

Baseball Appreciation Day This Saturday

Baseball Appreciation Day Saturday will feature city-wide events at all three playing fields at the KM High School and Junior High complex and will include participation from Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln County players.

A replica of NASCAR driver Bill Elliott's sportscar and appearance of WBCY Chicken will highlight the festivities which open at 2 p.m. with run, throw and hit contests for ages 6-15, all of whom can participate with a one dollar entry fee. Awards will go to class winners in five age categories from ages 6 to 15. The car will be on display from 4 until 8 p.m.

Baseball games will get underway at 4 p.m. on all three playing fields and T-Ball All Stars will play exhibition games starting at 5 p.m. at the KM Junior High field. Two teams of All Stars will compete for the championship title and will play two five inning games. Coaches for Team 1 are Bill Bridges, Mack Lefevers, Gary Oliver, John Melton and Junebug Harrelson. Coaches for Team 2 are Charles Putnam, Eddie Leftwich, Kenny Falls and Wingo.

Games will be going on at all playing fields at the Kings Mountain Junior and Senior High complex from 4 until 8 p.m.

Fourteen teams will be playing on three fields and the sports event is sponsored by the Babe Ruth League with finals competition beginning at 8 p.m.

Plenty of food and cold drinks from concession stands will be available during the afternoon and evening and contest prizes will be distributed at the close of the program.

The Schedule:

4:00 p.m. - A.L. Williams vs. East Lincoln (14-15 year olds)
4:00 p.m. - Southern Excavation, 14-15 year olds vs. East Lincoln

5:00 p.m. - T Ball All Stars No. 1 vs. T Ball All Stars No. 2
6:00 p.m. - KM No. 1 vs. East Lincoln 13 year olds
6:00 p.m. - Dennis Tigers 14-15 year olds vs East Lincoln
6:30 p.m. - T Ball All Stars No. 2 vs T Ball All Stars No. 1
8:00 p.m. - Kings Mountain No. 4 vs. East Lincoln Mustangs, 14-15 year olds.

Members of All Star Team 1 are Sidney Bridges, Kevin Melton, Biran Lefevers, Michael Bell, Keith Bryant, Chad Swan, Jeremy Oliver, Blair Williams, Josh Newton, Timmy Harrelson, Rich Broadwell, Todd Huntsinger, and Burgin Hall.

Members of All Star Team 2 are Bryan Leftwich, Sharee Hopper, Robert Wingo, Nathan Champion, Chad Adams, Shawn Gann, Jason Murphy, Kevin Falls, Chris Hutchins, Kenny Bridges, Dewayne Patterson, Spilker and Burns.

Players should report to the playing field at 4:30 p.m.

Kings Mountain No. 2 leads the Babe Ruth League with 7-1 followed by Dennis' Tigers in second place with 5-2 and Southern Excavation in third place.

The 13-year old Prep Babe Ruth Tournament will be held July 5 and run four days. Teams will be from Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland Counties.

The Babe Ruth team for 14-15 year olds will play in a tournament in Mount Holly July 9.

A.L. Williams Wins A Pair

A.L. Williams own a pair of games in Babe Ruth Prep League action last week.

The Williams team defeated Mount Holly 23-12 Thursday at East Gaston High School and then defeated Kings Mountain's unsponsored team 11-2 here Friday.

John Reid hurled the win in Thursday's game and also had a base hit. Chip Cash led the KM hitting with three hits and four runs batted in and Kevin Whittington, Chris Henson and Lee Guin had three hits each. Eric Peppard and Casey Wiggins added two hits each.

Against the unsponsored team Friday, Guin hurled the win and Chris Plonk took the loss. Henson led the A.L. Williams attack with three hits and Cash added two. Reid, Wiggins, and Lee McDaniel added one hit each.

Chris Plonk, Paul Brannon, Chad Bridges, Ronnie Carroll and John Gibson had one hit each for the losers.

The two Kings Mountain teams close out their regular season Saturday at the Kings Mountain High field. At 4 p.m., the A.L. Williams team faces Mount Holly and at 6 p.m. the unsponsored team hosts East Lincoln.

Braves Beat BB&T

Jim Testa's Braves ended BB&T's winning streak Monday night by walloping BB&T 29-11 in T Ball League action at Deal Park.

Brian Lefevers had three home runs and two triples, scoring five runs, to lead the action by the winners. He was assisted by Bryan Leftwich with one home run, scoring five runs; Michael Bell with one homerun scoring four runs; Jeremy Oliver with four runs; Cameron Falls with three runs and Trent Testa with one home run.

For the Braves, Jason Murphy also tripled and scored two runs; Alan Oliver had one run; Jeffrey Cooke had one run and Tommy Morrow had one run.

For BB&T Sidney Bridges had two homeruns, Jason Trammell had two runs and Towery had two runs.

In other T Ball action this week Dodgers defeated Parkdale 38-14 and BB&T whipped Patterson Oil 23-10.

For the Dodgers, Blair Williams homered and scored four and Josh Newton had two homeruns and scored five while Chris Hutchins had one homerun and scored six. For Parkdale, Lewis had a homerun and scored two.

Sidney Bridges had three homeruns for BB&T and

Shawn Gann had one homerun and scored three runs while Kevin Melton had two homeruns and scored four runs.

For Patterson Oil, Cartee, Travis Queen, and Todd Huntsinger scored two runs apiece.

G-W Coaches Promoted

Two coaches and former athletes at Gardner-Webb College have moved into the ranks of sports administration at the college.

Assistant basketball coach Bill Ellis has been named Assistant Athletic Director and men's tennis coach and baseball coach Ozzie McFarland has been named Sports Information Director (SID).

"I am delighted that Bill and Ozzie have accepted this added responsibility," said M. Henry Garrity, athletic director and vice president for college relations. "They are outstanding young coaches and administrators."

"I know it was a difficult decision for Bill to give up basketball coaching. As director of the Bulldog Club and Assistant Athletic Director, Bill assumes a major responsibility in the administration of the athletic program at Gardner-Webb College."

Ellis was a four-year starter at guard for the

1972-75 G-W basketball teams. After receiving a bachelor's degree in physical education from G-W in 1975, he worked for the college as an admissions counselor for one year.

In 1976, he accepted the head basketball coach position at Statesville high school and coached the Greyhounds for seven years.

Ellis will take over the role as men's tennis coach with seven years experience as boys and girls tennis coach at Statesville. While there, he also coached track and cross-country teams.

Ellis was named assistant basketball coach at G-W in 1983 and executive director of the Bulldog Club in 1984.

"The Bulldog Club has set a goal of raising \$125,000 for athletic scholarships. Bill has done an excellent job with the Bulldog Club but we are asking him to double the amount raised last year in the next twelve months," Garrity said.

McFarland played baseball at G-W from 1979-82 and was named baseball coach in 1983. During the 1985 season, he led the Bulldogs to their first District 26 playoff berth in nine years.

He received both a bachelor's and a master's degree in physical education from G-W.

As SID, McFarland will be responsible for preparing and releasing information about G-W athletics to the media and will work closely with all the college coaches. McFarland will continue

his role as baseball coach.

"Ozzie's earlier background in writing and his overall knowledge of athletics and Gardner-Webb College make him an ideal person to work with the media and coaches to promote athletics," Garrity said.

"Ozzie and Bill will be handling the area of responsibility formerly handled by Randy Alexander," Garrity continued. "Their involvement frees me to concentrate on football, basketball and marketing the total college program."

Father's Day Tourney Played At Country Club

A Father's Day golf tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club attracted 36 participants and was arranged by the Ladies Golf Association of Kings Mountain Country Club.

Julie Timms, Vice President of the association, arranged the day's activities.

Golfers participated in four age groups: First through third grades; fourth through sixth grades; seventh through ninth grades; and tenth through 12th grades.

In the First Flights, Grades 10-12, Paul Hendricks and Ken Cloninger won first prize and second place went to Ashley McGinnis and Gene Timms. In Second Flight, 7th-9th Graders—Brad Wilson and Stoney Jackson won first place and Rusty Bumgardner and Johnny Gamble placed second.

In Third Flight, 4th-6th Graders—Trey and Lee McIntyre won first place and Brian and Scarlett Cooke placed second.

In Fourth Flight, first through third graders—Rich Turner and Mary Leigh Broadwell won first place and Dennis and Keisha Wells won second place.

Mary Leigh Broadwell is president of the Ladies Golf Association.

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