

DIVES INTO FIRST—Kings Mountain's Rusty Bumgardner dives head first into first base to beat out an infield hit in Thursday night's Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball game with North Gaston at Lancaster Field. The Wildcats handed the Mountaineers their first conference loss, 14-7.

North Gaston Hands KMHS First SWC Loss

North Gaston scored six runs in the first inning and went on to defeat Kings Mountain 14-7 Thursday night

at Lancaster Field, handing the Mountaineers their first Southwestern 3-A Conference loss.

Kings Mountain's ace righthander Rusty Bumgardner, who was the winner in three of KM's first five victories, was the loser, but nine KM errors contributed to the defeat.

The Mountaineers battled back to cut the deficit to 6-5 after four innings but the Wildcats scored three runs in the fifth and five more in the seventh to break the game open.

Kings Mountain had eight hits with Thomas Breakfield leading the way with two. Todd Fleming, Doc Boheler, Bobby Pearson, Del Postell, Bumgardner and Mike Southards added one each.

Boheler's two-run homer in the third inning cut the North Gaston lead to 6-2 and Breakfield's two-run double sparked a three-run rally in the fourth that made it 6-5.

North Gaston brought its sticks out again in the top of the fifth to score three runs for a 9-5 lead and chase Bumgardner. Sophomore Brent Bagwell finished up.

The Mountaineers cut the margin to 9-7 with a pair of runs in the sixth on a two-run single by Todd Fleming, but a couple of KM errors opened the floodgates again in the top of the seventh and the Wildcats put the victory on ice.

THE LINESCORE

By Innings:	R	H	E
NG 600 030 5	14	11	0
KM 002 302 0	7	8	9

Wilson, Sanders (4) and Holland; Bumgardner, Bagwell (5) and Boyce.

Golfers Second

Kings Mountain High's golfers tied for a second place in a four-team Southwestern 3-A Conference match at Cleghorne Country Club near Rutherfordton Monday.

Host R-S Central won the match with a 321 score, followed by the Mountaineers and Burns at 362 and North Gaston at 392.

Meadlist for the Mountaineers was Paul Hendricks with an 87. Chris Henson shot 88, Eric Hicks 92 and Bo Ballard 93.

Loss To Shelby Drops Mounties To Third Place

Kings Mountain High's baseballers slipped from first to third place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference with a pair of losses during the past week.

The Mountaineers, 5-0 at the beginning of last week, fell to North Gaston 14-7 Thursday to fall into a three-way tie for first place with Shelby and South Point. Tuesday night at Shelby, the Mountaineers fell to the Lions, 8-1, and dropped to third with a 5-2 SWC record. Shelby and South Point now share the league lead with 6-1 marks.

Kings Mountain tries to rebound Friday at 4 p.m. at Chase. The Mountaineers host R-S Central Tuesday night.

Shelby built an 8-0 lead after four innings Tuesday night to hand KM's ace righthander Rusty Bumgardner his second straight loss after three consecutive wins to open the season. Kings Mountain's only run came in the last inning.

The Mountaineers managed only six hits off Troy Deaton, who went the distance to earn the win. Bumgardner was relieved in the third by sophomore Brent Bagwell and in the fourth by senior Paul Neisler.

Monty Deaton's double in the seventh inning plated the only KM run. Doc Boheler also had a double for the Mountaineers and Del Postell, Bagwell, Mike Southards and Larry Yarborough added singles. Todd McCurry's RBI single gave Shelby a 1-0 lead in the

first. The Lions added two more in the second on two hits and a sacrifice fly and had four consecutive hits to score three runs in the third.

Kings Mountain, trailing 3-0, loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the third but couldn't score.

THE LINESCORE

By Innings:	R	H	E
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Bumgardner, Bagwell (3), Neisler (4) and Boyce, Crocker (5). Deaton and Henson.

KM Tracksters Fourth, Host SWC Meet Thursday

Kings Mountain High finished fourth in a six-team track meet Thursday at Chase.

Shelby won the event with 170 points, followed by Crest 106, East Rutherford 91, Kings Mountain 72, R-S Central 54 and Chase 19.

Kings Mountain's only first place winner was Calvin Stephens who won the discus with a throw of 144'5".

Stephens also picked up a second place finish in the shot put with a throw of 49'7".

Stephen Mauney was second in the 800 meter run and Kings Mountain's 800-relay team (Otis Brooks, John Pettis, Tony Moore and Edwin Sherer) also finished second.

Tony Moore finished third in the triple jump with a jump of 41'5" and Cliff Meeks was

third in the 3200 meters with a time of 11:06.

Fourth places included Moore in the long jump (20'4"). Meeks in the mile (5:06), and the 1600 relay team (3:44.6).

Finishing fifth were Steve Lineberry in the 1600 meters (5:07.6) and Otis Brooks in the 400 meters (54.6).

Finishing sixth were Robert Murphree in the pole vault, Sherer in the long jump and triple jump, Aubrey Hollifield in the high hurdles and Pettis in the intermediate hurdles.

The Mountaineers will host R-S Central, Chase and Burns Thursday at John Gamble's Stadium. Field events will begin at 3:30 p.m. and running events at 4:30.

Turkey Season To Open

Mountain and foothills hunters should note that Wild Turkey hunting season opens on Saturday, April 12 and runs through May 10. This spring hunting season is the only legal time of the year to hunt wild turkey in North Carolina. Only bearded birds may be taken and dogs may not be used to hunt turkey.

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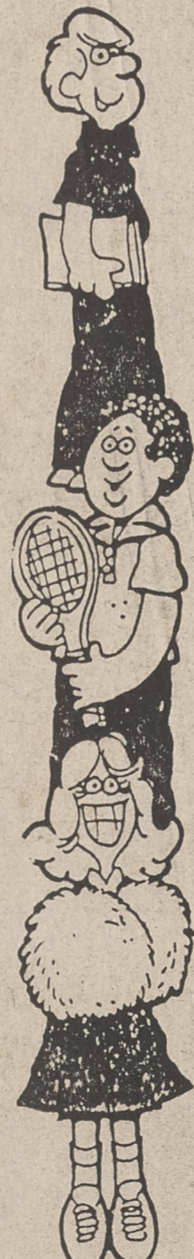
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