



ROBBIE RUFF STEALS ANOTHER BASE
Leads Patriots With 35 Steals, .669 Average

Patriots Finish Undefeated

Kings Mountain Junior High's baseball team completed an undefeated season Thursday at Burns with a 9-1 victory.

Stephen Fisher made the distance on the mound, scattering five hits and striking out eight.

The win was the 21st straight for Tommy Wease's Patriots over the past two years and gave them the Bi-County Middle School Conference championship.

Robbie Ruff led the KM plate attack with 3-for-3, raising his season's batting average to .699. He also stole four bases, giving him 35 for the year. Doug Bridges added two doubles and three runs batted in.

The Patriots broke the game open early with four runs in the first inning and five in the second. Singles by Ruff, Fisher and Mike Smith, and Bridges' two-run double

sparked the KM rally in the first. Ruff had a single and Bridges and Damon Putnam had doubles in the second.

Fisher finished the season with a 7-0 record to lead the Patriot pitching staff and the team had a .419 batting average. Ruff led the way with his .699 figure, followed by Putnam .533, Fisher .413, and Mike Smith and Todd Ware .400 each.

Couples Member-Member Held

Stoney and Peggy Jackson and Bill and Brenda Sellers fired a 118 to win the Couples Member-Member Handicap Golf Tournament May 6-7 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

There was a three-way playoff for second place.

Taking second place honors were Carl and Pat Champion and Dean and Peggy Gardner, and third place went to Andy and Sylvia Neisler and Amy Strzykalski and Mickey Powers. They edged Al and Elaine Grigg and Doris and Ken Cloninger.

Others participating were Jerry and Mary Leigh Broadwell and

Mike and Heidi McDaniel; Shirley and Darrell Austin and Phil and Donna Russ; Pam Jackson, Dean Etters, Margie Yancey and Jim Lybrand; and Mitch and Wanda Howze and John and Doris Howze.

MAUNEY WINS

Lynne Mauney won second place low gross in the first flight and Shirley Austin won second low gross in the third flight in the Foothills League golf tournament Thursday at Mooresville. Mrs. Mauney shot an 82 and Mrs. Austin a 100.

Other Kings Mountain Country Club ladies competing were Anne

Pouchak and Doris Howze. The next Foothills event is June 15 in Statesville.

TOURNEY SET

The annual Captain's Choice Tournament (men only) will be held May 20 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The Mixed Captain's Choice will be held Sunday, May 28.

Sign up for either or both tournaments at the KMCC pro shop.

Mocanu Bowls 417 Tuesday

Wally Mocanu continued his recent hot streak in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating, bowling a 165 game and 417 series to lead his team to three wins over Betty Hullender. R.W. Hullender led the losers with a 128 line and 367 set.

In another match, Johnny Dye won three games from John Dilling. Lib Gault led the winners with a 134 line and 382 set and Dye added a 126 line and 341 series. Dilling led his team with a 125 line and 351 set and Jack Barrett added a 117 line and 322 set.

KM Cindermen In Regionals

Six members of the Kings Mountain High School track team will compete in the Western Regionals Saturday at Shelby High School.

Ryan Hollifield will compete in the 1600 meter run, Victor Bell in the 200 meter run and Bill Foard, Brian Butler, D.J. Williams and Andy Hollifield in the 3200 meter relay.

The top finishers in each event will qualify for the state meet.

Softball

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of two regular season wins over KM.

In the victory over Shelby, Paula Morris, Ashley Champion and Tandra Leftwich each had two hits as the KM ladies played one of their best overall games of the year.

At R-S, the KM ten managed only seven hits. R-S came up with three runs on five hits, but all were in the fifth inning and that was the ballgame. Champion and Lisa Buckner led the KM attack with two hits each.

"We couldn't get anything going and couldn't get the breaks," said Coach Leigh. "But we have nothing at all to be ashamed of. We've had a great season and still have the playoffs to look forward to."

Kings Mountain, 17-5 overall, will be involved in the SWC tournament this week. Beginning next Monday, the KM ladies enter the state playoffs. Kings Mountain will host the number two team from the Mountain Athletic Conference (probably Enka) Monday at 4 p.m.

Chase

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would have to win the MAC tournament to bump Enka from the number two seed.

Clark said he has been told by other coaches that Enka has a "solid ballteam" with two good, young pitchers, so he expects a tough ballgame from them.

"We're just excited about being in the state playoffs for the first time in nine years," said Clark. "We've had a great year and are really looking forward to the extra play. This is like gravy to us and we want to go as far as we can."

If Kings Mountain beats Enka Tuesday, the Mountaineers would advance to a second round game against the winner of a game between SWC champion South Point and the number three team from

the MAC, probably East Henderson. If Kings Mountain wins and South Point loses in the first round, the Mountaineers would play their second round game at home. If both win, the game would be played at South Point.

Kings Mountain has one of its top hitting teams in years, with five regulars hitting over .400. Toby Deaton leads the way with a .468 average, followed by Paul Brannon .459, Dale Greene .444, Chad Plonk .433, and Chris Henson .405. Brannon leads the team and the area in homeruns with 11 and shares the team lead in runs batted in with Chad Plonk with 28 apiece.

THE LINESCORE

Score by innings: R-H-E
Ch 000 000 0 0-5-1
KM 000 623 x 11-10-2
Allen, Macopsen (4), McIntyre (4), Sperling (5), Harris (5) and Dover; Spires, Chris Plonk (7) and Crook, Morris (6).

gled, scored on an error. Collins slammed a three-run homer in the top of the third to give the Bulldogs a 5-4 lead, but the Mounties scored three more in the bottom of the third to take the lead for good at 7-5.

KM added two more in the fourth to make it 9-5, then Brannon slammed his first homerun of the night at 10th of the season in the fifth as KM increased the lead to 14-6. Brannon clubbed his second homer of the night and his record-tying 11th homer of the season in the sixth, sparking a four-run KM rally which made the score 18-6. Burns picked up its final three runs in the top of the seventh.

THE LINESCORE

Score by innings: R-H-E
BR 113 010 3 9-8-2
KM 313 254 x 18-16-3
McSwain, Hush (3), Branch (6) and Collins; McDaniel, Allen (5) and Crook, Morris (5).

Mark Hall's two-run double made it 5-4 in the bottom of the seventh before McDaniel came in to save the victory.

THE LINESCORE

Score by innings: R-H-E
KM 400 100 0 5-6-3
SP 000 110 2 4-6-5
Spires, McDaniel (7) and Crook; Sutton, Lay (4) and Broome.

Raiders

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top of the fourth.

Lay's homer in the bottom of the fourth cut the margin to 5-1, and South Point picked up a run on an error to make it 5-2 in the fifth.

Track And Field Program Set

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department will hold its first Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program June 10 at 11 a.m. at Kings Mountain High School.

Participant practice day is May 20 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the high school. To register, go by the Kings Mountain Community Center Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Winners of the local meet will advance to regional competition June 24 at 10 a.m. at Shelby High School. The top two places in each event there will advance to the state finals to be held July 14 in Raleigh. Approximately five winners at the state meet will be selected to participate in the national finals in Hershey, Pa., August 12.

The purpose of the Hershey's track and field program is to create a form of recreation and participa-

tion for the youth of America. The philosophy of the program is to stimulate participation, enjoyment, and physical exercise.

The program is open to both boys and girls in the 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14 age divisions. Competition in each division will include 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

For more information, call Trace Barnette at 739-9631 or 734-0449.

TABLE TENNIS

Area table tennis players ages 15 and over are invited to join the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Table Tennis Club.

The club meets on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Participants need to take their own table tennis paddles.

Goals of the club include learning table tennis skills, organizing tournaments at the community center, and participating in tournaments at other centers.

For more information, call Trace Barnette or Preston Leonard at 739-9631.

SUMMER TRACK

Kings Mountain Recreation Department will sponsor a summer track and field series June 6, 13, 20 and 27, July 11, 18 and 25, and August 1 at John Gamble Stadium.

Events scheduled are long jump, triple jump, 50 meter run, 100 meter run, 200 meter run, 400 meter run, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 3200 meter run, 400 meter relay, and 1600 meter relay.

The events are open to ages five and over. Registration fee is one dollar for all events.

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