns Friday and host Chase Tuesday.

Junior High Wrestlers Honored With Banquet

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers were honored at a banquet last week at the Western Steer in Shelby.

Sharing the most valuable wrestler award were Dallas Stacey and Daren Schenck. Stacy had a 10-1 record and Schenck finished 11-0.

KM Track Team Nips Hunter Huss

Kings Mountain's 1600-meter relay team won the last event of the day to defeat Hunter Huss 72-69 in a non-conference track meet Tuesday afternoon at John Gamble Stadium.

The Mountaineers of Coach John Goforth were down 69-67 going into the event.

Members of the winning team were Junior Melton, Derek Spann, Aubrey Hollifield and Monte Huffstetler.

The Mountaineers won seven other events, with John Foster and Calvin Stephens winning two apiece. Foster won the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and Stephens won the discus and shot put.

Thurman Thompson took first place in the pole vault. Jerry Currence, Tony Moore, Eddie Blanton and Andre Byers took first in the 800-relay. Melton won the 400-meter run and Huffstetler won the 800-meter run.

The Mountaineers travel to North Gaston today to face the Wildcats and South Point.

Bradley Henderson won the most improved wrestler award, Jason Dover the sportsmanship trophy and Schenck the quick pin award. He pinned one of his opponents in eight seconds.

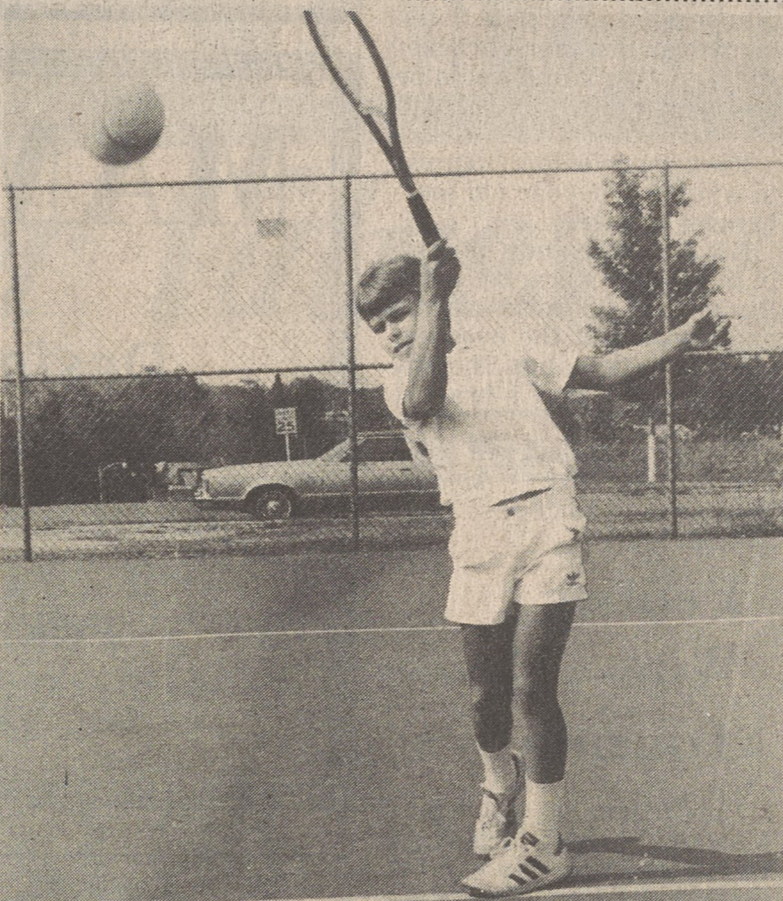
Other trophy winners included John Turner, Tony Parker, Tracy Sullens, Johnny Nations, Jimmy Sanders, Lynn Goddard, Anthony Hillman, Jamie York, Sterling Feaster and Wayne Brazzell.

"I really enjoyed working with this group," noted Coach Phil Weathers, who presented the trophies. "They really worked hard and well together. They have a lot to be proud of."

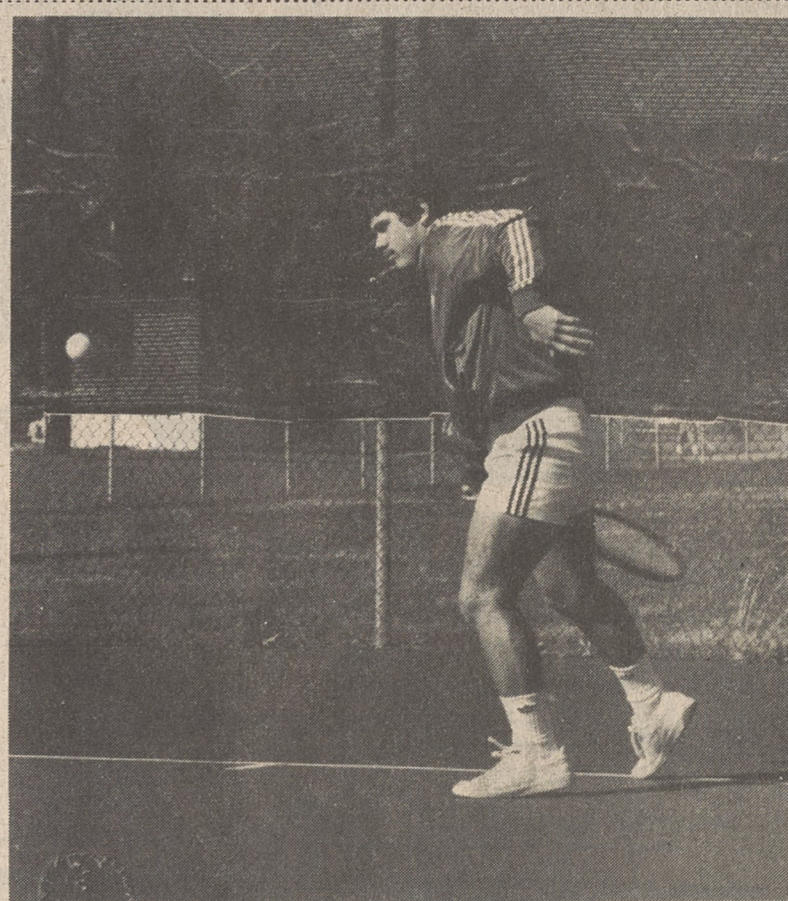
The Patriots won the Western N.C. Junior High Athletic Association for the ninth straight year and had a 10-1 overall record. Their only loss was to Lincolnton in a non-conference match and they claimed two victories over South Carolina power Sullivan.

The Patriots also received word this week that they had been declared co-champions of the tough Carolinas Open Tournament at Sullivan, which attracted some of the top junior high clubs from the two Carolinas. Sullivan, which had edged Kings Mountain and Union, S.C., for the team title, had to forfeit all of its victories last week after one of its wrestlers was ruled ineligible.

"This was a total surprise to me," said Coach Weathers. "We had no idea this had taken place but were really glad to have been declared winner of the tournament. This was quite an accomplishment for our team."



THE JONES BOYS - The whole town and most of the state will be talking about the Jones Boys from Kings Mountain before this high school tennis season is over. Freshman



Bryan Jones, left, and his brother, Brad, have teamed for three doubles victories and Bryan has won all of his singles matches in tennis action this year.

Netters Win One Of Three

Kings Mountain High's tennis team lost two of three non-conference matches last week. The Mountaineers fell to Freedom 6-3 and Ashbrook 5-4 and defeated East Lincoln 8-1.

Freshman Bryan Jones of the Mountaineers won all three of his matches and teamed with his brother, Brad, a senior, to win all three of their doubles matches.

FREEDOM MATCH (Singles)

Bryan Jones (KM) def. John Yancey 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Paul Puckett (F) def. Brad Jones 6-3, 7-5; Clay Yancey (F) def. Paul Ware 6-0, 6-1; Charles Suh (F) def. Todd Wilson 6-0, 6-0; Mike Link (F)

def. Wes Thompson 6-1, 6-2; Todd Rhyne (F) def. Eddie Scruggs 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

(Doubles)
Jones-Jones (KM) def. Yancey-Puckett 6-4, 6-2; Yancey-Suh (F) def. Ware-Thompson 6-1, 6-0; Wilson-Scruggs (KM) def. Thompson-Biggerstaff 6-2, 6-1.

(Practice Matches)
Daryl Chen (KM) def. Matt Gupton 6-1, 6-2; Hamilton-Lovelace (KM) def. McLean-Link 6-4, 6-4.

ASHBROOK MATCH (Singles)

Bryan Jones (KM) def. Jason Spargo 6-1, 6-1; Brad Jones (KM) def. Will Seabrook 6-0, 6-0; Mark Parrish (A) def. Mike Reynolds

6-4, 6-2; Dean Abee (A) def. Todd Wilson 6-1, 6-1; Benji Schwartz (A) def. Wes Thompson 6-1, 6-4; David Elerbee (A) def. Paul Ware 6-4, 6-2.

(Doubles)
Jones-Jones (KM) def. Spargo-Ellerbee 6-1, 6-3; Seabrook-Parrish (A) def. Reynolds-Wilson 7-6, 6-1; Thompson-Ware (KM) def. Schwartz-Taylor 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

(Practice Matches)

Eddie Scruggs (KM) def. Mark Taylor 8-2; Daryl Chen (KM) def. Sterling Pendleton 8-2; Lovelace-Hamilton (KM) def. Abee-Robertson 3-6, 7-6, 6-0; Scruggs-Chen (KM) def. Cates-Pendleton 6-2, 6-2; Blake-McCloud (A)

def. Lovelace-Henderson 6-4, 6-4.

EAST LINCOLN (Singles)

Bryan Jones (KM) def. Lindsay Dellinger 6-0, 6-1; Brad Jones (KM) def. Kendall Ross 6-0, 6-3; Mike Reynolds (KM) def. Tom Furr 6-2, 6-1; Todd Wilson (KM) def. Joe Myers 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Graham Perkins (A) def. Wes Thompson 7-5, 4-6, 7-6; Paul Ware (KM) def. Mike Motto 6-1, 6-3;

(Doubles)

Jones-Jones (KM) def. Dellinger-Ross 8-2; Ware-Thompson (KM) def. Furr-Perkins 8-6; Scruggs-Reynolds (KM) def. Myers-Motto 8-7.

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SIGNS WITH ABBEY—Doreen Pettus, Kings Mountain High School basketball standout, inks a grant-in-aid with Belmont Abbey College Monday afternoon. Looking on, left to right, are Abbey Coach Ann Payne, Doreen's mother, Mrs. Clarence Adams, and KMHS Coach Diana Bridges.

Doreen Pettus Signs With Belmont Abbey

Kings Mountain High basketball standout Doreen Pettus signed a grant-in-aid Monday to Belmont Abbey College.

Lady Crusader Coach Ann Payne was in Kings Mountain to ink the 6-0, All-Southwestern 3-A Conference standout.

"We expect Doreen to give us some immediate help at the center and forward positions," said Payne, who coached her first Abbey team to a 12-14 record this past year. "We expect her to improve every year."

Pettus averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game for Kings Mountain, which finished 8-10 and in sixth place in the tough SWC. She represented the school in the All-Conference team which was recent-

ly announced. She scored in double figures in every game except one and had a season's high of 35 points in a victory over East Rutherford.

"I feel like she'll do very well for the Abbey," said KMHS Coach Diana Bridges. "I'm pleased with the choice she made. Coach Payne is a very good coach and has a lot to offer Doreen besides basketball. She'll fit right into their program."

Pettus is Abbey's first recruit this year. Payne says she's hoping to sign five or six players to make up for the loss of some players through grades and injuries.

"We don't graduate anybody, but we're still looking for at least four players who can play right away," says Coach Payne.