



**Patriots  
Fall 11-3**

Kings Mountain Junior High's baseball team fell to Crest 11-3 Monday at Lancaster Field in their opening Western Junior High Athletic Association contest.

The Patriots, 1-1 overall, try to get back on the winning track Thursday at Chase.

Todd McDaniel hurled the first three innings for KM and took the loss. Jody Deaton and Stuart Spires pitched two innings apiece.

Chris Morris led the KM plate attack with two hits.

Crest collected 10 hits and took advantage of seven bases on balls.

Photo by Gary Stewart

JUNIOR HIGH ACTION - A Crest runner hustles into third base ahead of the throw in Kings Mountain-Crest Junior High baseball action Monday afternoon at the KM field. Taking the throw is KM third baseman Jon Reid. Crest won 11-3.

## Youth Bowlers End Season

Youth bowlers closed out their season Saturday morning at Dilling Heating with the Duck Busters winning four games from the KM Strikers and the Duck Pin Demons winning four from the Strikers.

The first place Demons were led by Kenneth Butler, who rolled single games of 105, 89 and 103 for a 297 series. Jonathan Jones added a 245 and Scott Myers a 235. Jeff Huffstetler bowled a 95 line and 241 set for the losers.

Amy Carrigan rolled a 102 line and 255 set and Mark Stacy had a 96 line and 270 set to lead the Duck Busters over the KM Strikers. Tim Fletcher had a 82 line and 232 set, Brad Roberts a 82 line and 242 set and Robbie Hullender a 78 line and 225 set for the losers.

**FINAL STANDINGS**

TEAMS	W	L
Duckpin Demons	28	12
KM Strikers	21	19
Duck Busters	16	24
Strikers	15	25

**SEASON HIGHS**  
 High Line, Boys - Roger Hamm 120.  
 High Line, Girls - Amy Carrigan 107.  
 High Set, Boys - Scott Myers 309.  
 High Set, Girls - Amy Carrigan 278.

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**ACC INSIDE  
STUFF**

**Dick DeVenio**

If I had to bet, I would pick Kansas over Duke, and Louisville over LSU; then Kansas beating Louisville in the finals. Of course, I'll be pulling for Duke for obvious reasons—and for a selfish reason too. I can remember just a few years back being asked where I went to college by people in other parts of the country. When I said Duke, they thought it sounded crazy. "You mean you chose Duke and you had a chance to attend UCLA?"

Times certainly have changed. Now, having chosen Duke doesn't need any explanation, and of course it never did around this part of the country....

Without Duke, this would be a dismal time for ACC fans. This was supposed to be the year of the ACC. The conference was supposed to equal the Big East's feat of last year by placing three teams in the Final Four....

I've heard a lot of people—even Carolina fans—pointing out this or that mistake that Dean Smith made, and I think it's crazy. So he didn't call a time-out during one of Louisville's streaks, big deal! He rarely needs a time-out just to settle his team down. He trains them so well, he gets them doing just what he wants—without a time-out; and besides, a time-out is no guarantee. You have to remember that the Heels did recover from that Louisville streak and got ahead with plenty of time remaining. Clearly Smith coached the game perfectly as always. His top players, Seniors Brad Daughtery and Steve Hale simply played poorly with missed shots and unnecessary turnovers at the end when the game was on the line. It doesn't matter what a coach does, eventually he has to rely on the good play of his top Seniors in the final few minutes, and Dean Smith simply didn't get that play this time....

The Prep Stars basketball camp, which I direct along with former Carolina All-American Dennis Wuycik and Southern Durham High School Coach Larry Parrish, is well represented at the Final Four. Some former Prep Stars are Kevin Strickland of Duke, Danny Manning of Kansas, Avery Marshall of Louisville, and Ricky Blanton of LSU....

Ricky Blanton is a story which points out something I often talk about in college athletics. Blanton was player-of-the-game, the hero, in LSU's great win against Kentucky. Obviously, Blanton is a fine athlete. He's strong, he can run and, as Coach Dale Brown said, "he has heart, he gives 110% every minute." The sad thing is that, if LSU had not suffered all the adversity we've been hearing about—the loss of four players including Tito Horford and Nikita Wilson—Blanton never would have played at LSU. I'm happy for Blanton, a great kid who I got to know at Prep Stars. But I can't stand the system that lets excessive numbers be recruited, such that the failure of many fine young athletes is absolutely guaranteed. Blanton is a rare, happy case. More often, the hard working kid just never does get to play, and he leaves school feeling like a failure....

One final thought, isn't it strange that the NCAA denies athletes any compensation at all for their efforts and in so doing goes to all lengths to make sure that no team gets an unfair advantage over any other. Then they go and schedule some teams to play on their home courts in the biggest games of the season. This year, because of Syracuse and Georgia Tech losing in Syracuse and Atlanta, the NCAA got off the hook. But we all know that Kansas did have an advantage playing in Kemper Arena in Kansas City, and so did LSU playing in Baton Rouge, and Tech and Syracuse playing in their respective cities.

If I were running the NCAA, I would have the top seeded teams play at home for the express purpose of filling the arenas, maximizing profits, and giving them the advantage they earn by doing well in the regular season. There is nothing wrong with giving a home court advantage, but the NCAA does it without any consistent rationale other than to secure hosts for the tournament. In the context of the NCAA's consistent effort to deny any team an advantage of any kind in other spheres—like recruiting—the idea of just handing out advantages to hosts is truly absurd.

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## Big Seventh Inning Lifts East Girls Over KM 18-12

East Rutherford punched out 13 straight hits in the seventh inning to erase a 12-7 Kings Mountain lead and defeat the Mountainttes 18-12 in a Southwestern 3-A Conference softball game Monday afternoon at the KM diamond.

The KM ladies, now 1-1 in the conference and 5-2 overall, travel to South Point Thursday for a key SWC battle.

Suzanne Lee and Jennifer Boheler did a good job on the mound Monday for the KM ten but four errors opened the

floodgates in the top of the seventh.

"It was just one of those things that happens every once in a while," said KM Coach Bruce Clark. "We'll just have to concentrate on playing good defense and try to get back on the winning side."

Stephanie Owens continued her torrid hitting pace for the KM team, collecting a single, two home runs and three runs batted in. She's now hitting .682. Cindy Bullock added a single and double in four trips to the plate.

## Gordon Wins Bass Tourney

The Cleveland County Bass Club held its 1985 Top Ten Fishoff Saturday at Lake Wylie.

Steve Gordon of Shelby won the event with a total catch of 12 pounds, six ounces. Kings Mountain's Richard Blanton

was second with nine pounds, 14 ounces, and Charles Hutchins of Grover finished third with nine pounds, eight ounces.

Max Brooks caught the biggest fish, a four pound, five-ounce bass.



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