

## Records

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34 by David Ray Robinson in 1977, and 32 runs and 100 total bases, breaking the old marks of 21 runs and 73 total bases set by Lancaster in 1975.

Had it not been for Brannon, several other Mountaineers this year would own school records. Chris Bullock, Chris Henson, Dale Greene and Chad Plonk have all passed Lancaster's record for runs scored, and Henson and Greene have passed Robinson's mark for hits.

As a team, the Mountaineer record of 45 home runs surpassed the mark of 19 set in 1975, and the current team has 556 total bases, completely demolishing the mark of 247 set in 1975. This year's team so far has 141 runs batted in compared to 116 for the '75 team.

Former pitchers should hold onto their records which have stood the test of many years. Rocky Goforth, who hurled the 1969 Mountaineer team to the state championship, and Tim Leach, who pitched the 1980 team to the state finals before losing to Greene Central, both posted 13-1 mound records.

Charlie Ballard, who pitched the 1941 team to the Western Conference championship (state championship games weren't played back then) still holds the school record for most strikeouts in a single season with 156. The most amazing thing about his feat was that the record was accomplished in 61 innings of mound work, an average of 2.5 strikeouts per inning.

Since the Mounties first joined an athletic association in 1954, Leach compiled the most number of K's with 151 in 1989. He fanned 313 over a three-year career.

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He was playing in a foursome with John McHugh, manager of Keesler Air Force Base Golf Club in Biloxi, Miss., Eugene Gilbert, manager of Pope Air Force Base Golf Club in Fayetteville, and Isaac Goings of Jonesville, S.C.

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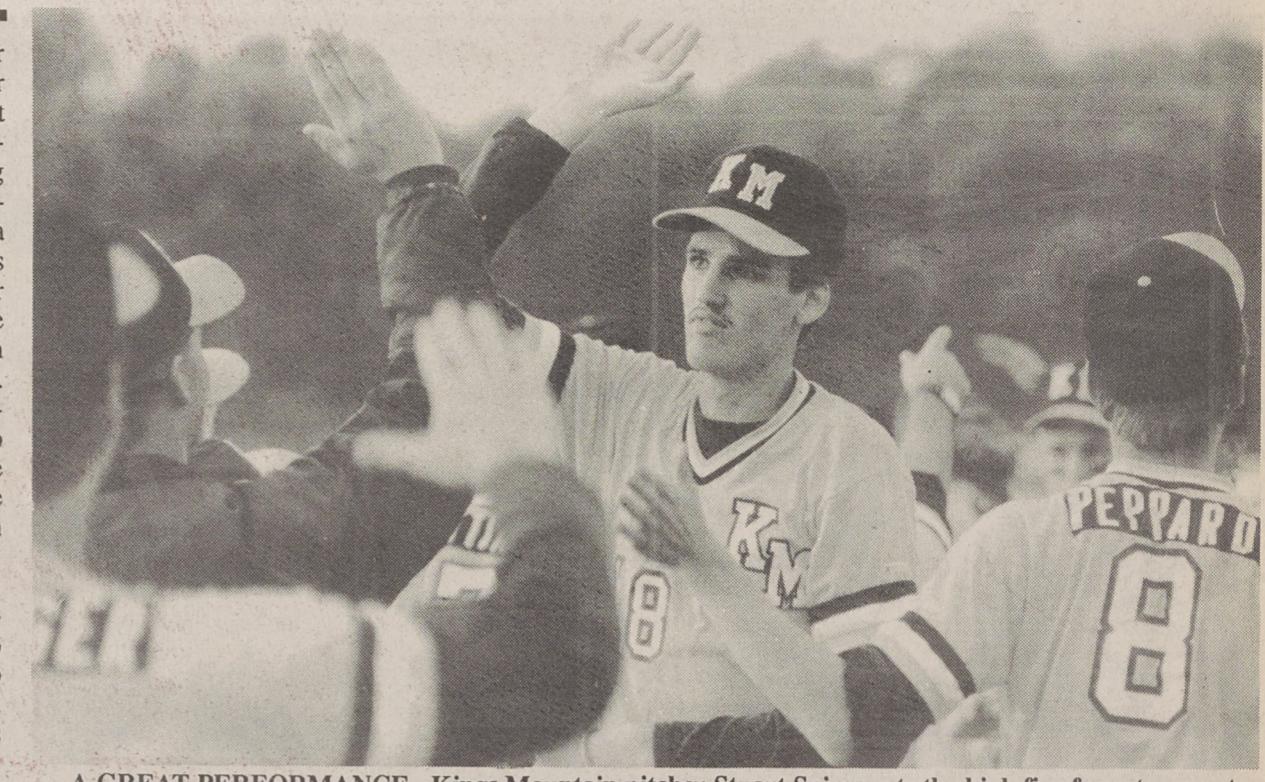
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All of those records are great, for the school and individuals, says Coach Clark. But the one mark he hopes to see fall is the team record for victories. The 1969 championship team posted a 21-2 record and the 1980 team had a 21-5 mark. Clark can't chop off any of his team's seven losses this season, but the current team has won 21 games, and if they win the state championship they'll be the winningest team ever in terms of the number of victories.

"I never imagined that this team would hit 45 home runs and break all the other records they have this year," said Clark. "We have several hitters that possess a lot of power for high school players, but when you start talking 17 home runs for one player and 10 for another, and 30 runs batted in, you're talking big-time numbers. I never thought we would hit the home run as consistently as we have, but there have been very few games in which we didn't hit a home run."

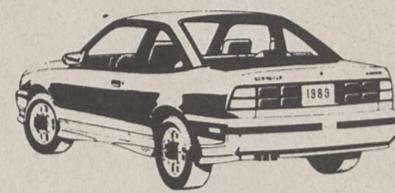
This year's team is the only non-conference winner from KMHS to make it to a state championship game. The team finished second in the regular season to South Point's Red Raiders.

Kings Mountain won conference baseball titles in 1935, 1941, 1963, 1967, 1969, 1975 and 1980.



A GREAT PERFORMANCE - Kings Mountain pitcher Stuart Spires gets the high five from teammates after turning in a brilliant pitching performance in Saturday night's 3-1 victory over Statesville in the Western North Carolina 3-A championship game at KM's Lancaster Field.

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