

HELP LEAD BC VICTORIES — Larry Yarborough, left photo, and Todd Fleming, right, have gotten some big hits and played good defense to help lead Bessemer City's American Legion baseball team to seven victories in 10 starts

in Area Four play. Both infielders are Kings Mountain High School products. Bessemer City hosts Morganton Friday, Newton Saturday, Cherryville Monday and Hickory Tuesday. All games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the BCHS field.

BC Juniors Win Pair

Bessemer City's American Legion Juniors split four games in Area Four play last week, defeating Cherryville 10-6 and Hickory 9-8 and losing to Newton 16-11 and Lenoir 8-1.

The BC nine, now 7-4, hosts Morganton Friday, Newton Saturday and Cherryville Monday.

Newton grabbed a 7-0 lead after 2½ innings Monday and survived a six-run sixth inning by Bessemer City to win its second game of the year.

Bobby Mantooth started on the mound for BC and took the loss. He was relieved in the third by Paul Neisler, in the fifth by Brent Bagwell and in the seventh by Todd Fleming.

A trio of Kings Mountain products—Rusty Bumgardner, Bobby Pearson and Larry Yarborough—led a 14-hit Bessemer City batting attack with three hits each. Thomas Breakfield and Mike Southards, also from Kings Mountain, added two hits each.

Bessemer scored a run in the eighth inning to break a 6-6 tie and added three insurance runs in the top of the ninth to defeat Cherryville Tuesday night in Cherryville.

Bumgardner came on in the seventh inning to get the win. Bruce Capps, who just joined the team off Bessemer City's state finalist high school team, worked the first six innings.

Bumgardner singled to lead off the BC eighth and scored the winning run two outs later on a single by Southards. Singles by Yarborough and Todd Fleming and Breakfield's double produced three runs in the ninth.

Southards and North Gaston's Jimmy Holland led the BC plate attack with three hits each. Breakfield and Mantooth added two hits each.

Terry Thornburg singled and scored what turned out to be the winning run in the top of the eighth Friday at Hickory. That run gave Bessemer a 9-6 lead. Hickory came back to score two in the bottom of the eighth and loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth but couldn't score.

Bumgardner worked the first six innings and got the win and Capps came on in the seventh and earned a save.

Bessemer City grabbed a 3-0 lead in the top of the first on singles by Holland, Southards and Doc Boheler,

and a pair of bases on balls. The BC nine stretched the lead to 8-1 in the top of the sixth, scoring five runs on doubles by Southards and Thornburg, singles by Mantooth and Pearson and a triple by Breakfield.

Southards and Thornburg led the BC hitting with two hits each.

Unbeaten Lenoir scored four runs in the first inning and left the rest to a strong pitching performance by Scott Teague to defeat BC 8-1 Saturday. Teague gave up only four hits and struck out 17. BC's only run came in the ninth on an error, hit batsman, single by Jeff Adams and a walk to Fleming.

Thornburg went the distance for BC. After giving up four runs in the first, he

SATURDAY GAME

Score by innings: R H E
Ln. 400 000 102 8 9 1
BC. 000 000 001 1 4 2

Teague and Poarch, Stoots (6); Thornburg and Holland.

FRIDAY GAME

Score by innings: R H E
BC. 300 005 010 9 11 1
Hic 001 005 020 8 8 0

Bumgardner, Capps (7) and Holland; Henson and Guanino.

TUESDAY GAME

Score by innings: R H E
BC. 011 300 113 10 15 3
Ch. 001 104 000 6 9 1

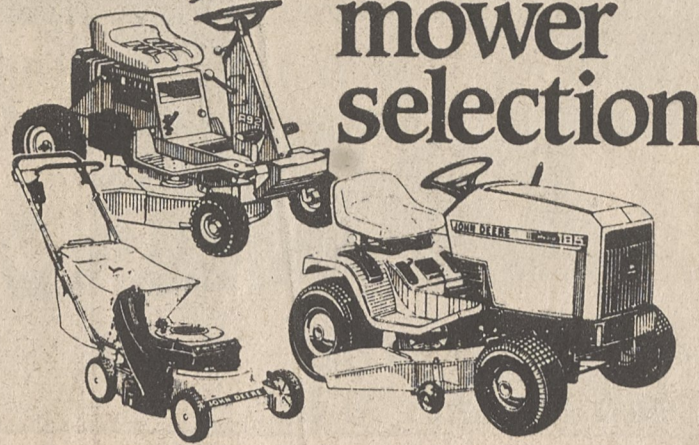
Capps, Bumgardner (7) and Holland; Davidson, Bridges (8) and Mosteller.

MONDAY GAME

Score by innings: R H E
New 304 230 400 16 19 2
BC. 003 106 010 11 16 0

Myers, Sherri (4), Parson (9) and Fox; Mantooth, Neisler (3), Bagwell (5), McDaniel (7) and Adams.

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