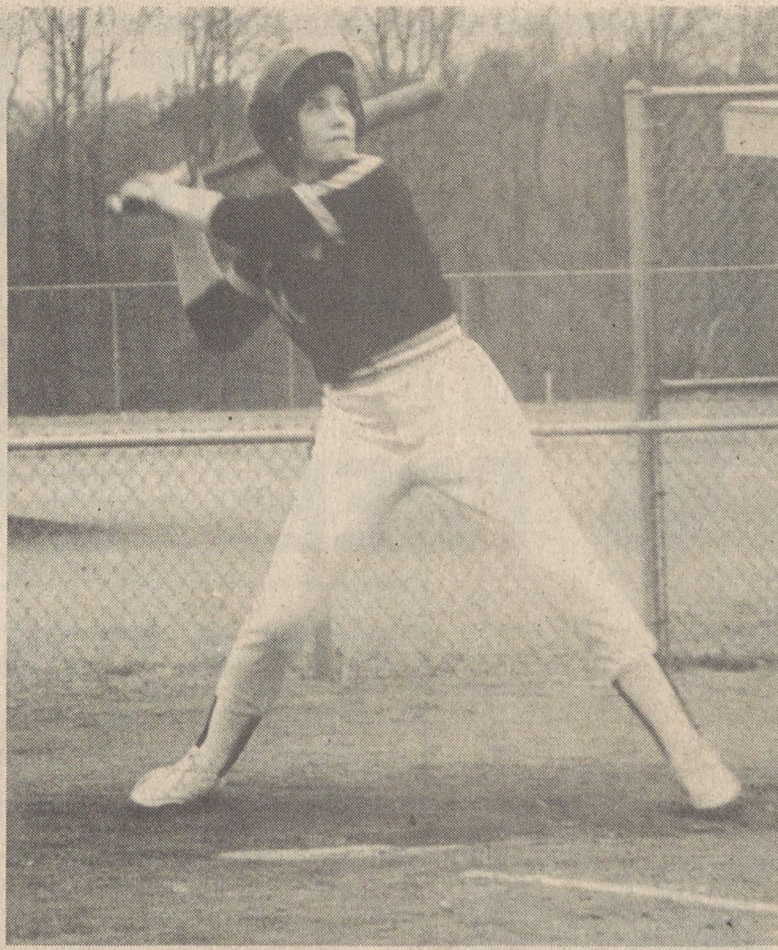


LEAD KM VICTORY - Susie Moore, left, slammed a three-run homer and drove in five runs, and Edie Herndon, right, hit a solo homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to lead Kings



Mountain High's softball team to a 7-6 win over Chase Monday in the opening game of the Southwestern 3-A Conference playoffs.

KMHS Girls Beat Chase

Edie Herndon's solo home run in the bottom of the sixth inning broke a 6-6 tie and gave Kings Mountain High's girls softball team a 7-6 win over Chase in the opening game of the Southwestern 3-A Conference playoffs here Monday.

The two teams were scheduled to play yesterday at Chase in the second game of the best-of-three series. The third game, if needed, will be played Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Junior High field.

The winner of the KM-Chase series will advance to

the SWC championship series next week against the winner of the East Rutherford-East Gaston series. East Rutherford leads that series 1-0. The two teams that qualify for the SWC finals will also qualify for the state tournament beginning later this month.

Senior Melanie Herndon hurled Monday's victory and insured the victory with a seventh inning strikeout when the Lady Trojans had the tying run on second base.

Susie Moore led the KM hitting with 3-for-3 and five runs batted in. She had a pair of run-scoring singles and slam-

med a three-run homer in the third inning to give Kings Mountain a 4-3 lead.

Leigh Anne Odell was

3-for-4 and Melanie Herndon and Cindy Bullock were 2-for-3 each.

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Foster Wins 3200-Run, James Signs With Bulldogs

John Foster was the only winner for Kings Mountain High School in last week's Southwestern 3-A Conference track meet at North Gaston. He won the 3200 meters in 10:18.91. Calvin Stephens of the Mountaineers was second in the shot put and Furman Thompson tied for second in the pole vault. As a team, the Mountaineers finished sixth. Shelby won the event.

Jesse James of Bessemer City, a transfer from Guilford, is one of 24 recruits signed by Gardner-Webb College football coach Woody Fish for next season. Two of Fish's most promising returnees next year are senior tackle Daryl Strong and sophomore running back Curtis Pressley of Kings Mountain.

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