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# Mounties Bomb St. Stephens, Host Owen



SAFE AT THIRD - Kings Mountain's Keith Allen slides into third after a passed ball in state 3-A playoff game with St. Stephens Friday night at KM's Lancaster Field. Kings Mountain won 13-1.

Kings Mountaineers Mountaineers fell to Greene powered their way into the quarterfinals of the state 3-A baseball playoffs Friday night with a 13-1 victory over St. Stephens at Lancaster Field.

The victory, KM's 19th against seven losses, moved Bruce Clark's charges into the western semi-finals tonight at 7:30 at home against Swannanoa Owen. Owen, which has scored 29 runs in two playoff games, advanced with a 16-6 win over West Henderson.

Clark's Mountaineers will be trying to do something no other Mountaineer team has done when they face Owen, and that is to defeat the War Horses. Owen has won all previous meetings between the two schools but this is their first meeting in baseball.

The winner of tonight's contest will host the winner of the West Caldwell-Statesville game Friday for the western championship and the right to host the eastern champion in a best-of-three state championship series June 7-9. Kings Mountain last played for the state crown in 1980 when the

Central in Snow Hill.

Paul Brannon's 15th homerun of the year, a long blast over the leftcenter field fence in the first inning, got the Mounties started Friday night. Dale Greene closed out the scoring in the bottom of the sixth with a towering three-run homer over the center field fence.

In between the Mounties were enjoying a consistent hitting attack to back the combined three-hit pitching of Stuart Spires, Todd McDaniel and Keith Allen. McDaniel, who relieved Spires in the fourth inning with KM up 6-1, was the winner.

Kings Mountain put the game away with five runs in the second inning for a 6-0 lead. St. Stephens scored its only run on an error in the top of the fourth, then KM put the finishing touches on the win with seven runs in the bottom of

Chris Henson's two-run single sparked the second inning uprising, and the Mountaineers also took advantage of two St. Stephens errors,

three wild pitches and a passed

Chris Bullock's double off the top of the center field fence sparked the seven-inning rally in the sixth. He scored on a double by Chip Cash, then Toby Deaton drove in a run with a single and scored on a double by Henson. Greene's three-run homer which almost cleared the high light pole in dead center field capped the rally and the victory.

St. Stephens, which had ousted Southwestern 3-A Conference champion South Point 5-2 three nights earlier, couldn't get its bats going against the Mountaineers. The Indians' only run was the result of a throwing error on a double play attempt.

THE LINESCORE Score by innings: R-H-E SS 000 100 0 1-3-2 KM 150 007 x 13-11-1

Spencer, Helton (2), Brendle (3), Christopher (6) and Propst, Lail (3). Spires, McDaniel (4), Allen (7) and Crook.

# Dale Greene, Chad Plonk Chosen For State Games

Dale Greene and Chad Plonk of Kings Mountain have been selected to participate on the Region 6 all-star team in the annual North Carolina State Games which will begin June 23 in the Raleigh-Chapel Hill area.

Both are members of the Kings Mountain High School team which is currently involved in the State 3-A playoffs. Greene is the starting third baseman and Plonk, who is presently nursing an injury, is the designated hitter. Both are hitting

young men to be selected to play in such an outstanding event," said KMHS Coach Bruce Clark. "We and the community of Kings Mountain should be very proud to be represented in this way. I would young men for allowing me the op- of East Mecklenburg.

portunity to coach them. Without them our success this year would have been limited."

Each player will be required to pay about \$100 which will cover registration fees, meals, jerseys, undershirts, and other necessities. Anyone interested in helping finance their trip may call Coach Clark at the high school.

The state is broken into several regions and the regional all-star teams play each other for medals in the games at Chapel Hill. Players are selected upon recommenda-"It is quite an honor for both tions of coaches in the different re-

Coaches of the region six all-star team will be head coach Marty Stamey of Northwest Cabarrus High School, and assistants Pete Kritzer of Parkwood, Bruce Bolick personally like to thank these of East Lincoln and Ron Coltrane

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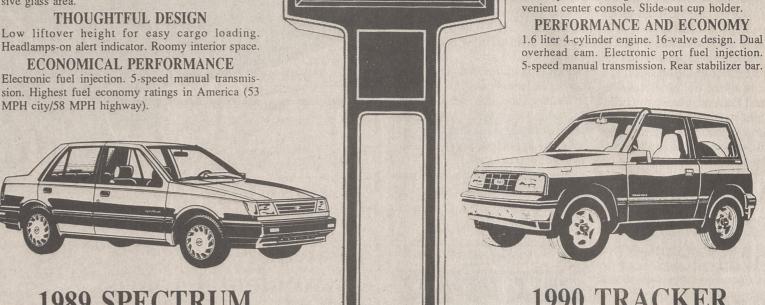
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