

Mounties To Play In Tournament

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers will join the seven Gaston County high schools in the first annual Gaston Neighbors Baseball Tournament next week at Bessemer City High School.

The tournament will feature some of the best teams from area 2-A, 3-A and 4-A ranks, including

Bessemer City, the league leader and defending champion in the Southern District 2-A, and North Gaston, the leader of the Southwestern 3-A.

Admission to each session (two games) is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets may be obtained in the principals' offices of the com-

peting schools and at the gate.

Action will get underway Tuesday at 5 p.m. with the host Bessemer City nine facing the 4-A East Gaston Warriors, who are coached by Kings Mountain native Darrell Van Dyke. Kings Mountain will battle perennial 2-A power Cherryville at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday at 5 p.m., Gastonia's two 4-A schools, Ashbrook and Hunter Huss, will face each other, and in the 7:30 p.m. nightcap, North Gaston will take on South Point's Red Raiders in a game which will feature the current SWC leader (North Gaston) and the defending SWC champion (South Point).

Two more games will be played on Thursday, with the losers of the East Gaston-BC and KM-Cherryville games playing at 5 p.m. and the winners of those games meeting at 7:30. Losers of the Ashbrook-Huss and North Gaston-South Point games will play on Friday at 5 p.m. and winners of those games will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Final day action on Saturday begins at 11 a.m. Other loser's bracket games Saturday will be played at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. The championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS



SAFE ON PICKOFF ATTEMPT - Billy Haynes of Chase dives back into first base to avoid being picked off in Friday's high school baseball game at Kings Mountain. Mountaineer first baseman is Brent Bagwell. KM won 8-7.

Mountaineers Edge Chase 8-7

Scott Crocker drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the seventh to give Kings Mountain's Mountaineers the winning run in an 8-7 Southwestern 3-A Conference victory over Chase Friday at Lancaster Field.

The loss knocked Chase out of a tie for first place in the SWC with North Gaston and into a tie for second place with East Rutherford.

The Mountaineers led 7-3 going into the top of the seventh when the Trojans struck for four runs. Singles by David Ramsey, Steven Deck, Tyvon Dover and Donnell Smith, and a two-run double by Mickey Munn did the damage.

Monty Deaton started on the mound for the Mountaineers and worked 6 1/3 innings. Rusty Bumgardner came on in the seventh to put out the Chase fire and get the win.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning as Del Postell beat out an infield hit and scored on a clothesline double to right-center by sophomore third baseman Dale Greene. Chase came back in the top of the second to take a 2-1 lead on a two-run homer by Deck.

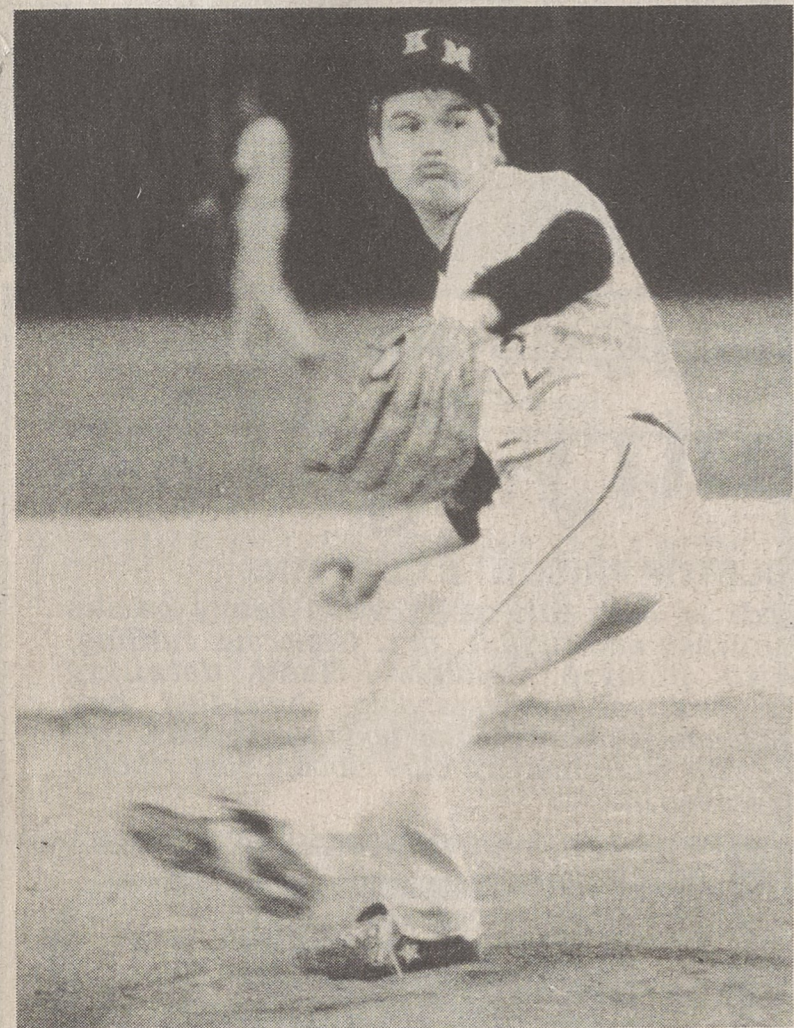
The Mountaineers then built a 7-1 lead after five innings before the Trojans battled back to tie it.

Greene, Postell and Raynard Roberts finished

with two hits each to lead the KM attack. Greene had a double, homerun and two RBI, Roberts had two RBI singles and Postell had a single and double.

THE LINESCORE
By innings: R H E
Ch 020 001 4 7 10 2
KM 121 120 1 8 8 1

Hester, Smith (7) and Ramsey; Deaton, Bumgardner (7) and Crocker.



Monty Deaton...Hurls Fifth Win

Deaton Two-Hits R-S Central 5-0

Monty Deaton hurled a two-hitter and Del Postell had three hits to lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to a 5-0 victory over R-S Central Tuesday afternoon at R-S.

The Mountaineers are now 5-3 in the Southwestern 3-A Conference and 10-4 overall. They host Burns Friday night and play in the Gaston County Tournament beginning Tuesday in Bessemer City.

Deaton struck out seven and walked three in picking up his fifth straight victory Tuesday. His teammates

backed him with a six-hit attack.

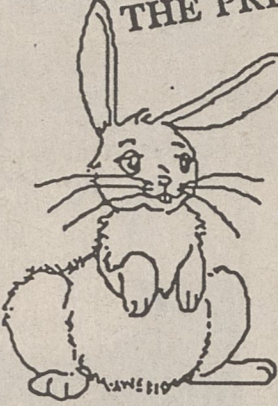
Kings Mountain scored three runs in the fourth inning. Larry Yarborough walked and stole second and scored what turned out to be the winning run on Deaton's single. After Raynard Roberts walked and Brent Bagwell was hit by a pitched ball to load the bases, Postell drove in two runs with a single.

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