



Stewart's Slants

By
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Second helpings from the recent Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Banquet:

Cleveland Browns Coach Marty Schottenheimer said that prior to the 1987 season the Browns coaching staff evaluated its personnel and predicted Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack would be the Browns' outstanding offensive player. At the end of the year, the evaluation proved true. Mack led the Browns in rushing for the third straight year and was the only Cleveland back chosen for the Pro Bowl game...

Davidson Coach Bobby Hussey recalled the dedication of George Adams, who played for Hussey at KMHS and later starred at Gardner-Webb College. "I remember one Christmas morning when my doorbell rang at 8 a.m. It was George, who said Gardner-Webb Coach Eddie Holbrook had scheduled a practice for that afternoon and George wanted to know if I'd let him in the high school gym to get in a workout. Now that's a true sign of a dedicated individual," Hussey said...

Short cuts from the world of sports:
Clemson's veteran baseball coach, Bill Wilhelm, needs just three victories to reach the 900-victory mark as head coach of the Tigers. Heading into last night's game with Tennessee, Wilhelm had a 897-441-10 record, making him the fifth winningest coach among active college coaches and sixth on the all-time list...

Tracy Johnson, who played two of his three years of high school football at Kings Mountain High, was the leading rusher in Clemson's recent Orange-White game. Mark Young, former South Point star, was the leading rusher in Wake Forest's spring game...

D.C. Smith of Burlington, Dewey Kimrey of Charlotte, the late Marion Diehl of Charlotte, the late Henry "Pappy" Gault of Spartanburg, Ray Clark of Gastonia and Herman Helms, sportswriter from Columbia, S.C., will be inducted into the North Carolina Boxing Hall of Fame April 29 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. Tickets are on sale at the speedway...

Former NASCAR champion Ned Jarrett of Hickory was in Kings Mountain recently to shoot his "Ned Jarrett's World of Racing" TV program. He featured Kings Mountain's Jim Testa and his new driver, Derrike Cope, and shot the footage at Testa's garage beside Kings Mountain Truck Plaza on Dixon School Road...

Mounties Beat Burns To Snap Losing Streak

Monty Deaton came on in relief in the seventh inning and fanned two batters with the bases loaded to save Kings Mountain's 6-4 victory over Burns in Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball action Tuesday night at Lancaster Field.

The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for the Mountaineers, who are now

2-5 in the SWC and 5-9 overall. They travel to R-S Central Thursday for a 4 p.m. contest and return home Tuesday night for a game with East Rutherford.

Todd McDaniel worked the first six innings for the Mounties and got the win. Toby Deaton came on in relief with one out in the top of the seventh. He struck out one



MONTY DEATON

man but walked two to load the bases. That's when Monty Deaton came in from his outfield position to put out the fire.

The Mountaineers had spotted Burns a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but tied the score with a pair in the bottom of the inning. KM then scored two in the second and

one in the third to take command.

RBI singles by Dale Greene and Monty Deaton tied the score in the first. The two runs in the second were scored on singles by Chris Bullock and Keith Allen, walks to Chris Morris and Greene, a sacrifice fly by

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HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Three Are Good In Golf

Other schools around the Western N.C. Junior High Athletic Association have come to expect Kings Mountain's Patriots to dominate the conference in golf.

This year is no exception as second-year coach Paul Bolt's charges are 5-0 and closing in on their fourth straight conference championship.

Bolt's team was undefeated last year and has not had a test yet in winning their first five matches of this season.

Three of the big reasons for the Patriots' success are Matt Heavner, Ryan Hollifield and Robbie Wilson, the three returnees from last year's championship team.

For their efforts so far this year, the threesome this week are recognized as the Herald's Athletes of the Week.

"All three of them play in a lot of tournaments in the summer, and they're very competitive," said Coach Bolt. "They've all had professional lessons and Ryan went to the Golf Digest School in Florida last summer."

The three consistently shoot in the high 30's and usually one of the three will be the medalist in every match.

"They practice a lot on their own," said Bolt. "Just about anytime you go to the



Ryan Broadwell, left, Robbie Wilson Help Matt Heavner Line Up A Putt

golf course you'll see them out there. They put a lot into the game and for their age level, it's extraordinary for them to shoot the kind of scores they do. They could compete with just about any older adult in the area. They hit the ball far, play under control, and play very smart golf."

Broadwell and Wilson are ninth graders and will join the KMHS golf team next spr-

ing. The strong junior high program of the last four years is paying dividends now on the varsity level as the high school team won the Southwestern 3-A Conference last spring and are undefeated so far this year.

"There are a lot of good things ahead for these kids," said Bolt. "They're such good, consistent golfers that if they keep at it there's going to be a lot of rewards for them down the road."

KM's Sipe To Coach In London Cage Camp

Kings Mountain High basketball coach Larry Sipe will join a team of high school and college coaches who will lead basketball clinics in England this summer.

Glenn DeHart, former coach at USC-Aiken, is taking 110 coaches to England for nine clinics. He led two clinics there during the Easter holidays.

Sipe, who has coached at KMHS for five years, will be stationed at the University of Leeds in London where he will work in a camp from July 29-August 5. The trip will also include several days of sightseeing.

DeHart left his coaching job at USC-Aiken to organize basketball camps in the United States for Converse Shoes. The overseas project is personally financed by DeHart. Coaches do not receive a salary but have their expenses paid by DeHart.

Sipe, who has his own basketball camp here each June, said he learned of the London camp last year when he was working in Dean Smith's camp at the University of North Carolina. "I told them to put my name in the pot if there was ever an opening for a high school coach," he said.

"This is a great opportunity for me," said Sipe. "My travel experiences have been very limited and I've never been overseas before. I understand they're very thirsty for basketball over there."

DeHart, who organizes 50 to 60 camps in the Carolinas for Converse, will sponsor nine camps this summer in Great Britain, the Channel Islands, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Jersey, and other sites. Next year he hopes to expand into several more European countries.

"We take to each camp the fundamentals of American basketball," he said. "They're very weak in fundamentals."

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LARRY SIPE



STATE CHAMPS - Here's the 11-year-old Kings Mountain Boys Club basketball team which won the State AAU Tournament last weekend in Wilkesboro. Front row, left to right, Albert Perkins, Jarvis Bell, Maurice Jarrett, Rodney Brown, Corey Leach and Raphel Williams. Back row, Steve Surratte, Jason Rayford, Robert Williams and Jovan Bell.

Boys Club Wins State Basketball Crown

Kings Mountain Boys Club's 11-year-old AAU basketball team won the Junior Olympic Tournament last weekend at Wilkesboro to qualify for the National AAU Junior Olympic Tournament in Orlando, Fla.

The top two teams from each state compete in the national event, to be held in June.

The KM team won five games to take the double-elimination event and whipped Charlotte 43-36 in Sun-

day's championship game. Jovan Bell scored 14 points, Jason Rayford 12 and Sharee Hopper 11 in the title contest.

Kings Mountain advanced to the finals by defeating Raleigh 47-35 in Saturday's semi-finals. Bell scored 15 points, Rayford 13 and Tank Roseboro 11.

Bell scored 18 points, Hopper 14 and Roseboro 10 in a 58-28 win Friday over Concord.

In the opening round last Wednesday, the KM entry

outscored Winston-Salem 61-31. Bell scored 20 points, Rayford 15 and Hopper 10. In the second round Thursday, Bell scored 21 points and Roseboro 14 to lead a 51-38 win over Durham.

Members of the KM team were Jarvis Bell, Jovan Bell, Rodney Brown, Sharee Hopper, Maurice Jarrett, Corey Leach, Albert Perkins, Jason Rayford, Tank Roseboro, Steve Surratte, Raphel Williams and Robert Williams.

Chase And South Point Whip Mountaineers In SWC Action

Kings Mountain High's baseball team resumed Southwestern 3-A Conference action last week by dropping games to conference co-leaders Chase and South Point.

The Mountaineers fell to Chase 13-1 Thursday in a makeup game and then lost to South Point 8-3 Friday. The losses dropped the KM nine to 1-5 in the conference and 4-9 overall. They travel to R-S Central Thursday for a 4 p.m. contest and return home Tuesday to host East Rutherford at 7:30.

Chris Harris of Chase hurled a two-hitter and fanned 12 Thursday night. The Trojans blew the game open early with eight runs in the second inning.

Todd McDaniel started for KM and took the loss. Chad Plonk, Toby Deaton and Keith Allen also pitched for the Mountaineers.

Kings Mountain scored its only run in the fifth inning on Monty Deaton's sacrifice fly. The KM hits, a double by Chris Plonk and single by Chris Henson, came in the second and third innings.

Travis Macopsen, Sammy Hester and Tavon Dover each had two hits and Steven Deck slammed a homerun for the Trojans.

Kings Mountain had leads of 2-0 and 3-2 Friday at South Point but the Red Raiders scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to hand the Mountaineers their fourth straight loss.



AVOIDS PICKOFF - South Point's Shane Lay dives back into first base to avoid being picked off in Friday's Southwestern 3-A Conference baseball game with Kings Mountain in Belmont. KM first baseman is Paul Brannon. Raiders won 8-3.

Randy Bates went the route for the Raiders, scattering six hits. Monty Deaton went the distance for KM and gave up eight hits.

Kings Mountain grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on singles by Henson, Dale Greene and Deaton and Chad Plonk homered in the third to make it 3-2.

Blair Robinson led the Raiders with two hits, including a three-run triple which highlighted the six-run rally in the fifth.

THURSDAY GAME

By innings: R H E
CH 080 410 0 13-12-2
KM 000 010 0 1-2-3

Harris and Ramsey; McDaniel, Chad Plonk (2), T. Deaton (3), Allen (5) and Morris.

FRIDAY GAME

By innings: R H E
KM 201 000 0 3-6-2
SP 200 060 x 8-8-2
M. Deaton and Morris; Bates and Broome.